

Evonik included in the RobecoSAM Sustainability Yearbook for the first time

- Rating agency names Evonik as a Silver Class “Sustainability Leader”
- Straight away included in the top ten of around 70 chemical companies rated worldwide

The sustainability rating agency RobecoSAM has included Evonik Industries AG in its prestigious yearbook of economic, social and ecological performance as a Sustainability Leader with the distinction “Silver Class”. This was the first time Evonik participated in the RobecoSAM assessment.

“As one of the world's leading specialty chemical companies, we accept responsibility for our business, our employees, the environment and society,” comments Thomas Wessel, the member of Evonik's Executive Board responsible for sustainability. “The fact that first time round we gained a place among the top ten of the about 70 chemical companies rated worldwide rewards our commitment and motivates us to resolutely continue along this path.”

Every year, around 2,000 companies are assessed for the Sustainability Yearbook published by RobecoSAM. Only the best 15 percent of companies in the 59 sectors evaluated are included in the yearbook. RobecoSAM uses more than 100 criteria to rate the sustainability performance of companies for the yearbook and awards the distinction “Gold”, “Silver” or “Bronze Class” for top performers. Based in Zurich (Switzerland), RobecoSAM is an investment specialist focusing exclusively on sustainability.

Evonik is included in the sustainability-oriented index families FTSE4Good Global, STOXX® Global ESG Leaders and Euronext Vigeo Eurozone 120. Important sustainability rating agencies such as Oekom Research, Sustainalytics and imug/EIRIS also rank the company among the leaders in the chemical sector.

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Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik's corporate strategy. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2014 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €12.9 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €1.9 billion.

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