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**VAN EYK BLUEPRINT RECOMMENDS LEGG MASON FOR GLOBAL  
EQUITIES**

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Legg Mason is pleased to announce that van Eyk has recommended the addition of Legg Mason's global value equity strategy to the multi-manager Blueprint global equity fund.

Legg Mason's global value equity strategy benefits from the long standing "value" investment approach of Global Currents Investment Management, a Legg Mason asset manager. Global Currents' extensive experience and research capabilities allow for the evaluation of developed and emerging market companies across market capitalisations. The outcome is a diverse portfolio of attractively valued, high quality stocks.

The investment represents 13% of the van Eyk Blueprint International Shares Fund. According to van Eyk, Global Currents has a structured and detailed investment process which is well implemented by an experienced investment team. van Eyk viewed favourably the fund manager's "value" investment style and preference for quality companies.

Annalisa Clark, Head of Legg Mason in Australia, said: "the investment by the van Eyk Blueprint International Shares Fund is testament 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 privileged to offer this leading global equity strategy to Australian investors."

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