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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## FNG Seal of Approval for Heptagon's European Focus Equity and Future Trends Equity Funds

Heptagon Capital ("Heptagon"), the London-based asset management firm with \$16.1bn in assets under management and advice, has received the prestigious FNG seal for two of its in-house UCITS funds for the first time.

The Heptagon European Focus Equity Fund, managed by Christian Diebitsch, and the Heptagon Future Trends Equity Fund, managed by Alex Gunz, implement a strong sustainability focus, with ESG considerations essential to the investment process. In addition to ESG integration, the Funds also avoid investments in certain industries such as fossil fuels, gambling, weapons, and tobacco and the portfolio managers regularly engage in active dialogue with companies to foster good ESG practices and improve the sustainability profile of companies in the long-term. Both Funds were classified as Article 8 under SFDR earlier this year.

Commenting on recent developments, Heptagon's Managing Partners said; "We are delighted that our European Focus Equity and Future Trends Equity Funds have been recognised by the FNG for their high quality ESG practices. This reflects the well-established approach each Fund has to integrating ESG factors as an intrinsic part of the investment process."

Rupert Davies, Head of ESG at Heptagon, added "Receiving the FNG Seal and becoming a signatory to the European SRI Transparency Code is a firm demonstration to our clients that we are committed to enhancing our ESG capabilities beyond meeting sustainable finance regulatory requirements. It also represents a significant milestone in our journey to fully integrate ESG across our UCITS platform."

The FNG seal is awarded by the Forum for Sustainable Investments together with the University of Hamburg. It has established itself as the quality standard for sustainable investment funds in German-speaking countries. Funds must meet strict minimum requirements for an award including transparency criteria and the consideration of labour and human rights, environmental protection, and compliance with UN Global Compact. With this holistic approach, the FNG seal evaluates the overall sustainable investing approach of each fund and must be renewed annually.

## **About Heptagon Capital**

Heptagon was founded in 2005 by former Morgan Stanley directors, including Eran Ben-Zour, Tarek Mooro and Fredrik Plyhr, and provides Institutional and Ultra High Net Worth investors creative, class-leading investment opportunities across traditional and alternative asset classes. Click here to visit our website.

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