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### **SAM appoints Guido Giese as new Head of Indexes**

SAM, the investment boutique focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing, today announces the appointment of **Guido Giese** as **Head of Indexes**. In collaboration with S&P Dow Jones Indices, the Index department manages the prestigious Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) family.

Guido Giese is responsible for the development of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index family. Additionally, he will oversee global sales, licensing, partnerships and client services for the DJSI. Guido Giese will report directly to Michael Baldinger, CEO of SAM.

**Guido Giese, Head of Indexes, SAM:** *“I am very keen to work for the leading provider of corporate sustainability benchmarks. The DJSI have always been at the forefront of providing professional and objective benchmarks and I look forward to continuing the development of the index family.”*

Launched in 1999, the DJSI are the longest-running global sustainability benchmarks. The DJSI enable investors to integrate sustainability considerations into their portfolios while providing an effective engagement platform for encouraging companies to adopt sustainable best practices. Today, approximately 60 products are based on the indexes serving asset managers and banks in 15 countries. For more information on the DJSI, please visit: <http://www.sustainability-indexes.com/>



#### **Guido Giese, PhD, Swiss**

Prior to joining SAM, Guido Giese was Head of Research and Development at STOXX where he was responsible for developing new index solutions. He has more than 12 years of experience in risk management and asset management at large international banks as well as at KPMG. Guido Giese holds a PhD in applied mathematics from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich.

*Note to editors: for a print quality photo of Guido Giese (unrestricted use), please send a mail to: [com@sam-group.com](mailto:com@sam-group.com)*

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### About SAM

SAM is an investment boutique focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing. The firm's offering comprises asset management, indexes, private equity and sustainability benchmarking services. Its asset management capabilities include a range of sustainability theme and broad ESG integrated investment strategies catering to institutional asset owners and financial intermediaries internationally. SAM partners with S&P Dow Jones Indices in the publication of the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI). Based on its Corporate Sustainability Assessment, SAM has compiled one of the most comprehensive sustainability databases and analyzes over 2,000 listed companies annually. SAM's proprietary research and sustainability insight - through its direct contact with companies - are fully integrated into its offering.

[SAM](#) is a member of the global pure-play asset manager Robeco, which was established in 1929 and offers a broad range of investment products and services. Robeco is a subsidiary of the Rabobank Group, which has the highest credit rating of all privately owned banks, according to rating agencies Moody's, Standard & Poor's, Fitch and DBRS. Robeco is committed to both practicing and implementing its [Responsible Investing](#) principles group-wide. Within Robeco, SAM acts as the center of expertise for sustainability insight. In its domestic Swiss market, SAM also represents Robeco by handling sales, client services and marketing for Robeco's product range.

SAM was founded in 1995 on the conviction that corporate commitment to sustainability practices enhances a company's capacity to prosper, ultimately creating stakeholder value. As a reflection of its own commitment to advocating sustainable investment practices, SAM is a signatory of the UNPRI and a member of Eurosif, Asria and Ceres. SAM is headquartered in Zurich and employs over 100 professionals. As of June 30, 2012 SAM's assets under management and advice amounted to a total of USD 11.5 billion.

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