

ESG Investing Announces Award Winners

London – 4 February 2021 – <u>ESG Investing</u> has announced the winners of its 2021 awards, celebrating the best in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) research, ratings, funds and products.

The ESG Investing Awards, now in their second year, are judged by an independent panel of experts from industry and academia. The Awards celebrate the most impactful products, funds and initiatives that are making a positive contribution towards the integrity, uptake and success of ESG investing.

Matthew Clements, editor of ESG Investing comments, "Allocation of capital has a crucial role to play in tackling the climate crisis and in addressing challenges to biodiversity, as well as central themes relating to human rights and equality. Our Awards celebrate leaders in ESG who are investing and developing products that continue to enhance sustainability and sustainable investing. Thank you to our judges and congratulations to our winners, runners-up and finalists."

The winners and runners-up are:

RATINGS & RESEARCH

BEST BANK FOR ESG RESEARCH Runner-up: GIB Asset Management Winner: Citi

BEST INDEPENDENT HOUSE FOR ESG RESEARCH Runner-up: Redburn Winner: Truvalue Labs

BEST ESG RATINGS PROVIDER Runner-up: S&P Global Ratings Winner: Sustainalytics

PRODUCTS

BEST ESG ETF PROVIDER

Runner-up: Invesco Winner: Amundi Asset Management

BEST ESG INDEX PROVIDER

Runner-up: FTSE Russell Winner: S&P Dow Jones Indices

BEST SPECIALIST ESG INDEX PROVIDER

Runner-up: S&P Dow Jones Indices (S&P PACT[™] Indices) Winner: Foxberry

BEST ESG DATA PROVIDER Runner-up: Sustainalytics

Winner: RepRisk

BEST ESG SPECIALIST DATA PROVIDER

Runner-up: Impact-Cubed Winner: The Climate Service

MOST INNOVATIVE ESG PRODUCT

Runner-up: Arabesque S-Ray Winner: Schroders

CORPORATE STRATEGY

BEST CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

Runner-up: Neuberger Berman Winner: Amber Infrastructure

MOST INNOVATIVE ESG INITIATIVE

Runner-up: Investor Leadership Network Winner: NatWest Bank

INVESTMENT FUNDS

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: EQUITIES

Runner-up: Impax Environmental Markets Winner: BMO Global Asset Management

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: FIXED INCOME

Runner-up: Breckinridge Capital Advisors Winner: ESG Portfolio Management

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: SPECIALIST FIXED INCOME

Runner-up: Invesco Winner: Affirmative Investment Management

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: MULTI-ASSET

Runner-up: M&G Investments Winner: ESG Portfolio Management

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: EMERGING MARKETS EQUITIES

Runner-up: American Century Investments Winner: Milltrust International

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: EMERGING MARKETS DEBT

Winner: Amundi Asset Management

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: IMPACT

Runner-up: Union Bancaire Privée Winner: WHEB Asset Manager

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: CLIMATE /GREEN BONDS

Winner: Amundi Asset Management

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: ENERGY TRANSITION

Runner-up: Carbon Cap Management Winner: Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: EQUITY MARKET NEUTRAL

Runner-up: Portland Hill Asset Management Winner: Trium Capital

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: HEDGE FUND

Runner-up: Odey Asset Management Winner: Waratah Capital Advisors

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: INFRASTRUCTURE

Runner-up: Ecofin Advisors UK Winner: Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: PRIVATE EQUITY

Runner-up: Foresight Group Winner: Bridge Investment Group

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: REAL ESTATE/PROPERTY

Runner-up: Bridge Investment Group Winner: Cheyne Capital

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: THEMATIC

Runner-up: Portland Hill Asset Management Winner: Rize ETF

BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: WEALTH MANAGER

Runner-up: ESG Portfolio Management Winner: Rathbone Unit Trust Management

ESG INVESTMENT FUND OF THE YEAR

Winner: Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners Quinbrook Low Carbon Power Fund

For the Awards shortlist, visit http://www.esginvesting.co.uk/awards/shortlistedfinalists2021/

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