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BlueOrchard Finance Ltd appoints SGSS in Luxembourg to provide fund services for Japan ASEAN Women Empowerment Fund

Societe Generale Securities Services (SGSS) in Luxembourg has been mandated by BlueOrchard Finance Ltd, a globally leading impact investment manager specialized in fostering inclusive finance and sustainable growth, to provide a broad range of fund services for its recently launched JAPAN ASEAN Women Empowerment Fund (JAWEF), a Luxembourg specialized investment fund.

The fund plans to invest USD 120 million in a diversified portfolio of mainly microfinance institutions focused on providing lending facilities predominantly to female micro and small entrepreneurs to empower women in South Asian and South East Asian countries*.

Services provided by SGSS:

- Fund administration services and all reporting requirements (risk management, reporting...),
- Custody and trustee services,
- Transfer agency services,
- Domiciliation and ancillary services.

Geographic scope:

- The fund will be investing in a diversified portfolio, mainly in microfinance debt instruments, in ASEAN countries.

Why SGSS:

- A provider with a worldwide presence and global services offering,
- The capacity to tailor services to the JAWEF's specific requirements,
- An experienced international team with a dedicated fund distribution hub in Luxembourg,
- An extensive network of local paying and facilities agency services,
- Proven capacity to provide services to AIFM and Alternative structures with dedicated services and operational set-up.

BlueOrchard Finance Ltd

BlueOrchard Finance Ltd is a globally leading impact investment manager, specialized in fostering inclusive finance and sustainable growth. BlueOrchard was founded in 2001 by initiative of the UN as the first commercial manager of microfinance debt investments worldwide. To this day, the company has invested over USD 3.5 bn in institutions across 60 emerging and frontier markets, providing access to financial and other services to over 30 million individuals at the bottom of the pyramid. BlueOrchard-managed funds drive attractive double-bottom line returns to private and institutional investors, supranational institutions as well as renowned foundations. BlueOrchard Finance Ltd is an asset manager licensed by the FINMA and its Luxembourg entity is a licensed alternative investment fund manager (AIFM) by CSSF.



**South East Asian countries: Cambodia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia, and Indonesia and South Asian Countries such as India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.*

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