

# *Press Release*

## **AXA Rosenberg's unique investment approach scoops eight major awards across Europe**

AXA Rosenberg Investment Management's (AXA Rosenberg) Equity Alpha Funds, the Dublin-based range of 15 specialist equity UCITS have recently won eight of Europe's most prestigious investment awards.

In the Standard & Poor's European Fund Awards 2003, AXA Rosenberg was awarded first place in both the one and three year divisions of the Specialist group, in recognition of the integrity and performance of its philosophy and investment process. In the same awards, AXA Rosenberg's Pan European Small Cap Alpha Fund secured first place (out of 39 funds) in the Smaller Companies Europe Sector.

As well as the main S&P awards, S&P Austria, in cooperation with financial magazine trend INVEST, gave first place over one year to AXA Rosenberg's Pan European Small Cap Alpha Fund, in the European Small Cap Equity Funds category.

German financial magazine "FINANZEN" awarded first place to:

- the AXA Rosenberg Japan Equity Alpha Fund in the Japanese Equity Funds category;
- the AXA Rosenberg Japan Small Cap Alpha Fund in the Japanese Small Cap Equity Funds category; and
- the AXA Rosenberg Global Small Cap Alpha Fund in the Global Small Cap Equity Funds category.

AXA Rosenberg's Global Small Cap Alpha Fund also gained recognition for outstanding performance at Lipper's inaugural Fund Awards in France, where it was awarded 1st place in the International Equity Small/Mid Cap category for 2003.

Commenting on the awards, Simon Vanstone, AXA Rosenberg's Head of Marketing for the UK and Europe, said "We are very pleased to accept these awards. We have won a number of awards over the past few years, but never so many in such a short space of time. It is a public endorsement of the strength of our disciplined investment process and risk-control. Ultimately, the real measure of our success is our positive consistent investment returns, however, it is always satisfying to win industry awards."

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## Notes on AXA Rosenberg Investment Management

AXA Rosenberg Investment Management Ltd is a specialist global equity manager, with clients in the UK, Europe and the Middle East.

All portfolios managed by AXA Rosenberg utilise a fundamental investment approach, with the objective of outperforming a given benchmark. The strategy is suited to all the major equity markets on a single country, regional or global basis, in large or small capitalisation stocks. This approach has operated successfully for over 17 years.

AXA Rosenberg manages around EUR 14.5 billion worldwide as at 31 December 2002, in both segregated portfolios and in a range of Dublin-based UCITS (assets currently just over EUR 550 million), 8 of which are AA rated by Standard & Poor's. The Equity Alpha Funds are currently approved for distribution in 12 European markets. The business was established in 1985 and has offices in London, San Francisco, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Singapore.

AXA Rosenberg is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority in the UK and is registered with the SEC in the USA.