

News release

BlueOrchard to open new office in Singapore

- **Leading Swiss impact investment manager opens new office in Singapore to expand and further strengthen its long-standing presence in the Asia-Pacific region.**
- **BlueOrchard currently manages two renowned funds exclusively dedicated to promoting sustainable growth in Asian-Pacific countries.**

Zurich/Singapore, 6 June 2018 – BlueOrchard Finance is pleased to announce the opening of its new office in Singapore. The launch of the Singapore subsidiary underpins BlueOrchard’s steadily growing popularity in the region, and is an integral part of BlueOrchard’s efforts to forge ties with stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region.

BlueOrchard is recognized globally as a leading impact investment manager dedicated to fostering inclusive and climate-smart growth, while providing attractive returns for investors. BlueOrchard has deployed more than USD 5bn across 80 emerging and frontier markets, enabling beneficial social and environmental impact. BlueOrchard’s funds proactively address 13 of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Despite remarkable economic progress achieved in Asian-Pacific countries over the last decades, the region remains home to an enormous number of the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people. At the same time, the Asia-Pacific impact investing market is growing and increasingly addresses societal and environmental challenges. Due to its central location and outstanding infrastructure, Singapore is well positioned to become an impact investing hub in Asia-Pacific.

BlueOrchard has been present in the region for almost 10 years and manages two funds, the Microfinance Initiative for Asia (MIFA) and the Japan ASEAN Women Empowerment Fund (JAWEF), which address exclusively sustainable growth in Asia-Pacific. The new office in Singapore will complement the office in Phnom Penh, enabling BlueOrchard to further expand its reach to clients, investments and access specific talents and skills.

“The opening of the Singapore office underlines our commitment to serve our partners through local expertise and presence,” said Peter A. Fanconi, Chairman of the Board of BlueOrchard.

“We are seeing high demand in the Asia Pacific region for impact investing expertise. Singapore, as a local hub, plays an important part in BlueOrchard’s continued growth in the region,” said Patrick Scheurle, CEO of BlueOrchard.

“Opening an office in Singapore in addition to our presence in Phnom Penh will reinforce our footprint in the fast-growing APAC market. We are excited to serve our investees and investors across Asia and the South Pacific,” said Pierrick Balmain, Head of APAC Business Development at BlueOrchard.

About BlueOrchard Finance Ltd

BlueOrchard is a leading global impact investment manager. The firm is dedicated to fostering inclusive and climate-smart growth, while providing attractive returns for investors. BlueOrchard was founded in 2001, by initiative of the UN, as the world’s first commercial manager of microfinance debt investments. Today, BlueOrchard provides investors around the world with premium investment solutions, including credit, private equity, and sustainable infrastructure. Being an expert in innovative blended finance mandates, the firm is a trusted partner of leading global development finance institutions. With a major global presence and offices on four continents, BlueOrchard has invested to date more than USD 5bn across 80 emerging and frontier markets, enabling tangible social and environmental impact. BlueOrchard is a licensed Swiss asset manager authorized by FINMA. Its Luxembourg entity is a licensed alternative investment fund manager (AIFM) authorized by CSSF. For additional information, please visit: www.blueorchard.com.

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