

Investec Asset Management



Press Release

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Investec Asset Management takes top honours for ninth year running at Morningstar Awards in South Africa

Investec Asset Management is delighted to announce that for an unprecedented ninth consecutive year, it has been awarded the Morningstar Best Large Fund House Award at the 2009 Morningstar Awards in South Africa this week.

The awards, run by Morningstar, the world's leading unit trust data provider, are currently the only internationally accredited unit trust awards in South Africa. The Fund Group category awards identify those groups that have delivered strong long-term risk adjusted performance taking into account each house's average five-year Morningstar rating as a primary measure. The judgement criteria also take into account structural business traits and methodology, such as an emphasis on original research.

Founded by Hendrik du Toit as a start-up business in Cape Town in 1991, Investec Asset Management has grown into an international investment manager serving a global client base. The Firm's proprietary investment capabilities extend from its 4Factor Global Equity fund range through to its Frontier, Fixed Income and Commodities & Resources fund ranges.

Hendrik du Toit, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

"Our ambition has always been to provide sustainable, winning investment performance and unrelenting service for our clients. Winning the Morningstar Best Large Fund House Award for an unprecedented ninth year in a row, through both bull and bear markets, provides some affirmation to us that we are able to achieve this objective.

Our focus is now on the future and we look forward to getting on with the job of providing our clients with the kind of performance we can look back on in twenty years with pride. It is with their support that we have established a robust global investment management firm which reaches far beyond the borders of South Africa."

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Notes to Editors

Investec Asset Management is a specialist investment manager, providing a premier range of products to institutional and individual investors. Established in 1991, the firm has been built from start-up into an international business managing approximately \$55bn* on behalf of third party clients. We have grown from domestic roots in the UK and Southern Africa to a position where we proudly serve a growing international client base from the Americas, Europe, Asia, Australia, the Middle East and Africa. We employ 100 investment professionals.

The firm seeks to create a profitable partnership between clients, shareholders and employees, and to exceed expectations for both client service and performance.

Investec Asset Management is an independently managed subsidiary of Investec Group.

*As at 30th September 2008.

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