

News release

BlueOrchard granted UCITS license by CSSF

- BlueOrchard has been granted CSSF authorization to act as a UCITS management company (in addition to its existing AIFM license).
- BlueOrchard to respond to the increasing demand for UCITS compliant impact investing solutions.
- Launch of first UCITS Emerging Markets Impact Bond Fund to follow.
- An important step towards the democratization of impact investing.

Zurich/Luxembourg, 12 June 2018 – BlueOrchard is pleased to announce that it has received the authorization for its Luxembourg entity, BlueOrchard Asset Management (Luxembourg) S.A., to act as a UCITS management company. The authorization demonstrates BlueOrchard's ability to meet high regulatory demands and underlines the company's standards in investment and governance processes, risk management as well as transparency.

The UCITS license allows BlueOrchard to further complement the range of its investment solutions offering and to continue on its strategic path to position the company as the leading multi-asset class impact investment manager. BlueOrchard will launch a new UCITS fund, responding to investors' demand for liquid microfinance investment strategies. The soon to be launched Emerging Markets Impact Bond Fund fills the investment gap in social development financing by investing in selected frontier and emerging markets bonds of corporations including quasi-sovereigns with significant impact activities.

"The new UCITS set up allows us to further innovate in the impact space. The Emerging Markets Impact Bond Fund expands our cross asset class offering meaningfully," said Peter A. Fanconi, Chairman of the Board of BlueOrchard.

"The UCITS license proves our professionalism and institutional quality. It is an important step forward in meeting our clients' demands for liquid impact investment solutions," said Patrick Scheurle, CEO of 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 UCITS as well as alternative investment fund manager (AIFM) authorized by CSSF. For additional information, please visit: www.blueorchard.com.

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