



*Voluntary Quality Standard For Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility Research (CSRR)
Groups*

As a CSRR participant CAER has committed to the following integrity principles:

- (1) Independence... be independent of outside influence which could affect these activities;
- (2) Professionalism... apply transparent and credible research processes which satisfy the highest standards;
- (3) Accountability... be transparent and accountable to the same extent as they ask companies to be transparent and accountable;
- (4) Objectivity... interpret the data on companies honestly and objectively;
- (5) Impartiality... not accept any inducement and not succumb to any pressure, manipulation, political influence, or pressure from interest groups to analyse and assess companies other than objectively;
- (6) Equal treatment ... analyze and assess all companies on exactly the same basis.
- (7) Responsible relationships... maintain honest, open and responsible contacts with companies and other stakeholders;
- (8) Selective disclosure... conform with all the relevant laws, rules and regulations of national and international financial authorities regarding the dissemination of information;
- (9) Avoidance of personal interest... not derive any personal gain from use of the information collected during their activities.

Administrative requirements:

- (1) The CSRR Group, or the organisation of which it forms a part, shall be legally identifiable and make clear its legal structure and articles of association or equivalent.
- (2) The CSRR Group that is part of an organisation involved in functions other than CSRR shall explain how the CSRR function is distinguishable and identifiable within that organisation.