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## ARDIAN AWARDED ESG BEST PRACTICES HONOURS 2019

**Paris, June, 27, 2019 –** Ardian, a world leading private investment house, announces today it has won the "Multi strategies Investment Platform" category at the 2019 ESG Best Practices Honours. The awards are run by SWEN Capital Partners, a leading European investment management company specialized in responsible investing in private markets.

The judging panel, composed of external members including OECD, PRI, FIR, FRR, ETHIFINANCE, rewarded Ardian's responsible investment approach, developed over the last 10 years, and its commitment to reaching ambitious CSR commitments, such as value sharing, an initiative Ardian began in 2008. This is also a recognition of Ardian's code of conduct, designed to create a thriving economy and ensure sustainable success.

Philippe Poletti, Head of Ardian Buyout and Member of the Executive Committee, Chairman of the Sustainability Committee says: "Ardian is a pioneer of responsible investment in private equity and real assets. Over the past decade, we've taken the lead in our industry, and we're determined to stay at the forefront. We strongly believe our companies must go beyond delivering purely financial returns, which is why we've resolved to measure and improve the impact of our portfolio without accepting any trade-off in performance. We truly think this ambition will drive more distinctive returns, both in the industry and more broadly."

Candice Brenet, Head of Sustainability comments: "We are extremely proud to be recognized at these awards. It acknowledges our long-term efforts to lead the private investment industry towards best practices. As Ardian is expanding worldwide, we have both a greater responsibility, as well as a greater opportunity to make more of a positive impact. Sustainable development is completely embedded in our culture. Our 10-year history in the sustainability field is one of experimenting and taking new initiatives every year, and it's been successful. We have great ambition in the coming months and years, and we aim to maintain our high standards."

https://www.ardian.com/Sustainability-report-2018/

## **ABOUT ARDIAN**

Ardian is a world-leading private investment house with assets of US\$90bn managed or advised in Europe, the Americas and Asia. The company is majority-owned by its employees. It keeps entrepreneurship at its heart and focuses on delivering excellent investment performance to its global investor base.

Through its commitment to shared outcomes for all stakeholders, Ardian's activities fuel individual, corporate and economic growth around the world.

Holding close its core values of excellence, loyalty and entrepreneurship, Ardian maintains a truly global network, with more than 600 employees working from fifteen offices across Europe (Frankfurt, Jersey, London, Luxembourg, Madrid, Milan, Paris and Zurich), the Americas (New York, San Francisco and Santiago) and Asia (Beijing, Singapore, Tokyo and Seoul). It manages funds on behalf of around 880 clients through five pillars of investment expertise: Fund of Funds, Direct Funds, Infrastructure, Real Estate and Private Debt.

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