

NOVETHIC AWARDS ITS FIRST GREEN CERTIFICATION TO THE SYCOMORE ECO SOLUTIONS FUND

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Sycomore Eco Solutions, the first fund to receive the French Label for the Energy and Ecological Transition

Today Eco Solutions became the first fund to be awarded the French Label for the Energy and Ecological Transition. This certification launched in December 2015 by the Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Marine Affairs, is intended for funds that focus on financing the green economy. The audit conducted by Novethic confirmed that the Sycomore Eco Solutions fund invests a significant share of its assets in eco-activities, as defined by the label's standards. The methodology developed by this independent asset manager also leads to the selection of companies that contribute to the energy and ecological transition in ways beyond the specified eco-activities. Sycomore Eco Solutions is one of the very few global equity funds targeting its investments on European companies that promote the green economy. Created in summer 2015, it adheres to a rigorous environmental philosophy that sends a positive signal to companies that adapt their business model in relation to ecological and climate change imperatives.

The environmental qualities and transparency of the fund audited by a third-party, independent expert

In the awarding of this first French Label for the Energy and Ecological Transition, Novethic has performed the auditor's role entrusted to it by the Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Maritime Affairs in March 2016. Having pioneered responsible investment certification by introducing the first SRI label in Europe in 2009, the Novethic research centre seeks to promote management of financial products that will have a strong environmental and social impact. It is also a strategic partner of the German Sustainable Investment Forum (FNG) in the SRI certification programme set up in 2015 for funds marketed in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

A label for the energy and ecological transition



The French Label for the Energy and Ecological Transition highlights investment that contributes to this transition. It may be awarded to funds invested in listed or unlisted (private equity) companies, green bonds, or infrastructures (renewable energy facilities, public transport, etc.). The rigorous standards for this label include investment in eco-sectors and exclusion from investment portfolios of the nuclear and fossil fuel sectors as well as companies that are controversial owing to their violation of international agreements.

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