

Press Release

Robeco partners with Credit Suisse Asset Management to boost Factor Indices

Rotterdam, 2 April 2019 – Robeco has entered into a partnership agreement with Credit Suisse Asset Management to further boost its Multi-Factor Equities Index proposition. The new partnership will further support Robeco in delivering its factor index expertise to investors around the world and enables Robeco to compete with major peers in the smart beta index space.

Robeco developed its first bespoke Multi-Factor Equities Index solutions in 2014. Robeco's flagship multi-factor equities indices are designed to provide efficient exposure to four proven factor premiums: value, momentum, quality, and low-volatility, while having a better sustainability profile than that of the benchmark. The indices are run on seven different broad investment universes, where S&P Dow Jones serves as the calculation agent, and are based on Robeco's proprietary stock ranking and index construction methodology.

Joop Huij, Head of Factor Investing Equities and Factor Index Research at Robeco said: "We've been leading the way in quantitative investing for over 25 years and signing this partnership is a key milestone for our index proposition. We spent valuable time in due diligence and found Credit Suisse Asset Management to be one of the best in the business. They have an outstanding reputation for high-level precision in replicating indices and we look forward to working together as part of this partnership."

Valerio Schmitz-Esser, Head of Credit Suisse Asset Management Index Solutions said: "We have been seeing an increasing shift towards passive investments, whereby a newer aspect of this trend are portfolios based on specialized indices, made possible by recent advances in indexing and replication, which we have pioneered. The partnership with Robeco puts us in an excellent position to cover this market."

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Robeco is a pure play international asset manager founded in 1929. It currently has 15 offices worldwide and is headquartered in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Through its unique integration of fundamental, sustainable and quantitative research, Robeco is able to offer both institutional and private investors an extensive selection of active investment strategies, covering a broad range of asset classes. As at 31 December 2018, Robeco had EUR 162 billion in assets under management, 71% of which were institutional. Robeco is a subsidiary of ORIX Corporation Europe N.V. which had assets under management of EUR 265 billion as at 31 December 2018. More information is available at www.robeco.com.