



MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Aegon AM receives Fund Manager of the Year Award – High Yield

The Aegon High Yield Bond Fund, managed by Thomas Hanson and Mark Benbow, won Investment Week's 2024 Fund Manager of the Year Award¹ in the High Yield category.

A flagship event for the investment industry for nearly three decades, the Investment Week Fund Manager of the Year Awards honor fund managers who have demonstrated consistently strong performance for investors and whom the judging panel believe have the potential to continue to outperform in the future.

The Fund Manager of the Year Award winners are decided by a panel of over 60 fund selectors drawn from across the investment industry, who judge categories in their specialist areas of interest. Aegon AM won the High Yield category among a highly contested group of managers comprising eight other shortlisted funds.

Thomas Hanson and Mark Benbow take a high-conviction bottom-up approach to pursue value across global high yield markets. Their index-agnostic approach aims to generate long-term outperformance by exploiting inefficiencies in the market across issuers, sectors and geographies.



Commenting on the Award, Thomas Hanson, Head of Europe High Yield, said: "We strive to deliver consistent performance through a differentiated investment philosophy, and it's heartening to accept a landmark industry award that recognizes our efforts."

Investment Manager Mark Benbow added: "The Fund Manager of the Year Awards celebrate managers that are among some of the best of the industry, and we are very pleased to accept the accolade – especially in such a competitive category."



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Investment Week Fund Manager
of the Year Awards 2024 here**



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