

Press Release

Robeco and RobecoSAM awarded highest scores in latest UN PRI assessment

Rotterdam, Zurich, 11 August 2015 – Robeco Group and RobecoSAM have announced that they have been awarded A+ scores by the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI) for their overarching approach to responsible investment. Of the 681 investment managers that are signatories of the UNPRI, only 16% received A+ scores for their overarching approach. Robeco has been a signatory of the UNPRI since 2006, RobecoSAM since 2007.

Roderick Munsters, CEO of Robeco: *"I am delighted that Robeco has achieved A+ scores for all the different modules assessed by the UN PRI. It is testimony to our approach to Sustainability Investing; we were one of the first larger asset managers to make Sustainability Investing a strategic priority over a decade ago, and today Sustainability Investing is one of the strategic pillars of our 2014-2018 strategy. The high scores we have been awarded for all the modules confirm our leadership in Sustainability Investing across all asset classes. I'm convinced that the importance of sustainability investing will continue to increase and that our expertise in this area will continue to benefit our clients and us."*

Michael Baldinger, CEO of RobecoSAM: *"We are proud to have been awarded such outstanding scores by the UN PRI. RobecoSAM has shaped the Sustainability Investing landscape over the past 20 years and these strong results reflect our unwavering conviction that financial analysis without ESG integration is incomplete. Our focus over the last two decades has helped us develop A+-rated knowledge, tools and best practices which are of benefit to both current and future clients. "*

Although RobecoSAM's scores are partly reflected in Robeco's group score, the company was also assessed separately since it is a UN PRI signatory in its own right. Please find here the links to the 2014-15 Public RI Transparency Reports* for [Robeco](#) and [RobecoSAM](#).

*Scorecards are available via cc@robeco.nl or com@robecosam.com

About the UN PRI and their assessment framework

The [United Nations-supported PRI initiative](#) is an international network of investors working together to put the six Principles for Responsible Investment into practice. Its goal is to understand the implications of sustainability for investors and support signatories to incorporate these issues into their investment decision making and ownership practices. In line with Principle 6, the PRI signatories must "report on their activities and progress towards implementing the Principles". Signatories are scored for each UN PRI principle and the scores are measured against those of other investment managers that have signed the UN PRI. In 2015, the peer group for Robeco & RobecoSAM consisted of over 681 investment managers worldwide.

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About Robeco Group (June 2015)

Robeco, a mid-sized global asset manager, offers a mix of investment solutions within a broad range of strategies to institutional and private investors worldwide. As at 30 June 2015 the company had EUR 273 billion in assets under management, 47% of which were institutional. In 2014 Robeco recorded a net profit of EUR 228 million.

Robeco's head office is located in Rotterdam, the Netherlands and the company employs 1,218 people in 15 countries (as at 31 December 2014). The company has a strong presence in the US, Europe and Asia and a developing presence in key emerging markets such as India and Latin America.

Robeco was founded in 1929 in the Netherlands as *Rotterdamsch Beleggings Consortium*. Today, Robeco is the center of asset-management expertise for ORIX Corporation, Robeco's majority shareholder based in Tokyo, Japan. The following subsidiaries and joint ventures form part of Robeco Group: Robeco Investment Management, Corestone Investment Management, Harbor Capital Advisors, Transtrend, RobecoSAM and Canara Robeco Asset Management Company. More information is available at www.robeco.com.

About RobecoSAM

Founded in 1995, RobecoSAM is an investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing. It offers asset management, indices, engagement, voting, impact analysis, sustainability assessments, and benchmarking services. Asset management capabilities cater to institutional asset owners and financial intermediaries and cover a range of ESG-integrated investments (in public and private equity), featuring a strong track record in resource efficiency theme strategies. Together with S&P Dow Jones Indices, RobecoSAM publishes the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI). Based on its Corporate Sustainability Assessment, an annual ESG analysis of 2,900 listed companies, RobecoSAM has compiled one of the world's most comprehensive databases of financially material sustainability information.

RobecoSAM is a member of the global pure-play asset manager Robeco, which was established in 1929 and is the center of expertise for asset management within the ORIX Corporation. As a reflection of its own commitment to advocating sustainable investment practices, RobecoSAM is a signatory of the UNPRI and a member of Eurosif, ASrIA and Ceres. Approximately 130 professionals work for RobecoSAM, which is headquartered in Zurich. As at 30 September 2014, RobecoSAM had assets under management, advice and/or license in listed and private equity* of approximately USD 10.6 billion. Additionally, RobecoSAM's Governance & Active Ownership team** had USD 81.1 billion of assets under engagement and USD 50.3 billion of assets under voting.

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