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Robeco launches educational platform for investment professionals

Rotterdam, 16 October 2018 – Robeco has launched Robeco Essentials. The need for education is constant, and by launching this online platform, Robeco aims to share its knowledge and expertise on key topics, to enable financial professionals to further improve their skills and help their clients achieve their investment goals. The platform will consist of several educational modules, focused on specific key themes for investment professionals. The first module that is available is centered on one of Robeco's key strengths, and where Robeco is seen as global leader: Sustainability Investing (SI). Other modules, which will also be built on Robeco's key strengths, will become available on the platform in the coming months.

The first SI module comprises nine building blocks that can be accessed for self-study purposes. Each module includes educational content presented in the form of animated videos, charts, case studies and a summary and after completing a module, a test is available. For investment professionals it is also possible to accrue hours towards Continuous Professional Development (CPD) accreditation. Robeco sees it as its responsibility to help investment professionals achieve their clients' investment objectives through the sharing of expertise and knowledge. It already does this by, for example, sharing its knowledge through articles and research papers on its website and organizing masterclasses and 'explore' events. With the launch of Robeco Essentials, the company is adding a new and innovative online knowledge-sharing platform to these tools.

The online educational modules are available in local languages in Spain, Italy, France, United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Christoph von Reiche, Head of Global Distribution & Marketing: "In our conversations with clients, we noticed a need for educational materials that help investment professionals gain a better understanding of certain themes. Research lies at the heart of everything we do and we have close to 90 years of investment experience. We feel it as our responsibility to share our knowledge on highly relevant themes, which ultimately should help clients achieve their investment goals. We hope that these tools will inspire investment professional to discuss the topics with their clients and others."

Masja Zandbergen, Head of ESG integration: "Sustainability Investing is here to stay and will continue to grow. We do however see that there's still a lot of room for improvement when it comes to the level of knowledge on this topic. In order to provide well informed advise, or make the right decisions, sufficient knowledge is instrumental, definitely when it comes to Sustainability Investing. Robeco is considered a leader and pioneer in Sustainability Investing. It's in our DNA and we see it as our duty to share our passion and expertise with those who have yet to fully embrace it."

More information on Robeco Essentials can be found here: <https://www.robeco.com/en/essentials/>

The first module about SI can be found here: <https://www.robeco.com/en/essentials/sustainability-investing/>

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