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Mentenova and SEI Partner for Global Equity Investments

Science-backed, Data-driven Process Powered by Technology to Deliver Better Outcomes for South African Investors

JOHANNESBURG and OAKS, Pa., Sept. 16, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- SEI® (NASDAQ:SEIC), a leading global provider of investment, technology, and operations solutions, and Mentenova, a South African investment management and advisory firm, today announced a strategic partnership that aims to deliver innovative, global investment solutions tailored to the needs of South African investors.

The strategic partnership combines SEI's actively managed, global, quantitative strategies with Mentenova's goals-driven portfolio construction and manager selection expertise to deliver enhanced outcomes. Driven by data and overseen by expert portfolio managers, SEI's Quantitative Investment Management (QIM) team will implement a global active factor equity strategy, comprised of value, momentum, quality, and dynamic tilting sub-portfolios. This core offering will be complemented by active satellite managers and passive indexation components selected by Mentenova.

Through this collaboration, investors can expect a range of key benefits, including:

- **Global expertise and local insight -** Combining SEI's global leadership in investment management with $517.5 billion in assets under management* and Mentenova's in-depth understanding of the South African market, the partnership offers a comprehensive and locally relevant perspective on international investment opportunities.
- **Long-term performance -** Robust, time-tested active quantitative strategies managed by SEI's dedicated QIM team of quantitative researchers, developers, and portfolio managers, supported by industry-leading technology and operations, and paired with Mentenova's proven expertise in portfolio construction and manager selection.
- **Integrated investment approach -** Seamless integration of South African and global portfolios under a unified investment philosophy. Ongoing collaboration enables consistency, alignment, and innovation.

Commenting on the strategic partnership, Ian Love, Head of Asset Management for EMEA at SEI, said:

"By combining our global investment expertise with Mentenova's deep local insight, this collaboration sets us apart, offering not only products, but meaningful relationships built upon understanding and trust. It also lays the foundation for future innovation, expanding both firms' capabilities and enhancing our ability to support clients with comprehensive, forward-thinking investment strategies."

Francois van Dijk, Chief Investment Officer at Mentenova, added:

"We are evolving our approach to global investing, and partnering with SEI gives us access to a global investment engine with institutional-grade systems, proprietary factor insights, and a long track record of disciplined implementation. Our collaboration with SEI, a backbone of the global financial services industry, is a testament to our commitment to delivering exceptional value to South African investors. SEI's investment philosophy and operational framework aligns seamlessly with our focus on goals-driven investment performance, enhanced client outcomes, and ensuring that we are delivering impactful solutions for South African investors."

Eugene Barbaneagra, Global Head of Quantitative Investment Management at SEI, also added:

"We have been thoroughly impressed by the rigor of Mentenova's due diligence, the depth of their insightful questions, and their overall investment wisdom. We're excited about the opportunity to collaborate with a goal of delivering enhanced returns for investors."

*As of June 30, 2025

About SEI®

SEI (NASDAQ:SEIC) is a leading global provider of financial technology, operations, and asset management services within the financial services industry. SEI tailors its solutions and services to help clients more effectively deploy their capital, whether that's money, time, or talent, so they can better serve their clients and achieve their growth objectives. As of June 30, 2025, SEI manages, advises, or administers approximately $1.7 trillion in assets. For more information, visit seic.com.

About Mentenova

Mentenova is a South African award-winning investment management and advisory firm delivering bespoke, goals-driven strategies tailored to the unique investment outcomes required by institutions, retirement funds, and private investors. Their approach integrates global best practices with deep local expertise, combining specialist manager selection, dynamic asset allocation, and rigorous risk oversight. With a commitment to excellence, innovation, and client alignment, Mentenova empowers investors to navigate complex markets with confidence and clarity.

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