



The Environmental, Social and Governance investment industry shines the spotlight on BEST INVESTOR IN ESG – Établissement de Retraite Additionnelle de la Fonction Publique

Press Release

Paris, November 17, 2011- During the 14th edition of the TBLI CONFERENCE™ EUROPE in London, UK, TBLI GROUP™ and IPE together with partners Thomson Reuters, Aviva Investors Global Services Limited and Bank Sarasin & Cie AG awarded ERAPF and 4 other organizations a prestige ESG Leaders Award in front of major representatives of the ESG investment community. Together with the compere, Ms Joanne Sawicki of Ceres Communications, they commended the outstanding achievements of the key business players striving to contribute to the ESG financial space.

BEST INVESTOR IN ESG: ERAPF - A VIEW FROM THE JUDGES

Since the beginning of 2005, the ERAPF Board of Trustees has adopted an ambitious SRI policy covering all of the fund's asset classes. The company's ESG research providers have successfully monitored the implementation of this policy with reviews conducted at a board-level on a regular basis. This fund has faithfully demonstrated the importance of incorporating SRI within the investment portfolio, and this as a result has amplified the group's long-term vision. It has also managed to create a reputation for itself as a truly responsible investor by being prudent during boom periods and providing liquidity during recessions.

Overview of all ESG Leaders Awards winners

- Award for Best Investor in ESG
WINNER: ERAPF
- Award for Best Asset Manager Investing in ESG
WINNER: Generation Investment Management LLP
- Award for Most Innovative Development in ESG
WINNER: Maplecroft
- Award for Best ESG Consultancy/Research House
WINNER: GES Investment Services
- Award for Outstanding Contribution to Development of ESG
WINNER: Ivo Knoepfel

What is ESG?

According to the Financial Times lexicon the ESG (environmental, social and governance) is a generic term used in capital markets and used by investors to evaluate corporate behavior and to determine the future financial performance of companies.

ESG factors include sustainable, ethical and corporate governance issues such as managing a company's carbon footprint and safeguarding systems in place to ensure full accountability.

The investment world has incorporated ESG talk in order to describe the performance of investment and fund portfolios on environmental, social and governance criteria. Fund managers and financial analysts who can interpret and relate ESG factors to a company's future prospects may potentially develop a competitive advantage should others fail to recognize the same risks or opportunities related to those factors.

Editorial information:

TBLI GROUP™ introduced the idea that a truly sound investment is one that provides both financial rewards and offers social and environmental benefits: Triple Bottom Line Investing (TBLI).

Based in Amsterdam, **TBLI GROUP™** raises awareness in the financial sector of the benefits of impact investment. It advises both companies and individuals who wish to institutionalize sustainability and acts as a global educator, providing a network for parties who share in this goal.

The subsidiary **TBLI CONFERENCE™** draws attention to the benefits of TBLI by organizing two annual events in which the world's thought leaders on sustainability network, exchange information and ideas on the latest developments in screening, auditing, reporting, ESG, SRI analysis, corporate citizenship, impact investing, indexes, and research.

The subsidiary **TBLI CONSULTING™** offers result-oriented advisory and networking services, which, among other projects, assists in mobilizing capital and locating strategic partners for leading impact investment private equity funds, micro-finance bonds, and green mortgages.

ERAFP: the leading French public pensions fund and 100% SRI institutional investor

With more than €11 billion invested in accordance with a wholly socially responsible investment approach, ERAFP is Europe's leading SRI institutional investor. As from the pension fund's creation in 2005, its Board of Directors opted to optimise the performance of its portfolio of financial assets in accordance with SRI principles. A signatory of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment, in 2006 ERAFP adopted an SRI Charter based on the following five fundamental values: respect of the right of law and human rights; social progress, social democracy, the environment; and proper governance and transparency.

ERAFP is also one of the largest public pension funds in the world in terms of members with nearly 4.6 million beneficiaries, 40,000 employers and close to €1.7 billion in contributions each year. A mandatory, points-based pension scheme, since 1 January 2005 ERAFP has managed the supplementary pension benefits for civil servants, local authorities and the public hospitals sector.

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