



## Kairos launches dedicated multi-strategy fund for Japanese investors

Dublin, London and Tokyo, 17th February 2016 -- SuMi TRUST Global Asset Services ("SuMi TRUST") and Kairos Investment Management Limited ("Kairos") are pleased to announce the launch at the end of December 2015 of the SuMi-Kairos Multi Strategy Fund which is being managed by Kairos for exclusive distribution into the Japanese market by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Limited ("SuMiTB"). The Fund has been set up as a Japanese domestic fund structure to purchase a dedicated Fund of Hedge Funds vehicle already managed by Kairos. The Fund, which was launched in late December and has grown to \$170 million with additional investments planned, is being sold to individual and institutional investors in Japan by SuMiTB and will be one of the core mid to longterm alternative investment products within the Bank's 'wrapper' service for High Net Worth Individuals. SuMi TRUST is providing trustee, administration and global custody services and the new Fund has been added to SuMiTB's established Cayman Investment Trust platform. SuMiTB is the number one Trust Bank in Japan by market share, assets under custody and assets under management and has established relationships with a number of leading global investment managers. Kairos has been selected for its successful long term record in managing low volatility portfolios of multi-strategy funds and for its proven ability to serve efficiently both institutional and retail clients. The Fund aims to reproduce the risk-return profile of its flagship multi-strategy fund, which has received several industry awards for achieving superior risk adjusted performance since its inception in 2002.

Stefano Prosperi, CEO of Kairos London office, commented: "We are delighted to be working with SuMiTB with their strong track record and pedigree in the Japanese market. We have found SuMi TRUST's efficiency and delivery to be of high quality to bring this new fund structure to market in such a quick time. We believe SuMiTB





is well-placed to promote this investment strategy, which is particularly suitable for its individual and institutional clients".

Hiromitsu Tanaka, CEO of SuMi TRUST Global Asset Services commented: "We are delighted to be working with Kairos, a hugely experienced and established investment manager, to provide full administration and affiliated services. Over the past 18 months we have launched a large number of specialist funds in collaboration with some of the world's leading and most prestigious asset managers and in partnership with our parent company SuMiTB we look forward to expanding our relationship with Kairos going forward."

## **Notes to Editors**

**SuMi TRUST Global Asset Services (SuMi Trust)** has been delivering operational and administration support services to quality institutional asset managers in Europe, the US and the Asian markets from their offices in Dublin, London, Tokyo and the Cayman Islands since 1991, including the structuring, administering and servicing of dedicated funds for Japanese institutional and retail investors. The SuMi TRUST services encompass full administration services for both off shore and Irish domiciled funds including a long history of servicing UCITS funds, AIFMD and UCITS V depositary, custody and access to middle office services. Our clients include hedge funds, fund of funds, real estate, private equity and long-only managers.

**Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Limited (SuMiTB)** was established in April 2012 by the merger between the former Sumitomo Trust & Banking (established 1925) and the former Chuo Mitsui Trust & Banking (established 1924 as Mitsui Trust). Today SuMiTB is Japan's largest Trust Bank with 40% market share, a top tier custodian with \$2 trillion in custody assets and Asia's largest asset manager with \$690 billion under management.

## **Kairos Partner**

Founded in 1999 the Group is led by Paolo Basilico, employs a workforce of 150 people with 21 partners, counts assets under management of over €8 billion and has offices in Milan, Rome, and Turin and in other major financial markets around the world. Kairos Partners SGR S.p.A. oversees the fund management business, which offers a complete, select range of products including Kairos International Sicav funds and asset management schemes; the Group manages alternative funds through its subsidiary in London. Kairos Julius Baer SIM S.p.A. is a Kairos Group company that was founded in 2013 through a strategic partnership with the private bank Julius Baer Group Ltd.





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