

Press Release

Inclusion of sustainability considerations in client advisory

Zurich, May 15, 2024 – Kessler publishes a sustainability rating for the pension funds in its tender reports, in addition to the ratings for the non-life and health insurers.

In order to allow Kessler's clients to take sustainability considerations into account when choosing the right insurance partner, we provide a sustainability rating in addition to a credit rating. Since 2023, we have been obtaining ratings for the biggest and most important non-life and health insurers from Inrate, a renowned Swiss sustainability data and rating agency, and publishing them in our tender reports.

From June 1, 2024, Kessler will also publish a sustainability rating for pension funds. This rating is being implemented in partnership with Mercer, a subsidiary of Marsh McLennan. As the Swiss Partner of Marsh, Kessler has been part of Marsh McLennan since 1998.

Mercer's proprietary RITE (Responsible Investment Total Evaluation) assessment evaluates the incorporation of environmental, social and governance criteria into a pension fund's investment process. The results make it possible to differentiate between providers in this regard, and therefore offer a broader basis for choosing the right pension fund. At the same time, the assessment of the evaluated pension funds offers the ideal starting point for refining your own approach to sustainability. "Mercer's RITE assessment makes an important contribution toward making it easier to see and compare the extent to which Swiss pension funds incorporate ESG criteria into their processes," says Remo Aerne, a Sustainable Investment Specialist at Mercer Switzerland.

"As a company, we want to make a valuable contribution to sustainable development. One thing we want to do is to also make our customers and partners more aware of this issue, and encourage them to act sustainably," says Robert Kessler, Chairman of Kessler's Board of Directors.

Natalie Kolb, Head of Marketing & Communications at Kessler who is also responsible for sustainability at the company, welcomes the development and adds: "We want to create transparency so that customers can maintain an open dialog regarding the subject of sustainability."

By incorporating sustainability ratings into its tender reports, Kessler has taken another step toward achieving its sustainability goals while also assisting its customers with their efforts.



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