



## Nelufer Ansari appointed Head of ESG at Swiss Life Asset Managers

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Nelufer Ansari is taking over the management of ESG activities at Swiss Life Asset Managers. Under her leadership, the Swiss asset manager wishes to expand its sustainable investment approach to all asset classes and countries in which the company operates.

Since mid-2018, Swiss Life Asset Managers has been systematically integrating sustainability criteria from the environmental, social & governance triad (ESG) into its risk management and investment strategy. The sustainable investment approach that has been developed is now to be expanded to all asset classes and countries of Swiss Life Asset Managers. Nelufer Ansari (31) is assuming this task in her role as Head of Strategic and Special Tasks. She will also be responsible for developing a cross-border ESG strategy spanning all products for Swiss Life Asset Managers. Nelufer Ansari will operate from the Zurich location. She will report directly to Stefan Mächler, CIO of the Swiss Life Group.

“By appointing a Head of ESG, we are underlining our aspiration for sustainable investment solutions and uniting the local endeavours. This will enable us to provide customers with our know-how more effectively in the future,” says Stefan Mächler, CIO of the Swiss Life Group. “By bundling our activities under a uniform management, we also aim to gear our investment objectives more strongly to the growing number of customers wishing to include sustainability criteria in their investment spectrum in addition to financial aspects.”

Nelufer Ansari explains: “My job as Head of ESG activities at Swiss Life Asset Managers is an exciting challenge as I will be able to build on the strong commitment and high aspirations of the management team of Swiss Life Asset Managers in the area of sustainability. I also have every confidence that our good starting position in the asset management market will enable us to assume a stronger role in the ESG area in future.”

Nelufer Ansari studied economics at the University of Mannheim and earned a Master's in Real Estate (MSc RE) at the University of Regensburg – with placements abroad at the Korean University Business School and the University of Hong Kong. At the University of Regensburg, she earned a doctorate (Dr. rer. pol.) in “sustainability of real estate companies”. At the same time she worked as a research associate at the IRE|BS Competence Centre of Sustainable Real Estate in Regensburg.

Nelufer Ansari started her career at BEOS AG, that has been part of Swiss Life Asset Managers since 2018. She has been Head of Strategic & Special Tasks at Swiss Life Asset Managers since 1 March 2019.



*Nelufer Ansari, new Head of ESG at Swiss Life Asset Managers*

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#### Swiss Life Asset Managers

Swiss Life Asset Managers has more than 160 years of experience in managing the assets of the Swiss Life Group. This insurance background has exerted a key influence on the investment philosophy of Swiss Life Asset Managers, which is governed by such principles as value preservation, the generation of consistent and sustainable performance and a responsible approach to risks. That's how we lay the groundwork for our clients to make solid, long-term plans – in self-determination and with financial confidence. Swiss Life Asset Managers offers this proven approach to third-party clients in Switzerland, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the UK.

As at 31 December 2018 assets under management for third-party clients amount to CHF 71.2 billion. Together with insurance mandates for the Swiss Life Group, total assets under management at Swiss Life Asset Managers stood at CHF 232.6 billion.

Swiss Life Asset Managers is the leading real estate manager in Europe<sup>1</sup>. Of the assets totaling CHF 232.6 billion, CHF 62.7 billion is invested in real estate. In addition, Swiss Life Asset Managers has real estate under administration of CHF 28.5 billion through its subsidiaries Livit, Corpus Sireo and Beos. Total real estate under management and administration at the end of December 2018 thus came to CHF 91.2 billion.

Swiss Life Asset Managers employs more than 1800 people in Europe.

<sup>1</sup>PropertyEU, Top 100 Investors, December 2018