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Robeco bolsters Sustainable Themes investment teams with portfolio managers and seven equity analysts

Rotterdam/Zurich, 13 September 2021 – Robeco has announced the appointment of eight investment professionals. Roman Boner joined the firm as lead Portfolio Manager of the RobecoSAM Smart Energy strategy. The Sustainable Themes investment teams will be further strengthened by seven equity analysts over the coming months.

Mr. Roman Boner, who is based in Zurich, is an experienced thematic investment manager. He joins Robeco from Woodman Asset Management, where he built up its impact offering. Previously Mr. Boner was Senior Portfolio Manager at Swisscanto, where he was responsible for managing different sustainable/thematic global equity funds and co-managed sustainable multi-asset funds. He also held various positions at UBS Global Asset Management, including Portfolio Manager focused on thematic sustainable equity strategies.

Mr. Pieter Busscher was appointed lead Portfolio Manager of the RobecoSAM Smart Mobility strategy, having served as Deputy Portfolio Manager of this strategy since its launch in 2018. Mr. Busscher has been with the firm since 2007 and is also the lead Portfolio Manager of the RobecoSAM Smart Materials Strategy.

Mr. Michael Studer PhD will join as Senior Equity Analyst focusing on Technology. Mr. Studer will also be the Deputy Portfolio Manager for the Smart Energy strategy. He joins from Acoro AM, where he was an investment manager. Mr. Studer has 13 years' experience as an equity analyst/investment manager, working at Julius Baer and Bank J. Safra Sarasin and other firms.

Robeco's deep bench of thematic investment professionals is further enhanced by the appointments of analysts Mutlu Gundogan, Sanaa Hakim, Clément Chamboulive, Alyssa Cornuz, Simone Pozzi, and Diego Salvador Barrero.

Mr. Gundogan CFA joined as Senior Analyst from ABN AMRO – ODDO BHF, where he was Senior Equity Analyst covering the Chemicals sector. He will focus on the Materials sector and brings over 17 years' experience as a financial analyst.

Ms. Hakim will join as Senior Equity Analyst focusing on Energy Efficiency & Renewables. She joins Robeco from Independent Franchise Partners. Previously she was at Capital Group, and has a total of 6 years' experience as an investment analyst.

Mr. Clément Chamboulive will join as Senior Analyst focusing on the Technology sector and its role in the electrification of the transport system. He joins from 2Xideas, previously worked at Baillie Gifford and has 7 years' experience as an Investment Analyst.

Ms. Cornuz CFA will join as Equity Analyst for the RobecoSAM Sustainable Healthy Living Equities strategy, with a focus on Consumer-related sectors. She joins Robeco from Credit Suisse and has five years' experience as an equity and fund analyst. Previously she was at Nordea, where she was a fundamental equity analyst for thematic funds, fully integrating ESG aspects.

Mr. Pozzi will join as Equity Analyst focusing on Industrial Automation and Process Technologies. He joins us from Alantra, where he was an equity analyst and has more than six years of experience.

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Mr. Salvador Barrero CFA joined as Equity Analyst, focusing on Energy Distribution & Renewables. He joins from BBVA AM in Spain, where he was an ESG equity portfolio manager. He has ten years' experience as an equity analyst/portfolio manager, working at Aviva and other firms.

Mark van der Kroft, CIO Fundamental and Quant Equity, Robeco: "Our Trends & Thematic investment offering has seen strong growth, and our dedication, ambition and commitment allows us to attract the best world-class professionals. *The capability is now stronger than ever before and we will keep adding investment professionals to further strengthen our teams in order to help achieving our clients' financial and sustainability goals.*"

David Hrdina, Chair of the Executive Committee, Robeco Switzerland: "With Roman and the seven analysts joining, we are sending a strong signal to our clients and the market that Robeco Switzerland is the center for Sustainable Thematic Asset Management, which can attract top-tier professionals. We made an important step in further bolstering the investment engine in Zurich. But this step was not the last one."

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