

Results Announced for 2014 Dow Jones Sustainability Indices Review

DJSI Celebrates 15 Year Anniversary

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NEW YORK and ZURICH, Sept. 11, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- S&P Dow Jones Indices, one of the world's leading providers of financial market indices, and RobecoSAM, the investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing, today announced the results of the annual **Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ("DJSI")** review. This year marks the 15 year anniversary of the DJSI.

Launched in 1999, the DJSI World is the first global index to track the financial performance of the leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide based on an analysis of financially material economic, environmental, and social factors. The three largest additions and deletions (by free-float market capitalization) to the **DJSI World** this year include:

Additions: Amgen Inc, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, GlaxoSmithKline PLC
Deletions: Bank of America Corp, General Electric Co, Schlumberger Ltd

Guido Giese, Head of Indices, RobecoSAM: "We are proud to celebrate 15 years of providing investors with sophisticated benchmarks for corporate sustainability. Since 1999, we have helped investors realize the financial materiality of sustainability and companies continue to tell us that the DJSI provides an excellent tool to measure the effectiveness of their sustainability strategies. In 15 years, the total number of companies we assess has more than quadrupled. We have also developed new sustainability benchmarks for investors such as country and regional indices."

David Blitzer, Managing Director and Chairman of the S&P Dow Jones Index Committee: "Both the importance and the understanding of sustainability has grown dramatically over the past decade and a half. During that time the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices have been established as the leading benchmark in the field. S&P Dow Jones Indices is pleased to work with RobecoSAM in combining S&P DJI's experience with indices and RobecoSAM's expertise in assessing corporate sustainability programs."

RobecoSAM recognizes the following 15 companies for being in the DJSI World all 15 years:

DJSI World member all 15 years

Baxter International Inc	Novo Nordisk A/S
Bayer AG	RWE AG
Bayerische Motoren Werke AG	SAP AG
BT Group PLC	Siemens AG
Credit Suisse Group AG	Storebrand ASA
Deutsche Bank AG	Unilever NV
Diageo PLC	UnitedHealth Group Inc
Intel Corp	

The DJSI follow a best-in-class approach, including companies across all industries that outperform their peers in numerous sustainability metrics. Each year over 3,000 companies, including 800 companies from emerging markets, are invited to participate in RobecoSAM's **Corporate Sustainability Assessment**, which provides an in-depth analysis of financially material economic, environmental, and social practices.

Following this assessment, RobecoSAM identifies the top company in each of the 24 industry groups (according to GICS):

Industry Group Leaders (2014 – 2015)

Bayerische Motoren Werke AG
Westpac Banking Corp
Siemens AG
SGS SA

Industry Group

Automobiles & Components
Banks
Capital Goods
Commercial & Professional Services

LG Electronics Inc	Consumer Durables & Apparel
Sodexo	Consumer Services
ING Groep NV	Diversified Financials
Thai Oil PCL	Energy
Woolworths Ltd	Food & Staples Retailing
Unilever NV	Food, Beverage & Tobacco
Abbott Laboratories	Health Care Equipment & Services
Kao Corp	Household & Personal Products
Swiss Re AG	Insurance
Akzo Nobel NV	Materials
Telenet Group Holding NV	Media
Roche Holding AG	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences
GPT Group	Real Estate
Lotte Shopping Co Ltd	Retailing
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment
Wipro Ltd	Software & Services
Alcatel Lucent	Technology Hardware & Equipment
Telecom Italia SpA	Telecommunication Services
Air France-KLM	Transportation
EDP Energias de Portugal SA	Utilities

The following changes will be made to the **DJSI Family**, effective on September 22, 2014:

DJSI Family	Additions	Deletions	Total
			Components
Dow Jones Sustainability World	32	46	319
Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific	11	16	148
Dow Jones Sustainability Australia	4	12	48
Dow Jones Sustainability Emerging Markets	19	14	86
Dow Jones Sustainability Europe	11	35	154
Dow Jones Sustainability Korea	5	1	54
Dow Jones Sustainability North America	20	11	149

For additional information on the DJSI, please visit:

<http://www.sustainability-indices.com/> and <http://www.djindexes.com/sustainability/>.

Additional methodology information:

[Corporate Sustainability Assessment homepage](#): where you can download criteria weightings, 2014 criteria changes, list of invited companies, measuring intangibles brochure, key facts, benefits of participation, and more.

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About RobecoSAM

Founded in 1995, RobecoSAM is an investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing. It offers asset management, indices, engagement, voting, impact analysis, sustainability assessments, and benchmarking services. Asset management capabilities cater to institutional asset owners and financial intermediaries and cover a range of ESG-integrated investments (in public and private equity), featuring a strong track record in resource efficiency theme strategies. Together with S&P Dow Jones Indices, RobecoSAM publishes the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI). Based on its Corporate Sustainability Assessment, an annual ESG analysis of 2,800 listed companies, RobecoSAM has compiled one of the world's most comprehensive databases of financially material sustainability information.

RobecoSAM is a member of the global pure-play asset manager Robeco, which was established in 1929 and is the center of

expertise for asset management within the ORIX Corporation. As a reflection of its own commitment to advocating sustainable investment practices, RobecoSAM is a signatory of the UNPRI and a member of Eurosif, ASrIA and Ceres. Approximately 130 professionals work for RobecoSAM, which is headquartered in Zurich. As of December 31, 2013, RobecoSAM had assets under management, advice and/or license in listed and private equity* of approximately USD 10.2 billion. Additionally, RobecoSAM's Governance & Active Ownership team** had USD 74 billion of assets under engagement and USD 51.8 billion of assets under voting.

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