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**SAM doubles assets under management (AUM); records successes in Asia; expands in USA and into Canada.
AUM rose in 2007 by CHF 4.7 bln. or 125% to CHF 8.5 bln.**

- **SAM (Sustainable Asset Management), the leading Investment Group for sustainability investments, registered a 125% increase from CHF 3.8 billion to CHF 8.5 billion for the 2007 financial year.**
- **In total, assets under management together with assets under advice (e.g. via licenses) amounted to CHF 15.1 billion.**
- **In addition to keen European interest in SAM's investment products, strong demand came particularly from Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan.**
- **Also in the USA, market successes have been achieved during the four months since the launch of the first US-registered SAM funds, especially among large foundations and family offices.**
- **For the current year, SAM continues to reckon with strong demand from Europe, Asia and particularly the USA. SAM's investor base mainly includes private investors, wealthy private clients, family offices, foundations and public pension funds.**

By having increased its assets under management by 125% in 2007, SAM clearly outperformed the previous year (growth of 62%) and, with a net inflow of CHF 4.3 billion in new money (2006: CHF 1.1 billion), bested the industry average by a wide margin. The largest contribution was made by SAM-managed funds based on the themes of water, energy and the climate. Very gratifying growth was also recorded in the company's global mandate-based business with institutional clients.

Demand for sustainability investments is growing throughout the world

The surging interest in investment solutions that address the problems associated with global warming, the need for alternative energy sources and heightened resource efficiency, as well as the scarcity of natural resources such as water and foodstuffs, are just a few of the sustainability themes that have led to SAM's success as a pioneer in this area.

Strong growth in Asia

In Europe, the volume of investment funds that focus on sustainability has risen by 60%. Asia, and especially China, are being impacted by the negative effects of climate change, which is why more and more local investors are seeking investments that offer solutions in terms of sustainability. As one of the few providers with a long-term track record in this area, SAM is well positioned in Asia and, in collaboration with local banks in Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea, brought to market in 2007 jointly developed sustainability products, thereby laying the foundation for further growth.

USA as “emerging market” with tremendous pent-up demand

Although the USA represents the largest capital market in the world, only a very few sustainability investments are available there. The interest on the part of large institutional investors and wealthy private investors for investment solutions that focus on water, the climate and clean energy has increased substantially. In the fourth quarter of 2007, SAM officially registered an array of funds for the US market, which are now available via the country's largest distribution platforms (e.g. Charles Schwab and Fidelity). Thanks to the close collaboration with these brokerage houses, the future outlook for SAM's sustainability funds is excellent.

Highlights of 2007

- **ERAFP SRI mandate:** The French pension fund ERAFP in February 2007 awarded SAM with the largest SRI equity tender in France, involving an amount that could top 1.2 billion euros over the next four years. The mandate awarded to Robeco and SAM will amount to 100 to 400 million euros for the period 2007-2011.
- **Launch of new sustainability funds:** Healthy living and climate change – the SAM Sustainable Healthy Living Fund and SAM Sustainable Climate Fund afocus on small- and medium-sized companies that promise solutions in this regrd.
- **Entrusted with the administration of Nomura's new water fund “Nomura Aqua”:** Nomura Asset Management, one of the largest asset managers in Japan, commissioned SAM in the summer of 2007 to administer the Nomura Aqua fund, which has assets of approximately CHF 1.1 billion.
- **Expansion in the US market:** Opening of the subsidiary Sustainable Asset Management USA, Inc. in New York and launch of the theme-based investment funds “Sustainable Water“ and “Sustainable Climate Change“ in the fall of 2007.
- **Sustainable Performance Group (SPG):** As one of the few listed investment companies on the SWX Swiss Exchange, SAM-administered SPG successfully conducted a capital increase in October of 2007.

- **New business unit SAM Sustainable Alternative Investments:** To open up new investment opportunities in the area of alternative investments, SAM has established a new business unit that is developing for private and institutional investors alternative investment products in the sustainability area, ranging from sustainability hedge funds, to alternative theme-based funds, to products that address CO₂ emissions. The substantial expansion of the Alternative Investments segment represents a further step in the strengthening of SAM's leading market position.

Outlook

Investor interest in sustainability- and theme-based investments will continue to grow throughout the world. The amount of money managed in this segment still lies below 1% of the total investable capital. The increasing problems surrounding the climate, as well as the intensive search for technical solutions and successful companies, is expected to multiply the investment volume during the coming years. Owing to its many years of experience, international presence and track record, SAM is excellently positioned to participate substantially in this growth. **Reto Ringger, founder and CEO of SAM:** "The solution or, as it were, adaptation, to global warming represents an enormous challenge and in this century it will become the most significant economic tasks and opportunity. As one of the first, and today leading, providers of sustainability investment solutions, SAM is strongly positioned to develop new investment products and benefit from this long-term megatrend."

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About SAM (Sustainable Asset Management)

SAM (Sustainable Asset Management) was founded in 1995 as the world's first asset management company for sustainability investments. Today, the company ranks among the globally leading managers of sustainable investments and theme-based funds in the areas of water, climate and clean energy. Its worldwide 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 institutional investors a broad range of various investment solutions. SAM affords investors a great sense of responsibility and transparency in terms of their investments.

SAM evaluates and analyzes leading companies on the basis of industry-specific sustainability criteria considering economic, environment and social dimensions. Integrating those future-oriented investment criteria 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 approach and an active, international sustainability network.

Together with Dow Jones Indexes, SAM has developed the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Index. Within the framework of this collaboration, SAM has compiled the world's largest sustainability database and analyzes annually more than 1,000 exchange-listed companies for the added value they generate in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria.

SAM and Robeco, a member of Holland's Rabobank Group (S&P AAA), have entered into a strategic alliance in order to establish the world's leading platform for sustainability investments in terms of product development, innovation and distribution. Within the framework of this collaboration, the managers and staff of SAM own a 40% and Robeco a 60% equity interest in SAM.

SAM directly managed client assets in the amount of CHF 8.5 billion and indirectly administers (via consulting and licensing agreements) a further CHF 6.6 billion (as of 31-12-2007). Assets under management and advice amounted to a total of CHF 15.1 billion.

SAM is headquartered in Zurich (Switzerland) and is present in Europe, Australia, the USA and Canada. The company employs more than 80 individuals.