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Triple Win for First State at Investment Week Fund Manager of the Year Awards 2010

First State Investments (UK) Limited ("First State") received three awards last week at **Investments Week's Fund Manager of the Year Awards 2010**, winning the **Specialist Group of the Year Award** for the second time in the past two years.

The group also won in two fund categories. The **First State Global Resources Fund** managed by **Joanne Warner** was named the **Best Global Resources Fund** and the **First State Greater China Growth Fund** managed by **Martin Lau** and **Ho Hsiu Mei** won in the **Single Country/Specialist Regional Portfolio** category.

So far this year, First State has won 17 industry accolades, including Morningstar's Best Specialist Equity Fund House and Lipper UK's Best Overall Group (Non UK Equity Large).

Gary Withers, Regional Managing Director EMEA, First State Investments said:

'We are very pleased and encouraged by the industry recognition First State receives for its specialist investment expertise. We believe that creativity is an important factor in achieving the best results for our investors and we will continue to ensure that our fund managers have the independence they need in order to make best use of our long-term approach to investing.'

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Notes to editors:**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, global 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 to investors. 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. It employs investment professionals in Sydney, London, Edinburgh, Hong Kong, Singapore 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.

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