

Press release

Robeco ranks first in ShareAction responsible investment assessment

Rotterdam, 9 March 2020 – Robeco comes first place in the ranking by the Asset Owners Disclosure Project (AODP), a project managed by the responsible investment organization ShareAction.

ShareAction ranked 75 of the world's largest asset managers according to their responsible investment practices, with a specific focus on governance, climate change, human rights and labor standards, and biodiversity. The survey ranks asset managers based on disclosure and management of ESG risks and impacts across their portfolios. Using data collected through an extensive, TCFD-aligned survey as well as publicly available information, the report gives an overview of global trends in the adoption of responsible investment practices within the asset management industry. The report also reveals that there are huge differences between regional markets, and that many asset managers are still failing to translate public commitments into strong action on stewardship and wider ESG integration.

Gilbert Van Hassel, CEO Robeco: *"We are extremely proud to be recognized as a sector leader in ShareAction's assessment. Our place at the top of the leaderboard reflects our longstanding history in this field, and our commitment to driving positive change through rigorous stewardship and focus on ESG integration. Robeco already saw the potential of including sustainability as a way to add value for our clients in the 1990s, and this ranking reflects our rich heritage and long-term expertise in this field. Sustainability expertise is not something you can build overnight, but it's good and important to see so many asset managers now joining in, as we won't be able to solve big problems like climate change on our own. However, it is equally important that statements in the public domain are backed up by actions and concrete initiatives. This report provides insightful information as to which asset managers are putting their money where their mouth is."*

Felix Nagrawala, Senior Analyst at ShareAction: *"ShareAction's most ambitious study yet reveals who is really walking the talk on environmental and social issues, and who is dragging their feet in the asset management space. While many in the industry are eager to promote their ESG credentials, our analysis clearly indicates that few of the world's largest asset managers can lay claim to having a truly sustainable approach across all their investments. Our results show that some asset managers, including Robeco which ranks first, are showing real leadership and are a positive exception. We hope that Robeco's approach and scores serve as a good example for the sector, and that other asset managers follow suit."*

The full report can be downloaded [here](#)

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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 31 December 2019, Robeco had EUR 173 billion in assets under management, of which EUR 149 billion is committed to ESG integration. Robeco is a subsidiary of ORIX Corporation Europe N.V. More information is available at www.robeco.com.