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Bentham Asset Management wins *Smart Investor* Blue Ribbon Award

*Global Income Fund awarded Best Diversified Credit Fund for 2014*

SYDNEY – Australian Financial Review Smart Investor Magazine today revealed Bentham Asset Management’s Global Income Fund as the winner of its Diversified Credit Fund *Smart Investor* Blue Ribbon Award for 2014.

The award was formally announced in the September edition of Australian Financial Review *Smart Investor* magazine.

Bentham Asset Management has previously won the AFR *Smart Investor* Blue Ribbon Diversified Credit / Multi-Strategy Income Fund award in both 2010 and 2011.

Bentham Asset Management’s CEO and Head Portfolio Manager, Richard Quin, said: “We are very pleased to receive this award, and we are proud to be recognised for our long track record of outperformance in credit and fixed income markets.

The Global Income Fund has proven its ability to deliver regular income with capital resilience throughout economic cycles. In a challenging year for global fixed interest and credit markets, our highly diversified exposure to credit sectors and active interest rate risk-management have provided our investors with strong returns above the benchmark,” he said, “We continue to see global credit as a useful diversifying asset for Australian investors.”

This award adds to the accolades received by the fund, which was the winner of Morningstar’s Fixed Interest Category for 2014, winner of the Australian Fund Manager Award 2013 for Global Fixed Interest, and also awarded as finalist in the Professional Planner Fund Awards 2013. The Bentham Global Income Fund is rated by van Eyk and Recommended by Lonsec and Zenith.

The Bentham Wholesale Global Income Fund returned 10.5% over one year, 15.6% p.a. over five years and 8.3% p.a. since inception in September 2003 (all returns are net of fees and as at 31 July 2014).

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The inception of the fund was 16-Sep-2003. Total Returns are calculated using pre-distribution month end withdrawal unit prices, and assumes all income is reinvested in additional units. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Returns may be volatile and may vary from year to year. Source: Fidante Partners, State Street


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About Bentham:
Bentham Asset Management (Bentham) is a specialist fixed interest and credit investment manager. Bentham actively manages a number of high yielding funds with varying risk profiles. The portfolios are designed to generate income while diversifying risk in global credit markets.

Bentham’s goal is to deliver higher income to investors than can generally be achieved in traditional fixed interest and equity markets. Bentham’s investment philosophy is based on a strong credit culture and a systematic investment process. Its focus is on the preservation of principal and protection against downside risk. Through diversified exposure to the global credit market and active management, the approach seeks to provide more investment opportunities when compared with managers that focus only on domestic fixed income markets.