News Release

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SGX launches SGX Sustainability Indices

Singapore Exchange (SGX) today announced the launch of SGX Sustainability Indices, another suite of equity indices composed of SGX-listed stocks introduced by SGX Index Edge. SGX's partner, Sustainalytics, provided the environmental, social and governance (ESG) research and ratings for SGX-listed companies, and the ratings underpin the Indices.

The SGX Sustainability Indices suite is made up of four new indices including the flagship SGX Sustainability Leaders Index, which is comprised of SGX-listed companies that are considered to be clear frontrunners in ESG standards when compared to their peers. In addition to meeting the necessary ESG requirements, companies must also meet minimum liquidity requirement in order to qualify for inclusion.

Loh Boon Chye, CEO of SGX, said, "Investors across the globe are placing increasing importance on ESG, resulting in significant growth of AUM allocated to ESG strategies and growing demand for transparent benchmarking tools. SGX Sustainability Indices provide a transparent avenue through which investors can assess the sustainability practices of SGX-listed companies and identify ESG leaders in Singapore. They will also help to further profile SGX-listed companies with strong relevant credentials among a growing pool of ESG-aware international investors."

Michael Jantzi, CEO of Sustainalytics, said, "SGX is playing a leading role in advancing sustainability issues globally. We hope as a result of their new family of Indices, increasing numbers of SGX-listed companies will enhance their disclosure around ESG issues, enabling investors to make more informed decisions. We are delighted to partner with SGX and applaud them for expanding the range of sustainable investment options."

The introduction of the SGX Sustainability Index suite complements SGX's existing efforts to enhance disclosure and access to sustainability information, including the introduction of sustainability reporting for listed companies on a "comply or explain" basis.

Commenting on the launch of SGX Sustainability Indices, David Smith, Head of Corporate Governance at Aberdeen Asset Management said, "Aberdeen fully supports the integration of ESG into the investment process. As long-term investors we firmly believe in the need to consider and fully understand all risks, rather than narrowly defined financial risks, that relate to a company's long term success. We look forward to companies rising to the challenge of providing transparency around the key material risks to the sustainability of their business models. Aberdeen wholeheartedly supports SGX's leadership and developments in ESG."

For more details, please visit sgx.com/sustainabilityindices. Please refer to Annex A for an infographic overview on sustainability.

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About Singapore Exchange (SGX)

Singapore Exchange is Asia's leading and trusted market infrastructure, operating equity, fixed income and derivatives markets to the highest regulatory standards. As Asia's most international, multi-asset exchange, SGX provides listing, trading, clearing, settlement, depository and data services, with about 40% of listed companies

and 90% of listed bonds originating outside of Singapore.

SGX is the world's most liquid offshore market for the benchmark equity indices of China, India, Japan and ASEAN and offers commodities and currency derivatives products. Headquartered in AAA-rated Singapore, SGX is globally recognised for its risk management and clearing capabilities. For more information, please visit www.sgx.com.

About Sustainalytics

Sustainalytics is an independent ESG and corporate governance research, ratings and analysis firm supporting investors around the world with the development and implementation of responsible investment strategies. With 14 offices globally, Sustainalytics partners with institutional investors who integrate environmental, social and governance information and assessments into their investment processes. Today, the firm has more than 250 staff members, including 170 analysts with varied multidisciplinary expertise of more than 40 sectors. Through the IRRI survey, investors selected Sustainalytics as the best independent responsible investment research firm for three consecutive years, 2012 through 2014 and in 2015, Sustainalytics was named among the top three firms for both ESG and Corporate Governance research. For more information, visit www.sustainalytics.com.

Notes to Editors

SGX Sustainability Leaders Index
SGX Sustainability Leaders Index, the flagship index of the Sustainability series, is a free-float market capitalisation-weighted index that measures the performance of best-in-class sustainability leaders listed in Singapore.

Aside from having to meet Sustainalytics' minimum sustainability reporting requirements to have an ESG assessment performed by Sustainalytics, companies must also be ranked above the 50th and 25th percentile in their Asia-Pacific (APAC) Peer Group and Global Peer Group respectively to be included in this sustainability benchmark.

Below is a list of the 24 component companies within the SGX Sustainability Leaders Index:

Company Name	Stock Code
Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	A17U
Cambridge Industrial Trust	J91U
CapitaLand Commercial Trust	C61U
CapitaLand Ltd	C31
CapitaLand Mall Trust	C38U
City Developments Ltd	C09
Genting Singapore PLC	G13
Hongkong Land Holdings Ltd	H78
Indofood Agri Resources Ltd	5JS
Keppel Corp Ltd	BN4
Keppel REIT	K71U
Neptune Orient Lines Ltd	N03
Noble Group Ltd	N21
Sembcorp Industries Ltd	U96

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Sembcorp Marine Ltd	S51
Singapore Airlines Ltd	C6L
Singapore Exchange Ltd	S68
Singapore Press Holdings Ltd	T39
Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd	S63
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd	Z74
SMRT Corp Ltd	S53
StarHub Ltd	CC3
UOL Group Ltd	U14
Wilmar International Ltd	F34

SGX Sustainability Leaders Enhanced Index
The SGX Sustainability Leaders Enhanced Index is an ESG-factor index that measures the performance of stocks in the leaders index above with a weighting tilted toward the company's ESG rating as provided by Sustainalytics.

SGX Sustainability Index
The SGX Sustainability Index is a free-float market capitalisation weighted index that measures the performance of SGX-listed companies that meet minimum sustainability reporting requirements.

SGX Sustainability Enhanced Index
The SGX Sustainability Enhanced Index is an ESG-factor index that measures the performance of stocks in the broad sustainability index above with a weighting tilted toward the company's ESG rating as provided by Sustainalytics.

ESG Research and Ratings Methodology
The peer group classifications employed, as well as the ESG rating and ranking scores for each company, are provided by Sustainalytics. For more information about Sustainalytics' research methodology, visit www.sustainalytics.com/research-methodology

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Annex A

Sustainable Investing Is Gaining Global Momentum

SUSTAINABILITY IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING INVESTMENT AREAS IN THE WORLD



61% growth in sustainable investments from 2012 to 2014



Investors are using it to make decisions and manage risk



Accounts for **30.2%** of professionally managed assets

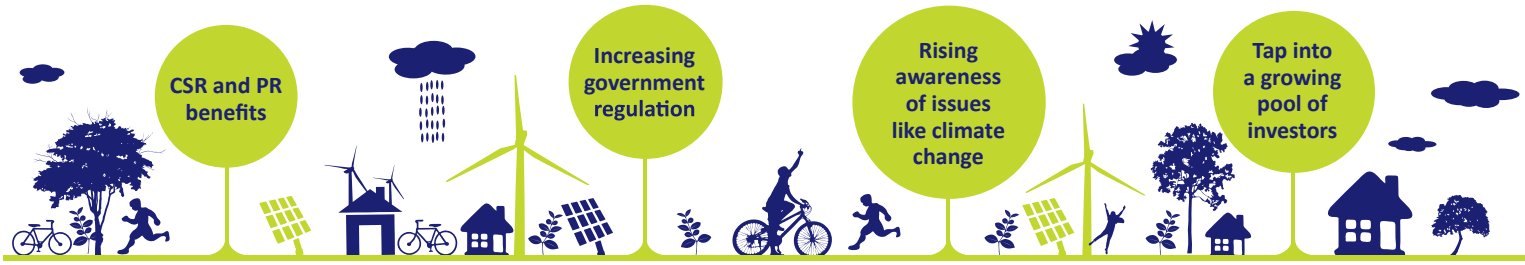


ESG integration is the second most popular investment strategy ($12.9 Trillion) after negative screening ($14.4 Trillion)

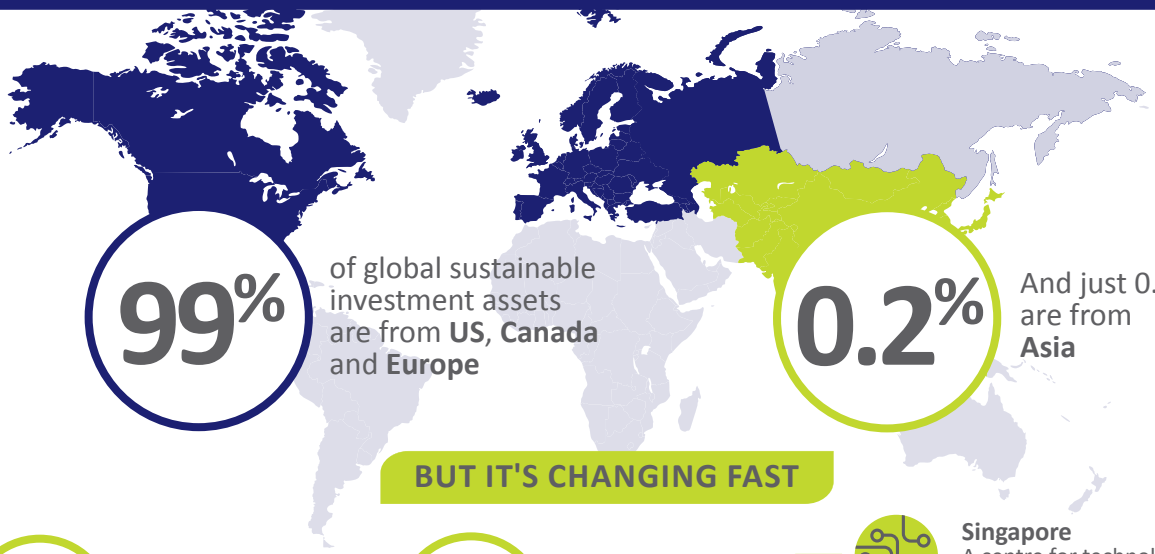


87% of Asian sustainable investors view ESG as providing positive risk-adjusted returns

MORE COMPANIES ARE LOOKING AT INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY INTO THEIR PRACTICES



SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS ARE MOST POPULAR IN THE WEST



99% of global sustainable investment assets are from **US**, **Canada** and **Europe**

0.2% And just 0.2% are from **Asia**

BUT IT'S CHANGING FAST

32% increase in Asia's sustainable investment assets from 2012 to 2014

SINGAPORE & INDONESIA fastest growth in the region

Singapore
A centre for technology and sustainable investment products

Indonesia
A hub for Islamic funds

SGX SUSTAINABILITY INDICES

Based on ESG criteria **rigorously analysed** by Sustainalytics

Aims to **provide guidance** to investors

Encourage sustainability disclosures

Improve the profile of companies with good ESG practices

Source: Global Sustainable Investment Review, 2014

Find out more at sgx.com/sustainabilityindices