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FERI OptoFlex Fund exceeds EUR 1bn AuM on LRI UCITS Platform

LRI Group, the leading independent investment services company, in partnership with FERI is pleased to announce the FERI OptoFlex fund (the 'Fund') has exceeded EUR 1 billion Assets under Management (AuM) around five years after the Fund was launched in December 2012 on LRI UCITS Platform. The capital invested in the fund is raised from both institutional and private investors.

OptoFlex is a daily liquidity fund in a UCITS V regulatory framework. The innovative investment strategy developed by FERI is based on selling puts on the S&P 500 Index and investing part of the received premium into a hedging strategy comprising derivatives on the US stock and volatility market. This is designed to protect the investment fund against severe price slumps. And indeed, this hedging strategy proved its worth during the recent downturn on the stock markets.

Michael Sanders, Managing Director, LRI Invest S.A. said:

"We are really pleased to see OptoFlex has strengthened its position in the marketplace and exceeded the EUR 1 billion milestone. We look forward to continuing to work with FERI and being part of their ongoing success."

Carsten Hermann, Managing Director at FERI Trust GmbH commented:

"During periods of sharply increasing volatility, OptoFlex constructs an effective defence mechanism against falling stock market prices. The concept therefore offers clients an investment that behaves in as stable a manner as possible, largely unaffected by movements on the capital markets over the medium term."

Institutional investors employ the concept as it complies well with the investor's specific investment guidelines and special obligations in regard to controlling and managing risk. Since its launch, the investment fund's institutional unit class has achieved an overall growth rate in excess of 24 percent (i.e. over 4.3 percent per annum) while experiencing very little volatility.

About LRI Group

LRI Group is a leading independent investment services company based in Luxembourg. It provides asset managers and investors with nearly three decades of experience in structuring and administration of traditional and alternative investment strategies. Established in 1988, LRI Invest S.A. acts as Super Management Company (Super ManCo) being authorised as Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM) and as UCITS Management Company in Luxembourg. Through LRI Invest Securitisation S.A. it also operates a securitisation platform for a variety of alternative investment underlyings for institutional investors. With LRI Depository S.A. it also provides depository services and can act as Register and Transfer Agent for alternative investment funds. LRI Group manages EUR 3 billion in Real Assets especially in Real Estate, Private Equity and Debt and EUR 9 billion in Financial Assets such as Multi Asset Funds, Liquid Alternatives and Funds of funds and has 100 staff. www.lri-group.lu

About FERI Group

Founded in 1987 and headquartered in Bad Homburg, Germany, the FERI Group has developed into one of the leading investment houses in the German-speaking area. FERI offers tailor-made solutions for institutional investors, family assets and trusts in the following areas:



- Investment research: macroeconomic forecasts and asset allocation analyses
- Investment management: institutional asset management and private wealth management
- Investment consulting: advisory service for institutional investors and family offices

The FERI Cognitive Finance Institute was formed in 2016. It is the strategic research centre and creative think tank of the FERI Group. The Institute focuses on innovative analyses and the development of methods for long-term oriented economic and capital market research. FERI and MLP currently have assets of more than around EUR 33 billion under management. A total of EUR 5 billion of these assets are alternative investments. The FERI Group is headquartered in Bad Homburg and has offices in Dusseldorf, Luxembourg, Munich, Vienna and Zurich. www.feri.de

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