



PRESS STATEMENT

Equity investment specialist CHOM CAPITAL launches new fund for European small caps

- PURE equity selection based on strict fundamental analysis
- Fund volume limited to safeguard investor returns

Frankfurt am Main, 11 September 2018 – The Frankfurt-based equity investment specialist CHOM CAPITAL is set to launch a new fund for European small caps. [CHOM CAPITAL PURE Small Cap Europe UI](#) (PURE) will open to investors on 24 September 2018. It is the second equity product to be offered by the investment boutique co-founded by Christoph Benner, Oliver Schnatz and Martina Neske. Its market launch comes six months after the soft close of the successful equity fund [CHOM CAPITAL Active Return Europe UI](#) (CARE).

To manage the new PURE product, the portfolio management team at CHOM CAPITAL, recently expanded to include investment expert Paul Althans, will continue to rely on the same fundamentally driven investment strategy used to run the CARE fund. The fund's equity experts conduct in-depth fundamental analyses of target companies and their management to pinpoint a limited number of smaller European equities that qualify for the fund. The selection process is not influenced by how similar stock market indices are put together. "European small caps have an attractive risk-return profile and with the right stock-picking they can consistently deliver superior long-term earnings", reports portfolio manager and CEO, Christoph Benner. "In addition, smaller stocks afford a greater diversification of investor portfolios than large caps".

Like the previous CARE fund, PURE will be based on a long-term investment horizon and an exclusive investment approach. "Bearing in mind the liquidity constraints faced by small caps, PURE's fund volume will be limited right from the start to ensure a successful outcome for our investors", explains portfolio manager and CIO, Oliver Schnatz.

CHOM CAPITAL is issuing PURE together with Universal-Investment, Europe's largest independent investment company in the German-speaking market.

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About CHOM CAPITAL

CHOM CAPITAL is an owner-operated asset management boutique that operates on the European stock market, unhampered by corporate requirements or index affiliation. CHOM CAPITAL pursues an active investment strategy underpinned by the firm conviction that attractive returns can be achieved for investors in the medium- to long-term through deep fundamental company analysis, intensive management contacts and a tightly focused portfolio.

The word CHOM is an acronym formed from the initials of founding partners Christoph Benner, Oliver Schnatz and Martina Neske. The management team is committed to serving the best interests of its investors and each member has a personal financial stake in the company and the funds under management. The three founders Benner, Schnatz and Neske have worked together for more than 25 years. Together with the expertise of the other members of the CHOM CAPITAL team, investors can leverage the management's unique stability and experience, unparalleled on the European equity market. This is clearly evidenced by the sustained outperformance of the flagship fund, CHOM CAPITAL Active Return Europe UI, which was recently closed to new investors.

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