

Vontobel awarded 'Prime' status in the ISS-oekom sustainability rating

ISS-oekom has rated Vontobel's sustainability performance this year for the first time and has awarded it 'Prime' status. This means that Vontobel ranks among the top 6% in its peer group of 44 asset managers worldwide.

Vontobel achieved a particularly high score in the following areas:

- Range of sustainable investment offerings
- Volume of sustainable assets under management
- Data and IT security
- Adherence with compliance regulations
- Shareholder structure

"One area of focus of our growth strategy is our sustainable investment offering. We are pleased that our broad range of products, which is based on the Vontobel multi-boutique model, has contributed positively to this rating," stated Axel Schwarzer, Head of Vontobel Asset Management. "At the same time, this award will motivate us to further enhance our offering in the future," he added.

"The methodology used by ISS-oekom in its assessment is one of the strictest worldwide. The 'Prime' rating awarded by ISS-oekom will make Vontobel and our solutions accessible to a new group of sustainably oriented investors for the first time," explained Natalie Ernst, Corporate Sustainability Manager at Vontobel. She continued: "This rating also reaffirms our commitment to being a wealth and asset manager that offers sustainable investment solutions globally as part of its product range and whose approach to business is characterized by foresight and ownership."

ISS-oekom is a leading rating agency for sustainability and sustainable investment. The agency uses an established rating methodology and is highly respected within the market.

At present, ISS-oekom covers around 6,200 issuers globally, of which 550 are currently rated as 'Prime' – thus constituting the ISS-oekom universe. After being awarded 'Prime' status, Vontobel is now part of that universe..

Vontobel

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