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Finsia congratulates winners of the 2006 Standard & Poors Awards

As lead sponsor, Finsia – the Financial Services Institute of Australasia – wish to congratulate the winners of the 2006 Standard & Poors (S&P) Fund Awards, held last night (6 September) at Doltone House in Pyrmont.

Finsia is again proud to be associated with the S&P Fund Awards, which in just three years, has grown in stature and prestige across Australia's competitive retail and wholesale funds sector.

During the evening Brian Salter, CEO of Finsia said, "S&P Awards is a fine example of the strength and resilience of the Australia's managed funds industry. This is no surprise, as Australia now boasts the world's 4th largest funds management pool."

"The industry is thriving and will continue for many years to come. Economists predict growth in the total pool of Australian funds under management to reach \$2.3 trillion by 2015. Certainly, the S&P Fund Awards looks to be a permanent fixture in our industry calendar," Mr Salter said.

The 2006 S&P Fund Awards comprise of 12 award categories. Winners were:

Fund Manager of the Year:	Barclays Global Investors Australia Limited
Boutique Fund Manager of the Year:	Prime Value Asset Management Limited
Australian Equities:	BT Wholesale Ethical Share Fund
Australian Small Caps:	Colonial First State Wholesale Small Companies - Core
Australian Fixed Income:	Credit Suisse Asset Management Australian Fixed Interest Income Fund
Listed Property Securities:	Goldman Sachs JBWere Property Securities Wholesale Fund
Global Equities:	Dimensional Global Value Trust
Global Fixed Income:	Tyndall International Bond Fund
Australian Mortgage Funds:	AXA Wholesale Australian Monthly Income Fund
Balanced Funds – Conservative:	Barclays Managed Investment Funds - Diversified Stable Fund
Balanced Funds – Neutral:	BT Wholesale Balanced Returns Fund
Balanced Funds – Dynamic:	BT Wholesale Active Balanced Fund

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ABOUT FINZIA

Background

- Finsia was formed through the merger of Securities Institute of Australia (SIA) and Australasian Institute of Banking and Finance (AIBF).
- Finsia is the largest financial services professional body and educator in Australia and New Zealand with more than 20,000 members and 15,000 students across 50 countries.
- Finsia has offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane, Canberra, Wellington and Auckland.

About Standard & Poors Fund Awards

- Standard & Poor's Funds Awards have come to be accepted globally as the industry standard by which fund managers and investment-management groups are measured. The awards have been replicated in 19 jurisdictions around the world, including the U.S., U.K., Europe, and Asia. Further information on the S&P Fund Awards can be found at: www.standardandpoors.com/fundawards.