

Company Profile

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Fortis Investments is the autonomous global asset management arm within Fortis Bank, which is ultimately owned by BNP Paribas group. Fortis Investments, offers a full range of investment management services to institutional and retail clients around the world. Roughly 500 investment professionals work across our network of some 40 investment centres each of which is fully accountable for the research and management of a single asset/ product class. With total AuM of EUR 158 billion as of March 31 2009, Fortis Investments has established itself as one of the leading asset managers.

On May 15 BNP Paribas became the majority shareholder in Fortis Bank Belgium, our parent, and will therefore be combining Fortis Investments with BNP Paribas Investment Partners*. Our numerous investment experts and our international locations are a natural and complementary fit for BNP Paribas Investment Partners, whose flexible partnership model has proven successful in integrating new expertise in the past. We are confident that together we will be able to provide our clients with an even broader range of investment solutions benefiting from the combined scale and reach of both businesses.

Credit ratings of the parent group/controlling company

BNP PARIBAS	Standard & Poor's	Moody's	Fitch
<i>Long term rating</i>	AA	Aa1	AA
<i>Date of rating attribution</i>	28/01/2009	11/05/2007	28/11/2001

BNP Paribas Investment Partners brings together the full palette of asset management expertise of the BNP Paribas group. Through a unique platform that offers immediate and simplified access to a broad range of specialist Partner companies BNP Paribas Investment Partners has become a leader in the European asset management industry. As at March 31 2009, assets under management amounted to EUR 325 billion, nearly half of which was managed for institutional clients. With ca. 2,600 professionals serving clients in 72 countries, BNP Paribas Investment Partners draws on over half a century of asset management experience and has seen ten years of steady growth through acquisitions and joint-ventures.*

***including assets under advice*