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## **Legg Mason Global Value Equity trust rated by van Eyk\***

Legg Mason Australia today announced that the Legg Mason Global Value Equity Trust has been highly rated by van Eyk.

The Legg Mason Global Value Equity Trust is a recent Australian product initiative that benefits from the long standing “value” investment approach of Global Currents Investment Management, a Legg Mason asset manager based in the U.S. Global Currents’ extensive experience and research capabilities allows for the evaluation of companies from a truly global perspective.

In awarding the rating, van Eyk noted that Global Currents “combines systematic quantitative screening with detailed fundamental research” and that the “fundamental research process appears well structured and well implemented by an experienced team”.

Annalisa Clark, Head of Legg Mason Australia, said: “the rating is testimony to Global Currents’ value investment approach. Global Currents focuses on identifying stocks trading below their intrinsic valuation that have catalysts to spur future growth - we are very pleased to offer this leading global equity strategy to Australian investors.”

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