

## **Affirmative Investment Management Joins Partnership Program Green Bond Fund Manager Formalises Longstanding Cooperation**

**LONDON: 16/03/2016 15:00 GMT:** London based dedicated green and impact bond fund manager Affirmative Investment Management ([AIM](#)) is to join the Climate Bonds Partner Program, effective immediately.

AIM is a leading exponent of disclosure and reporting by bond issuers and the provision of impact data on a portfolio basis. It pursues impact investing opportunities in fixed income with a strong ESG and sustainability base and has been at the forefront of international green bond development with both Climate Bonds Initiative and international financial institutions since 2010. The AIM team holds the longest track record in the market for managing a green bond fund against a mainstream benchmark, stretching back over five years.

### **Stuart Kinnersley CEO AIM:**

“AIM is delighted to become a Climate Bonds Partner. We look forward to working even more closely with Climate Bonds Initiative and other Partners to actively seek meaningful mobilisation of debt markets to help combat climate change.”

“Climate Bonds’ international advocacy for accelerated action around climate finance aligns well with our investment focus on building resilient communities and shifting to low carbon economies. We believe investing should have a positive environmental and or social ambition. Climate Bonds is working to achieve this on a global basis, hence our longstanding support. Becoming a Partner formalises our existing cooperative relationship.”

### **Sean Kidney CEO Climate Bonds:**

“The AIM approach of providing annual impact reporting, disclosure around use of proceeds and data provision on investment outputs and key results is an example of best practice amongst managers.”

“Similar principles around transparency and disclosure have been incorporated into the Climate Bonds Standards. Improved reporting should become standard amongst market participants and increasingly embedded in green bond market frameworks.”

“AIM has been an influential supporter of green bond market development. It has led the way by integrating green bond strategies into a range of mainstream benchmarked portfolios.”

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**About Climate Bonds Initiative:** The Climate Bonds Initiative is an investor-focused not-for-profit, promoting large-scale investment in the low-carbon economy. For more information, please visit [www.climatebonds.net](http://www.climatebonds.net)

**About Affirmative Investment Management (AIM):** Based in London. AIM is the world's first dedicated green and impact bond fund manager. More information is [here](#). AIM can be contacted at [info@affirmative.com](mailto:info@affirmative.com).

**Partners Program:** NGOs, banks, institutional investors and governments are eligible to join as [Climate Bond Partners](#) to help rapidly grow a market of green and climate bonds. Partners assist in developing initiatives to grow investment in climate solutions, participate in different market development committees & help define policy agendas for sector, country and sub-national programs.

A list of Partners is available [here](#).

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