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- HEDGE FUND MANAGER OF THE YEAR, FINLABO SICAV



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Finlabo Investments Sicav was one of the first UCITS launched in Europe and now has more than 10 years of experience, offering both institutional and private investors, a set of high-quality alternative sub-funds with different geographical focuses and risk-profit profiles. The flagship fund of the Sicav, the Finlabo Dynamic Equity, has been one of the best performers of the European Long/short Equity category since its inception in 2006 and was recently listed in the ETF Plus segment of Milan Stock Exchange.

The key success factors of Finlabo's investment strategies derive from an active management approach and a set of sophisticated quantitative models and software, designed and executed by the investment manager, Finlabo SIM, led by its co-founders, Alessandro Guzzini (CEO) and Anselmo Pallotta (Director).

The investment process executed by the firm relies on a framework of extensive research and financial analysis. On one hand, the asset allocation process is founded on an in-house developed stock-picking model, which evaluates about 8,000 stocks daily and spots investment opportunities on stocks with attractive and quality fundamental and technical factors. On the other hand, the equity portfolio is dynamically hedge through short positions on index futures, minimizing risk exposure and volatility levels.

Thanks to the execution of this quantitative approach, the Finlabo Dynamic Equity has registered a historical average yearly return of more than 6%, which means the fund has consistently outperformed equity markets and hedge funds indexes, while maintaining considerably lower levels of volatility.

The Assets under management of Finlabo Investments Sicav are expanding at a fast pace, almost doubling its size in the last 2 years as institutional and private investors, seeking for alternative strategies with the ability of creating value in spite of market conditions, have found on Finlabo flagship fund an optimal investment solution. Currently, the customer portfolio of Finlabo includes banks, foundations, asset management firms, pension funds and family offices, with activities in UK, Italy, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Spain, between other European business spots.

In general, the company maintains a positive perspective about European Equity markets in the mid and long term. According to Alessandro Guzzini, CEO and investment manager of Finlabo, "afterwards the corrections registered during last year, we hold a positive view of European stocks. We believe there are interesting investment opportunities and we are confident we will be able to continue to perform pretty well in the coming years".