

INVESTING IN WATER SOLUTIONS AND CLEANING UP OCEANS TO BE MAJOR FOCUSES OF THE SRI CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER

DENVER (October 26, 2016) — Calvert Investments, Great Lakes Protection Fund, and As You Sow are just a few of the water investing and oceans experts who will address sustainable and impact investors at the 27th annual SRI Conference November 9–11, 2016 in Denver. They will share information and insights about specific vehicles for investing in water, utilities, innovative solutions to water risks, and how shareholders can influence companies to address seaborn pollution.

For more information about The SRI Conference on Sustainable, Responsible, Impact Investing, go to <http://www.SRIconference.com>.

“The global water crisis and pollution of our seas go right to the heart of the ‘All in for Impact’ focus of the 2016 SRI Conference,” Steve Schueth, president of First Affirmative Financial Network and producer of The SRI Conference, said. **“Long before water investing became a front-burner topic of interest for financial pros, the sustainable, responsible, impact (SRI) investment industry was concentrating on making sense of topics revolving around water and clean water technology solutions. This year, The SRI conference will also include a panel on plastics and the growing amount of manmade ocean debris and how shareholder advocates for investors can engage companies on this vital issue.”**

Among the key water-related elements of The SRI Conference agenda are the following plenary sessions and breakout panels:

- **Investing in Water: Issues and Innovative Solutions** on Thursday, 10:20am – 11:10am. Water. You know what it is. And some know where it is. But who knows how to invest in the biggest resource constraint in the history of humankind? Should you go after innovative technological solutions, water based utilities, or measure, monitor and manage water related risks in your overall portfolio? This panel will explore how financial advisors and investors can become Smart Blue investors. Investing in Water speakers will include: David Rankin, vice president and director of programs, Great Lakes Protection Fund; Peter Culp, managing partner, Culp and Kelly, LLP; Gregory Morris, principal, GLM Engineering COOP; and moderated by Azita Yazdani, founder and CEO, Exergy Systems, Inc.
- **Calvert Investments: Latest Developments from the Calvert Research System: Global Water & Energy Indexes** on Thursday, 11:40am – 12:00pm. Calvert’s Research System assesses a company’s impacts on society and the environment. This analysis defines the investable universe for Calvert’s suite of low-cost Responsible Indexes as well as its actively managed strategies. Calvert representatives will also be introducing two new investment strategies: Calvert Global Water & Energy Research Indexes. Presenters will include: John Streur, president and CEO, Calvert Investments and Anthony Eames, senior vice president, national sales manager, Calvert Investments.
- **The Ocean Debris Crisis and Shareowner Advocacy** on Friday, 10:45am – 11:35am. Oceans may contain more plastic than fish by 2050 due to the explosive global growth of plastics and poor waste disposal practices. How can investors and companies help to turn this dangerous tide? Panelists will discuss the causes and consequences of a plastic sea as well as potential solutions. Presenters will include: Anna Cummins, co-founder and executive director, The 5 Gyres Institute; Nick Mallos, director of the Trash Free Seas Program, Ocean Conservancy; and Daniella Russo, founder and chief executive officer, Think Beyond Plastic. Conrad MacKerron, senior vice president, As You Sow, will moderate the session.

For the full conference agenda, go to <http://www.sriconference.com/agenda/2016-conference-agenda.html>.

ABOUT THE SRI CONFERENCE

The 27th annual SRI Conference will be held November 9–11, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Denver, Colorado. The SRI Conference (<http://www.SRIconference.com>) is the premier annual forum for investors and investment professionals engaged in sustainable, responsible, impact (SRI) investing. Conference participation includes investment professionals, institutional investors, and related organizations. The SRI Conference features educational sessions and focused opportunities to network with hundreds of like-minded individuals, organizations, and leaders in the field of Sustainable, Responsible, Impact investing.

The SRI Conference is produced by First Affirmative Financial Network, LLC (<http://www.firstaffirmative.com>), a Registered Investment Advisor offering investment consulting and asset management services through a nationwide network of investment professionals who specialize in serving socially conscious, impact-oriented investors (SEC File #801-56587).

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