

PRESS STATEMENT

CHOM CAPITAL and Universal-Investment announce soft closing of successful CHOM CAPITAL Active Return Europe UI fund

- Delivering the best possible returns for investors takes priority over volume growth
- Fund remains open to current investors

Frankfurt am Main, 6. March 2018. [CHOM CAPITAL Active Return Europe UI](#) the successful equity fund available to both institutional and private investors, will limit its sales from 1 May 2018. A soft closing of the fund has been announced by asset manager CHOM CAPITAL and the fund's investment company, Universal-Investment. From that date, the fund will be closed to new investors for an indefinite period. Marketing activities to acquire new business will be discontinued. Clients already invested in the fund by 30 April 2018 will still be able to add to their holdings after 1 May. This also applies to investments made as part of existing savings schemes.

"Our Active Return Europe UI fund continues to attract high net inflows" , reports CHOM CAPITAL co-founder Christoph Benner. "The soft close is a consistent step forward in line with our business philosophy which places the best interests of our investors before any other goals such as maximising assets under management. Not driven by any benchmark, our investment strategy relies on in-depth fundamental analysis to pinpoint attractive companies for our tightly focused portfolio. We firmly believe that the best way to deliver sustained performance is by remaining completely free to pursue this strategy within a broad investment universe."

In the six years since its inception in 2011, CHOM CAPITAL Active Return Europe UI has steadily outperformed its benchmark, the DJ Stoxx 600 Net Return index. Choosing from an investment universe of some 1,600 listed companies in Europe, CHOM's fund managers employ a multi-stage fundamental analysis process to select a limited number of investments to form part of their closely managed portfolio. As announced, CHOM CAPITAL intends to review the soft closing at regular intervals in the interest of its

investors. The soft closing does not apply to [CHOM CAPITAL High Conviction Europe UI](#), the second fund within the joint family of funds.

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ABOUT CHOM CAPITAL

CHOM CAPITAL is an owner-operated asset management boutique committed to serving the best interests of its investors. Unhampered by rigid corporate guidelines or index affiliation, the firm's investment strategy is based on a deep fundamental analysis of companies based in Europe. The name CHOM is an acronym formed from the initials of founding members Christoph Benner, Oliver Schnatz and Martina Neske. All three partners share more than 25 years of professional success in capital market business and have a personal financial stake in the company and the funds under management.

Please visit www.chomcapital.com for more information.

ABOUT UNIVERSAL-INVESTMENT

With fund assets of about EUR 368 billion under administration – thereof EUR 300 billion in own vehicles and some EUR 67 billion in insourcing mandates – well over 1,100 retail funds and investment mandates and a workforce of around 650, Universal-Investment is the largest independent investment company in Europe's German-speaking region. Operating through its three divisions Administration, Insourcing and Risk Management, the company focuses on the efficient and risk-oriented administration of funds, securities, alternative investments and real estate. It is a central platform for independent asset management and combines the investment expertise of wealth managers, private banks, asset managers and investment boutiques. Founded in 1968, the company is headquartered in Frankfurt am Main and has subsidiaries and holdings in Luxembourg and Austria. As a pioneer in the investment industry, Universal-Investment is now market leader in the areas of master funds (Master-KVG) and private label funds. According to the latest ManCo Survey published by PwC in 2017, Universal-Investment is the largest AIFM ManCo in Luxembourg and ranks second among third-party ManCos (as per 31 January 2018).

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