

Press Release

Sanlam Investments partners up with Robeco on sustainable investing

Rotterdam / Cape Town, 12 November 2020 – Sanlam Investments has selected Robeco as their sustainable investment partner. This partnership will cover ESG reporting, active ownership and engagement services as well as marketing and educational support.

Sanlam Investments is part of the Sanlam Group – headquartered in South Africa – and one of Africa's largest non-banking financial service providers. They manage over SAR 400 billion (EUR 22 billion) in AuM and offer a wide range of investment capabilities including active management, alternative investments, index-tracking, multi-management and international investments. The Sanlam Group offers both insurance and financial services, with a presence in 44 countries – mainly across Africa, but also in India and Malaysia.

Nersan Naidoo, Chief Executive of Sanlam Investments: "Robeco is the perfect world-class partner to help us fast-track the integration of sustainable investing practices into every facet of our business, they are an already established player and a world leader in the sustainability space. Together, our mission is to enable clients to achieve their financial and sustainability goals by providing superior investment returns and solutions. The pandemic has concretized what we've known for some time: that as an asset management business, we are in a strong position to make a tangible, measurable difference. At the heart of our purpose is our journey towards long-term sustainability for South African investors, our economy and various communities. The world is changing rapidly, and our purpose has evolved well beyond just wealth creation."

Malick Badjie, Managing Director and Head of Africa Distribution at Robeco: "We are excited about working with Sanlam Investments in both a South African, as well as a wider African, context. We are thrilled to be collaborating with likeminded strategic partners to really advance the sustainability agenda and make our shared goals a reality. Together, we look forward to helping clients achieve their financial and sustainability goals, and to create both wealth and well-being."

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About Robeco

Robeco is a pure-play international asset manager founded in 1929 with headquarters in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and 17 offices worldwide. A global leader in sustainable investing since 1995, its unique integration of sustainable as well as fundamental and quantitative research enables the company to offer institutional and private investors an extensive selection of active investment strategies, for a broad range of asset classes. As at 30 June 2020, Robeco had EUR 155 billion in assets under management, of which EUR 144 billion is committed to ESG integration. Robeco is a subsidiary of ORIX Corporation Europe N.V. More information is available at www.robeco.com.

