



Eurosif Newsflash: Access to Medicine, a new investor initiative

Eurosif member affiliates **Ethos, F&C, Henderson, Schroders** and **SNS Asset Management** have recently signed an Investor Statement acknowledging the [Access to Medicine Index](#) project, an international initiative that aims to assess the approach of different pharmaceutical companies in relation to the access to medicine issue. Investors in the Statement would encourage stakeholders to be open to the initiative and its efforts. These groups of investors were initially approached due to their public involvement in this area in the past, such as membership of the Pharmaceutical Shareowners Group (PSG).

By their inclusion in the Investor Statement, the investors:

- believe the issue of access to medicine may have material impact on long-term shareholder value;
- acknowledge the existence of the Access to Medicine Index Project;
- welcome the project's efforts to develop a tool which could improve transparency and may be useful to assess the long term value of pharmaceutical companies;
- look forward to learning the outcomes of the project;
- consider that pharmaceutical companies have a role to play in addressing the access to medicine issue.

The Access to Medicine Index is developing an information repository on access to medicine activities of the top quoted pharmaceutical companies in the world. The main purpose is to facilitate the propagation of advanced policy solutions, improved co-operation between stakeholders, increased awareness, and superior equity and debt investment decision making for the investment community.

As stated by Mary Robinson, Former High Commissioner for Human Rights in a letter of support to the project. *"We accept as being a reliable statistic that some 30,000 children under 5 die every day of preventable disease or sheer hunger. That's a silent tsunami of children under 5 every week, which is 52 tsunamis every year."*

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