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# FNG Label 2021: ODDO BHF Asset Management gets the highest grade for ODDO BHF Algo Sustainable Leaders and confirms the grade for ODDO BHF Euro Corporate Bond

Frankfurt - Düsseldorf - Paris, 2 December 2020: ODDO BHF Algo Sustainable Leaders is awarded three stars at this year's FNG label review. This highest quality grade reflects a particularly demanding and comprehensive sustainability strategy. In addition, FNG again awards two stars for ODDO BHF Euro Corporate Bond, which overall confirms the commitment of ODDO BHF Asset Management to a consistent sustainability approach.

The FNG label, which has been awarded annually since 2015, is regarded as a quality standard for sustainable investment funds in the German-speaking countries. The label's methodology is based on minimum requirements such as transparency criteria, the consideration of employee and human rights, and the inclusion of sustainability factors in the investment process.

ODDO BHF Algo Sustainable Leaders and ODDO BHF Euro Corporate Bond are particularly suitable for sustainability-oriented investors, be institutions (non-profit organizations, foundations, etc.) or private investors.

ODDO BHF Algo Sustainable Leaders is a European equity fund that seeks sustainable returns through strict sector exclusions and a positive selection based on the inclusion of sustainability criteria (Environment, Social, and Governance). The aim is to build a portfolio of companies that are the most attractive in terms of both earnings' potential and impact on stakeholders and environment. The fund is managed by Dr. Stefan Braun and Karsten Seier, co-heads of the global quantitative solutions.

ODDO BHF Euro Corporate Bond is a fund invested in investment-grade corporate bonds. It was launched in 2002 and has assets under management of around EUR 455 million. Since July 2018, ESG criteria have been incorporated into the fundamental-based investment process. Issuers with high ESG risks are filtered out. The portfolio weighting of each position is determined based on a self-developed ESG score. Fund manager is Bastian Gries, Head of Investment Grade and Money Market.

At ODDO BHF AM, the assets managed with an ESG integration in the investment processes amount to EUR 13.7 billion\*. These include mutual funds and tailor-made solutions for the management of individual mandates. A total of seven funds, including the two funds awarded by FNG, also carry the French sustainability label "Label ISR".

Nicolas Jacob, Head of ESG Research at ODDO BHF AM SAS, underlines: "The highest possible rating awarded to ODDO BHF Algo Sustainable Leaders for the first time reflects that

we have stepped up our efforts since last year. In the coming years, we will continue to optimize our ESG approach and extend it to some strategies not covered yet."

Nicolas Chaput, CEO of ODDO BHF AM, emphasizes: "The last few years have seen a rally towards sustainability and ESG integration. ODDO BHF AM is proud to actively contribute to this positive trend of the investment management industry. Our pragmatic ESG approach, with daily interactions between fund managers and ODDO BHF AM's ESG analysts, has proven successful for our clients."

# Additional information on the FNG Seal

Investment funds with the FNG seal comply with the requirements of the trade association Forum Nachhaltige Geldanlagen e.V. (FNG) for sustainable investments in German-speaking countries. Successfully certified funds pursue a professional and transparent sustainability approach, the credible application of which has been verified by an independent audit and monitored by an external committee.

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specific ownership structure as 65% of its capital is held by the Oddo family and 25 % by employees. This "partnership" ethos guarantees the long-term involvement of its teams. In 2019, ODDO BHF generated net banking income of 585 million euros, and at 31 December 2019, the Group had over 890 million euros of shareholders' equity.

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