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### Aegon Asset Management Joins Climate Bonds Partners Program

**THE HAGUE/LONDON, XX/03/2019:** [Aegon Asset Management](#) has become the latest financial investor to become a Climate Bonds Partner.

The new partnership, announced by CEO Sean Kidney at the Climate Bonds annual conference in London last week, will support AAM's responsible investment initiatives.

AAM provides a wide range of responsible investment solutions for affiliated clients, institutional investors, wholesale and retail clients. This year AAM's US business launched a High Yield ESG strategy, using a proprietary ESG integration process to tilt towards more favourable ESG characteristics, and is developing a Sustainable Fixed Income strategy, using a sustainability-themed approach to investing in fixed income instruments that aligns with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

AAM's partnership will assist Climate Bonds to further develop its market-building efforts in green finance and sustainable fixed income. As a leading mainstream fixed income investor, AAM's participation will add diversity and market expertise to CBI's Partners Network.

**Emanuele Fanelli, Senior Responsible Investment Manager, Aegon Asset Management:**

"We are excited to be joining CBI's market-building initiatives in green bonds and helping to create a common framework for the sustainable fixed income markets. It aligns with the responsible investment objectives of our 2020 strategic plan, through which we aim to become a leading provider of responsible investment solutions. As such, this partnership demonstrates our engagement to be involved in the development of green & sustainable fixed income markets through thought-leading and innovative initiatives such as CBI."

**Manuel Adamini, Head of Investor Engagement, Climate Bonds Initiative:**

"We welcome Aegon Asset Management to our Partners Network. AAM has been actively supporting the development of sustainable and impact investment markets and mainstreaming green finance. With the threat of climate change to our societies and investments so imminent and fast-growing, we are looking forward to working with AAM to expand green bond markets globally and reinforcing market best practice and green integrity."

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Investors worldwide entrust Aegon Asset Management to manage approximately €318 billion on their behalf\*. Positioned for success in our chosen markets (the UK, Continental Europe, North America and Asia), Aegon Asset Management's specialist teams provide high-quality investment solutions across asset classes.

Through the Aegon Group our heritage stretches back to 1844, meaning we understand the importance of long-term relationships, robust risk management and sustainable outperformance. A long and successful history of partnership with our proprietary insurance accounts has enabled us to establish experienced investment teams, a solid asset base and proven long-term track records.

For more information, visit [www.aegonassetmanagement.nl](http://www.aegonassetmanagement.nl)

\*Source: Aegon Asset Management as at 26/07/2018.

**About the Climate Bonds Initiative:** Climate Bonds Initiative is an investor-focused not-for-profit, promoting large-scale investment in the low carbon economy. Climate Bonds undertakes advocacy and outreach to inform and stimulate the market, provides policy models and government advice, market data and analysis, and administers an international Standard & Certification Scheme for best practice in green bonds issuance.

For more information, please visit [www.climatebonds.net](http://www.climatebonds.net).

**Climate Bonds Partners Program:** Banks, institutional investors, private and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and governments are eligible to join as Climate Bond Partners to help grow a market of green and climate bonds.

Partners support investor and stakeholder outreach and education projects centred on growing robust and sustainable green bond markets that contribute to climate action and low carbon investment. Partners assist in developing initiatives to grow investment in climate finance solutions, participate in different market development committees & help define policy agendas for sector, country & sub-national green bond development programs.

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

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