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Investing in electro-mobility, connectivity and autonomous driving: **RobecoSAM launches Smart Mobility Strategy**

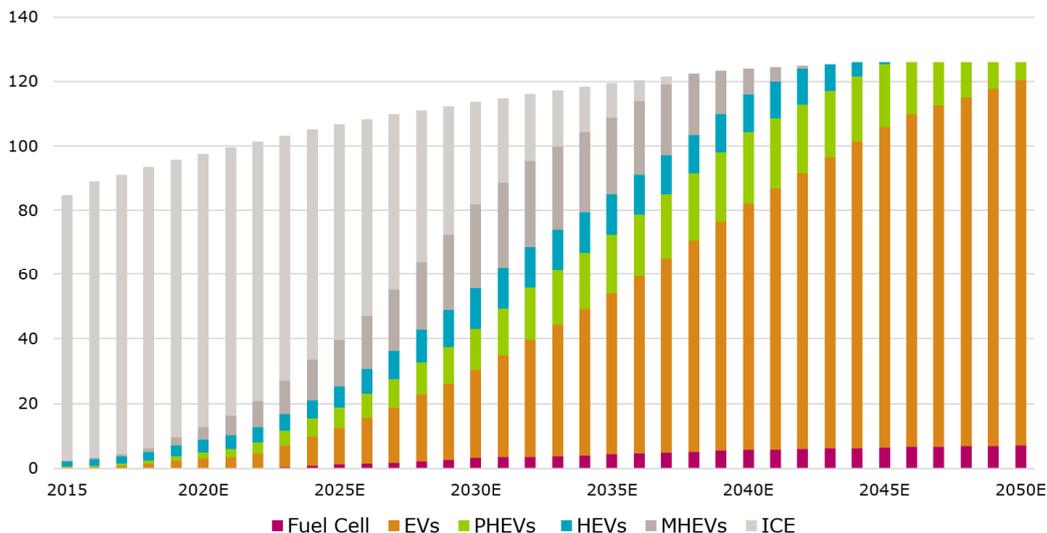
- Capitalizes on investment opportunities related to the electrification of the transportation sector
- Invests in companies along the entire electric vehicle (EV) value chain
- Leverages RobecoSAM's long-standing expertise in thematic investing

RobecoSAM, the investment specialist that has focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing (SI) for over 23 years, today announced the launch of the RobecoSAM Smart Mobility Strategy (the "strategy"). The strategy's investment objective is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in listed companies that address the opportunities related to the electrification of the transportation sector. The strategy is managed by Thiemo Lang, PhD, who is also responsible for the RobecoSAM Smart Energy Strategy as well as the Daiwa SBI Global EV Revolution strategy, an electric vehicle sub-advisory mandate launched in Japan in January 2018. The RobecoSAM Smart Mobility Strategy is tailored to retail and institutional investors.

Capturing electrifying investment opportunities along the entire EV value chain

Worldwide stricter anti-pollution regulations as well as technological advances are paving the way for zero-emission vehicles. Electrification, autonomous driving, and shared mobility are revolutionizing both the car and the concepts of urban transport. In fact, by 2030 every third new vehicle sold will be electric (pure electric and plug-in) and the total EV market is expected to reach USD 1.4 trillion. This would equal an annual +30% growth in sales (see chart 1). These significant developments bring with them attractive investment opportunities along the entire EV value chain.

Chart 1: Light vehicle sales forecast (in millions of units)



Source: RobecoSAM, 2017; EVs = Pure EVs, PHEVs = Plug-in Hybrid EVs, HEVs = Full Hybrid EVs, MHEVs = Mild Hybrid EVs, ICE = Internal Combustion Engine

The RobecoSAM Smart Mobility Strategy aims to identify and invest in high-quality companies with solid business models and strong earnings growth. Specifically, the strategy invests in companies in the following investment clusters:

- EV component suppliers
- EV car manufacturers & subsystem suppliers
- Electrical grid & charging infrastructure
- Connectivity & autonomous driving

Portfolio construction is pre-dominantly based on bottom-up stock selection and takes into account sub-cluster attractiveness. Financially material ESG aspects are integrated in the company valuation analysis.

Thiemo Lang, PhD, Senior Portfolio Manager, RobecoSAM Smart Mobility Strategy, RobecoSAM: “The RobecoSAM Smart Mobility Strategy draws on RobecoSAM’s long-standing expertise in thematic investing to identify high-quality, innovative companies that are leading the way towards smart mobility. The demand and sophistication of vehicle electrification is rapidly intensifying with the acceptance and expansion of autonomous driving and the continued drive toward a low-carbon economy. This creates attractive investment opportunities which the RobecoSAM Smart Mobility Strategy aims to fully capitalize on.”

Marius Dorfmeister, Co-CEO, RobecoSAM: “RobecoSAM has a proven track record in launching successful theme strategies. Smart money from around the world is already flocking into the RobecoSAM Smart Mobility strategy. The confidence being demonstrated by these early investors is clear acknowledgement of our ability to identify cutting edge sustainability trends and convert them into appealing investments for our clients. Like us, they are convinced, that the future of transport is electric.”

The RobecoSAM Smart Mobility Strategy is tailored to retail and institutional investors. It is currently available in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Singapore (limited registration), Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK.

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Note to editors: You can download a [photo of Thiemo Lang](#) and the [chart on page 1](#) in printable quality at the respective links.

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About RobecoSAM

Founded in 1995, RobecoSAM is an investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing. It offers asset management, indices, impact analysis and investing, sustainability assessments, and benchmarking services. The company’s asset management capabilities cater to institutional asset owners and financial intermediaries and cover a range of ESG-integrated investments, featuring a strong track record in resource efficiency-themed strategies. Together with S&P Dow Jones Indices, RobecoSAM publishes the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) as well as the S&P ESG Factor Weighted Index series, the first index family to treat ESG as a standalone performance factor using the RobecoSAM Smart ESG methodology. Based on its Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA), an annual ESG analysis of approximately 4,500 listed companies, RobecoSAM has compiled one of the world’s most comprehensive databases of financially material sustainability information. The CSA data is also included in USD 119 billion of assets under management at Robeco.

RobecoSAM is a sister company of Robeco, the Dutch investment management firm founded in 1929. Both entities are subsidiaries of ORIX Corporation Europe N.V., the center of asset management expertise for ORIX Corporation. As a reflection of its own commitment to advancing sustainable investment practices, RobecoSAM is a signatory of the PRI, UN Global Compact and Climate Action 100+, a supporter of the Task force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD), as well as a member of Eurosif, Swiss Sustainable Finance, Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), and Portfolio Decarbonization Coalition (PDC). As of June 30, 2018, RobecoSAM had client assets under management, advice and/or license of approximately USD 21.5 billion.

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