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SAM launches two new sustainability funds: Healthy Living and Climate

As a leading Investment Group in the field of sustainability investments, SAM (Sustainable Asset Management) is supplementing its range of products with two additional sustainability funds. The two investment products, SAM Sustainable Healthy Living Fund and SAM Sustainable Climate Fund, focus on companies in growth industries that open up interesting investment opportunities from the vantage point of sustainability.

- **SAM has a comprehensive array of theme-based products in the areas of new energy, water and new materials. By broadening this palette to include funds devoted to healthy living and the climate, SAM is taking these global mega trends into account and setting new milestones.**
- **SAM, the international market leader and the pioneer in the field of sustainability investments for more than twelve years, is resolutely pursuing its growth strategy with the goal of further expanding its international position as a leading investment group in the field of sustainability investments. In doing so, SAM will continuously broaden its theme- and mandate-based product palette in the years ahead, and in particular substantially expand the area of alternative investment classes.**

The **SAM Sustainable Healthy Living Fund** concentrates on innovative, leading companies in the areas of nourishment, health, physical activity and well-being. The investment opportunities arise from global trends such as increasing overweight, excessive ageing and spiralling healthcare costs. Decisive in this regard are mainly demographic developments, altered consumption habits, the growing prevalence of chronic illnesses, as well as medical progress. Within the framework of its investment process, SAM identifies companies throughout the world that have a significant commitment to these relevant areas and, based on SAM's proprietary sustainability assessment model, are considered to be undervalued.

The concept for the **SAM Sustainable Climate Fund** is based on the consequences of climate change, which threaten to burden economies throughout the world with enormous costs. To the extent possible, society and businesses at the global level must prevent those costs from being incurred.

Simultaneously, answers must be found to address changing environmental circumstances. The SAM Sustainable Climate Fund offers investment opportunities that take both scenarios into account. SAM's investment process identifies industries, companies and technologies that offer those solutions – approaches that prevent climate change or make its consequences more tolerable.

Both funds are approved for distribution in Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the Principality of Liechtenstein. Additional information in this regard can be accessed at www.sam-group.com.

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About SAM (Sustainable Asset Management)

SAM (Sustainable Asset Management) was founded in 1995 as an independent asset management company for sustainability investments and has grown to become one of the world's leading institutions in this field. Its clientele comprises banks, insurance companies, pension funds, family offices and private investors.

SAM has a comprehensive portfolio of theme-based products in the areas of new energy sources, water, new materials, healthy living and climate. In addition, it offers large institutional investors a broad palette of client-oriented, mandate-based services (including optimised, active and restriction-free strategies).

SAM seeks and identifies leading companies on the basis of company-specific sustainability criteria. Integrating those future-oriented factors into the company valuation and investment process represents the foundation of its investment philosophy. SAM's know-how is based on its proprietary, independent research technique and an active, international network of sustainability experts. SAM maintains the world's largest sustainability database.

Together with Dow Jones Indexes and STOXX, SAM publishes and licenses the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes to track the performance of companies that are industry leaders in terms of sustainability. For that purpose, SAM analyses over 1,000 companies a year.

At the end of June 2007, SAM's assets under management and advice amounted to a total of EUR 7.9 billion (end of 2006: EUR 6.3 billion), of which EUR 3.7 billion (end of 2006: EUR 2.5 billion) were attributable to assets under management and a further EUR 4.2 billion (end of 2006: EUR 3.8 billion) to assets under advice (e.g. licenses).

SAM is headquartered in Zurich (Switzerland) and is among others present in Australia and North America. It employs 70 individuals.