

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Top funds nominated for Feri EuroRating Awards 2012

- **Germany: Aberdeen and iShares receive most nominations; “Equity Europe” category without German nominees**
- **Austria: Domestic investment groups dominate “Bond EUR” category, no Austrian favourites in equity categories “Emerging Markets” and “Central/Eastern Europe”**
- **Switzerland: Funds from Swiss groups once again notably strong in “Bond CHF”, “Bond Global” and “Balance Funds”**

Bad Homburg, 19 October 2011 – Feri EuroRating Services AG has announced this year’s nominees for the top-performing retail investment funds within the German-speaking market. The nominations were made in 12 different fund categories in each of the three countries Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The winners of the Feri EuroRating Award 2012 will be chosen from each category. They are to be announced in a special awards ceremony to be held on 22 November 2011 in Bad Homburg in co-operation with n-tv, the German television news channel.

Within each category, the top five funds were nominated based not only upon their performance relative to their peer groups, but also on their balance between risk and opportunity as measured by their Feri Fund Rating. “2011 was a turbulent year for the fund industry, with significant challenges,” explained Dr. Tobias Schmidt, CEO of Feri EuroRating Services. “Those funds which were nominated demonstrated their ability to navigate through rough waters. In the following qualitative analysis, the implementation and structure of the investment process of each fund, as well as its fund management, will be evaluated to determine the winner in each category.”

Within the German market, iShares and Aberdeen Asset Management received the most nominations and hence have opportunities to win awards in a number of different categories. Apart from German equities, fund products from German investment groups were particularly well represented among the nominees in the Bond and Balanced Fund categories, as well as in “Equity Germany”. However, the “Equity Europe” category does not have any German favourites.

Concerning the nominees for Austria, in the “Bond EUR” category domestic fund groups almost settle the matter among themselves. Only one non-Austrian provider is nominated. In contrast, Austrian investment groups are completely missing in the “Equity Emerging Market” category and especially in the “Equity Central/Eastern Europe” category. Here as in Germany, fund products from iShares received the most nominations..

Among the nominations in the Swiss market, Switzerland’s own fund groups once again dominate in the categories of “Bond CHF” and “Bond Global Currencies”. More than 30 per cent of the 60 nominated funds are managed by Swiss investment groups.



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This Year, Feri EuroRating Awards will be given in eight different equity fund categories and three bond fund categories for each country, along with a twelfth category for the best balanced fund. Over the coming days, Feri will separately announce its nominees for its “Asset Manager Awards”, which recognise the overall asset management performance of entire fund groups in each country, as well as its special “Feri Fund Innovations Award”, which each year honours a particularly important conceptual innovation.

About the Feri EuroRating Awards

In evaluating candidates for the Feri EuroRating Awards, Feri – in contrast to other fund awards – goes beyond a purely qualitative analysis and also considers qualitative criteria such as experience and credentials of the fund manager as well as the construction of the portfolio. The evaluation process takes place in two stages: First, Feri selects the top five funds from each respective peer group according to quantitative criteria. Once this is completed, each nominee is subjected to a rigorous qualitative review, which largely centres around the design and implementation of its fund management concept as well as the fund manager. The fund with the highest evaluation in each category is chosen to receive the Feri EuroRating Award. In order to be eligible for an award, a fund must exceed a minimum size and must be freely available to retail investors. The special “Fund Innovations Award” is chosen by an independent committee of experts. In order to select the winners of the “Asset Manager Awards” the respective relevant evaluation criteria of each investment group are analyzed. For more information, please visit www.feri-fund-awards.com.

About Feri EuroRating Services

Feri EuroRating Services AG is one of the leading European rating agencies for investment markets and investment products, as well as one of the largest independent economic research and forecasting houses. With its staff of 50, the company currently serves its approx. 1,000 customers from its headquarters in Bad Homburg, Germany, as well as from additional offices in London and Paris.

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Nominees for the Feri EuroRating Awards 2012

Germany

Fund Name	Investment Group
Category 1: Equity Global	
Aberdeen Global - World Equity Fund	Aberdeen AM
BL Global Equities	Banque de Luxembourg
DWS Top Dividende	DWS
Flossbach von Storch Fundament	Flossbach von Storch
Morgan Stanley Global Brands Fund	Morgan Stanley
Category 2: Equity Europe	
BL Equities Europe	Banque de Luxembourg
Comgest Growth Europe	Comgest
Invesco Pan European Structured Equity Fund	Invesco
JOHCM European Select Values Fund	J O Hambro
UNI-GLOBAL Minimum Variance Europe	Unigestion
Category 3: Equity North America	
iShares Dow Jones Industrial Average (DE)	iShares
iShares NASDAQ-100® (DE)	iShares
Lyxor ETF NASDAQ 100	Lyxor
Morgan Stanley US Advantage Fund	Morgan Stanley
PowerShares EQQQ Fund	Invesco
Category 4: Equity Japan	
Aberdeen Global - Japanese Equity Fund	Aberdeen AM
Fidelity Funds - Japan Advantage Fund	Fidelity
iShares Nikkei 225® (DE)	iShares
UNI-GLOBAL Minimum Variance Japan	Unigestion
Vitruvius Japanese Equity Portfolio	Vitruvius
Category 5: Equity Asia Pacific ex Japan	
Aberdeen Global - Asian Smaller Companies Fund	Aberdeen AM
Fidelity Funds - ASEAN Fund	Fidelity
Fidelity Funds - Asian Special Situations Fund	Fidelity
First State Asia Pacific Leaders Fund	First State
Newton Asian Income	BNY Mellon AM
Category 6: Equity Emerging Markets	
Aberdeen Global - Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Aberdeen AM
Danske Invest Global Emerging Markets	Danske Invest
First State Global Emerging Markets Leaders Fund	First State
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets	iShares
Vontobel Fund - Emerging Markets Equity	Vontobel
Category 7: Equity Central/Eastern Europe	
Allianz RCM Emerging Europe	Allianz Global Investors
Deka-ConvergenceAktien	Deka
iShares MSCI Eastern Europe 10/40	iShares
Nevsky Eastern European Fund	Nevsky Capital
Schroder ISF Emerging Europe	Schroders
Category 8: Equity Germany	
Concentra	Allianz Global Investors
DWS Deutschland	DWS
Metzler Aktien Deutschland	Metzler
Pioneer Investments German Equity	Pioneer Investments
Santander Deutsche Aktien	Swiss & Global AM
Category 9: Bond Global Currencies	
Allianz PIMCO Global Bond High Grade	Allianz Global Investors
BL Global Bond	Banque de Luxembourg
Dexia Bonds International	Dexia AM
LGT Bond Fund Global	LGT Capital Management
Schoellerbank Euro Alternativ	Schoellerbank Invest

Category 10: Bond EUR	
3 Banken Europa Bond-Mix 3 Banken Staatsanleihen-Fonds Allianz Rendite Extra iShares eb.rexx® Government Germany (DE) Schoellerbank Anleihefonds	3 Banken Generali 3 Banken Generali Allianz Global Investors iShares Schoellerbank Invest
Category 11: Bond EUR Corporate Investment Grade	
apo Rendite Plus INKA BlueBay Investment Grade Bond Fund iShares eb.rexx® Jumbo Pfandbriefe (DE) Raiffeisen-Euro-Corporates SSgA Euro Corporate Industrials Bond Index Fund	Apo AM BlueBay AM iShares Raiffeisen KAG State Street
Category 12: Balanced Global flexible	
Carmignac Patrimoine C-QUADRAT ARTS Total Return Balanced Multi Opportunities Multi Opportunities II Newton Real Return	Carmignac Gestion C-QUADRAT DWS DWS BNY Mellon AM

Austria

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Category 1: Equity Global	
BL Global Equities DWS Top Dividende Morgan Stanley Global Brands Fund Newton Global Higher Income Vontobel Fund Global Value Equity	Banque de Luxembourg DWS Morgan Stanley BNY Mellon AM Vontobel
Category 2: Equity Europe	
BL Equities Europe Invesco Pan European Structured Equity Fund JOHCM European Select Values Fund Threadneedle Pan European Fund UNI-GLOBAL Minimum Variance Europe	Banque de Luxembourg Invesco J O Hambro Threadneedle Unigestion
Category 3: Equity North America	
iShares NASDAQ-100® (DE) Morgan Stanley US Advantage Fund PowerShares EQQQ Fund Threadneedle (Lux) – US Equities Threadneedle American Select Fund	iShares Morgan Stanley Invesco Threadneedle Threadneedle
Category 4: Equity Japan	
Aberdeen Global - Japanese Equity Fund Fidelity Funds - Japan Advantage Fund iShares Nikkei 225® (DE) UNI-GLOBAL Minimum Variance Japan Vitruvius Japanese Equity Portfolio	Aberdeen AM Fidelity iShares Unigestion Vitruvius
Category 5: Equity Asia Pacific ex Japan	
Aberdeen Global - Asian Smaller Companies Fund Fidelity Funds - ASEAN Fund Fidelity Funds - Asian Special Situations Fund First State Asia Pacific Leaders Fund Newton Asian Income	Aberdeen AM Fidelity Fidelity First State BNY Mellon AM
Category 6: Equity Emerging Markets	
Aberdeen Global - Emerging Markets Equity Fund First State Global Emerging Markets Leaders Fund iShares MSCI Emerging Markets LGT Multi Manager Equity Emerging Markets Vontobel Fund - Emerging Markets Equity	Aberdeen AM First State iShares LGT Capital Management Vontobel

Category 7: Equity Central/Eastern Europe	
Allianz RCM Emerging Europe Deka-ConvergenceAktien iShares MSCI Eastern Europe 10/40 Nevsky Eastern European Fund Schroder ISF Emerging Europe	Allianz Global Investors Deka iShares Nevsky Capital Schroders
Category 8: Equity Austria	
3 Banken Oesterreich-Fonds KEPLER ÖSTERREICH AKTIENFONDS Meinl Equity Austria Pioneer Funds Austria - Austria Stock ViennaStock	3 Banken Generali KEPLER-FONDS KAG Julius Meinl Investmentgesellschaft Pioneer Investments Austria Sparkasse Oberoesterreich KAG
Category 9: Bond Global Currencies	
Allianz PIMCO Global Bond High Grade BL Global Bond Dexia Bonds International LGT Bond Fund Global Schoellerbank Euro Alternativ	Allianz Global Investors Banque de Luxembourg Dexia AM LGT Capital Management Schoellerbank Invest
Category 10: Bond EUR	
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Category 11: Bond EUR Corporate Investment Grade	
Apollo Euro Corporate Bond Fund BlueBay Investment Grade Bond Fund iShares eb.rexx® Jumbo Pfandbriefe (DE) Pioneer Funds Austria - Euro Corporate Bond SSgA Euro Corporate Industrials Bond Index Fund	Security KAG BlueBay AM iShares Pioneer Investments Austria State Street
Category 12: Balanced Global flexible	
Carmignac Patrimoine C-QUADRAT ARTS Total Return Balanced C-QUADRAT ARTS Total Return Vorsorge Newton Real Return Ring-International DWS	Carmignac Gestion C-QUADRAT C-QUADRAT BNY Mellon AM DWS

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Category 3: Equity North America	
AXA Framlington American Growth Fund BNP Paribas L1 Equity USA Growth Morgan Stanley US Advantage Fund PowerShares EQQQ Fund Threadneedle (Lux) – US Equities	AXA IM BNP Paribas IP Morgan Stanley Invesco Threadneedle

Category 4: Equity Japan	
Aberdeen Global - Japanese Equity Fund Fidelity Funds - Japan Advantage Fund Julius Baer EF Japan UNI-GLOBAL Minimum Variance Japan Vitruvius Japanese Equity Portfolio	Aberdeen AM Fidelity Swiss & Global AM Unigestion Vitruvius
Category 5: Equity Asia Pacific ex Japan	
Aberdeen Global - Asian Smaller Companies Fund Fidelity Funds - ASEAN Fund Fidelity Funds - Asian Special Situations Fund First State Asia Pacific Leaders Fund Investec Asian Equity Fund	Aberdeen AM Fidelity Fidelity First State Investec
Category 6: Equity Emerging Markets	
Aberdeen Global - Emerging Markets Equity Fund Danske Invest Global Emerging Markets First State Global Emerging Markets Leaders Fund Skagen Kon-Tiki Vontobel Fund - Emerging Markets Equity	Aberdeen AM Danske Invest First State Skagen Vontobel
Category 7: Equity Central/Eastern Europe	
Allianz RCM Emerging Europe Deka-ConvergenceAktien iShares MSCI Eastern Europe 10/40 Nevsky Eastern European Fund Schroder ISF Emerging Europe	Allianz Global Investors Deka iShares Nevsky Capital Schroders
Category 8: Equity Switzerland	
IAM - Swiss Equity Fund Pictet (CH)-Swiss Equities Pictet CH-Swiss Market Tracker Swiss Opportunity Fund UBS-ETF SMI	Swiss & Global AM Pictet Funds Pictet Funds Santro Invest UBS
Category 9: Bond Global Currencies	
BSI-Multibond Global Dynamic LGT Bond Fund Global LLB Obligationen Euro Alternativ (CHF) Piguet Global Fund - International Bond (CHF) UBS (CH) Bond Global	BSI S.A. LGT Capital Management LLB Fondsleitung AG Banque Piguet UBS
Category 10: Bond CHF	
BCGE Synchrony Swiss Government Bonds CS ETF (CH) on SBI Domestic Government 3-7 CS ETF (CH) on SBI Domestic Government 7-15 Pictet CH-CHF Bonds PostFinance Fonds 1 Bond	Gerifonds Credit Suisse Credit Suisse Pictet Funds UBS
Category 11: Bond EUR Corporate Investment Grade	
AXA WF Euro Credit Plus BlueBay Investment Grade Bond Fund iShares Markit iBoxx Euro Corporate Bond Spängler Bond Corporate SSgA Euro Corporate Industrials Bond Index Fund	AXA Funds Management SA BlueBay AM iShares Carl Spaengler KAG State Street
Category 12: Balanced Global flexible	
Carmignac Patrimoine Carmignac Profil Réactif 50 LUKB Expert-Zuwachs Raiffeisen Fonds (CH) - Multi Asset Class Absolute Return UBS (Lux) KSS-Global Allocation (CHF)	Carmignac Gestion Carmignac Gestion LKB Expert Fondsleitung AG Vontobel UBS