



News Release

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Alpha Generators Heads to Europe

First State, Martin Currie, Neptune and Thames River Capital to participate in conferences to be held in Frankfurt, Munich, Zurich and Geneva

Alpha Generators, a group of boutique investment managers, have launched a compelling new series of conferences into Europe. [Alpha Generators Europe](#) is being held across Germany and Switzerland between the 14 and 17 June 2010.

These half day conferences will be chaired by OBSR, the UK's leading provider of fund research, rating and investment consulting services, showcasing four of the UK's leading asset managers - First State Investments, Martin Currie, Neptune Investment Management "Neptune", and Thames River Capital, with presentations from leading fund managers on Global Resources, European Equities, Global Equities & Emerging Markets and Global Credit respectively.

These conferences are designed to explore the investment potential of different world markets, and provide the opportunity to hear a collection of insights and outlooks from four industry specialists. Presentations will be made by each of the investment managers and will be followed by an interactive panel session during which the conference audience will have the chance to ask questions.

The schedule of the conferences is as follows:

Monday 14 June	Frankfurt	- Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof Hotel
Tuesday 15 June	Munich	- Bayerischer Hof Hotel
Wednesday 16 June	Zurich	-Baur au Lac Hotel
Thursday 17 June	Geneva	-Le Richemond Hotel

Commenting on the European Alpha Generators Conferences, Richard Romer-Lee research director at OBSR, said:

"Following on from the extremely successful Alpha Generators Conferences in the UK, we are very much look forward to taking Alpha Generators to Europe and chairing what will no doubt be stimulating and insightful discussions around the drivers and challenges facing these asset classes and the opportunities available for European investors."

For further information or to register your interest for Alpha Generators Europe Conferences:
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About First State Investments

First State Investments provides specialist asset management services to wholesale and institutional investors across a diverse range of asset classes, including Asia Pacific and global emerging market equities, property securities, infrastructure and global natural resources. First State has more than 190 staff in London and Edinburgh and provides a range of specialist investment products.

First State is part of Colonial First State Global Asset Management, the consolidated asset management business of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Colonial First State Global Asset Management is Australia's largest fund manager, employing investment professionals in Sydney, London, Edinburgh, Hong Kong, Singapore, New York and Jakarta.

Colonial First State Global Asset Management is a signatory to the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment, a voluntary program which encourages best practice in environmental, social and corporate governance issues.

www.firststate.co.uk

About Martin Currie

Martin Currie is a specialist investment management business. From its headquarters in Edinburgh, it manages £11.79m (US\$ 17,898m) in active equity portfolios for a global client base of financial institutions, charities, foundations, endowments, pension funds, family offices, government agencies and investment funds.

Martin Currie is a private company, owned and managed by its employees, and is committed to remaining independent. The company believes this aligns its interests directly with those of its clients and is the best foundation for a specialist investment management business seeking to attract and retain talented people.

Martin Currie describes itself as 'The Big Boutique'. In practice, this means having the solidity, professionalism and robustness of process of a large company, combined with the distinctiveness, client focus and personal ownership of a small company. The company employs 250 staff across the firm, including 47 investment professionals, offering a blend of internally developed staff and experienced external appointments. The investment teams are supported by a robust operational platform with experienced and talented people responsible for the processes around dealing, middle-office third-party relationships, investment risk management, legal and risk & compliance.

*AUM as at 31 March 2010

About Neptune Investment Management Limited ("Neptune")

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Neptune is an independent fund management company, founded in May 2002. Neptune's funds are marketed through intermediaries, are registered on the industry's principal platforms and are an increasingly popular choice amongst pension fund consultants in the institutional marketplace.

Neptune's unique investment approach looks at the World primarily by global industry sector rather than by country or region. However, economic and national factors are taken into consideration and Neptune offers single region and country portfolios alongside its global funds.

The Neptune investment philosophy has been at the core of its outperformance and is driven primarily by the belief that equities should be viewed by global industry sector rather than with the more traditional regional, index-driven approach.

This idea is built on the premise that global companies dominate the areas in which they operate. As such, there is usually no more than a handful of companies in each area worth investing in. Once Neptune has identified those global sectors with the best opportunities for growth, its team selects the best companies in those sectors, regardless of where they are based.

This combination of its global sector overview and strong bottom-up stock picking forms the rigorous and proven investment process used across all of its funds. The fund portfolios are not constrained by benchmarks, allowing the managers to pursue a high-conviction approach to investment management.

Neptune Investment Management Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. FSA number 416015.

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About Thames River Capital LLP is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. Thames River Capital was established in 1998. Thames River Capital LLP together with its affiliates Nevsky Capital LLP and Thames River Multi-Capital LLP, manages £9 billion / US\$13.6 billion, with 168 staff including 87 investment professionals and 23 in sales and marketing as at 31 March 2010. Thames River Capital and its affiliates manage a range of multi-manager funds, property funds, UCITS III funds, and long / short funds investing in equities (Global, Emerging Market, European and UK), and bonds (Global Credit and OECD Sovereign).

www.thamesriver.co.uk

About OBSR, a Morningstar company

- OBSR was established in 1999 and is recognised as the leading qualitative investment research company in the UK retail funds market. Morningstar acquired OBSR in April 2010.
- OBSR specialises in dedicated investment consultancy, researching and analysing investment funds and product wrappers.
- Its research is highly respected and OBSR Fund Ratings are widely acknowledged as an independent mark of quality.
- OBSR maintains its rigorous independence by not charging fund managers to research their funds but only charging a license fee to managers wishing to publicise OBSR Fund Ratings.
- OBSR works for some of the most respected firms in the industry; offering products and services to fund managers, product providers, wraps and platforms, large distribution firms and individual advisers.
- OBSR carries out over 2,000 Fund Manager interviews each year.