

## Press Release

### **Robeco openly shares its proprietary SI data in a transformative initiative** **SI Open Access Initiative aims to improve quality, transparency and standard setting of SI data**

**Tokyo 3 October 2023** – As one of the first asset managers globally, Robeco is openly sharing its sustainable investing (SI) data. In an effort to promote data transparency and enhance the quality of sustainable investing, Robeco is broadening its SI Open Access Initiative to the public, including companies and NGOs. The initiative to publicly share corporate Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) scores and country ESG scores, initially launched in August 2022 for clients and academics, aims to contribute to new standards in sustainable investing and to improve the quality of sustainable investing data, following the principle of the “wisdom of the crowd”.

Sustainable investors face the critical task of systematically assessing the sustainability performance of the companies they invest in. To achieve this, they rely on ratings that provide insights into the relationship between companies and sustainability. Robeco recognizes the importance of accurate and impactful sustainability assessments and has been developing its SDG scores since 2017. Unlike traditional ESG ratings that often measure financial materiality, Robeco's SDG scores focus on impact materiality, assessing the extent to which companies make positive or negative contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals. As such, they are complementary to ESG ratings and, taken together, offer a more holistic perspective on companies' sustainability efforts.

**Carola van Lamoen, Head of Sustainable Investing at Robeco:** “At Robeco, we believe the widest possible incorporation of SI data is crucial to create real world impact. With our SI Open Access Initiative, we collect feedback to improve the quality of sustainable investing data, and by doing so, we can help investors to integrate SI in their approaches. Furthermore, by collaborating with academics we aim to contribute to the advancement of education and research. Expanding the accessibility of our SI Open Access Initiative, means that we are inviting more external perspectives and feedback, reaffirming our commitment to data transparency and innovation in the field of sustainable investing.”

Currently, over 300 clients and over 80 academics have access to Robeco's SI intellectual property, through the company's client portal. More information regarding the SI Open Access Initiative can be found on [Robeco's website](#).

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#### **About Robeco**

Robeco is a pure-play international asset manager founded in 1929 with headquarters in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and 16 offices worldwide. A global leader in sustainable investing since 1995, its integration of sustainable as well as fundamental and quantitative research enables the company to offer institutional and private investors an extensive selection of active investment strategies, for a broad range of asset classes. As at 30 June 2023, Robeco had EUR 181 billion in assets under management, of which EUR 178 billion is committed to ESG integration. Robeco is a subsidiary of ORIX Corporation Europe N.V. More information is available at [www.robeco.com](http://www.robeco.com).