



Boston Partners' Christopher Hart Receives Morningstar European Fund Manager of the Year Award

Senior Portfolio Manager Recognized for Stewardship of Robeco Boston Partners Global Premium Equities Fund

BOSTON, April 28, 2016 — Boston Partners, a premier provider of value equity investment products, today announced that Morningstar has named Senior Portfolio Manager Christopher Hart as Fund Manager of the Year: Global Equity, for his management of the Robeco Boston Partners Global Premium Equities fund. The honor was presented as part of Morningstar's European Fund Manager of the Year Awards 2016.

With this latest honor, Morningstar has now recognized the fund on 10 occasions, most recently in 2014 for its one-, three- and five-year performance in the Global Equity category.

Mr. Hart, who joined Boston Partners in 2002, has served as fund manager of the Robeco Boston Partners Global Premium Equities fund since 2008. At the firm, he oversees all of Boston Partners' Global Equity and International Equity products.

The firm's three-circle approach utilizes a bottom-up analysis of valuation, fundamental quality, and business momentum, in conjunction with a robust and proprietary quantitative screening process across the entire universe of global equities, to construct a diversified portfolio.

"On behalf of our global equities investing team, I am delighted to accept this award," said Mr. Hart. "This honor, and Morningstar's previous recognitions of the Global Premium Equities fund, are testament to the soundness and durability of our value-oriented process and the flexibility available through an unconstrained approach."

European Fund Manager of the Year Award nominees are selected by Morningstar research analysts in Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom. To qualify, at least one fund under a manager's leadership must have received a Morningstar Analyst

Rating™ of Gold, Silver or Bronze. A manager may be nominated provided their fund is available for sale in at least one European market.

The Morningstar press release announcing the 2016 winners can be found [here](#).

About Boston Partners

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