

Sparinvest and Brandes Launch New, Jointly-Managed Corporate Value Bonds Fund.

Two international value investment specialists, Sparinvest of Denmark and San Diego-based Brandes Investment Partners, have today announced the launch of Sparinvest - Corporate Value Bonds, a jointly-managed bond fund designed to exploit value opportunities in the fast-expanding global credit universe.

Copenhagen 02-05-2011. One of Europe's top Value Specialists, Sparinvest, has joined forces with Brandes Investment Partners, one of the best-known value houses in the US, to launch a new fund, Sparinvest - Corporate Value Bonds - ISIN: LU0620744770 (class EUR I) and ISIN: LU0620744002 (class EUR R). The fund will be jointly-managed by two fixed-income teams working together to apply a unified 100% bottom-up 'value bonds' investment strategy to the global corporate credit universe. North American bond issuers will be selected by San Diego-based Brandes who have been working with a value bonds strategy since 2000. Issuers from the rest of the world will be selected by Danish Sparinvest who introduced the value bonds concept in Europe with their flagship Sparinvest - High Yield Value Bonds, launched in November 2005.

Summing up the opportunity offered to investors by this new fund, Michael Albrechtslund, Managing Director of Sparinvest Asset Management said:

"In recent years we have seen the corporate bond market in Europe expand massively, and at the same time, corporate bonds from Europe, the US and most recently the emerging markets have become an increasingly important asset class for investors seeking good portfolio diversification. We strongly believe that the value investment approach can deliver long-term outperformance for corporate bonds in the same way that it does for equities."



“This new fund is a global corporate bonds product that will tap into the experience of two leading exponents of value bonds investment. Investors therefore do not need to make allocation decisions between geographic regions or between investment grade or high yield. It is a one-stop shop for value within fixed income. However investors should be aware that a value strategy can deliver higher short-term volatility than other approaches.”

In 2010, Brandes began a search to find a European partner for a transatlantic ‘value alliance’ in fixed-income. Sparinvest was selected on the basis of its long-term investment philosophy and process, as well as for the strong performance track record from its value bonds fund range. Since then, both fixed income teams have been working closely together to select bonds for the launch portfolio of the new fund and to refine their joint value investment approach.

Sparinvest - Corporate Value Bonds will select individual issuers on the basis of value opportunities (bond mis-pricing) arising across the ratings spectrum and across global credit markets. Individual bond investigation will follow the best ideas of both Sparinvest and Brandes to deliver a well-researched and well-diversified portfolio of around 80-120 bonds. The reference index for the fund will be the Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Corporate Index. It is envisaged that the launch portfolio will feature sectors that are currently generating value opportunities in the credit markets such as European banks and US homebuilders.

ISIN Codes:

Institutional

Sparinvest - Corporate Value Bonds class EUR I: LU0620744770

Retail

Sparinvest - Corporate Value Bonds class EUR R: LU0620744002

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About Sparinvest:

Founded in 1968 in Denmark, and with pan-European operations in Luxembourg since 2001, Sparinvest is an international asset management company with authorization to distribute its products in 16 European nations. The group is known as a specialist in value investment - both for equity and bond funds. Sparinvest is owned by a broad range of Danish institutional shareholders who support the group's independence and prudent investment strategy, focused on providing competitive risk-adjusted long-term returns. As a natural step to further enhance its risk-focused approach, Sparinvest signed the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment in 2009 and has now integrated environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk factors into the investment process for all its actively-managed funds. At end April 2011, Sparinvest managed €9.4 billion on behalf of private and institutional investors. More information at www.sparinvest.eu

About Brandes:

Brandes Investment Partners® ("Brandes") is a leading US investment advisory firm based in San Diego and managing equity and fixed-income assets for institutional and private clients worldwide. Since inception in 1974, Brandes has applied the value investing approach to security selection first pioneered by Benjamin Graham in the 1930's. Brandes is 100% employee owned and has 470 employees worldwide. As of March 31, 2011, Brandes managed approximately \$45.9 billion (USD) of assets. More information at www.brandes.com

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