

## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### Winners announced for Feri EuroRating Awards 2010

- **Feri EuroRating Services and German television news channel n-tv honour best investment funds and asset managers**
- **Awards span the entire German, Austrian and Swiss fund universe**
- **Best investment groups recognised for first time with new Asset Manager Awards**

**Bad Homburg, 25 November 2009** – The rating agency Feri EuroRating Services AG and the German television news channel n-tv yesterday presented the third annual Feri EuroRating Awards for the German-speaking fund markets. The best funds and the best investment groups from Germany, Austria and Switzerland were honoured in a festive award ceremony in the historic castle of Bad Homburg, Germany. Some 230 guests from throughout the domestic and international financial world were invited to attend. “Particularly in market phases with high volatility, as we have seen recently, fund selection is a critical success factor in investing,” said Dr. Tobias Schmidt, Managing Partner at Feri EuroRating Services. “Through our awards and our ratings, we aim to provide support to investors as they choose funds.” The winners as well as all other funds nominated for the Feri EuroRating Awards stood out for their superior performance along with a balanced opportunity-risk profile, added Schmidt.

Funds were presented in a total of 15 categories: nine for equity funds, four for bond funds, one for the best balanced fund, and a final category for the special Fund Innovations Award, which is presented each year to honour a particularly innovative fund concept from within the German-speaking fund market. The Fund Innovations Award is selected by a committee of six independent experts comprised of prominent representatives from the German, Austrian and Swiss fund industries. This year, the AVANA IndexTrend Europa Dynamic fund was specially honoured as the winner of the Funds Innovations Award 2010.

For the first time this year, Feri and n-tv also presented awards at the investment group level. “With our Asset Manager Awards, we offer investors additional value added,” explained Schmidt, “because here we are assessing the quality of the entire fund range offered by an investment provider.” The new group-level awards differentiate between universal and specialised providers, as well as between the best providers for equity funds and bond funds. As with the awards for the best funds, the Asset Manager Awards include an additional special category. Barclays Global Investors was presented with the special award in this fifth category, which this year was for the best ETF provider. “The ETF sector is the only one which has managed to come out of the financial crisis stronger than before,” said Schmidt in explaining this year’s choice of special award category. “Investor interest in this product class has remained consistently high, even following the crisis.” He noted, however, that active fund managers have likewise gained significant ground in 2009.

While other fund awards base their selection processes solely on quantitative evaluations, the Feri EuroRating Awards also consider qualitative criteria such as the experience and credentials of the fund manager as well as the construction of the portfolio. In order to be eligible for the Feri EuroRating Awards selection process, nominees must exceed a certain minimum size, be rated by Feri, be approved for distribution in Germany, in Austria or in

Switzerland and be freely available to retail investors. The winners of the Asset Manager Awards were chosen based on the entirety of all rated funds managed by the investment group, factoring in not only the individual fund ratings but also momentum and volatility.

Further information on the Feri EuroRating Awards, on the winning and nominated funds, and on the evaluation criteria and prerequisites for participation may be found at [www.feri-fund-awards.com](http://www.feri-fund-awards.com).

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