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## **2007 financial year: SPG records yet another successful year – shares gain in value by 17.7%**

- **Shares of the leading investment company for sustainability investments, Sustainable Performance Group (SPG), rose in 2007 by roughly 18%, while its MSCI World ex Financials benchmark index gained only 7.4% over the same time frame.**
- **The successfully completed capital increase in October 2007 underscores the high level of investor interest in the investment strategy of SPG.**
- **SPG shares combine the growth potential of small- and medium-sized listed companies with the promising, future-oriented themes of energy, water, healthy living and resource efficiency. The broadly diversified SPG portfolio is supplemented up to a maximum of 10% of total assets by investments in unlisted (private equity) up-and-coming companies in the “cleantech” area.**

The broad public discussion concerning the causes and effects of climate change as well as possible solutions did not simply pass without having an impact on the portfolio of SPG. Thanks to heightened interest among investors, SPG shares increased in value by 17.7% in 2007 – despite the challenging market environment witnessed in the second half of the year.

The four investment themes – energy, water, healthy living and resource efficiency – represented in the SPG portfolio have developed at an above-average pace. Particularly strong growth was recorded in the area of «clean energy» and «water». This trend underscores the validity of SPG’s strategic focus and diversification with regard to these four megatrends.

In the first three months of 2008, the shares of SPG have been unable to escape the difficult equity market environment. But despite the changed circumstances, SPG can look to the future with confidence, this mainly for two reasons: firstly, the sustainable market trends on which SPG focuses remain intact because, even in times of a reces-

