

EIRIS again awarded research quality mark

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Following an on-site audit end 2014, EIRIS research methodology has again been certified as compliant with ARISTA 3.0[®], an independent verification scheme designed to enhance the quality, accountability and transparency of responsible investment research. EIRIS was initially certified in 2009.

The audit assessed EIRIS research methodologies, products and services, and quality management systems against the vigorous requirements of the standard. A multi-site audit was performed, covering EIRIS' headquarters in London, its offices in Boston and Paris, and global research partners in Canberra (CAER), Hannover (imug), Jerusalem (Greeneye) and Zaragoza (Ecodes).

ARISTA 3.0[®] requires research groups to establish and monitor quality improvements, as well as to publish an externally verified Transparency Matrix to provide confidence in a research group's methodology. It is an initiative of ARISE (Association of Responsible Investment Services).¹

David Tozer, Co-Head of Research, and responsible for the research quality control system at EIRIS stated, "ARISTA certification is the responsible investment research industry's independent quality verification scheme. Research with integrity is one of EIRIS' core values and although the standard can be challenging, we are proud to have achieved this continued recognition of the quality and transparency of our research. It is a testimony to the hard work of our talented team."

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Notes to editors:

1. Following the 2014 audit, the ARISE[®] Certification Council has granted certification to EIRIS, valid from 6 March 2015 until 5 March 2018. Annual follow-up audits are performed throughout this three year period.
2. **EIRIS** is a leading global provider of independent research into the environmental, social, governance (ESG) and ethical performance of companies. Wholly owned by the EIRIS Foundation, EIRIS is a social enterprise, working to help our clients develop the market in ways that benefit investors, asset managers and the wider world. Our mission is to empower responsible investors with independent assessments of companies and advice on integrating them with investment decisions. EIRIS provides responsible investment services to over 200 clients including asset owners, asset managers, banks, wealth managers and charities around the world – as well as major index providers. We have over 30 years' experience of promoting responsible investment and helping consumers, charities and advisers to invest responsibly. EIRIS has offices in London, Paris, Boston and Washington, D.C. In addition to overseas offices, EIRIS has a global network of research and sales partners in Australia, Germany, Israel, Mexico, Spain and South Korea. Visit www.eiris.org for more information.
3. **ARISE** is The Association for Responsible Investment Services, a Trade Association for RI research groups. ARISE manages the voluntary quality standard and is responsible for organising the independent, external certification audits. ARISTA 3.0[®] follows a third party audit and verification scheme; an independent Certification Council is responsible for awarding the formal certification decisions. Signatories of ARISTA 3.0[®] are bound to comply or are in the process of complying with ARISTA 3.0[®]. They foster the highest standards on transparency and accountability. Visit <http://www.aristastandard.org> for more information.

¹ http://www.aristastandard.org/content/the_trade_association.html