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PERFORMANCE ENVIRONNEMENT WINS 1st PRIZE IN THE LIPPER FUND AWARDS 2008

- Category: European Equities-



Established in 2000, FINANCIERE DE CHAMPLAIN, the French fund management company specialising in sustainable development, was awarded on 7 February 2008, 1st Prize in the category of European Equities, for its fund Performance Environnement (ISIN Code: FR0010086520).

For the sixth consecutive year in France, this prestigious international prize has been awarded to the best-performing fund listed in France with a **track record of at least 3 years**. The 35 award-winning categories are selected for their international representation in terms of assets under management. Performance Environnement was **first out of 351** funds eligible in the category of European Equities.

About Performance Environnement...

Established in 2004, Performance Environnement was the first fund in France to specialize in the environmental theme in 3 sectors of activity: water, renewable energy and waste management. It is composed of up to 90% European stocks and balanced in terms of size of capitalization. It therefore appears in the category of European Equities.

Strengthened by the strong growth and high visibility inherent in the environmental sector, Performance Environnement posted, up to 31.12.2007, a performance of **+143% since its inception, with a volatility lower than that of its benchmark index (13.3% over 1 year to 31.12.2007 against 15.9% for the Eurostoxx50)**. Winning the Lipper Fund Award demonstrates the stock-picking know-how of the management team (7 team members) concerning 'green' stocks, their expertise concerning international regulations, and in-depth knowledge of the companies in the sector.

*"I am particularly delighted with the awarding of this prize which shows that economic performance can be combined with preservation of the environment. In the current market context, if green stocks have been subject like others to substantial corrections linked to a general crisis of liquidity, I am convinced that they will be the first to benefit from the rebound due to their **low cyclical nature**. The main strength of our management style is its long term vision. Our choice of investments meets vital needs in terms of water, air, energy, and health and this sense of urgency is beginning to be integrated into the regulatory environment as well as into national policy ..."*

Encouraged by the success we have had in France, and buoyed up by the current rise in awareness of sustainable development issues, we have begun to market our funds internationally. **Three of our funds, including Performance Environnement are currently in the process of obtaining authorization in Switzerland.** I am therefore doubly delighted with the international recognition that we have been given through this prestigious trophy."

Jean-François DESCAVES – President and Head of Asset Management.
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