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Feri EuroRating Awards 2010: Nominees announced for special Fund Innovations Award

- **Special recognition for the year's most innovative fund idea from the German-speaking world**
- **Winner to be announced at award ceremony on 24 November 2009**

Bad Homburg, 28 October 2009 – The nominees have been announced for this year's Fund Innovations Award, which will be presented as part of the Feri EuroRating Awards 2010. With this award, Feri EuroRating Services AG honours a particularly innovative idea from the entire funds universe across the countries of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The following fund products have been nominated for this special award:

- 3 Banken Sachwerte-Fonds (Hard Assets Fund)
- AVANA IndexTrend Europa Dynamic
- db x-trackers Currency Returns ETF
- db x-trackers Hedge Fund Index ETF
- WMP Electricity Value Chain Fund

This year's nominees were selected by a committee of six independent experts from Germany, Austria and Switzerland, who will likewise choose the final winner. These experts are Dr. Kurt Michael Becker (*Institutional Money* magazine), Udo Behrenwaldt (member of various boards), Hans-Jörg Bruckberger (Wirtschaftsblatt Verlag AG), Ali Masarwah (*portfolio international* magazine), Dr. Michael Partin (ifund services AG) and Dr. Peter Spinnler (member of various boards).

"The nominees for the Fund Innovations Award were selected on the basis of the new investment idea which they represent as well as their overall conception," explained Dr. Tobias Schmidt, Managing Partner at Feri EuroRating Services. These five highly innovative fund concepts differ considerably in both orientation and investment focus, as Schmidt went on to explain. "For example, while the db x-trackers Hedge Fund Index ETF offers inexpensive access to a diversified hedge platform, the WMP Electricity Value Chain Fund takes a novel approach to investing across the entire value-creation chain within the energy sector."

Over the coming weeks, the five nominated funds will be subjected to a rigorous qualitative evaluation. The criteria for this will include the degree of innovation, the enduring value of the idea, and its benefit to investors. The winner of the Fund Innovations Award 2010, along with the other award categories, will be announced at a festive ceremony on 24 November 2009 in the castle of Bad Homburg, Germany. The list of all funds nominated for Feri EuroRating Awards 2010 as well as further information about the awards may be found at www.feri-fund-awards.com.

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