

Press Release**Axis Bank included in FTSE4Good Emerging Index**

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September 01, 2017: Axis Bank, the third largest private sector bank in India has been included in the FTSE4Good Emerging Index. Launched in 2016, the FTSE4Good Emerging Index Series is administered by FTSE Russell which is owned by London Stock Exchange Group.

FTSE4Good Index Series is a leading benchmark index tool used by global investors to benchmark and invest in companies that exhibit strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance and demonstrate leading management practices in this regard. FTSE4Good Emerging Indexes are designed to measure the performance of companies in emerging markets that meet the globally recognised ESG inclusion standards used by the FTSE4Good Index Series. FTSE4Good Emerging Index has more than 500 constituent companies from 22 emerging market countries.

The Bank has put in place a stakeholder-centric Sustainability Framework in 2014 addressing various material Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) topics. The performance on these aspects are monitored and reported through its Sustainability Report which is based on GRI G4 guidelines. The Bank has taken various measures under its Environment agenda to lower its carbon footprint through renewable energy use and energy efficiency, integrate environmental and social risk factors in corporate lending decisions through Sustainability Lending Policy & Procedures, and promote sustainable sectors through deployment of proceeds of Green Bonds issued by the Bank. Through its CSR agenda, the Bank creates sustainable livelihoods in some of the poorest districts in India. Robust governance practices including Board diversity help the Bank in conducting its business in an ethical and responsible manner.

Rajesh Dahiya, Executive Director, Axis Bank, said "The inclusion of Axis Bank in FTSE4Good Emerging Index is recognition of our consistent sustainability performance and reaffirms our commitment to pursue sustainable strategies on Environmental, Social and



Governance (ESG) aspects which are essential to create long term stakeholder value. The Bank has also been a constituent in MSCI India ESG Leader Index for the last couple of years now."

FTSE Russell said "FTSE Russell (the trading name of FTSE International Limited and Frank Russell Company) confirms that Axis Bank has been independently assessed according to the FTSE4Good criteria, and has satisfied the requirements to become a constituent of the FTSE4Good Index Series. Created by the global index provider FTSE Russell, the FTSE4Good Index Series is designed to measure the performance of companies demonstrating strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices. The FTSE4Good indices are used by a wide variety of market participants to create and assess responsible investment funds and other products."

About Axis Bank:

Axis Bank is the third largest private sector bank in India. Axis Bank offers the entire spectrum of services to customer segments covering Large and Mid-Corporates, SME, Agriculture and Retail Businesses. With its 3,385 domestic branches (including extension counters) and 14,311 ATMs across the country as on 30th June 2017, the network of Axis Bank spreads across 1,976 cities and towns, enabling the Bank to reach out to a large cross-section of customers with an array of products and services. The Bank also has nine overseas offices with branches at Singapore, Hong Kong, Dubai (at the DIFC), Shanghai and Colombo; representative offices at Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Dhaka and an overseas subsidiary at London, UK. The Bank's website www.axisbank.com offers comprehensive details about its products and services.