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ESG Best Practices Honours by Swen: For the 2nd consecutive year, Demeter receives the prize for the best management company in terms of ESG practices in the Small cap category!

During the annual ESG Best Practices Honours ceremony organized by Swen Capital Partners on Thursday, November 26, Demeter received the award for the best management company in terms of ESG practices in the Small cap category.

Furthermore, Demeter was nominated in 4 out of 5 categories of this major event regarding ESG in non-listed investment.

This is the second year in a row that this prestigious award has been awarded to Demeter. It rewards the consistency of our investment strategy with the Sustainable Development Goals and ESG values (Environmental, Social and Governance), as well as our solutions for reporting on the extra-financial performance of our investments, a source of financial performance for our funds. The environmental and territorial impact measurement methodology developed with Carbone4 and successfully implemented since 2018 on our capital development fund Paris Green Fund, inspires the innovative proposals that we make to investors of our new venture capital and infrastructure funds being fundraised.

In 2020, we strengthened in particular our commitment to improve the integration of ESG into our investment processes but also to promote specific actions such as gender parity and biodiversity.

During this beautiful evening organized combining face-to-face and virtual participants, explorer Jean-Louis Etienne and three committed entrepreneurs spoke on the theme of "Convictions: Let's not wait for the world of tomorrow to rethink our models", and resilience.

Sophie Paturle, Managing Partner: “As a pioneer and a major player in investing in ecological transition, Demeter has always associated financial and extra-financial performance. We are more than ever determined to accelerate our ESG commitment by combining ecological and inclusive transition with growth and value creation."

Stéphanie Chrétien, Partner in the Private Equity team and in charge of impact and ESG: “As an investor, we have a major role to play in promoting a low-carbon and sustainable economy. Demeter is a pioneer in ESG and we are convinced that ESG is not a simple reporting constraint, but a real lever for value creation. Our mission is therefore to massively engage the companies in which we invest in environmental, social and governance initiatives to create value for all our stakeholders. "

About Demeter

Demeter (www.demeter-im.com) is a major European player in venture capital and private equity for the energy and ecological transition. Its funds invest from €1m to €30m to support companies in the sector at all stages of their development: innovative startups, small and mid-cap companies, as well as infrastructure projects. The Demeter team counts 40 people based in Paris, Lyon, Grenoble, Metz, Madrid, and Düsseldorf, manages €1bn and has completed 140 investments over 14 years.

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