

Press Release

Ralf Oberbannscheidt appointed Global Head of Thematic Investing

Rotterdam/Zurich, 30 March 2023 – Ralf Oberbannscheidt has been appointed as Global Head of Thematic Investing. In this role, he will oversee the teams and further development of the active thematic investing offering. The investment teams are based in Rotterdam and Zurich and together manage approximately EUR 18.7 billion of assets. Ralf Oberbannscheidt will join on 1 May 2023, report to Mark van der Kroft, CIO Fundamental and Quant Equity, and be based in Zurich. Pending regulatory approval, Oberbannscheidt will also join the Executive Committee of Robeco Switzerland Ltd. – a nexus for pioneering and active sustainable thematic strategies for more than two decades.

Ralf Oberbannscheidt joins from Global Thematic Partners, New York (GTP), of which he was a founding partner and Portfolio Manager. Among managerial responsibilities and oversight, he was Portfolio Manager for the Global Thematic and Global Agribusiness strategies, as well as responsible for analyst and portfolio management. GTP's client base consisted of institutional mandates as well as sub-advised retail funds. From 1999 to 2010, he was Senior Portfolio Manager at Deutsche Asset Management, based in Frankfurt and for DB Advisors later in New York.

Mark van der Kroft, CIO Fundamental and Quant Equity: "We're pleased to welcome Ralf to our organization. He brings a wealth of relevant managerial and portfolio management knowledge that will be of great benefit to Robeco and our clients in the thematic investing offering. I'm confident that he will be a good fit with our teams and that he is well equipped to lead our efforts to continue delivering strong investment performance and further developing our offering."

Ralf Oberbannscheidt, Global Head of Thematic Investing: "Thematic Investing is a great way for investors to take advantage of the structural socioeconomic changes or invest in the solution providers for sustainability challenges we all need to solve. I'm thrilled to join, head, and further develop a team that has such an outstanding track record and reputation."

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