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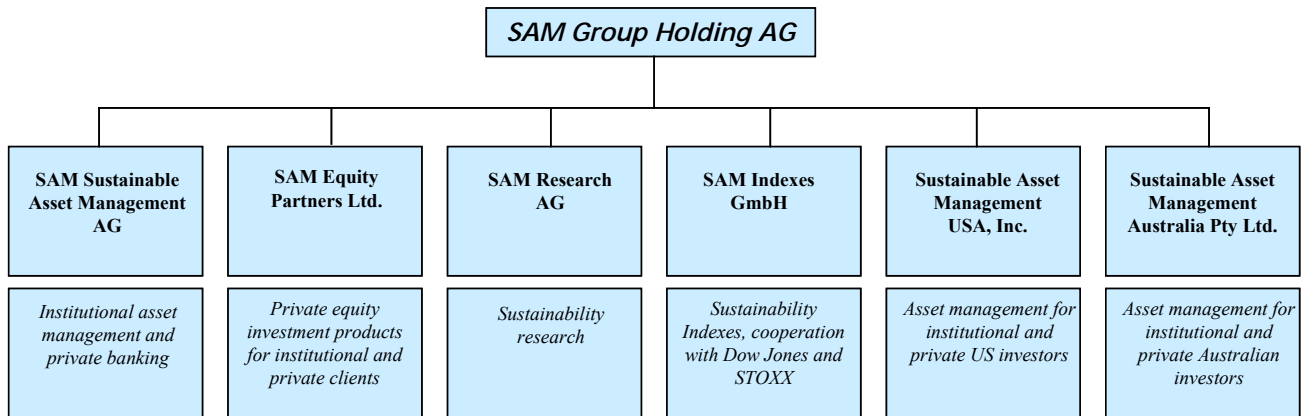
### ***SAM Sustainable Asset Management AG becomes SAM Group Holding AG***

***SAM Sustainable Asset Management (SAM), founded in 1995, is reorganizing as a holding company. From now on its operational companies will be brought together under a single roof, SAM Group Holding. This move streamlines SAM's management structure, focuses its operations, and enables the company to keep pace with rapid growth and the expansion of its activities in the field of sustainability. The headquarters of the new holding company remain in Zollikon-Zurich.***

In recent years, SAM Sustainable Asset Management (SAM) has seen healthy growth in the field of sustainability investments. Alongside its Swiss business, SAM has for some time operated in selected foreign markets via subsidiaries abroad. This development, in addition to the ongoing expansion of its services, has prompted SAM to adjust its corporate structure. The existing SAM Sustainable Asset Management AG is now to be reorganized into a holding company structure under the name of SAM Group Holding AG. Customers of SAM will still be dealing with the same people within the organization, and following the restructuring the company will continue to operate from the same address.

The new SAM Group Holding comprises the following operating companies (see also the chart on page 2): SAM Sustainable Asset Management AG, SAM Equity Partners Ltd., SAM Research AG, SAM Indexes GmbH, Sustainable Asset Management USA, Inc., Sustainable Asset Management Australia, Pty Ltd.

The introduction of a holding company structure is in the interests of customers, as it will enable SAM to package its products and services in line with the market and assure the continuity of its business in the long term.



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***SAM Sustainable Asset Management (SAM)*** was founded in 1995 as an independent asset management company specializing in sustainability investments. As one of the world's leading asset managers in its field, SAM works with banks, insurance companies, pension funds, trusts, foundations, and private investors. The systematic analysis and integration of sustainability criteria in the investment process serves as a basis for high-quality products and services. SAM's acumen is based on its own research as well as the resources of its worldwide sustainability network. Together with Dow Jones and STOXX, SAM launched a family of sustainability indexes, tracking the performance of companies that lead their industry in terms of sustainability. SAM's headquarter is in Zollikon-Zurich (Switzerland), and it has branch offices in Chicago, USA, and Melbourne, Australia.