

Further Accolade for BNY Mellon Asset Management's Product Expertise

BNY Mellon Asset Management moves up from third to second place in Feri Investment Company Ranking

Düsseldorf, 28 April 2009 – The Investment Company Ranking recently issued by Feri EuroRating Services AG has confirmed it – BNY Mellon Asset Management is one of Germany's best asset management firms!¹

BNY Mellon Asset Management International moved up from third to second place in the category of large investment companies (with 25 or more investment funds rated by Feri).

Ranking, Large Investment Companies, as of 31 March 2009

Ranking	KAG	Top Ratings	Total	Percentage
1	Threadneedle	19	28	67.86%
2	BNY Mellon AM	31	53	58.49%
3	Union Investment	44	88	50.00%
4	Universal-Investment	24	52	46.15%
5	Vontobel	11	26	42.31%
6	DWS	43	106	40.57%
7	Allianz Global Investors	37	92	40.22%
8	Oppenheim	29	73	39.73%
9	Invesco	13	35	37.14%
10	Fidelity	15	42	35.71%

Source: Feri EuroRating Services AG

Christoph Dahm, Managing Director at WestLB Mellon Asset Management KAG in Düsseldorf, comments: "We take particular pride in achieving second place in the Feri Investment Company Ranking, as we have not only maintained, but also improved our ranking relative to our competitors amid a difficult market environment. This is testimony that our offering is of premium quality across multiple product categories, asset classes and regions and that the confidence our clients place in us is warranted."

The ranking is based on an evaluation of all mutual funds offered by BNY Mellon Asset Management or its German representative, WestLB Mellon Asset Management KAG (WMAM), in Germany, including the BNY Mellon Global Funds, the BNY Mellon Investment Funds, the WestLB Mellon Compass Funds and the mutual funds established by WMAM KAG under German law.

¹ Source: Feri EuroRating Services AG, 31 March 2009

The methodology used to rank the investment companies is as follows: The table reflects the ranking of fund investment companies with the highest proportion of funds receiving a top rating from Feri EuroRating Services. To that end, the proportion of A or B rated funds relative to the total number of funds rated was determined for all companies with at least eight Feri-rated funds registered for distribution in Germany. The higher the proportion of top-rated funds, the better the ranking of the fund investment company.

The Feri Fonds Rating itself is based on the assessment of a fund's quality compared to its peer group from an investor's perspective. The Feri rating methodology ranks funds along the following five rating categories:

A – "excellent"

B – "good"

C – "average"

D – "above average"

E – "weak"

A so-called top-rated fund, i.e. a fund with an A or B rating, thus is a fund who has achieved a consistent above-average performance over a medium-term horizon whilst maintaining a relatively low risk level.

The rating is derived from a multi-dimensional valuation model that factors in both performance and risk indicators. While the performance indicator (70% weight) evaluates relative performance, long-term profitability and fund performance consistency, the risk indicator takes account (30% weight) of timing risk, risk of loss and behavioural risk.

The list below is an excerpt from the selection of funds receiving a top-rating of A or B from Feri as of 31 March 2009.

Fondsname	ISIN	Peergroup	Rating
Newton Continental European GBP Inc	GB0006778681	Aktien Europa ex UK	(A)
BNY Mellon Continental European Equity A USD	IE0003853540	Aktien Europa ex UK	(A)
Newton Income GBP Inc	GB0006779549	Aktien Großbritannien	(A)
Newton UK Opportunities GBP Inc	GB0031189888	Aktien Großbritannien	(A)
Newton UK Equity Exempt 1 Net GBP Acc	GB00B01XJ116	Aktien Großbritannien	(A)
Newton Absolute Intrepid GBP Inc	GB0006780323	Aktien Welt	(A)
Newton Balanced GBP Inc	GB0006778574	Mischfonds Global dynamisch	(A)
Newton Long Gilt Exempt 2 Gross GBP Acc	GB00B01X1152	Renten GBP	(A)
BNY Mellon Sterling Bond A GBP	IE0004153254	Renten GBP	(A,ur)
BNY Mellon Asian Equity A USD	IE0003795394	Aktien Asien Pazifik ex Japan	(B)
Newton Oriental GBP Inc	GB0006781289	Aktien Asien Pazifik ex Japan	(B)
Newton Pan European GBP Inc	GB0006782253	Aktien Europa	(B)
BNY Mellon Pan European Equity A USD	IE0004148163	Aktien Europa	(B)
Newton Higher Income GBP Inc	GB0006779218	Aktien Großbritannien	(B)
Newton Growth GBP Inc	GB0006779093	Aktien Großbritannien	(B)
WestLB Mellon Compass Latin America A USD	LU0093981040	Aktien Lateinamerika	(B)
BNY Mellon US Dynamic Value A USD	IE0031687670	Aktien Nordamerika	(B)
Newton American GBP Inc	GB0006778350	Aktien Nordamerika	(B)
Newton Overseas Equity Exempt 1 Net GBP Acc	GB00B01X1590	Aktien Welt	(B)
Newton 60/40 Global Equity Exempt 1 Net GBP Acc	GB00B01XJ447	Aktien Welt	(B)
Newton Managed GBP Inc	GB0006780984	Aktien Welt	(B)
WestLB Mellon Compass Euro Balanced A EUR	LU0093970605	Mischfonds Europa ausgewogen	(B)
WestLB Mellon WerteFonds	DE0007045148	Mischfonds Europa konservativ	(B)
WestLB Mellon Compass Euro High Yield Bond A EUR	LU0115288721	Renten EURO Corp. High Yield	(B)
WestLB Mellon Compass Euro Corporate Bond A EUR	LU0145975065	Renten EURO Corp. Inv. Grade	(B)
BNY Mellon Euroland Bond A EUR	IE0032722260	Renten EURO Welt	(B)
Newton Index Linked Gilt Exempt 2 Gross GBP Acc	GB00B01X0W92	Renten GBP	(B)
WestLB Mellon Compass Global Bond A USD	LU0093983921	Renten Globale Währungen	(B)
BNY Mellon Global Intrepid A USD	IE0004086264	Aktien Welt	(B,ur)
BNY Mellon Global Equity A USD	IE0004004283	Aktien Welt	(B,ur)
BNY Mellon Global Bond A USD	IE0003924739	Renten Globale Währungen	(B,ur)

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