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### **Feri EuroRating Awards: Nominees announced for Special Awards for Fund Innovation**

- **Awards to honour especially innovative fund ideas in Germany, Austria and Switzerland**
- **Winners to be announced at award ceremonies in each country**
- **Subsequent nominations in several categories**

**Bad Homburg, 30 October 2008** – The nominees have been announced for the Special Awards in the category of “Fund Innovations”, which will be presented as part of the Feri EuroRating Awards 2009. With this award, Feri EuroRating Services AG honours a particularly innovative idea within the funds universe in each of three countries: Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The selection of the nominees as well as of the winner of the Special Award, which is based on a qualitative evaluation of all finalists, is made by a committee of five experts in each of these countries. The Feri EuroRating Awards 2009 will be presented in ceremonial events to be held in Bad Homburg on 25 November, in Zurich on 27 November, and in Vienna on 2 December 2008.

“The funds nominated in the ‘Fund Innovations’ category were selected because of the new investment idea which they represent as well as their overall conception,” explained Dr. Helmut Knepel, Managing Partner of Feri EuroRating Services AG. “While the investment theme and fund type are extremely important, the award committee also considers how the fund concept has actually been implemented.” The five finalists in each country will be subjected to a rigorous qualitative evaluation over the coming weeks which will consider criteria such as the degree of innovation, its enduring value, and its benefit to investors. The winner of the Special Award for Fund Innovation along with the winners in the other twelve fund categories will be announced in each of the respective countries.

In addition, Feri EuroRating announced several subsequent fund nominations for its Fund Awards in Germany, Austria and Switzerland on 27 October. The reason for this action was to correct a data error which had disadvantaged several funds in the nomination process. The addition of these funds caused several other funds to be displaced from the lists of nominees, as these are limited to only five funds per category and country.

The lists of nominated funds as well as further information about the Feri EuroRating Awards may be found at [www.feri-fund-awards.com](http://www.feri-fund-awards.com).

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