

PRESS RELEASE

**KAIROS LAUNCHES THE NEW THEMATIC FUND
"KIS CLIMATE CHANGE ESG"
TO CAPTURE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES
RELATED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE**

Kairos, an asset and wealth management Group, is pleased to announce the launch of a new thematic fund to benefit from the shifting of the economy from "brown" to "green" and fully capture investment opportunities offered by the challenge against climate change.

The new product is KIS Climate Change ESG, a sub-fund of Kairos International Sicav (Sicav under Luxembourg law), a euro denominated global equity fund focused on reorienting economies and industrial system to limit climate change towards the benefit of the planet.

In line with Kairos' ESG policy, the stock selection process integrates securities fundamental analysis with ESG factors, focusing in particular on two kind of companies: those that offer solutions to combat climate change and those that offer solutions to counteract effects. Kairos works with Sustainalytics, a global leader in ESG research, ratings and data, to help integrate ESG information into its key investment processes.

The asset management style is active, which has always been a Kairos' distinctive feature, and is therefore characterized by the companies' qualitative analysis and a bottom-up approach.

The portfolio manager of the new fund is Francesco Zantoni, who returned to Kairos last June after an entrepreneurial experience in key sectors and having gained competences for the understanding of climate trends and issues related to energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, such as reinsurance of natural risks linked to the weather and the design and construction of large plants for the oil & gas and power generation sector.

"With KIS Climate Change ESG, Kairos confirms its commitment to socially responsible investments and widens the offer of the Laboratory of Investment Ideas, taking advantage of the mega trend of climate change. Alongside KIS ActivESG and KIS US Millennials ESG - launched in November 2019 and both performance - resilient also in the Covid-19 extremely volatile scenario - KIS Climate Change ESG is therefore added to our ESG product range, orienting investments towards a clean and circular economy able of restoring biodiversity and reducing pollution, generating a positive impact on the world and at the same time aiming to offer attractive returns to our investors" Guido Brera, CIO Asset Management of Kairos Partners SGR, commented. "In line with the European Green Deal, we are aware of the urgency to fight climate change and the crucial role that finance also plays in this direction: a different capital allocation represents a powerful incentive for companies or institutions to redirect growth towards low-carbon activities and technologies".

“The urgent need to promote massive investments in decarbonisation and digitalisation of the economy, making it sustainable from an environmental point of view, cannot fail to have a significant impact on investment strategies. We are facing the most powerful and pervasive structural megatrend and KIS Climate Change ESG intends to capture significant investment opportunities from it. In this regard, we have already identified many sectors with high potential, such as Information Technologies, Life and Material Sciences, Renewable Energies and we have selected the companies whose main profit growth driver is the ability to offer solutions to act against climate change or to manage its risks and associated physical effects”, Francesco Zantoni, Portfolio Manager of KIS Climate Change ESG added.

Kairos

Kairos, a Julius Baer Group company with a joint stake of 30% to the founding partner Guido Brera and some other Kairos' senior managers, was founded in 1999 as an entrepreneurial initiative in the asset management industry sector. With around EUR 5 billion of assets under management and its own offices in Milan, Rome, Turin, and London, it offers a select platform of services and investment solutions for private investors, professional players, and institutional clients. Kairos is a point of reference both in asset and wealth management. Its asset management activities are characterised by a flexible management methodology, oriented towards performance and risk control, while its wealth management service offers effective responses to financial and asset management needs.

Majority shareholder Julius Baer, the leading Swiss wealth management group and a premium brand in the global wealth management industry, also contributes to enhance the investment boutique business model at European level.

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