

# AXA

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### AXA's Corporate Responsibility performance ranked #1 in the insurance sector

- > Best Environmental, Social and Governance performance in the insurance industry according to rating agency Vigeo
- > AXA included in the Euronext Vigeo "World 120" SRI index
- > AXA is a member of SRI indices Euronext Vigeo "France 20", "Eurozone 120" and "Europe 120"

NYSE Euronext and Vigeo<sup>1</sup> recently announced the composition of their SRI (Socially Responsible Investment) indices for the second half of 2014. As from June 2014, AXA will be included in the **Euronext Vigeo – "World 120"** index, which selects the 120 most advanced companies in the world in terms of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance. In addition, AXA's inclusion within the **Euronext Vigeo "France 20"**, **"Eurozone 120"** and **"Europe 120"** indices<sup>2</sup> is confirmed.

Moreover, within these rankings, the AXA Group is now positioned as the insurance industry's ESG sector leader, amongst a panel of 37 peers. This marks good progress compared to the previous rating cycle in 2012 where AXA ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of 33 peers. Indeed, AXA outperformed on average its competitors in the 6 dimensions of the rating methodology:

- **Environment:** incorporation of environmental considerations into daily operations and into policies and actions for the territory
- **Human Resources:** labor relations, working conditions, health and safety, career development and training, remuneration systems
- **Human Rights:** fundamental human rights, freedom of association, non-discrimination
- **Community Development:** contribution to social, economic development and territorial planning, social cohesion
- **Procurement and services:** integration of social and environmental standards in procurement, quality of services to users, prevention of corruption
- **Governance:** representative and participative democracy, audits and internal controls.

*"Since the launch of a new strategy in 2010, AXA has been consistently improving its performance on Corporate Responsibility (CR). Our progress is measured both internally, using an innovative proprietary "CR Barometer"<sup>3</sup> and externally, through our presence in major SRI indexes. We are proud that Vigeo has recognized us as insurance sector leader. This is both the reflection of our belief that CR is a key pillar of our strategy, and of the efforts made by employees around the world in our ongoing journey towards becoming a more responsible corporation."* said **Alice Steenland, Corporate Responsibility Director of the AXA Group.**

<sup>1</sup> A European corporate social responsibility rating agency

<sup>2</sup> More information and list of the full SRI index range on Euronext and Vigeo websites :  
<https://indices.nyx.com/>

<http://www.vigeo.com/csr-rating-agency/en/indiceeuronextvigeo>

<sup>3</sup> See: <http://cr-barometer.axa.com/en/>

For more information about:

- AXA Group's Corporate Responsibility strategy: <http://www.axa.com/en/responsibility/>
- AXA Group's SRI ratings: <http://www.axa.com/en/responsibility/strategy-commitments/sri/>

#### ABOUT THE AXA GROUP

The AXA Group is a worldwide leader in insurance and asset management, with 157,000 employees serving 102 million clients in 56 countries. In 2013, IFRS revenues amounted to Euro 91.2 billion and IFRS underlying earnings to Euro 4.7 billion. AXA had Euro 1,113 billion in assets under management as of December 31, 2013.

The AXA ordinary share is listed on compartment A of Euronext Paris under the ticker symbol CS (ISN FR 0000120628 – Bloomberg: CS FP – Reuters: AXAF.PA). AXA's American Depositary Share is also quoted on the OTC QX platform under the ticker symbol AXAHY.

The AXA Group is included in the main international SRI indexes, such as Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) and FTSE4GOOD.

It is a founding member of the UN Environment Programme's Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) Principles for Sustainable Insurance and a signatory of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment.

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