

AXS Investments Establishes Institute for Sustainable Investing

Institute to drive education, research and thought leadership on sustainable investing and support global sustainability through scholarship and innovation

NEW YORK, December 17, 2020 – AXS Investments, a leading asset manager in alternative and sustainable investments, today announced the establishment of the Institute for Sustainable Investing. The Institute was established in collaboration with prominent global sustainability trailblazers from academia, business and government to "democratize sustainable investing" and to advance solutions for enhanced environmental, social and governance (ESG) outcomes for the broader investing public.

AXS Investments launched the Institute following this year's remarkable sustainability milestone of global assets surpassing \$40 trillion for which ESG data drove investment decisions. The Institute will aim to further support the international growth in ESG investing through the publication of academic-quality research and education. It will additionally continue upon the AXS commitment to attaining sustainable outcomes through dedicated actions by fostering partnerships with universities, corporations and non-profit groups to expand the reach of ESG efforts. These partnerships will seek to amplify the adoption of sustainable investments at all levels of the investing universe. The Institute will empower partners and leverage its pioneering research to support the substantial rate of growth in sustainable investments, which has doubled in just the past four years.

To support these efforts, the Institute's advisory board members include ESG and sustainability leaders from academia, business and government. To learn more about the Institute's advisory board <u>click here</u>.

"We are thrilled to launch the Institute for Sustainable Investing at such a critical time for improved education and thought leadership in sustainable investing," said Greg Bassuk, CEO of AXS Investments and Chairman of the Institute for Sustainable Investing. "Just as institutional investors are transforming their portfolios into ESG-friendly investments, the time is overdue for individuals to have access to resources, tools and education to make the same sustainability-informed investment decisions. Our mission is aligned to that of all stakeholders – from academia and business to government and practitioners."

To learn more about the Institute, click here.

About AXS Investments

AXS Investments is a leading alternative investment manager providing a diversified family of alternative and sustainable investments for investors seeking alternative sources of growth, income and diversification. The firm empowers investors to diversify their portfolios with investments previously available only to the largest institutional and high net worth investors. The investor-friendly AXS funds are time-tested, liquid, transparent and managed by high pedigreed portfolio managers with long and strong track records. For more information, visit www.axsinvestments.com.

About the Institute for Sustainable Investing

The Institute for Sustainable Investing was founded as a global center for research, education and thought leadership on sustainable and impact investing. The Institute is a collaboration with academia, business and government to help people, corporations and communities experience sustainable financial well-being and to mobilize education and resources that drive immediate and long-term sustainable outcomes. The Institute pioneers thought leadership to foster greater education and awareness of sustainable investing; provides sustainability tools and resources for individuals, families and their financial advisors; and forges public-private partnerships to build capacity, scale, best practices and improved outcomes in sustainable investing.