

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

Feri announces nominees for Asset Manager Awards 2012

- **Instead of special category, regular categories now expanded to eight**
- **New award categories for Absolute Return, Emerging Markets, Socially Responsible Investing and Real Estate**

Bad Homburg, 1 November 2011 – Feri EuroRating Services AG has announced the names of the nominated fund management companies in Germany, Switzerland and Austria from which the winners of its Asset Manager Awards 2012 will shortly be selected. The Feri EuroRating Awards, presented by Feri in co-operation with n-tv, the German television news channel, each year honour not only the best individual funds but also the best fund groups. The winners will be announced in a special awards ceremony to be held on 22 November 2011 in Bad Homburg.

The special category has been eliminated this year, with the permanent award categories instead expanded to eight. In addition to the existing categories for best full-range provider, boutique provider, equity fund manager and bond fund manager, four new regular categories have been created. These new categories are Absolute Return, which was last year's special category, Emerging Markets, Socially Responsible Investing, and Real Estate. In contrast to the first four categories, these four new categories will be awarded on a regional basis spanning all three countries.

“This will mark the third year in which we also honour the best overall asset management groups,” said Dr. Tobias Schmidt, CEO of Feri EuroRating Services AG. “With these additional categories, we have expanded the award programme to recognise important themes in the industry. The transition of Absolute Return from last year's special category to a permanent part of our award structure likewise takes into account the growing significance of this investment style.”

About the Feri EuroRating Asset Manager Awards

In selecting the winners of the Asset Manager Awards, a quantitative evaluation over the past twelve months is first performed of all funds managed by an investment group and rated by Feri. For each country – Germany, Austria and Switzerland – the scores from the individual funds are then equally weighted to generate an overall score. The five top-ranking asset management groups in each country and in each of the eight categories are nominated as finalists. In a second step, the winner in each category will be selected based on a rigorous qualitative evaluation. 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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Feri EuroRating Awards 2012: Nominees for Asset Manager Awards

Germany	Austria	Switzerland
Category 1: Full-range provider Allianz Global Investors BNY Mellon AM Fidelity Threadneedle Union Investment	Category 1: Full-range provider Allianz Global Investors BNY Mellon AM Fidelity Invesco Threadneedle	Category 1: Full-range provider Pictet Funds Schroders Swisscanto Threadneedle Vontobel
Category 2: Boutique Banque de Luxembourg Carmignac Gestion DJE Janus Group MFS	Category 2: Boutique Banque de Luxembourg DJE Janus Group LGT Capital Management MFS	Category 2: Boutique Balfidor Fondsleitung Banque de Luxembourg Carmignac Gestion Janus Group MFS
Category 3: Equity funds Aberdeen AM J O Hambro IM LGT Capital Management MFS Threadneedle	Category 3: Equity funds Aberdeen AM Henderson Global Investors LGT Capital Management MFS Threadneedle	Category 3: Equity funds Aberdeen AM Comgest J O Hambro IM MFS Threadneedle
Category 4: Bond funds Allianz Global Investors Erste Asset Management Pioneer Investments Raiffeisen Capital Management Union Investment	Category 4: Bond funds Allianz Global Investors Erste Asset Management Pioneer Investments Austria Raiffeisen Capital Management UBS Global AM	Category 4: Bond funds BNY Mellon AM Pioneer Investments Schroders Swisscanto Vontobel
Category 5: Absolute Return Amundi Aquila Capital Bantleon Deka Swiss & Global AM		
Category 6: Emerging Markets Aberdeen AM Fidelity Jyske Invest Pictet Funds Schroders		
Category 7: Socially Responsible Investing Dexia AM ÖKOWORLD Sarasin Swisscanto Union Investment		
Category 8: Real Estate Bank Austria Real Invest Commerz Real Deka Immobilien RREEF Schroders		