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Raiffeisen receives "Prime" status for its ISS ESG sustainability rating

- **The sustainability rating agency ISS ESG assigned "Prime" status to Raiffeisen for its sustainability performance.**
- **In Terms of sustainability, Raiffeisen is among the top 10% of its peer group worldwide.**

St.Gallen, 15 February 2022. The U.S. sustainability agency ISS ESG has adjusted Raiffeisen's ESG rating and assigned "Prime" status to the Raiffeisen Group. This puts the Raiffeisen Group in the top 10% of its peer group in the financial sector. The basis for the assessment is the information disclosed by Raiffeisen Switzerland about the Raiffeisen Group's sustainability performance. With the "Prime" status, ISS ESG qualifies the tradable Raiffeisen bonds as responsible investments. The same applies to the cooperative shares of Raiffeisen banks.

"Part of our Raiffeisen Strategy 2025 is to differentiate ourselves as a responsible cooperative organisation. Achieving "Prime" status confirms our efforts to strengthen our sustainability performance and its transparent disclosure," says Christian Hofer, Head of Corporate Responsibility & Sustainability at Raiffeisen Switzerland.

ISS ESG is the Responsible Investment division of Institutional Shareholder Services Inc., the global leader in proxy advisory and corporate governance solutions for investors, asset manager, hedge funds and wealth service provider. ISS ESG analyses more than 8,000 companies worldwide regarding environmental, social and governance aspects (ESG), around 300 of them are based in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. It recognizes companies whose ESG performance is above the sector-specific prime threshold.

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Raiffeisen: third-largest banking group in Switzerland

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