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Swedish fund manager Öhman first in the world to offer climate neutral investments with the help of South Pole Group

Stockholm, Sweden, 13 June, 2016 - Öhman makes a step change in its efforts to provide climate-friendly investment opportunities for clients: the Swedish fund manager is now the first in the world to offer an option for fully climate neutral equity investments through its 'Klimatneutral' product line.

Asset manager Öhman has for several years helped its customers make climate-smart investment decisions. But the option to compensate for investment-related climate impact makes Öhman truly unique, as no other financial player in the world offers its customers this possibility.

*"We as investment managers are constantly pushed by our customers to develop climate-friendly investment alternatives," says **Johan Malm, CEO of Öhman**. "We are now thrilled to be able to say that we are the only operator in the world to offer our customers the possibility to offset carbon from fund investments. Offsetting for financial services should become the norm, similar to offsetting impacts from travel or energy use."*

Those who invest in Öhman's sustainable equity funds - Global Sustainable Brands, Global Sustainable Öhman and Öhman Sustainable Sweden - can offset greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the investments.

Despite its sustainable approach, an investment in a sustainability fund still affects the climate. To neutralise these effect, an investor at Öhman can now reduce these remaining emissions by financing projects that reduce carbon emissions in developing countries.

Thanks to Öhman's long-standing partnership with South Pole Group, the money invested in neutralising any investment emissions is channelled to a carbon offsetting project that focuses on replacing old, inefficient cooking stoves in Mali with new efficient alternatives. The new cooking stoves reduce fuel consumption but also benefit the local families by permanently reducing their fuel spending, introducing new employment opportunities, and by improving indoor and outdoor air quality.

*"By putting a price on the remaining greenhouse gas emissions of each fund and its respective holdings, portfolio managers and their clients can better understand the magnitude of the climate impact of their investment," says **Maximilian Horster, Partner, Financial Industry, South Pole Group**. "This disciplines them to bring emissions further down over time."*

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About Öhman

Öhman is a family-owned firm that has, for over 100 years, built its business on long-term relationships. The Swedish asset management firm is engaged in a broad spectrum of financial services and is entrusted with managing assets worth SEK 78 billion.

About South Pole Group

South Pole Group is a leading provider of global sustainability solutions, helping public and private sector organisations alike develop climate-proven policies and strategies. Areas of expertise cover key sustainability-related areas of climate change, including but not limited to: forests & land use, water, sustainable cities & buildings, green finance, as well as renewable energy and energy efficiency. A pioneer in emission reduction and renewable energy projects, the South Pole Group's portfolio is at present the largest available on the market. For more information, visit www.thesouthpolegroup.com or follow the company [@southpolegroup](https://twitter.com/southpolegroup).