

Green Bond Report 2021

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Swiss Life Green Bond Framework

In 2019, Swiss Life developed a Green Bond Framework in line with the Green Bond Principles as published by ICMA in June 2018. The Swiss Life Green Bond Framework (the "Framework") has been reviewed by Sustainalytics¹, who have confirmed in a Second Party Opinion that the framework is "credible and impactful" and aligns with the four components of the ICMA Green Bond Principles $2018.^{2}$

In accordance with the Framework, an amount equal to the net proceeds of any Swiss Life Green Bond issuance will be used to finance and/or refinance Eligible Green Assets. Swiss Life considers assets or investments in real estate assets as eligible if they fulfil any of the following criteria:

Building certification	Certification level
Minergie	Minergie, Minergie-P, Minergie-A, Minergie ECO
LEED	Gold or better
BREEAM	Excellent or better
HQE	Excellent or better

Other criteria	
Energy class label ³	B or better
Share of renewable energy ⁴	50% or more

	For reconstruction, renovations, refurbishments
	Investments leading to one of the building certifications listed above
•	Investments leading to energy class label 'B' or better
٠	Investments explicitly targeting a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions of at least 30%

¹ https://www.swisslife.com/en/home/investors/bonds-and-ratings.html

² Use of proceeds, project evaluation/selection, management of proceeds and reporting; The Green Bond Principles are administered by the International Capital Market Association and are available at https://www.icmagroup.org/green-social-and-sustainability- bonds/green-bond-principles-gbp/

³ Swiss Life internal classification based on the Swiss standard SIA 2031:2016. Energy class label 'A' corresponds to ≤ 42 kwh/m² energy reference area; 'B' corresponds to 60-42 kwh/m² energy reference area

⁴ As supplied to the building

2. Allocation report as of 30.09.2021

On 6 December 2019, Swiss Life issued multi-tranche senior green bonds for a total nominal amount of CHF 600 million.

Bonds	ISIN	Issue date	Maturity date	Nominal amount	Net proceeds at issuance ⁵
A Bonds	CH0461238914	06.12.2019	06.03.2029	CHF 150 m	CHF 150 m
B Bonds	CH0461238906	06.12.2019	06.06.2025	CHF 250 m	CHF 249 m
C Bonds	CH0419045809	06.12.2019	06.12.2021	CHF 200 m	CHF 201 m
Total net	proceeds outstanding	2		CHF 600 m	CHF 600 m

In accordance with the Framework, the Green Bond Committee has selected the following pool of assets meeting the eligibility criteria:

Allocated assets as of 30.09.2021

As of 30.09.2021, CHF 464 million of the outstanding net proceeds of the green bonds listed above have been allocated to eligible Green Assets.

Property	Project type	Total investment (in CHF m)	Building certification	Period of investment	Allocation to Eligible Green Assets (in CHF m)
Zurich, Green City, Maneggplatz 40, 44, 48	Development Residential	35.1	Minergie-P-ECO	2018 (refinancing)	35.1
Zurich, Green City, Maneggplatz 14, 16; Tuchmacherstr. 34, 36, 40, 42	Development Residential	96.0	Minergie-P-ECO	2018 (refinancing)	96.0
Zumikon, Ankenbüel 1-26	Development Residential	116.4	Minergie	2018 (refinancing)	116.4
Zurich, Baslerstrasse 71, 73, 75, 77	Development Residential	88.5	Minergie-P-ECO	01.01.2020 - 30.09.2021	43.0
Schaffhausen, Zur Stahlgiesserei 3-6	Development Residential	73.1	Minergie	01.01.2020 - 30.09.2021	73.1
Regensdorf, Riedthofstrasse 54-92	Development Residential	52.2	Minergie / Minergie-ECO	01.01.2020 - 30.09.2021	29.5
Massagno, via Lepori 14-18	Development Residential	94.5	Minergie-P-ECO	01.01.2020 - 30.09.2021	6.4
Zurich, Buckhauserstrasse	Development Residential	48.2	Minergie	01.01.2020 - 30.09.2021	25.5
Lausanne, Av. du Grey 16-24	Renovation Residential	43.2	Minergie	01.01.2020 - 30.09.2021	24.2
Chêne-Bougeries, Chemin de la Montagne 124-134	Renovation Residential	34.0	Minergie	01.01.2020 - 30.09.2021	14.9
Proceeds allocated at 30.09.2021					464.1
Unallocated proceeds					135.9
Total original net proceeds outstanding					600.0

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 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ After deduction of commissions, fees and expenses.

3. Impact report as of 30.09.2021

With the impact report, Swiss Life intends to estimate the environmental benefits of investments in Eligible Green Assets. For green buildings, the presented data is based on estimates of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, expressed in kg of CO₂ per square meter of *allocated* energy reference area (sqm ERA) per year (excluding tenants' electricity). All presented CO₂ emissions are in kg CO₂ equivalents. Emission factors have been applied which comply with the methodological principles of the GHG Protocol. Allocated ERA was calculated by multiplying the total ERA of a building with the proportion of total investment that was allocated to the green bonds.

Property	Total investment	Allocated investment	Total ERA	Allocated ERA
	CHF m	CHF m	sqm	sqm
Zurich, Green City, Maneggplatz 40, 44, 48	35.1	35.1	6'690	6'690
Zurich, Green City, Maneggplatz 14, 16;	96.0	96.0	13'489	13'489
Tuchmacherstr. 34, 36, 40, 42				
Zumikon, Ankenbüel 1-26	116.4	116.4	18'336	18'336
Zurich, Baslerstrasse 71, 73, 75, 77	88.5	43.0	19'385	9'419
Schaffhausen, Zur Stahlgiesserei 3-6	73.1	73.1	14'979	14'979
Regensdorf, Riedthofstrasse 54-92	52.2	29.5	13'060	7'370
Massagno, via Lepori 14-18	94.5	6.4	14'966	1'015
Zurich, Buckhauserstrasse	48.2	25.5	12'916	6'833
Total acquisitions/developments				78'131
Lausanne, Av. du Grey 16-24	43.2	24.2	9'352	5'235
Chêne-Bougeries, Chemin de la Montagne	34.0	14.9	12'747	5'596
124-134				
Total renovations/refurbishments	·	•		10'830

Acquisitions and developments: GHG emissions⁶ avoided

Property	Yearly GHG emissions of the object	Yearly GHG emissions of benchmark	Yearly GHG emissions avoided
	kg CO ₂ / allocated sqm	ERA / year	
Zurich, Green City, Maneggplatz 40, 44, 48	5.8	23.6	-17.8
Zurich, Green City, Maneggplatz 14, 16; Tuchmacherstr. 34, 36, 40, 42	3.5	23.6	-20.1
Zumikon, Ankenbüel 1-26	6.5	23.6	-17.1
Zurich, Baslerstrasse 71, 73, 75, 77	3.5	23.6	-20.1
Schaffhausen, Zur Stahlgiesserei 3-6	3.5	23.6	-20.1
Regensdorf, Riedthofstrasse 54-92	3.5	23.6	-20.1
Massagno, via Lepori 14-18	6.4	23.6	-17.2
Zurich, Buckhauserstrasse	3.5	23.6	-20.1
Weighted average	•	•	-19.2

Investments in green buildings allocated to the bonds allow to avoid GHG emissions in the approximate amount of **19.2** kg CO₂ per sqm ERA per year, as compared to benchmark assets⁷.

 $^{^6}$ Excluding tenants' electricity. All presented CO_2 emissions are in kg CO_2 equivalents. Emission factors have been applied which comply with the methodological principles of the GHG Protocol

⁷ Benchmark source: pom+, period 2017-2019 (see further details below)

Renovations and refurbishments: Reduction of GHG emissions⁶

Property	GHG emissions after	GHG emissions	Reduction of GHG	
	renovation	before renovation	emissions	
	kg CO ₂ / allocated sqm	ERA / year		
Lausanne, Av. du Grey 16-24	7.4	15.6	-8.3	-53%
Chêne-Bougeries, Chemin de la Montagne	13.8	32.5	-18.6	-57%
Weighted average			-13.6	

The impact of renovations and/or refurbishments led to reduction of GHG emissions in the approximate amount of **13.6** kg CO₂ per sqm ERA per year, as compared with emissions before renovation.

The categories acquisitions/developments and renovations/refurbishments combined achieve a GHG avoidance (or reduction) of approximately **18.5** kg CO₂ per sqm ERA per year. Since issuance of the bond on 6.12.2019 until the reporting date 30.09.2021, estimated GHG emissions avoided add up to around **2'922** tons CO₂. This represents GHG savings of **6.3** tons CO₂ per million invested (allocated) Swiss Francs.

Methodology

Estimation of GHG emissions of objects in the portfolio

The amount of yearly GHG emissions (measured in kg CO₂ per sqm ERA per year and excluding tenants' electricity) was derived from the most recent annual cost bill of the respective asset, when available. For assets for which a cost bill was not yet available, adjusted object plan data was used to estimate GHG emissions. To ensure sufficient reliability, plan data was adjusted by applying 20% additional emissions.

Estimation of GHG emission avoidance/reduction

GHG emission savings following acquisitions and developments were calculated by comparing yearly GHG emissions of each object to a relevant benchmark (see below).

GHG emission savings following renovations/refurbishments were calculated by comparing yearly GHG emissions of each object before renovation (annual cost bill) and after renovation (annual cost bill or adjusted plan data).

Total GHG emission avoidance/reduction since issuance was calculated *pro rata temporis* for each object, depending on the allocation date.

Object type	Assumed allocation	Estimation source
	date	
Zurich, Green City, Maneggplatz 40, 44, 48	06.12.2019	Annual cost bill
Zurich, Green City, Maneggplatz 14, 16;	06.12.2019	Adjusted plan data
Tuchmacherstr. 34, 36, 40, 42		
Zumikon, Ankenbüel 1-26	06.12.2019	Annual cost bill
Zurich, Baslerstrasse 71, 73, 75, 77	01.01.2020	Adjusted plan data
Schaffhausen, Zur Stahlgiesserei 3-6	01.01.2020	Adjusted plan data
Regensdorf, Riedthofstrasse 54-92	01.01.2020	Adjusted plan data
Massagno, via Lepori 14-18	01.01.2020	Adjusted plan data
Zurich, Buckhauserstrasse	01.01.2020	Adjusted plan data
Lausanne, Av. du Grey 16-24	01.01.2020	Adjusted plan data
Chêne-Bougeries, Chemin de la Montagne 124-134	01.01.2020	Adjusted plan data

Benchmark for acquisitions and developments

Swiss Life mandated the consulting company pom+ Consulting AG in 2020 to elaborate appropriate benchmarks to compare with objects allocated to the green bonds. Benchmarks were elaborated separately for the main categories residential, commercial and mixed and all only contain Swiss real estate objects.

Object type	Period	Number of
	considered	objects
Residential	2017 - 2019	2'150
Commercial	2017 - 2019	541
Mixed	2017 - 2019	492

According to Swiss law (Ordinance on Collective Investment Schemes ⁸) following inclusion criteria are relevant to distinguish between the three categories:

- Residential: At least 80% of income from residential element
- Commercial: At least 60% of income from commercial element
- Mixed: Between 20-60% of income from commercial element

⁸ Art. 86, para. 2: https://www.admin.ch/opc/en/classified-compilation/20062920/index.html

4. Selected assets

















