

WeConvene Extel and UKSIF announces the 2016 SRI & Sustainability Survey Results

LONDON, July 18th 2016 – WeConvene Extel and the UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF) announced the results of the 14th annual WeConvene Extel/UKSIF SRI & Sustainability Survey at an event hosted by Schroders Investment Management in London.

The SRI component of Extel 2016 represents the views of over 400 investment professionals from 30 countries, making it the most extensive assessment of socially responsible investing (SRI) in the European investment community. Voting was conducted from 21st March to 29th April 2016. It reflects a contribution from 154 buy-side firms and 17 brokerage firms/research houses.

Key highlights from the 2016 WeConvene Extel/UKSIF Survey include:

- Thematic reviews & ideas are the most critical SRI/ESG research service as far as the buy-side are concerned, and closely followed by stock specific analysis which incorporates ESG metrics
- Almost 40% of asset managers believe sustainability issues have an important influence on stock prices
- Buy-side believes only a third of companies take sustainability issues truly seriously in how they operate, and in how they treat investors

Key rankings from the 2016 WeConvene Extel/UKSIF Survey include (2015 ranking in brackets):

Leading Pan-European Brokerage Firm - SRI & Sustainability

- 1 (1) Société Générale
- 2 (8) HSBC
- 3 (3) Exane BNP Paribas

Brokerage Firms - SRI & Sustainability - Corporate Governance

- 1 (3) Exane BNP Paribas
- 2 (1) Kepler Cheuvreux
- 3 (11) HSBC

Investment Individuals - SRI & Sustainability - Corporate Governance

- 1 (2) Yohann Terry, Exane BNP Paribas
- 2 (3) Sudip Hazra, Kepler Cheuvreux
- 3 (6) Erwan Créhalet, Exane BNP Paribas

Brokerage Firms - SRI & Sustainability - Integrated Climate Change

- 1 (1) HSBC
- 2 (3) Société Générale
- 3 (4) Kepler Cheuvreux

Investment Individuals - SRI & Sustainability - Integrated Climate Change

- 1 (1) Zoe Knight, HSBC
- 2 (10) Ashim Paun, HSBC
- 3 (6) Niamh Whooley, Société Générale

Brokerage Firms - SRI & Sustainability - SRI Research

- 1 (1) Société Générale
- 2 (2) Morgan Stanley
- 3 (4) Exane BNP Paribas

Investment Individuals - SRI & Sustainability - SRI Research

- 1 (1) Carole Crozat, Société Générale
- 2 (4) Niamh Whooley, Société Générale
- 3 (2) Jessica Alford, Morgan Stanley

Leading Asset Management firm for SRI/ESG

- 1 (1) Amundi
- 2 (3) Norges Bank Investment Management
- 3 (17) Allianz Global Investors

Leading UK Asset Management firm for SRI/ESG

- 1 (4) Blackrock Investment Management (UK)
- 2 (8) Aberdeen Asset Management
- 3 (9) Aviva Investors

Leading Corporates firm for SRI/ESG

- 1 (3) Unilever
- 2 (6) Repsol
- 3 (22) Tullow Oil

Simon Howard, UKSIF Chief Executive said "UKSIF is delighted to again partner with WeConvene Extel for the 2016 Extel SRI and Sustainability awards. The awards continue to show the depth and range of capabilities across fund managers, banks and corporates, and give us an opportunity to celebrate individual and firm excellence.

The awards are of course European, and the range of domiciles and areas of activity evidenced confirm that the key investment issues of our time - such as climate change and corporate governance - are generating a material response from finance which crosses borders. We remain committed to working with Eurosif and their other national SIFs members to ensure that a coordinated, powerful push for SRI and sustainability continues to drive the growth of this dynamic market."

"The depth of response from all three sides of the equity investment community makes clear the intrinsic value and importance of sustainability factors in the investment decision process; and in the need to embed these factors into the corporate narrative. It is also evident that more can be done, and that investment institutions, banks and companies who truly take sustainability seriously, can deliver genuine value for their clients and stockholders. This is the 14th successive year Extel has had the privilege of working with UKSIF for this study, and it is a partnership we look forward to deepening and extending" said **Steve Kelly**, Head of Extel.

Copies of the complete report, with commentary, extensive market trends data and full rankings of sellside, corporates and asset managers, can be ordered from WeConvene Extel through www.extelsurveys.com.

About UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF)

The UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF) supports the UK finance sector as a global leader in advancing sustainable development through financial services. We promote and support responsible investment and other forms of finance that advance sustainable economic development, enhance quality of life and safeguard the environment. Founded in 1991, UKSIF has over 250 members including pension funds, asset managers, research providers, financial advisers, banks and non-governmental organisations. For more information, please visit www.uksif.org.

About Extel

Extel Europe conducts market studies across all three sides of the investment community throughout Europe and Asia, delivering a comprehensive range of rankings, market trends and sentiment insights. Extel Europe is the largest study of its kind worldwide, with over **20,000** participants from **80** countries casting more than **1.1 million** individual votes. All rankings in Extel are based purely on weighted votes from the investment community. The scope and branding of Extel is widely recognized by brokerage firms, asset managers and corporates alike.

About WeConvene

WeConvene is a global web-based platform designed to eliminate the inefficiencies of managing the corporate access process for the investment community. Events large and small can impact investment strategies and WeConvene provides value to both buy and sell side customers by enabling efficient discovery, booking and tracking of meetings. WeConvene was founded in 2012 and is headquartered in Hong Kong with offices in London. For more information visit www.weconvene.com or request a demo by contacting sales@weconvene.com

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