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Media release

AMP Capital Investors launches new responsible investment fund with seeding from Christian Super

AMP Capital Investors today announced the launch of a new fund – the Responsible Investment Leaders Diversified Fixed Income Fund – and the support of Christian Super as the Fund’s seed investor.

The Fund will invest in a blended portfolio of Australian fixed interest securities (government and credit), global government bonds and global credit securities, while applying an environmental, social and governance (ESG) filter.

AMP Capital Investment specialist Angus Dennis said the Fund sought to deliver competitive returns and diversification within a responsible investment framework.

“The Fund is a new addition to our successful Responsible Investment Leaders range, which looks at environmental, social and ethical considerations, as well as labour standards and corporate governance when selecting investments,” Mr Dennis said.

“This is an exciting opportunity as traditionally there have been few options available to institutional investors wanting a fixed interest portfolio which addresses ESG factors. From an investment viewpoint, the strategy delivers enhanced analysis of fixed interest securities by considering ESG risk factors that traditional bond assessment may overlook.”

“We are thrilled to have Christian Super on board as an investor that prioritises social and environmental factors as a core tenant of their business.”

Christian Super Chief Executive Peter Murphy said their support for the new Fund reflected a long-term commitment to investment opportunities that make a valuable contribution to society and the environment.

“We are delighted with the launch of this new fund by AMP Capital Investors. It means we can invest our clients’ superannuation contributions in a fund that not only offers good returns but is also socially responsible,” said Mr Murphy.

Christian Super was named Sustainable Super Fund of the year in December 2008. Dr Caroline Noller, who presented the award, commented: “Christian Super has embraced the principles of ethical investment more than any other [fund] in Australia.”

AMP Capital’s Responsible Investment Leaders range adopts a diversified multi-manager strategy, blending different manager styles and asset classes in order to create diversification and competitive returns across a range of market conditions.

The new Fund adds a fixed-income option to the range, and will be also accessible via AMP Capital's RIL Diversified options.

AMP Capital is one of Australia's leading providers of responsible investment funds, having managed both single sector and diversified funds with a social, environmental and governance focus since 2001. Today, AMP Capital has more than \$2.9 billion in Responsible Investment funds under management (as at 30 September 2009).

Christian Super was established in 1984 and provides superannuation services to Christian organisations and Churches. Christian Super is a not-for-profit public offer fund and returns all profits to members.

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