

PRESS RELEASE

BANOR CAPITAL LAUNCHES ARISTEA SICAV NEW FRONTIERS EQUITY FUND KALLISTO PARTNERS TO HANDLE THE RESEARCH SIDE

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Banor Capital announces the launch of the *Aristea SICAV New Frontiers Equity* fund.

Banor Capital is launching the *Aristea New Frontiers Equity* fund with the added expertise of the research team at **Kallisto Partners**, an independent Rome-based firm that specialises in quantitative methodologies for investment in financial markets during their early development stages. Banor Capital is an independent investment management firm established in the United Kingdom and an affiliate of BANOR SIM, with proven experience at the international level.

Aristea SICAV New Frontiers Equity fund invests mainly in shares in “frontier markets”: markets in the very early stages of economic and financial development. Frontier markets have a low correlation with more developed markets and show favourable growth trends. The *New Frontiers Equity* fund has a quantitative investment approach designed to exploit the market inefficiencies that are a feature of frontier markets. The aim is to generate positive returns in the medium to long term by actively managing risk and focusing on daily liquidity products.

The portfolio is highly diversified in geographical terms, with its main investments in Pakistan, Argentina, Vietnam and Kenya. The portfolio is typically composed of 40/60 securities and has an average exposure of 75%. The principal focus is on financials, consumer staples and telecommunications.

“We’re excited to be able to offer one of the few funds entirely dedicated to frontier markets. Banor Capital’s infrastructure, with the added expertise of Kallisto Partners, is ideally placed to manage an innovative product like this. We believe in this asset class, given the high growth rate of frontier economies and the low correlation within the ‘investable’ universe and with respect to other asset classes”, commented **Giacomo Mergoni**, chief executive officer at Banor Capital.

“The growing international interest in this new asset class, backed by favourable demographic and economic trends, is attracting significant investment flows which our quantitative models identify so that we can then grasp opportunities for growth and alpha generation. Thanks to the partnership with Banor Capital, which is always ready to exploit new opportunities opened up by the financial markets, we have created the ideal product for investors seeking to diversify their portfolios”, added Luca Clementoni, managing partner at Kallisto Partners.

BANOR CAPITAL LTD is an independent investment management firm established in the United Kingdom and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Banor Capital was created in 2010 by a team of investment professionals and is an affiliate of BANOR SIM. Led by Chief Executive Officer Giacomo Mergoni, the company specialises in value long/short strategies and manages Banor SICAV and Aristeia SICAV, two Luxembourg-based families of harmonised UCITS IV funds that are distributed in Italy and other European countries. In 2016 Banor Capital was selected for inclusion in “1000 Companies to Inspire Britain”, the report published by London Stock Exchange Group to celebrate small and medium-sized British firms with the best rates of growth and dynamism.

KALLISTO PARTNERS is an independent financial research boutique firm based in Rome. The team specialises in quantitative methodologies for investment in financial markets during their early development stages. Kallisto Partners offers innovative solutions for institutional investors and high net worth individuals.

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