



News release

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### **OBSR announces Honours Awards shortlist**

Old Broad Street Research Limited ('OBSR'), the independent investment funds research and consultancy company, announces the shortlists for the outstanding fund manager and outstanding new talent awards, two of the four awards to be announced at the OBSR Honours Awards in September.

Shortlisted for the Outstanding Fund Manager award are: Hugh Young and team (Aberdeen Asia Pacific), Ian Spreadbury (Fidelity Moneybuilder Income), Paul Reid and Paul Causer (Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond), Philip Gibbs (Jupiter Financial Opportunities), John Chatfeild-Roberts and team (Jupiter Merlin fund range) and Harry Nimmo (Standard life Investments UK Smaller Companies).

The award is given to the manager or team that has produced exceptional returns over at least 10 years, with consideration being given to their loyalty and tenure, consistency of approach, risk adjusted returns and assets under management.

The Outstanding New Talent award is presented to the manager who has established a position in the market and has the potential to achieve strong and consistent long-term returns. Three managers have made the shortlist including Cédric de Fonclare (Jupiter European Special Situations), Rob Burnett (Neptune European Opportunities) and Dan Nickols (Old Mutual UK Select Smaller Companies).

Four awards will be presented at the Honours Awards event, which will take place on 10 September 2009 at The Dorchester. Three are based on OBSR's qualitative research, while the fourth, for outstanding contributor to the industry, is voted on by the wider investment industry.

Richard Romer-Lee, research director, OBSR says:

“The OBSR Honours Awards aim to recognise outstanding investors and distinguish those that continue to generate consistent and excellent long-term returns. This year’s shortlist puts the spotlight on a number of individuals and teams who warrant recognition for their investment strategies and performance, picking overall winners will be a tough task from a group of such accomplished investors.”

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