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Once a again we are assembled in the prestigious premises of the Automobile Club de France; by the way, this is really an adequate place for this event : the high quality of the debate, coming first, and of the awards distinguishing the results of an European contest do necessitate a place with such a level of quality.

This year, the president of our ceremony is Mr Roland Bellegarde, group executive Vice- President of NYSE.

Today by presiding over this event, he follows the steps of Mr Junker, Mr Théodore, Mr Pfimlin, Mr J, who chaired the first 4 awards ceremonies.

No needs to say that Mr Roland Bellegarde is a well known personality in the financial world, and there is no doubt that he will shed lights on the events that we are facing.

We will start with two short speeches given by:

- Mr Eric Iszraelewicz, director of *Le Monde*
- Mr Roland Bellegarde, group executive Vice-President of NYSE-Euronext, and President of this event.

As we did last year the event will continue with a round-table addressing the following very interesting actual theme : “Risks and Opportunities in the European Debt Market”.

Participants to the round-table will be :

- Mr Roland Bellegarde,
- Mr Patrick Artus, chief economist for Natixis,
- Mr Luc Caïtan, Head of Economic Division of Credit Bank Luxembourg,
- Mr Jean-Michel Six, Chief Economist for Europe of Standards & Poors,
- And Mr Christophe Roupie, Global Head of Trading for AXA.

Jérôme Porier, editor in chief for Le Monde Argent, will be the round-table moderator.

Mr Eric Iszraelewicz will then conclude the discussion.

The ceremony of Eurofonds-FUNDCLASS Awards will open, and will begin with two other brief speeches:

- Mrs Carole Gresse, President of the Jury, will summarize the work of the jury and deliver to us her insights over the evolution of the market;
- Mr François Chauvet ,CEO of FUNDCLASS, the funds rating agency, who is partner and co-organizer of this event, will explain about the mechanism of the ranking and rating process underlying the awards.

Mrs Danièle Fonk, President of EditPress Luxembourg, following a brief presentation of EditPress Media Group, will procede for the reward of the five european winners for the Best Funds.

Then Asset Management Companies will receive their awards from representative of each national media group :

- for Spain, Mrs Bernardette Gonzalez Harbour,
- for Italy, by myself,
- for Luxembourg and The Netherlands, Mr Marc Fassone,
- and for France , Mr Laurent Greilsamer of Le Monde.

The winners at the international level will receive their trophy from Mr Bellegarde.