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Eurizon is among the companies recognised at the **ESG Champions 2022**, awarded today by **MainStreet Partners**, winning the **"Best Green Bond Fund" award for the Eurizon Fund – Absolute Green Bonds sub-fund**.

Eurizon Fund – Absolute Green Bonds was set up in 2018 and it was the first instrument managed by an Italian asset manager specialising in international bond markets, which makes it possible to finance projects related to the environment [2].

The fund – which qualifies under Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 – has met with a great deal of interest from investors, reaching assets of around €4 billion at the end of 2021.

**Matteo Merlin, Head of Green and Sustainable Finance at Eurizon**, commented:

"We are very proud of this award, which recognises the consistency and transparency of our management approach. The investment process, which is constantly evolving, combines ex-ante analysis with a primarily qualitative process aimed at analysing the issue prior to placement and ex-post analysis with a primarily quantitative process that relies on corporate environmental impact reports, metrics and targets, with the aim of identifying potential greenwashing and the companies with the best environmental trade-offs."

On the subject of the transparency of its investments, Merlin pointed out that: "Each year we publish the Green Bonds Impact Report, which describes the climate/environmental impact of the projects financed by the green investments in our portfolio in qualitative and quantitative terms."

MainStreet Partners is a specialist in ESG Advisory and Portfolio Analytics that takes a holistic approach based on three pillars according to which it evaluates: the management company as a whole and the specific team of portfolio managers; the strategy of the fund, including the investment process and its "mission"; and, finally, the individual holdings in the portfolio.