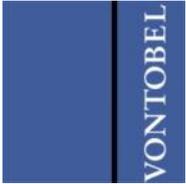


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Vontobel Asset Management wins prestigious award as best sustainability manager

Vontobel Asset Management has won accolades as "best asset manager investing in ESG" from the TBLI Group, underscoring its expertise in the area of sustainability investing.

Vontobel is at the forefront of integrating sustainability criteria as part of the investment process. Our experts rate the sustainability achievements – aspects related to environmental, social and governance issues (ESG) – of possible investments. This screening is important and complements the analysis of the companies' financial performance. Thus, ESG risks and opportunities are taken into account in investment decisions.

"We are very proud to have won this award," says Roger Merz, Head of Global Equities at Vontobel Asset Management. "Our in-house expertise – we have our own 'sustainability scorecard' for companies in which we invest – sets us apart from most other market players," Merz says.

"Clients increasingly appreciate Vontobel's unique approach to ESG themes and its role as a thought leader and innovator", says Daniel Bruderer, Head of Sales Global Thematic Equities. The Sustainable Emerging Markets Equity fund is a good example of an innovative product enabling investors to responsibly invest in developing markets.

The award also reflects Vontobel's overall commitment to sustainability topics on a corporate level. Vontobel is a signatory of the UN's Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and actively engages in ESG-related discussions with the management of companies included in the funds.

TBLI Awards

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