

## - Press release -

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## Lyxor ranks number 1 in France and Europe for increased access to domestic Chinese markets for foreign investors

Lyxor Asset Management (Lyxor) has received a RQFII (RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor) licence from the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC), along with **a quota of RMB 6 billion** (around EUR 880 million), the highest allocated to date in France and in Europe.

Lyxor has a presence in China via its Chinese joint venture Fortune SG, which was created in 2003 and has developed an impressive offering for Chinese investors across equities, bonds, money market funds and hedge funds. The Fortune SG's equity management team has regularly been recognised and received asset management industry awards.

Drawing on this partnership, and thanks to the allocation of quotas (QFII in 2011, RQFII in 2015), Lyxor is able to open up the Chinese markets to foreign investors. Additionally, investors benefit from Lyxor's overlay of solid management of financial and operational risks at every level.

Pierre Gil, Head of International Development at Lyxor, said: "The quota we have just received in France will complement that of our Hong Kong partner, and has enabled the success of our new Chinese equity ETF. We will now expand our range of investment solutions across the equity and bond markets in the form of dedicated mandates and funds in order to meet the growing demand from European investors."

\*RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor

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## Notes to editors:

Lyxor Asset Management Group ("Lyxor Group") was founded in 1998 and is composed of two fully-owned subsidiaries (1)(2) of Societe Generale Group. It counts 600 professionals worldwide managing and advising \$127,5bn\* of assets.

Lyxor Group offers customized investment management services in ETFs & Indexing, Alternatives & Multi-Management and Absolute Return & Solutions. Driven by acknowledged research, advanced risk-management and a passion for client satisfaction, Lyxor's investment specialists strive to deliver sustainable performance across all asset classes. www.lyxor.com

\*Equivalent to €113.7bn - Assets under management and advisory as of April 30th, 2015

- (1) Lyxor Asset Management is approved by the «Autorité des Marchés Financiers» (French regulator) under the agreement # GP98019.
- (2) Lyxor International Asset Management is approved by the «Autorité des Marchés Financiers» (French regulator) under the agreement # GP04024.

Lyxor International Asset Management ("**Lyxor ETF**"): The ETF experts of Lyxor Group Standing among the most experienced ETF providers, Lyxor ETF ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in Europe with more than \$53.7bn\* of ETF assets under management and 2<sup>nd</sup> in terms of liquidity (3) . With 220 ETFs listed on 13 regulated exchanges across the world, Lyxor provides investors with a highly flexible opportunity to diversify their allocation across all asset classes (equities, bonds, money markets, commodities). With the Lyxor ETF quality charter adopted in 2011, Lyxor ETF also commits to deliver the highest standards in terms of index tracking quality, risk control, liquidity and transparency.

- \* Equivalent to €47.9bn Assets under management as of April 30th, 2015
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- (3) Source: Bloomberg Data reported from May 2015 to April 2015

## **Fortune SG**

Fortune SG is a JV between Fortune Trust (Baosteel Group) and Lyxor Asset Management. Fortune SG is headquartered in Shanghai. It also has branches in Beijing, Shenzhen and a subsidiary in Hong Kong with RQFII\* capabilities. Since its creation in 2003, Fortune SG has become a leading fund management company in China with equity, money market and alternative investment funds.

Fortune SG has built a strong franchise in China equity funds over the years and is now also pioneering in Alternative and Quantitative strategies. In the course of 2015, Fortune SG will diversify its offer and develop new sectorial equity funds and index linked products, and propose innovative cross-border solutions.

Fortune SG manages \$16Bn as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Fortune SG has been awarded by Institutional Investor as "Best Manager on Chinese equities".

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