

Press Release  
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## Five Stars for Sparinvest from Europerformance Style Rating -EDHEC rating system.

Danish Fund Manager Sparinvest has received another accolade for its consistently high-performing Global Value Fund, which is available to investors as part of a Luxembourg-registered SICAV. This time, the Global Value Fund has been awarded a top five star rating from the EuroPerformance Style Rating - EDHEC ratings service which assesses fund performance based on the delivery of alpha.

Finance professionals have shown considerable interest in the new EuroPerformance - EDHEC rankings, applies Returns Based Style analysis to assess a fund's relative merit by looking at its risk-adjusted performance (alpha) while taking into account extreme risk (VaR) and persistence of outperformance.

Because the calculation of alpha provides an absolute arithmetic value that does not depend on any category, it is a useful measure for rating the universe of funds and finding the persistent outperformers.

Only the top ten percent of funds evaluated by EuroPerformance - EDHEC are ranked at the top of **The Alpha League Table** and given a five star ranking.

Commenting on the five stars achieved by the Sparinvest Global Value fund, head of equities Jens Moestrup Rasmussen, commented:

*"We are delighted to have been rated as one of the five star funds in the EuroPerformance - EDHEC Alpha League Table. We feel that this is a strong vindication of the rigorous value investing process that the equities team at Sparinvest adheres to in managing this fund.*

*"The merit of value investment Sparinvest-style is that it 'locks in' high alpha performance potential at the point of investment, whilst limiting the downside risk.*

*"This is because we select only those stocks that are available at a price which represents a significant discount (we aim for 40%) to our calculation of their intrinsic value. After this, it is usually simply a matter of time until market sentiment catches up with our way of thinking and helps us to deliver alpha to our investors."*

In addition to the five stars that the fund has just received from EuroPerformance - EDHEC, The Sparinvest Global Value fund is also highly rated by an S&P 5-star rated fund and its manager is AAA rated with Citywire for the German market.

Sparinvest's Global Value Fund is approved for sale Luxembourg, Germany, France, the UK, Switzerland, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland.



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## About The EUROPERFORMANCE-EDHEC Style Rating: methodology

The EUROPERFORMANCE-EDHEC Style Rating is put together from three criteria:

- Risk-adjusted performance (or alpha)
- Potential extreme loss (or VAR)
- Performance persistence

For each of these dimensions of the rating, the EUROPERFORMANCE-EDHEC Style Rating relies on state-of-the-art conceptual and technical tools.

A full explanation of the methodology used is available at <http://rating.europerformance.fr/>

## About Sparinvest:

Founded in 1968, Sparinvest is one of Denmark's leading independent asset management companies, managing and advising on assets valued at over €14.6 billion (as at end September 2006), including the largest equity fund in Denmark.

Sparinvest is particularly noted within the investment industry for the success of its value investment concept - and currently manages €3.4billion within its value funds.

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Since the launch of its Luxembourg SICAV, Sparinvest's reputation has begun to spread throughout Europe and the company has recently opened offices in Frankfurt and Paris in addition to its Copenhagen and Luxembourg offices.

Sparinvest's products are aimed at both institutional and private investors, and are offered through a number of first-class financial institutions.

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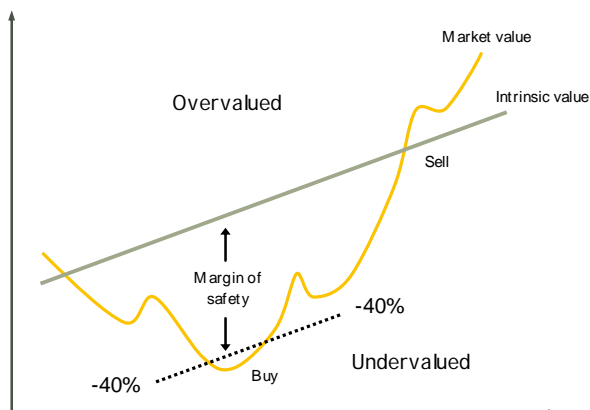
Editors notes:

## What's different about Sparinvest Value approach?

What differentiates Sparinvest from other value investing groups is:

- A longer track record and deeper expertise than most – because they have adhered to the value approach through good times and bad.
- A talented team that adheres to a very strict set of procedures, applying the toughest of criteria before determining that a company qualifies as value stock.
- Zero 'style drift' from Sparinvest's fund managers – because the whole company believes in the value investing approach and in the stocks chosen as a result of the process.
- An average stockholding period of 3-5 years (compared with an industry average of only six months) with a view to the delivery of medium to long term growth
- A successful track record – which confirms the robustness of Sparinvest's process and which has given the Group some of the top ranked value international funds when measuring both long term return and risk.

## The lifespan of an equity value investment.



## What is value investing?

Successful value investing requires:

- The identification of companies whose shares are trading at a market price which represents a significant discount to their '**intrinsic value**'
- Investment in stocks that offer a wide margin of safety and low downside risk compared to the universe of equity investments
- A focus on absolute return and the preservation of capital
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in the face of short-term market fluctuations.