



Press Release

S&P Capital IQ Fund Research Confirms Silver Grading to FP WHEB Sustainability Fund

London, 3 October 2013 – S&P Capital IQ Fund Research announced today that it has confirmed a Silver grading for FP WHEB Sustainability Fund (the “Fund”), run by WHEB Asset Management. WHEB Asset Management is the listed equities division of WHEB (WHEB), a specialist sustainability investment company managing private equity, infrastructure and listed equity strategies.

Launched in June 2009, the FP WHEB Sustainability Fund had grown to over £52m as at the end of August 2013, up from £26m at the same time last year. Investors have been attracted by the strong and experienced team which joined WHEB AM in April last year, as well as by the Fund’s investments in global sustainability themes.

The fund invests in companies that actively seek to provide solutions to social and environmental challenges confronting societies and economies. These trends are growing as are ageing populations, resource scarcity, rising consumption, and globalization. The universe of potential stocks is drawn from across the market-cap range, though there tends to be a mid-cap bias.

Lead manager Tim Dieppe has a solid track record in sustainability investing. At Henderson, he ran the Industries of The Future Fund, which outperformed the S&P Capital IQ global mainstream equities peer-group median fund in five out of eight years.

The team at WHEB have developed a structured and disciplined investment process that integrates financial, strategic assessment with environmental, social and governance analysis. This process draws on the team’s deep understanding of the chronic global challenges facing society and ends with a diversified portfolio of stocks designed to outperform the market over time. WHEB’s approach to research is collegial; however, Dieppe has the final say on stock selection and portfolio construction.

“The FP WHEB Sustainability Fund is a core strategy for WHEB, as evidenced by the hiring of experienced sustainability investors. The strength of Dieppe’s previous track record and his adherence to a disciplined team-based investment approach result in the fund’s retention of the S&P Capital IQ Silver grading,” explains Victoria Chernykh, fund analyst at S&P Capital IQ.

George Latham, Managing Partner and CIO of WHEB Asset Management, said: “We are very pleased to have received this recognition from S&P Capital IQ for the quality of our investment process. We believe that we have put together a differentiated global equities strategy with strong long-term growth characteristics, managed by a highly experienced team which has developed a structured, research-based investment process. Being a part of an independent boutique which is committed to sustainability investing has been a great experience over the past year, and we are delighted to receive this endorsement of our approach.”

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