



## **Arena Group Wins HFM “Newcomer Credit” Award**

Toronto, Canada – October 22, 2018 – The Westaim Corporation (“Westaim” or the “Company”) (TSXV: WED) is pleased to announce that Arena Special Opportunities Fund (“ASOF LP”), an investment fund managed by Arena Group, was awarded the “Newcomer Credit” Fund of the Year Award for 2018 at the annual HFM US Hedge Fund Performance Awards, held in New York, USA on October 18, 2018. The award recognized the fund’s twelve month performance through June 30, 2018.

“The award is a terrific compliment given the formidable competition and a nice recognition for the Arena Group” said J. Cameron MacDonald, President and Chief Executive Officer of Westaim.

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