

EIRIS celebrates opening of its French office with new business wins

Global responsible investment specialist EIRIS has been selected by the Fonds de Réserve pour les Retraites (FRR) – one of Europe’s biggest state pension funds – to provide extra-financial risk analysis services for its global equity portfolio. The FRR will use the EIRIS Convention Watch service and controversial weapons screening service to track and mitigate extra-financial risks that could impact on the fund’s reputation.

Additionally, Natixis Asset Management will use EIRIS’ Country Sustainability Ratings tool to monitor the environmental, social and governance aspects contributing to the overall sustainability of countries.

In the UK, Kleinwort Benson will use EIRIS research to develop a pool of listed FTSE350 companies which can be tailored to include only those companies making positive social contributions, for example companies which have strong human rights or environmental policies. To help better serve the French market EIRIS has opened a new office in Paris - contact nadia.laine@eiris.org, +33 1 48 03 92 24, or stephen.hine@eiris.org, +44 (0)20 7840 5716 for further details.

About EIRIS

EIRIS is a leading global provider of independent research into the environmental, social governance (ESG) and ethical performance of companies. With over 25 years experience of conducting research and promoting responsible investment strategies, EIRIS now provides services to more than 100 asset owners and asset managers globally. In the last ten years new EIRIS research has focussed on the risks and exposure of companies in key ESG areas, and how companies are responding. EIRIS works with clients to create their own ESG ratings and rankings, to engage with companies and to create specific funds for their clients. EIRIS has a multinational team of over 50 staff in London, together with offices in Boston and Paris. The EIRIS network includes research organisations in Australia, France, Israel, Germany, Spain & South Korea, and now covers over 2,800 companies globally.

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