

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Socially Responsible Investor of the Year - Futuregrowth**

Futuregrowth Asset Management was voted Socially Responsible Investor of the Year for 2011 by the Principal Officers Association at the annual Yegolide Awards ceremony.

These awards give Principal Officers the opportunity to acknowledge those who have provided their funds with excellent service and Futuregrowth was recognised for its leadership in socially responsible investments (SRI).

Futuregrowth has a long track record of providing access to innovative investment opportunities for retirement funds. Some of the projects Futuregrowth has funded include:

- Eduloan, which provides student loans at affordable rates
- Care Cross hospital group, which provides affordable healthcare to patients who would not normally be able to afford medical aid
- SAFE Farm Ventures, funded by Futuregrowth's Development Equity Fund, which promotes sustainable land reform and commercial agricultural farmland development in SA.
- Bridge City shopping centre, which services residents of Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu in KZN

Futuregrowth believes that business has a significant role to play in transformation in South Africa; a belief demonstrated by its ethical principles, empowerment philosophy and development funding in under-served areas over more than a decade.

Angelique Kalam, Futuregrowth's SRI manager said, "We are honoured to receive this award. For the last 15 years Futuregrowth has endorsed SRI as being relevant and a desirable investment channel for pension funds.

"Our SRI funds have made a significant contribution to the social and economic development of our country.

"We are proud of this contribution and would like to thank all our clients for making this possible through their continued support."

Amongst the judging panel for this year's awards ceremony were Marc Ashton of Finweek; Stephen Cranston of the Financial Mail; Allan Greenblo, of Today's Trustee and M. Nicolas J. Firzli, Managing Director of the World Pensions Council (WPC).

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