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DWS further improves scores at annual PRI assessment

- PRI A+ rating for Strategy & Governance underlines DWS's ambitions to be an ESG leader
- DWS fared better or in line with peers in all modules
- Highest score for active equity stewardship

DWS has maintained the highest possible rating, A+, for Strategy & Governance in the annual Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) assessment. DWS has improved its score in 3 out of 9 modules, and fared better or at least in line with other PRI signatories in all categories. As an early signatory to the PRI, DWS is required to report on responsible investment activities and progress on an annual basis.

The assessment underlines DWS's ambition to be a leader in the ESG market. Asoka Woehrmann, CEO at DWS says: "We are very proud to maintain our top rating from the PRI, which is a key metric for our clients. This result gives testimony to the great effort DWS has made to put sustainability at the core of what we do. But, there is still more we can all do."

The PRI awarded DWS top score for its excellent strategy and governance approach to responsible investing and active ownership with listed equities. DWS made the best improvement in the Securitized Fixed Income module with a B-score coming from E last year, whereas the median for investment managers is an E score.

Going forward, DWS is stepping up its efforts to improve the breadth and depth of its ESG data. Following the recently announced addition of data provider S-Ray from Arabesque to complement its proprietary ESG Engine, DWS has developed a new climate transition management system which will be added to its research and portfolio management system. This new system can additionally be implemented in bespoke client solutions.

The results and further information of the PRI assessment can be viewed on the ESG section of our website.

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We offer individuals and institutions access to our strong investment capabilities across all major asset classes and solutions aligned to growth trends. Our diverse expertise in Active, Passive and Alternatives asset management – as well as our deep environmental, social and governance focus – complement each other when creating targeted solutions for our clients. Our expertise and on-the-ground-knowledge of our economists, research analysts and investment professionals are brought together in one consistent global CIO View, which guides our strategic investment approach.

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