

SSREI is recognized by GRESB B.V. as a portfolio assessment tool and operational building certificate - a milestone in the Swiss real estate industry

Zurich, 29 June 2022 – The SSREI (Swiss Sustainable Real Estate Index) valuation methodology is recognized by GRESB B.V., the provider of a global benchmark for real assets. GRESB accepts the SSREI in particular as operating green building certification and portfolio analysis as well as for other thematically overlapping requirements. The corresponding technical implementation of the recognition will already be available for the GRESB assessment cycle 2022.

The Real Estate Assessment by GRESB and SSREI are two complementary Sustainability Benchmarks for real estate portfolios. While GRESB pursues an ESG approach, i.e., it is designed as a management tool and also addresses aspects of good corporate governance (working conditions, supplier management, business conduct, etc.), SSREI focuses purely on real estate quality, but does so in a more detailed and comprehensive manner. In addition to environmental protection and social responsibility, SSREI also includes economic efficiency (EES approach).

Where the two instruments are compatible in terms of content, GRESB recognizes the SSREI. Thus, GRESB accepts the SSREI verification as

operating green building certification (BC1.2), provided that certain requirements are met. In addition, the recognition also applies to the portfolio analysis and other specific requirements that overlap thematically.

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We are pleased with this groundbreaking decision, which we are convinced will further promote transparency and comparability in the Swiss market.

Further information can be found shortly at www.ssrei.ch.

Swiss Sustainable Real Estate Index (SSREI)

Developed to assess the sustainability of the Swiss real estate portfolio, SSREI allows to map the sustainability profile of existing properties, to standardize a corresponding assessment and thus to ensure a new level of transparency and comparability.

The 36 indicators on which the SSREI assessment grid is based enable a comprehensive assessment of the sustainability-specific condition of a property in the areas of Environment, Economy and Society (EES) and thus provide indications for possible improvements and renovation decisions.

The annual verification of the assessment results ensures a meaningful and transparent performance record over time.

SSREI thus supports the owners in aligning their properties with the increasingly stringent sustainability requirements, ensuring their long-term value and thus exercising their duty of care.

Real Estate Assessment by GRESB B.V.

GRESB is a mission-driven and industry-led organization providing standardized and validated Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) data to financial markets. Established in 2009, GRESB has become the leading ESG benchmark for real estate and infrastructure investments around the world, used by 140 institutional and financial investors to inform decision-making. GRESB standards are governed by the independent non-profit GRESB Foundation, while ESG assessments are administered by GRESB B.V., a benefit corporation. For more information, visit [GRESB.com](https://www.gresb.com).

