**AWARD CATEGORY: BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND: IMPACT**

Bamboo Capital Partners, the asset management arm of global impact firm Palladium, was founded in 2007 with the goal of providing innovative financing solutions to catalyse lasting impact and furthering the UN SDGs.

It manages a number of dedicated impact funds – including:

* The Bamboo Energy Access Multiplier (BEAM), which provides equity capital for distributed energy service companies and unlocks further financing through debt, joint-ventures and co-investments, to accelerate access to off-grid energy in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.
* The Bamboo-UNCDF Initiative for the Least Developed Fund (BUILD), an innovative impact finance vehicle designed to bring “missing middle” finance to SMES, and;
* The Off Grid Electricity Find (OGEF), the renewable energy access fund for Haiti supported by the World Bank.
* The Off Grid Market Development Fund (OMDF), the sustainable renewable electricity fund for Madagascar.

Since its inception, Bamboo has raised $450 million and invested in 30 developing countries with a strong focus in Africa, Asia and Latin America and aims to improve the lives of the world’s most marginalized communities.

Investments focus on four sectors – financial inclusion, access to clean energy, access to healthcare and agribusiness – where there are significant opportunities for catalytic impact.

Bamboo furthers investment in companies that serve unreached or underserved low-to middle-income populations in developing countries. It specifically targets companies whose products, services or operations result in positive social and/or environmental impact, such as improvements in quality of life or efficiencies that translate into increased income or reduced expenses for target populations. It also has a specific gender lens focused on improving the lives of women and girls. Each fund managed by Bamboo has its specific impact positioning and impact criteria. So far, its investee companies have achieved the following impact:

* 238 million lives impacted
* 53,000 jobs supported
* 18,000 female jobs
* 3.7 million patients served
* 14.6 million metric tons of CO2 emissions avoided
* 13,300 student loans provided

To reflect its commitment to delivering strong impact across its portfolio, Bamboo became a signatory to the Operating Principles for Impact Management and disclosed its impact and ESG risk management processes in compliance with the European regulation on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector (“SFDR”). The SFDR is a critical initiative aimed at increasing transparency and eliminating impact-washing. Bamboo has been included in the IA50 list of Impact Assets for 11 consecutive years and recognised as an Emeritus Impact Manager.