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Zenith awards GQG Partners international equity gong

SYDNEY — Global asset manager GQG Partners has won the 'International Equities - Emerging Markets and Regional' category at the Zenith Fund Awards 2020.

Hosted by Zenith Investment Partners, the Awards are designed to recognise and encourage excellence in funds management across all asset classes and disciplines in raising the standard of funds management for the ultimate benefit of investors.

GQG Partners' emerging markets equity investment strategy seeks to invest in equity and equity-linked securities of primarily large cap, high-quality companies with, in the manager's view, attractively priced future growth prospects.

According to GQG Partners' Managing Director, Australia and New Zealand, Laird Abernethy, the Zenith accolade is testament to the strength of the investment process and the skills of the portfolio managers in identifying market risks and opportunities over recent months.

"Global markets reacted so sharply to the events of 2020, and while things appear to have normalised somewhat, our investment team was able to navigate the portfolio effectively and investors have responded accordingly.

"We evaluate each business based on financial strength, potential sustainability of earnings growth, and quality of management, and apply that approach to every prospective stock within the markets in which we operate. It's pleasing that Zenith has acknowledged this approach with an award win in this category," Mr Abernethy said.

Judging for the Fund Awards is based on long-term factors derived from Zenith's due diligence of fund managers including organisational and investment team strength,



investment philosophy, security valuation and selection, portfolio construction, risk management, and fees. The research house also looks at quantitative aspects of the funds' longer-term returns to investors.

The win follows the GQG Partners Global Equity Fund (unhedged) being upgraded to a 'Highly Recommended' rating by Zenith earlier this month, at which time the hedged version of the Fund was given a 'Highly Recommended' rating in its first review.

The Fund (both hedged and unhedged share classes) seeks to invest in the equity and equity-linked securities of high-quality companies with attractively priced future growth prospects in both developed and emerging markets. It seeks to limit downside risk while providing attractive returns to long-term investors over a full market cycle.

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GQG Partners is an independent US-based boutique equities manager focused on global and emerging markets equities strategies. It was co-founded in 2016 by Rajiv Jain after leaving his long tenure at Vontobel Asset Management as CIO and co-CEO. In 2018, it established a Sydney office, which was its first registered office outside the United States.

GQG Partners focuses on identifying enduring quality characteristics in reasonably priced global equities with an objective of long-term capital appreciation. The firm manages A\$77.7 billion of discretionary and advisory assets worldwide (as at 30 September 2020), with more than A\$7.4 billion of that representing investors and clients in the Asia-Pacific region. For more information, please visit gggpartners.com.

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