

PRESS INFORMATION

BHF-BANK ranked number 1 portfolio manager in the Elite Report survey for the fourth successive year

Frankfurt am Main, 26 November 2009. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find a competent and reliable portfolio manager: this is one of the key findings of the largest and most extensive market surveys in this sector. Once a year, the Elite Report assesses up to 400 banks and portfolio managers in the German-speaking countries, examining, among other things, the quality of the services offered. This year's Elite Report on banks and portfolio managers from Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Austria and Switzerland awarded first place to BHF-BANK for the fourth year in a row. "BHF-BANK is a centre of extensive competence that meets and exceeds even the most discerning demands. It combines integrity with professional excellence and interpersonal skills, as if it were the most natural thing in the world," is how the Frankfurt-based private bank is described in the Elite Report 2010.

With 481 out of a possible 520 points, BHF-BANK posted the highest score among the 362 institutes surveyed. "This latest outstanding assessment of our private banking by the Elite Report editorial team once again underlines the consistently impressive quality of our advisory services," commented Björn H. Robens, member of BHF-BANK's Board of Managing Directors responsible for Private Banking & Asset Management. One of the crucial criteria examined is, for example, whether clients are advised in a careful and systematic manner, taking due account of their individual risk profile. With the support of auditors, the Elite Report also analyses portfolio performance. The testers ask the institutes for advice on a given wealth situation and a portfolio of genuine assets, send out questionnaires and examine publicly available information. Hundreds of advisory meetings took place with undercover test clients.

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BHF-BANK – PRIVATE SINCE 1854 – is one of Germany’s foremost private banks. As a modern private bank for entrepreneurs and their families, it is dedicated to tailoring comprehensive solutions to the needs of a discerning clientele. The bank combines the classic values of a private bank with financial strength and broadly based in-depth know-how. BHF-BANK’s clients – who have entrusted around EUR 40 billion to the bank – are given access to markets and investment opportunities worldwide. Its offering includes portfolio structuring and management as well as family office services and innovative private equity concepts. An interdisciplinary approach that pools wide-ranging expertise from the different business divisions – for example, that of Asset Management, Private Banking and Corporate Finance – is a hallmark of BHF-BANK.

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