

## Press Release

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Jeffrey Gundlach, Chief Investment Officer and Lead Portfolio Manager at TCW, SGAM's US subsidiary, named 2006 Fixed-Income Manager of the Year by Morningstar.

Morningstar has named Jeffrey Gundlach 2006 Fixed-Income Manager of the Year, for outstanding performance as manager of TCW's US-registered Total Return Bond Fund.

This award highlights the fund's outstanding risk-adjusted returns since its inception in 1993. Morningstar has regularly ranked TCW Total Return Bond Fund among the top performers on the American market, even with its below-average level of risk. By singling it out from a universe of over 4,400 of its peers, Morningstar recognises the ability of Jeffrey Gundlach, TCW's Chief Investment Officer and lead portfolio manager, and of co-manager Philip Barach, to deliver a highly attractive risk-reward profile over the long term.

'Morningstar uses both a quantitative and a qualitative approach to analysing results that is relevant to investors' long-term expectations,' explains Jeffrey Gundlach. 'Consequently, we're especially proud of this award'.

Alain Clot, Chairman and CEO of Société Générale Asset Management (SGAM), says: "This is one of the market's most prestigious awards. It reflects the extremely high quality of the longterm results achieved by the US fixed-income team of our American subsidiary'.

This recognised expertise in US fixed-income is available to French and European investors in two bond sub-funds within SGAM Fund.

Jeffrey Gundlach and his team are among the leading managers in SGAM Fund, SGAM's Luxembourg-registered Sicav. They use their expertise to manage two bond sub-funds: SGAM Fund Bonds US MBS and SGAM Fund Bonds US Opportunistic Core Plus.

SGAM Fund Bonds US MBS aims to provide access to the performance potential of mortgage-backed securities, which can exceed that of traditional bonds while limiting the level of additional risk. The fund is based on the same strategy that is used in the management of the US "TCW Total Return Bond Fund".

As at the end of November 2006, this fund was ranked 5 Stars by Morningstar<sup>1</sup> in its 3year Dollar Diversified Bond category. This rating is recognition of the fund's solid performance (+ 20.43% since launch on 10 May 2002; + 10.18% over 3 years<sup>2</sup>) in absolute and relative terms.

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- SGAM Fund Bonds US Opportunistic Core Plus, launched on 15 January 2006, invests in the most attractive US bond categories (high-grade government and private sector issues, mortgage-backed securities, convertibles, high-yield bonds, international bonds) and aims to outperform the US bond market as a whole. This strategy was launched by TCW in January 1997, generating gross annualised returns of 7.71% over the period (to end-November 2006).
  - 1 Performance as at the end of December 2006, net of management fees, class A, in USD.
  - 2 The Morningstar rating is a risk-adjusted measurement of the performance of a fund within a Morningstar category. Class A, in USD.

This document has not been authorised by any regulatory authority, including the CSSF. The full characteristics are set in the complete fund prospectus authorised by the CSSF. The prospectus is available on <a href="www.sgam.com">www.sgam.com</a> or from Société Générale Asset Management – 170, place Henri Regnault – 92043 Paris La Défense, France. Past performance is not an indication of future results. Performance is not constant over time.

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\* pro forma figures including UniCredit's Securities Services

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- a business that covers all asset classes: equities, fixed income, balanced, and alternative investment where SGAM is among the leaders with € 55 bn in assets under management;
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