Morningstar Announces Winners for 2024 Morningstar Awards for Investing Excellence Belgium

BRUSSELS, 14 March 2024 -- Morningstar, Inc. (Nasdaq: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment insights, announced the winners for the 2024 Morningstar Awards for Investing Excellence Belgium yesterday evening. The awards recognise funds and asset managers that have served investors well over the long term and which Morningstar's manager research team believes will be able to deliver strong risk-adjusted returns over time.

"The Morningstar Awards for Investing Excellence commends the industry's fund offerings and investor-centric firms. Based on Morningstar's forward-looking ratings for funds, the Morningstar manager research team carefully select the winners across equity, fixed income, and multi-asset categories, as the leading funds within Belgium for investors. We'd like to congratulate all winners and finalists of this year's awards." said **Jeffrey Schumacher, Director of Manager Research, EMEA, Morningstar Inc.**

There are three types of Morningstar awards: the Morningstar Category Awards, the Morningstar Asset Manager Awards, and the Morningstar Asset Manager Sustainable-Investing Awards.

The 2024 Morningstar Awards for Investing Excellence award winners in Belgium are:

Morningstar Category Awards	**Winner**
Best EUR Allocation Fund	Vanguard LifeStrategy® 60% Equity ETF
Best EUR Bond Fund	BlueBay Investment Grade Bd B EUR
Best Europe Equity Fund	Comgest Growth Europe EUR Acc
Best Global Equity Fund	Baillie Gifford WW L/T Glb Gr A EUR Acc

Best Asset Manager Awards

Morningstar Category Awards	**Winner**
Best Asset Manager	RBC BlueBay

Best Asset Manager Sustainable Investing Awards

Morningstar Category Awards	**Winner**
Best Asset Manager - Sustainable Investing	Robeco

Methodology

These awards are determined by a combination of risk-adjusted medium- to long-term performance track records and Morningstar's forward-looking rating for funds, the Morningstar Medalist Rating™ including its Parent pillar component. The Medalist Rating is set on a five-tier scale running from Gold, Silver, Bronze, Neutral and Negative at the share class level. The Morningstar Asset Manager – Sustainable Investing Awards are determined by a combination of Morningstar's qualitative and quantitative sustainability research capabilities. The full methodology for the awards is available here.

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