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F&C wins top award for investment trusts

At the Investment Life & Pensions Moneyfacts Awards on Friday 25 September, F&C Investments was once again named Best Investment Trust Provider. Overcoming competition including M&G, Invesco Perpetual and JPMorgan Asset Management, F&C topped the table for the second year running.

The lunchtime event at The Brewery in Chiswell Street, London, was hosted by actor and comedian Chris Barrie and featured 31 awards covering all aspects of pensions, investment and protection. F&C's award was collected by Chris Cahill, director, investment trust marketing. Chris also collected F&C's Commended certificate in the category Best Child Trust Fund Provider.

The Investment Life & Pensions Moneyfacts Awards are judged on the basis of rigorous product monitoring throughout the year, as well as feedback from advisers. Chris Cahill said: "It's always great to have an independent endorsement and we are particularly delighted to have won this award for the second year in a row."

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Notes to Editors

F&C Investments

- F&C Asset Management (F&C) is an independent London Stock Exchange listed asset management group with around 100,000 shareholders.
- F&C traces its origins to 1868 with the launch of the Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust, the first ever publicly listed investment fund. Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust remains a client of F&C.
- F&C is an active fund manager with a multi-specialist investment model where individual teams have strong accountability for their products and processes. The group is also an active shareholder with a leading franchise in governance and sustainable investment.
- F&C manages £88.3 billion (€103.7 billion) of assets* for a diverse range of institutional, insurance and retail clients across all major asset classes – equities, bonds, cash and property – as well as alternative and specialist product classes such as Socially Responsible Investment funds, hedge funds, private equity funds and Liability Driven Investments. F&C invests globally and has been a longstanding investor in emerging markets.
- F&C REIT Asset Management is the group's global property asset management business. It was formed in 2008 from the merger of F&C's property division and REIT Asset Management. F&C REIT operates from offices in London, Dublin, Munich, Mumbai and Stockholm.
- F&C manages assets principally from three investment centres: London, Amsterdam and Edinburgh. The group has a global office network spanning a dozen countries: China (Hong Kong), France (Paris), Germany (Frankfurt & Munich), India (Mumbai), Ireland (Dublin), The Netherlands (Amsterdam), Portugal (Lisbon), Sweden (Stockholm), Switzerland (Geneva), UK (London, Edinburgh, Dorking) and the United States (Boston).
- In March 2009 F&C signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Hua Xia Bank, one of China's twelve nationwide joint stock commercial banks, to establish a joint venture fund management company in China in which F&C will have a 19.5% interest.

* As at 30 June 2009.

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