

Neil Wilkinson appointed manager of Royal London European Growth Fund

Royal London Asset Management (RLAM) announces the appointment of Neil Wilkinson as manager of the £514 million Royal London European Growth Fund. He previously worked at Hermes Fund Manager for over seven years, where he was Director, European Small and Mid Cap.

Neil has extensive experience as an analyst and fund manager within European equity markets and has an excellent track record. His investment approach has a strong focus on fundamental analysis, including selecting stocks based on primary research and extensive company contact. Prior to Hermes, Neil was a portfolio manager at AIG Global Investment Corp and a sell-side analyst at Cazenove, where he began his career. He has a BA in economics from Durham University.

Robert Talbut, Chief Investment Officer at RLAM, comments:

“We look forward to Neil joining Royal London Asset Management. He has considerable experience of European equities gained within both buy-side and sell-side environments and will be a valuable addition to RLAM’s equity team. I am confident that under his management the Royal London European Growth Fund will continue to deliver strong relative performance to investors.”

Neil Wilkinson adds:

“I’m very excited to be joining Royal London Asset Management at an important stage in the company’s development. RLAM’s equity team is highly experienced and very well regarded and the performance of the fund range reflects the team’s expertise. I’m looking forward to taking over the management of the Royal London European Growth Fund and seeking to build on its strong track record.”

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