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Munro Partners wins Emerging Manager award

Munro Partners has been awarded the 2018 Money Management/Lonsec Fund Manager of the Year Emerging Manager Award for its Munro Global Growth Fund.

Munro Partners was formed in 2016 by chief investment officer Nick Griffin, chief executive officer Ronald Calvert, and chief operating officer Jonathan Spensley. Its distribution capabilities were boosted in 2017 after forming a partnership with Grant Samuel Funds Management.

The Munro Global Growth Fund aims to provide investors with meaningful, risk-adjusted, absolute returns through exposure to global growth equities over a medium to long-term horizon.

GSFM CEO Damien McIntyre, said the Money Management Emerging Manager award recognises the early success of the fund, which has an approach unlike any of its peers.

“Munro Partners' investment philosophy focuses on the simple task of identifying and investing in companies that have the potential to grow at a faster rate and on a more sustainable basis than the peer group,” Mr McIntyre said.

“It identifies sustainable growth trends that are under-appreciated, not well understood and mispriced by the market – and the stocks that are winners and losers as a result.

“Short selling is undertaken as part of the investment strategy to benefit from falling securities prices and is not used as a portfolio hedging tool, and the fund has a strong emphasis on risk management and capital preservation.”

When announcing the award, Money Management said Munro Partners founder Nick Griffin is “well known in long / short circles”.

“Griffin stands out locally as a growth minded long / short investor,” the publication said.

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Munro Partners is an independent global absolute return equity manager with a core focus on growth equities. The business is owned and controlled by key staff and was founded in July 2016 by an established investment team with a 10-year track record of strong absolute returns. Via its proprietary investment process and unique knowledge base, Munro Partners seeks to invest in and benefit from some of the key structural changes that occur in the world today. The business is Australian domiciled, with its head office based in Melbourne. For more information about Munro Partners please visit the website www.munropartners.com.au

Grant Samuel Funds Management (GSFM) was established in July 2007 as a subsidiary of the Grant Samuel Group. In November 2016 CI Financial Corp (CI) purchased an 80 per cent stake in the business. CI is a diversified wealth management firm with fee earnings assets of CAD\$86.3 billion (as of 31 December 2017). GSFM specialises in marketing funds managed by high calibre local and international managers to Australian and New Zealand institutional and Australian retail investors.

Since 2007, GSFM has formed alliances with following investment managers to distribute investment products to Australian and New Zealand clients:

- *New York based Epoch Investment Partners, Inc.*
- *Tribeca Investment Partners, a successful Australian boutique manager*
- *Payden & Rygel, a Los Angeles based independent investment management firm*
- *Triple Three Partners Pty Ltd (Triple3) a boutique research and investment management firm*
- *Munro Partners, an independent global equity manager*
- *London-based Man Group plc*

GSFM currently represents \$6.5 billion funds under management (as at 31 December 2017). For more information about GSFM please visit the website: www.gsfm.com.au