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ANZ launches sustainable investment product

ANZ has launched its first Sustainable Investment product, the ANZ Sustainable Protected Responsible Investment over Term (ASPRIT).

ASPRIT is a six-year investment product that is linked to the performance of the Sustainable Asset Management (SAM)* Sustainable Leaders Australia Fund (SLAF), also known as the SAM Australia Fund.

It allows wholesale investors to capture the performance of Australia's top sustainability leaders as defined by the Australian SAM Sustainability Index (AuSSI).

Angus Graham, Head of Middle Markets, ANZ said "ASPRIT provides investors with an opportunity to benefit from the performance of companies considered sustainability leaders by not only managing the standard economic factors affecting their business, but also by integrating environmental and social factors into their business strategies."

Gavin Murray, ANZ's Head of Sustainability said "This is an exciting initiative that leverages ANZ's sustainability commitment by responding to client needs in this particular market. Aligning ourselves with recognised industry leaders such as SAM to develop new products and services combines two key elements of our sustainability agenda. We envisage this offering will provide the impetus for other sustainable product initiatives to be actively pursued by ANZ in the near future."

ASPRIT - key features:

- Six-year term with returns linked to the performance of the SAM Australia Fund
- Employs Constant Proportion Portfolio Insurance (CPPI) to provide 100% principle protection at maturity
- Investors gain exposure to the performance of approximately 70 leading Australian companies based on sustainability criteria as defined by the AuSSI
- Capital is invested in the SAM Australia Fund and cash instruments. Asset allocation is actively managed depending on the performance of the SAM Australia Fund
- ASPRIT seeks to provide investors with returns in the form of both income and capital, which is linked to the performance of the Australian equities asset class.

*Sustainable Asset Management (SAM) is a global pioneer in Sustainable Responsible Investment with over A\$3 billion in funds under management.

Earlier this month ANZ was ranked among the top five banks globally in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index 2006 with an overall score of 76%. ANZ was also included in the Climate Leaders Index recently announced in New York as part of the Carbon Disclosure Project's 4th survey of FT500 corporate approaches to climate change.

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