

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Feri EuroRating becomes new player in UK fund research and rating business**

- **2,858 new fund ratings including 953 A- or B-rated funds**
- **Important step in the internationalisation of Feri's rating business**
- **Feri Fund Ratings now available in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, United Kingdom, France, Italy and Sweden**

**Bad Homburg, 20 July 2010** – Bad Homburg-based Feri EuroRating Services AG boosts its rating business in Europe. As at 30 June 2010, Feri's rating universe includes 2,858 rated UK-approved funds, 953 of which received top two ratings (A or B). This latest move is an important step in the internationalisation of Feri's rating business.

"The response we have received from the German market has reinforced our view that Feri ratings can also help to generate added value for investors in other European countries," says Dr. Tobias Schmidt, member of the board at Feri EuroRating Services AG. "Thanks to the quality of our forecasting and the transparency of our ratings, both private and institutional investors use Feri fund ratings as a key decision-making tool when selecting funds."

Fund investors can now analyse any UK-approved fund by using the Feri fund rating platform ([www.feri-fund-rating.com](http://www.feri-fund-rating.com)) providing helpful fund search and select functions in addition to downloadable rating reports, watch-lists and fact sheets.

In addition to these free services Feri has now started its fund research and selection services for institutional investors in the UK market.

#### **About Feri Fund Rating**

Feri ratings are based on a multi-dimensional rating model that includes an assessment of both performance and risk criteria. Funds are rated in relation to their respective peergroup. Depending on a given fund's history, the ratings are based primarily on quantitative and/or qualitative information. Funds with qualified (same management, same strategy) track record of more than five years are rated purely quantitatively and unsolicited. For funds with less than five years track record solicited assessments are complemented by qualitative information derived from questionnaires and manager interviews.

Independent of the type of the assessment, the performance indicator (70% weighting) focuses predominantly on the relative performance, long-term profitability and stability of the fund, the risk indicator (30% weighting) assesses the level of risk exposure in terms of timing, potential loss and fund behaviour. The total score is obtained by combining the criteria for individual components with an overall assessment of the fund. This score is then allocated to one of five rating groups, ranging from A ("very good") to E ("poor").

## **About Feri EuroRating Services AG**

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 institutes. With its staff of about 50 analysts, the company currently serves its approx. 1,000 customers from its headquarters in Bad Homburg, Germany, as well as from additional offices in London, Paris and New York.

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