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Investment (UN PRI) signatory firm is preferred for two new investment mandates being tendered on behalf of three Danish pension funds. The request, on the [IPE-Quest](#) [registration required] mandate search system, is for \$125m in Japanese equities and \$100m in Latin American equities. "We prefer a UN PRI compliant asset manager or alternatively a manager who has similar ethical guidelines," the search states. The closing dates are January 30 and February 1 respectively.

A new socially responsible investing (SRI) index series has been launched in Switzerland. It has been put together by Geneva-based wealth management group BBGI and research firm Covalence EthicalQuote. They said the BBGI-EthicalQuote Swiss Equities Indices are "the first genuine and objective benchmarks" of the SRI sector in Switzerland. The indices reweigh the Swiss Market Index and the Swiss Performance Index via an inclusive ethical approach and a principle of investment diversification. [Announcement](#)

Industrial group Parker Hannifin could be re-admitted to the Calvert Social Index. Socially responsible fund firm Calvert [said](#) it has reviewed the company and that it now meets the index's standards for weapons. The recommendation will be discussed at the Calvert Social Index Committee meeting in March. **The carbon footprints** of the 10 most popular investment funds – and top companies – in South Africa have been analysed by sustainable investment consultants SinCo. Its 'Dirty Feet: Portfolio Carbon', which describes the exposure to carbon costs of the 40 largest listed companies and major pooled equity investment funds, was commissioned from environmental research firm Trucost. [Link](#) **Tech giant Apple says it is encouraging** its suppliers to be transparent and disclose their environmental performance to the public. "In 2012, we will require suppliers representing more than 90 percent of Apple's final assembly capacity to index their sustainability reports to the Global Reporting Initiative

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