

Media release

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Sarasin named “Best Research House/Consultant in Environmental Social Governance”

Bank Sarasin has been named “Best Research House/Consultant” by Investment & Pensions Europe (IPE) magazine – the premier industry magazine for pension fund managers in Europe – and TBLI Group. This prestigious Environmental Social Governance (ESG) Leaders Award pays tribute to Sarasin’s outstanding achievements in integrating environmental, social and governance principles into its investment research and advisory processes.

Excerpt from the IPE/TBLI Group ESG Leaders Awards Report 2009:

“Bank Sarasin has long been at the forefront of the socially responsible investment world. Its entire governance rests on SRI and ESG principles and this has seen it grow into one of the most respected dedicated SRI ESG financial services companies in the world. A bank it may be, but pension schemes can use it for a whole myriad of services and solutions: from consultancy and advisory to asset management, investment solutions and investment funds. It is also a leading SRI and ESG research and support group.”

The award comes shortly after Sarasin’s acknowledgment as the “Best Private Bank for Portfolio Management” and “Best Private Bank for Innovation” by The Banker and Professional Wealth Management – both leading magazines in the private banking industry. At the “German Sustainability Award 2009”, Bank Sarasin has won the category “Germany’s most sustainable financial services”. These accolades were presented to Sarasin for its comprehensive, integrated sustainability model. Together with the ESG Leaders Award as “Best Research House/Consultant”, Sarasin has now received three prestigious accolades that recognise the bank’s achievements in the area of sustainability with regard to its private and institutional investors.

Burkhard P. Varnholt, Head of the Asset Management, Products & Sales Division and Chief Investment Officer of the Sarasin Group:

“Twenty years ago, Sarasin understood the importance of environmental, social and governance principles. It is inspiring to see Sarasin being repeatedly and internationally recognised for its unique sustainable investment offering for private and institutional clients across the globe.”

About Investment & Pensions Europe (IPE), TBLI Group and the ESG Leaders Awards

IPE is the leading monthly magazine for pension fund managers in Europe. TBLI Group seeks to raise awareness in the financial sector of the benefits of sustainable investment by offering consulting services to businesses as well as investors on the one hand and by organising the TBLI Conference, the leading annual ESG networking and learning event in Europe, on the other hand. IPE and TBLI GROUP established a short-list for each award category based on nominations. From this short-list, the winner of each award category was chosen by the readers of IPE to ensure an impartial selection process that is based on concrete expertise and experience. The ESG Leaders Awards honour institutional investors and service providers alike for performance, transparency and innovation within the ESG area.

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