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## **COFUNDS PLATFORM OF CHOICE FOR GUINNESS ENERGY FUNDS**

Guinness Asset Management Ltd lists two of its energy funds on the Cofunds platform. The two funds, the Guinness Global Energy and Guinness Alternative Energy Funds, which are now available to advisers with immediate effect, form part of over 1200 funds from more than 90 fund groups now accessible on the platform. The move gives advisers even wider access to a diverse range of funds and fund managers.

The Guinness Global Energy Fund aims to give investors an opportunity to capitalise on the increasing value of energy companies arising from growing global demand for energy and the world's diminishing supply of hydrocarbon reserves. The Fund invests in energy companies worldwide, both domiciled in developed economies such as the US, Europe and Asia and in emerging markets. Energy includes oil, natural gas, coal, nuclear, utilities, and alternative energy. The fund has a bias to investing in companies with a market cap of over \$1bn.

The Guinness Alternative Energy Fund aims to provide investors with long-term capital appreciation by investing in public listed equities in the alternative energy industry sector. Companies must meet the following criteria to be considered for inclusion: they must have more than 50% of their business in the alternative energy sector, which includes being involved in business relating to energy from non-fossil fuel sources and companies involved in efficiency improvements. They must also be quoted on a recognised investment exchange and have more than \$100 million in market cap.

Commenting on the new Cofunds listing, Guinness Asset Management founder Tim Guinness says: "We are delighted to be available to IFAs on one of the leading trading platforms in the UK. Guinness Asset Management is able to offer funds which give investors exposure to the global energy and the rapidly growing alternative energy Industry."

Russell Lancaster, Cofunds Director of Fund Manager Relations, says: "Cofunds prides itself on providing exposure to the full spectrum of funds and fund managers and the addition of the Guinness Energy funds is a welcome and complementary addition to the range."

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### About Guinness Asset Management:

#### Guinness Asset Management

Guinness Asset Management Limited was launched as a fund manager in 2003 and is a specialist energy fund manager. It has the benefit of being entirely independent, being 100% owned by its founder and Chief Investment Officer, Tim Guinness. Currently Guinness Asset Management offers several funds investing in energy. At present, the funds available to UK retail investors are:

Fund	Style	Inception
Guinness Alternative Energy Fund	Long	12/07
Guinness Global Energy Fund	Long	03/08

Guinness Asset Management Ltd comprises a team of 8 dedicated fund management professionals based in London, focused on seeking to achieve superior returns for investors in niche areas.