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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Munro Partners claims Zenith international equities award**

GSFM fund manager partner, Munro Partners, has won the International Equities - Alternative Strategies category at the 2020 Zenith Fund Awards, which were held via an online event today.

Hosted by Zenith Investment Partners, the Awards are designed to recognise excellence in funds management across all asset classes and disciplines, while also raising the standard of funds management to the benefit of investors.

Melbourne-based Munro Partners has a core focus on growth equities, and in just over four years of operating, has built \$3 billion in Assets Under Management. The investment team identifies sustainable growth trends that are underappreciated, not well understood and mis-priced by the market.

The fund is distributed in the Australian and New Zealand markets by GSFM. According to GSFM chief executive, Damien McIntyre, the accolade is testament to the strength of the Munro Partners' investment strategy, headed by chief investment officer, Nick Griffin, and his team.

"Investment ideas are generated from a combination of top-down thematic and bottom-up views, and the research process is a vital ingredient. The team has constant interaction with corporate management, independent consultants, industry networks and sell-side research.

"Munro has been adept at assessing the market environment over recent months and responded swiftly to changing investor demands and associated risks presented. This award is a credit to Munro Partners and the investment team," he said.

Judging for the Zenith Fund Awards is based on long-term factors derived from due diligence of fund managers including organisational and investment team strength, investment philosophy, security valuation and selection, portfolio construction, risk management, and fees. The research house also looks at quantitative aspects of the funds longer-term returns to investors.

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**Munro Partners** is a global investment manager with a core focus on growth equities. Established in 2016 by an award-winning investment team with a 14-year proven track record of strong returns, the business has over \$3 billion in AUM and is owned and controlled by key staff. Via our proprietary investment process, we invest alongside our clients to benefit from some of the key structural changes that occur in our 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](http://www.munropartners.com.au)

**GSFM** Pty Ltd 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-earning assets of CAD \$128 billion (as of 30 September 2020). 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
- Munro Partners, an independent global equity manager
- London-based Man Group plc
- Toronto and Boston based Cambridge Global Asset Management
- Redpoint Investment Management, a boutique equities manager based in Sydney

GSFM represents approximately \$15.7 billion funds under management (as at 30 September 2020). For more information about GSFM please visit the website: [www.gsfm.com.au](http://www.gsfm.com.au)