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## **Membership Announcement**

New member of ESG Ireland: Aberdeen Standard Investments

**Dublin, Ireland, 4 November 2019** — ESG Ireland is pleased to welcome Aberdeen Standard Investments as a new member of the ESG Ireland community, committed to working towards a more secure future.

Liam Stack, Head of Distribution Ireland, Aberdeen Standard Investments, said: "We are delighted to be among the first members of ESG Ireland, to support what we see as an innovative initiative to close the knowledge gap around ESG and responsible investing in Ireland. Our goal as an organisation is to make a difference – for our clients, society and the wider world. We believe ESG Ireland aligns well with this core principle.

By making ESG central to our investment capabilities, we look to deliver appropriate outcomes for our clients – as well as actively contribute to a fairer, more sustainable world. In 2017, we launched a global impact fund; while we continue to deliver industry leading solutions, we believe ESG Ireland can serve an important role in raising awareness and understanding of ESG and responsible investing among stakeholders in Ireland."

**Vincent McCarthy, Founder, ESG Ireland,** said: "It is a very positive development to welcome Aberdeen Standard Investments – one of the leading global investment managers – as a new member of ESG Ireland. Investment managers are important stewards of capital and Aberdeen Standard Investments have demonstrated their commitment to making ESG a fundamental part of their investment proposition.

Membership of ESG Ireland is further confirmation of their willingness to take the lead and support new initiatives committed to change for the better. We look forward to working with Aberdeen Standard Investments as we strive to drive real engagement with stakeholders in Ireland on ESG and responsible investing."

### **About Aberdeen Standard Investments**

Aberdeen Standard Investments is a leading global asset manager dedicated to helping investors around the world reach their desired investment goals and broaden their financial horizons. We provide expertise across a breadth of markets, asset classes and investment approaches.

Environmental, social and governance considerations underpin all our investment activities. Our 1,000+\* investment professionals take account of ESG factors in their research, stock selection and portfolio construction – supported by more than 50 ESG specialists around the world. As at 30 June 2019, ASI manage €587.6bn (£525.7 bn/US\$669.1bn) on behalf of governments, pension funds, insurers, companies, charities, foundations and individuals in 80 countries. As at August 2019 ASI manage €7.1 billion on behalf of a wide range of Irish clients.

#### About ESG Ireland™

ESG Ireland is an independent platform delivering thought leadership on the integration of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors within decision-making frameworks, across business, investments and public policy. ESG Ireland has been established to be part of the solution for a more secure future; we believe the best way to achieve this is through collaboration with all stakeholders, to promote a greater sharing of perspectives.

While the broader theme of sustainability has garnered more publicity in Ireland recently, a big knowledge gap exists around the practical application of ESG and responsible investment among companies. trustees, pension scheme members, investors and other stakeholders, something which ESG Ireland has been set up to address. The core purpose of ESG Ireland is to turn intent into action and to make Ireland a beacon for other countries to follow.

To learn more about ESG Ireland membership and to join this collaborative effort, contact:

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