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## Green Business Index Gala

# Sonae Sierra wins the Great GBI Prize for overall Environmental Performance and 4 environmental prize categories

- Sonae Sierra awarded in 4 out of 7 categories
- The company is recognized as the best overall environmental performer

Sonae Sierra, the international shopping centre specialist, is the main winner of Green Business Index (GBI), the barometer of corporate environmental responsibility which monitors the green initiatives in the Romanian business sector. In this year's Gala, Sonae Sierra was awarded for the best overall company performance in environmental matters, but also awarded in 4 out of 7 categories: Buildings, Green Acquisitions, Use of Resources and Sustainable Development.

*"We are very pleased to receive the Green Business Index recognition for Sonae Sierra's environmental performance. This award is the result of our efforts and the confirmation that we are managing our business with the right long term perspective, correctly focusing on all three dimensions: economic, environmental and social",* stated Ingo Nissen, Managing Director, Developments Romania.

The Green Business Index Great Prize was awarded for Sonae Sierra's Environmental Performance in Romania throughout 2013. It acknowledges Sonae Sierra's work on improving its Environmental Performance in several areas, such as: energy consumption, waste management, water, air quality, investing in hours of staff training or corporate responsibility programmes for suppliers and tenants and contribution to the community. Furthermore, Sonae Sierra's River Plaza Mall received the ISO 14001 environmental certification as well as an Energy Building certificate; each of which were a first in the sector in Romania.

The Great GBI Prize is granted to the company which demonstrates during the year, the capacity to become resource resilient and more operationally efficient, by evolving its own activity into a

„Green Business“.

## **About Green Business Index 2013**

Green Business Index is an assessment and appraisal tool of Romanian companies involved in the preservation of the environment and natural resources. The structure of the GBI questionnaire, the score and the evaluation systems are made by a team of independent specialists in environmental matters. Green Business Index was founded under the patronage of the Romanian Ministry of Environment and Forests. Green Business Index grants annually awards for 7 categories, the Great GBI prize and awards of Excellence, each of them being awarded for the two main industry sectors: production/industry and services/retail.

### **About Sonae Sierra**

*Sonae Sierra, [www.sonaesierra.com](http://www.sonaesierra.com), is the international Shopping Centre specialist, with a passion for creating innovative shopping experiences. The Company owns 49 shopping centres and is present in 12 countries: Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany, Greece, Romania, Croatia, Turkey, Morocco, Algeria, Colombia and Brazil. Sonae Sierra manages and/or lets 85 Shopping Centres with a market value of more than €5.8 billion euros, and a total Gross Lettable Area of 2.3 million m2 with about 8,500 tenants. In 2012, the Company welcomed 426 million visits in the Shopping Centres it manages. Currently, Sonae Sierra has 6 projects under development, including 4 for clients, and 4 new projects in pipeline.*