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Amonis named best pension fund in Belgium at the IPE Awards 2016

Amonis has once again won the prestigious title of Best Pension Fund in Belgium at the IPE Awards on 01 December in Berlin. The IPE Awards are the largest annual gathering of pension funds in Europe. It has won this award several times in the past, most recently in 2014.

With assets of €1.8 billion and some 27,000 active members and pensioners, Amonis is a hybrid multi-employer arrangement covering self-employed workers in Belgium's healthcare sector.

Its hybrid structure features a 2.3% guaranteed return and it focuses on overall cost control, asset allocation and integrated risk management to provide the best long-term pensions it can for its members. This results in an annualised 15-year long-term net performance of 7.33%, beating its gross benchmark by 0.4% annually.

"Not only does Amonis boast Impressive returns, it has good governance and adjusts well to mandatory requirements through an efficient split between LDI and growth portfolios, alternative investments add value and decrease overall risk," commented one judge about the scheme.

At the event, the trophy was presented to Tom Mergaerts, Chief Executive Officer of Amonis, by Renato Guerriero, Member of the Group Strategic Committee of Candriam Investors Group, the award's sponsor.

Congratulating the winners, Liam Kennedy, editor of Investment & Pension Europe, which hosted the event, said: "The record number of entries across the 43 categories from pension funds from 24 European countries and the resulting high standards they create highlight the outstanding achievement of all the winners and short-listed funds."

This year marked the 16th year the IPE European Pension Fund Awards have been held and the second time they went to Berlin.