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SEB the only Nordic bank in Dow Jones Sustainability Index

SEB is the only Nordic bank included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, the most recognised global sustainability ranking for investors.

The rankings are based on a comprehensive questionnaire with detailed criteria on some 20 different categories relating to economic, environmental and social responsibility.

“We have, for many years, worked systematically to be included, and we have now reached the goal. This is the result of our working widely and seriously with sustainability issues within SEB, and that we can document and account for this in all parts of the bank,” says **Cecilia Widebäck West**, Head of Corporate Sustainability at SEB.

In total, there are 20 Nordic companies in the European rankings, including four new companies this year. SEB is the only Nordic bank, and has an index rating of 88 out of a possible 100, compared with 78 last year.

Looking at the specific categories, SEB has a rating of 89 for financial responsibility, 84 for the environmental dimension, and 89 in the social dimension. Most parameters increase, but the biggest improvement is in the area of social responsibility.

Dow Jones Sustainability Index is a collaboration between S&P Dow Jones Indices and asset manager RobecoSAM, which specialises in sustainable investments.

Dow Jones Sustainability World Index http://www.emarsys.net/custloads/125736536/md_788596.pdf

Dow Jones Sustainability Europe Index http://www.emarsys.net/custloads/125736536/md_788593.pdf

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