

News release

BlueOrchard Impact Bond Fund exceeds USD 300 million mark

Zurich, 19 June 2019 – Since start of fundraising in December 2018, the BlueOrchard Emerging Markets SDG Impact Bond Fund (the “fund”) has seen strong growth and exceeded the USD 300 million mark. The UCITS compliant fund is designed for institutional and retail investors that seek a liquid impact investing solution.

The fund has been able to collect over USD 300 million since fundraising started in December 2018. This milestone underlines investor demand for investment vehicles that combine financial returns and impact with liquidity and reflects BlueOrchard’s 20 years track record of delivering both strong financial results and positive social and environmental impact. The investment strategy builds on BlueOrchard’s local presence and longstanding expertise in emerging and frontier market investing.

The fund invests in bonds from corporations and financial institutions in emerging and frontier markets that finance or engage in impact and climate-smart activities which advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The fund contributes to closing the annual SDGs investment gap of USD 2.5 trillion in developing countries.

Patrick Scheurle, CEO of BlueOrchard said: *“Meeting this milestone within such a short time has exceeded our expectations. We are very pleased with the investor response to our liquid UCITS impact strategy. This reflects that the fund presents an excellent opportunity for investors to further engage in key emerging markets while making an impact.”*

“As a company founded by initiative of the UN, we are extremely proud to have launched a fund that contributes to the SDGs in emerging markets while simultaneously addressing the needs of investors,” said Peter A. Fanconi, BlueOrchard’s Chairman of the Board.

The fund, registered in Luxembourg and managed by BlueOrchard is accessible to institutional and retail investors with a variety of share classes in different currencies to suit investor requirements. The fund is managed by an experienced team with a long track record of successful debt investments in emerging and frontier markets.

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