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**Credit Suisse Asset Management launches European equity fund  
investing in companies offering above-average dividend yields**

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**Zurich, May 26, 2003** - Credit Suisse Asset Management is expanding its range of equity funds with the launch of **Credit Suisse Equity Fund (Lux) Dividend Europe**, which invests in European companies that offer above-average dividend yields.

The dividend yield is the amount distributed per share as a percentage of the current share price, and is an important quality consideration in the stock selection process. Companies that pay high and stable dividends are by and large those which are able to generate profits even in less favourable economic conditions, offer an attractive selection of products or services and tend to have an excellent management team and good market position. Credit Suisse Equity Fund (Lux) Dividend Europe invests in companies that are expected to offer a yield in excess of the European average.

Investors can currently benefit from high dividend yields, whereby the fund is expected to yield around 5% (as at 23.05.2003), which is well above the 3.6% return currently offered by European government bonds. "Investors choosing to invest in equities, during these uncertain times, can partly compensate the risk they take by investing in equities with a high-dividend potential," explained Robin van Berkel, head of European fund distribution, when commenting on some of the key benefits behind the product's concept.

Companies based in the UK traditionally pay out higher dividends than their counterparts in the rest of Europe, which means that a large proportion of the portfolio may be allocated to shares from this country. Any currency risks arising from the geographical weighting to sterling will be hedged in accordance with the benchmark weighting (MSCI Europe).

The London-based portfolio management team has extensive experience in dividend-oriented investment products. Three of these products have outperformed their benchmarks over one, three, five and seven-year periods.

### **Fund details**

Name of fund:	<b>Credit Suisse Equity Fund (Lux) Dividend Europe</b>
Fund classes:	Tranche A in EUR: income Tranche B in EUR: capital growth Tranche H in CHF: capital growth Tranche H in USD: capital growth
Swiss Securities Numbers:	Tranche A: 1 602 757 Tranche B: 1 602 759 Tranche H in CHF: 1 602 764 Tranche H in USD: 1 602 767
ISIN:	Tranche A: LU0168301199 Tranche B: LU0168301355 Tranche H in CHF: LU0168301868 Tranche H in USD: LU0168302247
Fund currency:	EUR (The USD and CHF 'H' class units are hedged against currency risk)
Management fee p.a.:	1.92%
Financial year:	April 1 – March 31
Fund domicile:	Luxembourg
Subscription period:	May 19 – June 20, 2003

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Notes to editors:

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