

# Media release

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Small companies, big opportunities:

## **RobecoSAM launches Global Small Cap Equities Fund**

- **One of the first funds to combine sustainability criteria and growth potential of small and mid-cap companies**
- **Focus on providers of solutions to global resource scarcity challenges**
- **Offering a sustainable solution for exposure to global small and mid-cap equities**

RobecoSAM, the investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing, today announced the launch of a new fund investing in small and mid-cap companies across all sectors. The fund is one of the first of its kind, combining companies that benefit from the global trend towards resource efficiency and exhibit superior sustainability profiles.

### **Combining sustainability with small and mid-cap growth**

The RobecoSAM Global Small Cap Equities Fund will offer investors access to the attractive valuations and strong growth potential of small and mid-cap companies across all sectors. Within this broad approach the fund has a strong focus on providers of solutions to the global resource scarcity challenges in water, energy, food security and materials that are expected to generate lasting shareholder value.

**Rainer Baumann, Head of Public Equity and member of the RobecoSAM Executive Committee:** “We look for pioneers of innovative approaches to resource challenges. This includes businesses that have developed ways to use resources more efficiently or substitute supply-constrained resources with other materials. Our focus is on small and mid-cap companies because they tend to be more innovative and can react more quickly to resource scarcity challenges.”

### **Investment process of the RobecoSAM Global Small Cap Equities Fund**

The fund’s strategy is based on the integration of companies’ sustainability scores derived from the RobecoSAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) of approximately 2,400 small and mid-cap companies and fundamental company valuation. The high-conviction portfolio includes 70-90 stocks with a compelling combination of fundamental value and elevated sustainability performance.

“The RobecoSAM Global Small Cap Equities investment strategy seeks to capture alpha by combining two of our key capabilities: our disciplined investment process and our expertise in identifying providers of solutions to the resource efficiency challenge,” concluded Rainer Baumann.

### **RobecoSAM Global Small Cap Equities SICAV Fund uses wrapper of RobecoSAM Sustainable Climate SICAV Fund**

The RobecoSAM Sustainable Climate SICAV fund wrapper is used for the newly launched RobecoSAM Global Small Cap Equities Fund. With this step, RobecoSAM responds to client demand for a broad small and mid-cap resource efficiency strategy. The new strategy builds on a successful existing mandate for a large pension fund client. Going forward, the focused RobecoSAM Sustainable Climate investment strategy will be offered only in the form of institutional mandates.

**The RobecoSAM Global Small Cap Equities Fund at a glance:**

Launch date:	15.12.2014
Portfolio Manager:	Rainer Baumann
Deputy Portfolio Manager:	Kai Fachinger
Base currency:	EUR
Available share classes:	B (retail share class) / C (institutional share class) / N (retail rebate free share class) / E (for Italian and Spanish retail clients) / A (for UK clients)
Available currencies:	B & C in EUR, USD, CHF / N EUR / E EUR / A GBP
Benchmark:	MSCI World Small Cap Index
ISIN number (B class, EUR):	LU0280770172
Management fee (B class):	1.4%
TER (total expense ratio – B class):	1.92%

Note to editors: For more background information on the RobecoSAM Global Small Cap Equities Fund please see the following:

- [Website](#)
- [Product brochure](#)

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**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 2,800 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 of December 31, 2013, RobecoSAM had assets under management, advice and/or license in listed and private equity\* of approximately USD 10.2 billion. Additionally, RobecoSAM's Governance & Active Ownership team\*\* had USD 74 billion of assets under engagement and USD 51.8 billion of assets under voting.

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