

# Media release

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## RobecoSAM wins *Institutional Investor* magazine's "ESG Manager of the Year" award

RobecoSAM, the investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing (SI), was recognized as "ESG Manager of the Year" at *Institutional Investor* magazine's European Awards 2016 in London.



The European Awards 2016 by the renowned trade magazine *Institutional Investor* honored European asset managers whose innovative investment strategies, portfolio construction and strategic asset allocation have succeeded in the challenging European landscape.

*Institutional Investor* introduced the "ESG Manager of the Year" category to its European Awards for the first time this year. To determine this year's European Award winners, *Institutional Investor* screened hundreds of managers and picked the leading firms based on short and long term performance and Sharpe ratios, using data from fund information provider eVestment.

Their senior editorial team consulted with a select group of European fund sponsors to identify the winners in 26 investment management categories spanning equities, fixed income, alternatives and emerging markets. RobecoSAM outpaced 4 competitors who were shortlisted in the "ESG Manager of the Year" category.

**Michael Baldinger, CEO, RobecoSAM:** "We are honored and proud to have won this award. Being named 'ESG Manager of the Year' by *Institutional Investor* magazine yet again confirms our position as the global leader in Sustainability Investing. Our recently launched impact investing platform and groundbreaking Smart ESG methodology certainly played a key role in convincing the jury and investors to vote for us. Furthermore, adding the ESG category to the *Institutional Investor* magazine European Awards is a clear signal that Sustainability Investing has become an important pillar of the Asset Management industry, and that it has become mainstream."



*RobecoSAM CEO, Michael Baldinger, proudly accepts the Institutional Investor Award 2016 for "ESG manager of the year" from Louisa Bojesen, Anchor at CNBC and Institutional Investor Awards Master of Ceremony.*

**For more information about:**

- RobecoSAM's awards, please visit our [website](#)
- *Institutional Investor* magazine's European Awards 2016, please visit [their website](#)

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**About RobecoSAM**

Founded in 1995, RobecoSAM is an investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing. It offers asset management, indices, impact analysis and investing, engagement, voting, 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 themed strategies. Together with S&P Dow Jones Indices, RobecoSAM publishes the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI). Based on its Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA), an annual ESG analysis of over 3,800 listed companies, RobecoSAM has compiled one of the world's most comprehensive databases of financially material sustainability information. The data of the CSA is also included in USD 84.6 billion of assets under management by the subsidiaries of the Robeco Group.

RobecoSAM is a sister company of Robeco, the Dutch investment management firm founded in 1929. Both entities are subsidiaries of the Robeco Group, whose majority shareholder is 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, 2015, RobecoSAM had assets under management, advice and/or license in listed and private equity\* of approximately USD 10.7 billion. Additionally, RobecoSAM's Governance & Active Ownership team\*\* had USD 238 billion of assets under engagement and USD 49 billion of assets under voting.

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