

## Daniel James listed in FN 100 Rising Stars 2007

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ABN AMRO Asset Management's Daniel James, Head of Portable Alpha and Absolute Return, has been listed as one of Financial News' 100 Rising Stars for 2007. Daniel is based in London.

Upon hearing of his listing, James would not let his colleagues go unrecognised, "This is recognition of the efforts that we have achieved as a team in the absolute return space, the combination of our alpha capabilities bound by our strong risk management culture give us an exciting opportunity upon which to build further success."

In order to be nominated for the list, individuals had to meet the basic requirements of being younger than 40 and based in Europe. Nominees could also not be listed in the Financial News' 100 most influential people in the capital markets. Once nominees had met these basic requirements, they then had to meet much more stringent criteria.

Candidates had to have been promoted or have remained in their current positions during 2007. They were then assessed on their achievements, the stature of their mentor, the assets or resources at their disposal and their future potential. More than 300 candidates were assessed.

James, 34, joined ABN AMRO Asset Management in 1998 when he took on all cash and money market investment, including global liquidity funds and the short-term asset group. In April 2007, he became Head of Portable Alpha and Absolute Return.

According to Financial News, the 100 men and women listed are the people who will most likely come out of the current market volatility with their careers' unscathed. The Financial News expects that these rising stars of the European securities industry will stick out above the crowd and excel in the challenges of the current market situation.

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## Global High Income Equity Fund reels in the awards

**19 December 2007**

The industry keeps showering one fund with award after award. The ABN AMRO Global High Income Equity Fund has never had less than a four-star Morningstar rating since its inception in 2003. This year Standard and Poor's also rated it as the Best Fund over One Year among "Equity funds worldwide" for risk-weighted performance over 2006. The fund is the brainchild of Wouter Weijand, Global Head of the High Income Equity Group, who continues to lead the fund's three investment teams in based Hong Kong, Amsterdam and Louisville, Kentucky.

The fund's investment teams continually monitor the corporations that meet the fund's criteria before and after they select the corporations included in the fund. Their continual research has ensured the fund's consistent high ratings.

Worldwide investors are increasingly interested in investments that offer a high dividend yield. High dividend yields with no currency risk are particularly interesting to investors in periods of slower economic growth and lower interest rates. A number of countries have introduced tax regimes in which dividends are exempt from taxation. Corporations are also increasingly aware of the importance of paying out a high dividend.

Factors such as these have made funds such as the ABN AMRO Global High Income Equity Fund particularly attractive for investors and industry ratings.

The fund invests worldwide in equities that offer a relatively high dividend yield. The sustainability of the dividend policy is a key factor in the stock selection. In addition, the fund seeks to achieve a balanced country and sector spread of its investments.

Investments are made based on a contrarian investment style. The fund invests in companies that pay out high dividends, while most large cap investment funds invest in companies with fast increasing stock prices and low dividends. The fund allows investors to benefit from the increasing dividends paid out by companies in around the globe which can generate extra income for investors. The fund also carries a limited currency risk because currencies are hedged back to the Euro as much as possible, leaving limited exposure to some local currencies.

CapGemini recently recognized the fund with the Transparency Award 2007 for Customer Convenience at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Investor Day in Amsterdam that was held on 23 November 2007. A total of eighty fund providers were asked to nominate a fund for the award. After careful scrutiny and a rigorous assessment, the ABN AMRO Global High Income Equity Fund came out on top for Customer Convenience because of our timely response to customer inquiries.

Wouter and his team demonstrate that solid investment strategy and straightforward customer service achieve industry recognition.

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## Premium Global Dividend Fund launched

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**10 January 2008**

On Monday, 14 January 2008, ABN AMRO Asset Management will launch a new fund for long-term investors who would like to receive a regular income from their assets in the ABN AMRO Premium Global Dividend Fund.

The fund has an aggressive annual dividend yield target of 8%<sup>1</sup> which is paid in quarterly installments. Similar funds offered by other fund providers can only offer an annual dividend yield of 7%.

Long-term investors who can afford above-average risk will be particularly interested in the ABN AMRO Premium Global Dividend Fund. The fund invests 75% in the high-performing and asset class favourite ABN AMRO Global High Income Equity Fund and keeps the remaining 25% in cash for option strategies. The ABN AMRO Global High Income Equity Fund invests in a selection of stocks from a universe of 200 corporations worldwide<sup>2</sup>, thus providing a good country and sector diversification. The closest comparable competitor only invests in 60 European corporations.

With the new ABN AMRO Premium Global Dividend Fund, the combination of ABN AMRO Global High Income Equity Fund's proven investment strategy together with option strategies aim to maximise earnings and limit risk during market volatility such as the markets saw during the previous year.

In exchange for the stability of an 8%<sup>1</sup> annual dividend yield, investors in the fund will not be able to fully profit from periodic peaks in the marketplace. However, investors will never lose more than the amount they invested, even though the fund includes option structures.

The introduction period starts 14 January 2008 and ends 15 February 2008 3:00 p.m. CET.

<sup>1</sup>The investment fund aims at an annual payout of 8%. This may be adjusted due to market developments. The prospectus guidelines apply.

<sup>2</sup>These internal guidelines are mentioned for your information only and are subject to change. Prospectus guidelines are leading.

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## Investors donate > EUR 100,000 through fund

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### 18 January 2008

ABN AMRO Asset Management presented a cheque for EUR 103,473.64 to four charities on 17 January 2008 that is part of the ABN AMRO Duurzaam Donatie Fonds. Each year investors in the fund, which is only registered in the Netherlands, donate 1% of the fund's assets to four charities.

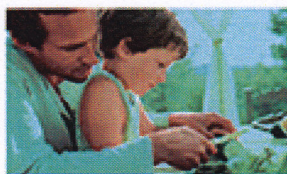
Wendy van den Boogaard, head responsible investing research at ABN AMRO Asset Management, presented the cheque to Cordaid, a Dutch organisation for relief and developmental aid, KWF Kankerbestrijding, a Dutch foundation for cancer research, Save the Children, an international, independent foundation for children's rights, and the World Wildlife Fund during a reception in Amsterdam. Van den Boogaard is based in Amsterdam.

The fund is the first Dutch investment fund that donates to charities. It is modeled on an earlier initiative by ABN AMRO's Swedish subsidiary Banco, which has generated over EUR 55 million in donations to charities through similar funds since its inception in the early nineties.

Worldwide the Dutch fund is mirrored by the ABN AMRO Funds - Sustainable Global Equity Fund, which is registered in Luxembourg and also available to clients outside the Netherlands. The ABN AMRO Funds - Sustainable Global Equity Fund invests in companies that comply with ABN AMRO's sustainability criteria on environmental issues, human rights and corporate governance. Ole Jakob Wold manages both funds from ABN AMRO Asset Management's Oslo office.

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