

KGAL wins the European Pensions "Infrastructure Manager of the Year" award

Grünwald, 04.11.2021 – At the recent prestigious European Pensions Awards 2021 in London, leading independent investment and asset manager KGAL was honoured for its achievements in the field of renewable energies. The decisive factors for this accolade were KGAL's expertise and commitment to its investors.

This year's European Pensions Awards received the highest number of entries in its fifteen-year history. "I am extremely proud of our Sustainable Infrastructure Team for coming out on top in a field of first-class entrants," explains Gert Waltenbauer, CEO of KGAL GmbH & Co. KG. "At KGAL, we have always been convinced that we deliver real added value for our investors with our broad, inhouse expertise."

The European Pensions Awards annually recognise and celebrate asset managers, pension funds and advisors who set the highest professional standards in various categories. An independent, international jury evaluates factors such as active asset management, innovation, performance and service quality to select the best from hundreds of participants. With regard to KGAL, the jury said: "This firm is passionate about infrastructure and truly understands the nuances of the asset class and how it can help Europe's pension funds achieve their goals."

In the current low interest rate environment, active asset management is essential to deliver attractive returns. "To this end, we and our 60-strong in-house team - including engineers, physicists, technicians and business economists - have for some time been relying increasingly on an active build-and-sell approach," explains Michael Ebner, Managing Director of Sustainable Infrastructure at KGAL Investment Management GmbH & Co. KG. "At the same time, we limit the risks for our investors with broad diversification by technologies, regions and asset life cycles."

KGAL's renewables energy concept is proving its worth, with the KGAL ESPF 4 renewable energy fund launched in 2017 achieving returns above the forecasted corridor of seven to nine per cent per annum as of the end of 2020. Building on this success, KGAL launched its first renewable energy impact fund KGAL ESPF 5 in August 2021. This fund is classified under Article 9, the highest sustainability category under the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.

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