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Sustainable Performance Group (SPG) achieves solid gains in 2009

- **SPG share posts impressive performance of +18% in 2009**
- **Premium reflects investor confidence and portfolio's growth potential**
- **Performance driven mostly by renewable energies and healthy living themes**

The leading investment company for sustainable investments, Sustainable Performance Group (SPG), generated an investment return of 17.9% in 2009. The net asset value (NAV) of the portfolio holdings increased by 19.4%. As of December 31, 2009, the SPG share was trading at a premium of 4.5% over its NAV. This figure reflects investors' confidence in the share and endorses the strategic positioning and above-average growth potential of the portfolio holdings.

Review: Strong performance contribution from renewable energies and healthy living

An improving economic environment and solid corporate results set markets on a steady upward trend during the course of 2009. The SPG share also profited from this development. Its strong performance was driven mostly by its exposure to the energy and healthy living themes. The positive development of the water investment theme reflects the increasingly acute global water challenge.

Prof. Dr. Ernst A. Brugger, Chairman of the Board of SPG: *"The financial and economic crisis has raised new questions and thrown up different challenges. The Climate Conference in Copenhagen confirmed the enormous future importance of climate change for the national economies of this world. It also became clear that politics alone is not enough: markets will have to play a key role in solving the problem. As a result, the focus in political and economic circles is increasingly turning to investments in new technologies as a way of improving energy efficiency or promoting renewables. Furthermore, the effects of climate change on water resources and water supply are also arousing far more interest. These megatrends conjure up new market opportunities – and help to shape SPG's investment strategy."*

Portfolio commentary

Energy stocks' disproportionately large contribution to the positive performance of the SPG share reaffirms the important role of renewable energies and energy efficiency in a sustainability-focused portfolio. The resource-efficiency theme and private-equity holdings, in turn, recorded mediocre developments. The latter, in particular, prevented an even stronger performance of the SPG share. The difficult environment for takeovers and public listings required additional financing rounds and temporary impairments. However, SPG remains convinced of the longer-term value of its holdings in both segments as these companies offer compelling technological solutions for major future challenges.

Outlook: above-average growth potential

As of December 31, 2009, the average estimated earnings growth of the companies included in the SPG portfolio amounted to an above-average rate of 15.1%, with an estimated average

price-earnings ratio (PE) of 15.9. That compares with an estimated long-term earnings growth and PE of MSCI World companies of 8.3% and 14.3, respectively. At 1.05, the SPG portfolio thus offers investors an attractive PEG ratio (PE/long-term earnings growth).

SPG is confident that as the global economy continues to improve – however slowly – the four areas of investment of energy, water, healthy living and resource efficiency will enjoy higher than average growth, not least because governments are investing a significant proportion of their economic stimulus programs in these market segments. Especially in this phase of the global economic cycle, sustainability is a quality investment theme that is high on the agenda.

The Annual Report as of December 31, 2009 is available at:
<http://www.zukunftsaktie.ch/html/docs/berichterstattung.cfm>

Note to editors:

We are pleased to invite you to the public portion of the General Meeting on May 5, 2010 (from 11:45 am). For registration, please send an email to info@sustainable.ch. For further program information, please visit: <http://www.sustainable.ch>

Agenda 2010:

General Meeting: May 5, 2010
Semi-annual report: 2nd half of August 2010

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