

COMMENT ON IMA QUARTERLY STATISTICS ISSUED THIS WEEK

IMA's latest quarterly statistics highlight a growing demand for ethical funds

London, 17 August 2011 - The Investment Management Association's (IMA) latest quarterly statistics issued this week show that Q2 2011 saw net retail sales of ethical funds of £94.3 billion, the highest since Q4 2007. Ethical funds under management at end June 2011 totalled £7.1 billion, a 23% increase compared with Q2 2010.

The full IMA quarterly figures are available here:

<http://www.investmentfunds.org.uk/press-centre/press-releases/press-release-statisticsq211>

Commenting on the IMA statistics, Lisa Wootton, UKSIF project manager of National Ethical Investment Week, said:

"These IMA net sales figures are a positive signal that interest in green and ethical options continues to grow. It's encouraging to see the highest quarterly sales of ethical funds since before the 2008 financial crisis.

We hope that product providers, financial advisers and other organisations will use National Ethical Investment Week, taking place from 16-22 October this year, as an opportunity to tap into this increased demand and engage with investors about their green and ethical choices."

About UKSIF

UKSIF, the sustainable investment and finance association, promotes responsible investment and other forms of finance that support sustainable economic development, enhance quality of life and safeguard the environment. Founded in 1991, it has over 250 members including financial advisers, asset managers, research providers, pension funds, banks and non-governmental organisations. For more information, visit www.uksif.org.

Funds tracked: IMA

Visit <http://www.investmentfunds.org.uk/fund-sectors/find-a-fund> and select "Ethical".

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