## News



# Swiss Life Asset Managers becomes signatory to the PRI and GRESB member

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Swiss Life Asset Managers has signed the United Nations supported PRI (Principles for Responsible Investment). In addition, the asset manager has become a member of the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB).

Swiss Life Asset Managers has managed the assets of the Swiss Life Group and those of institutional clients for more than 160 years and has always followed a long-term and risk-based investment philosophy. This includes the comprehensive assessment of risks and returns. The signing of the PRI and the membership of GRESB is the continuation of the path Swiss Life Asset Managers has pursued and entails the integration of ESG factors into the risk management process.

Stefan Mächler, Group CIO of Swiss Life: "Thinking long term is part of our DNA. Our ambition is to

achieve solid, stable and sustainable investment returns. By signing the PRI and becoming a GRESB member we expand our commitment to sustainability considerations in our active risk management approach and investment decision making."

### PRI (Principles for Responsible Investment)

The United Nations-supported PRI (Principles for Responsible Investment) is an international network of investors working together to put six principles for responsible investment into practice. Its goal is to understand the implications of Environmental, Social and Governance issues (ESG) for investors and support signatories to incorporate these issues into their investment decision-making and ownership practices. In implementing the principles, signatories contribute to the development of a more sustainable global financial system. www.unpri.org.

# Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)

GRESB is a leading industry-driven organisation evaluating the environmental, social and governance performance of real estate funds. www.gresb.com

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#### Swiss Life Asset Managers

Swiss Life Asset Managers has over 160 years of experience in managing the assets of the Swiss Life Group. This insurance background has exerted a key influence on the investment philosophy of Swiss Life Asset Managers, which is governed by such principles as value preservation, the generation of consistent and sustainable performance and a responsible approach to risks. Swiss Life Asset Managers offers this proven approach to third-party clients in Switzerland, France, Germany, Luxembourg and Great Britain. As at 31 December 2017 assets under management for third-party clients amount to CHF 61.4 billion. Together with insurance mandates for the Swiss Life Group, total assets under management at Swiss Life Asset Managers stood at CHF 223.6 billion. Swiss Life Asset Managers is the leading real estate manager in Europe<sup>1</sup>. Of the assets totaling CHF 223.6 billion, CHF 51.8 billion is invested in real estate. In addition, Swiss Life Asset Managers has real estate under administration of CHF 29.1 billion through its subsidiaries Livit and Corpus Sireo. Total real estate under management and administration at the end of December 2017 thus came to CHF 80.9 billion. Swiss Life Asset Managers employs about 1600 people in Europe.

<sup>1</sup>PropertyEU, Top 100 Investors, October 2015, 2016 and 2017

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