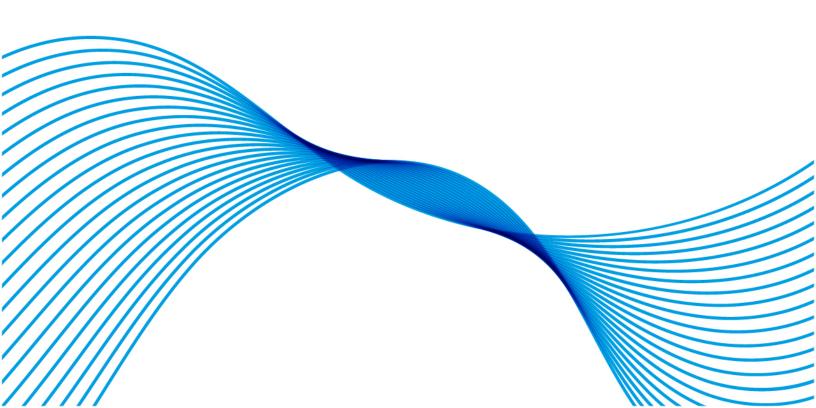
# Principles for Responsible Investment

## PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY REPORT

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# About this report

PRI reporting is the largest global reporting project on responsible investment. It was developed with investors, for investors.

PRI signatories are required to report publicly on their responsible investment activities each year. In turn, they receive a number of outputs, including a public and private Transparency Report.

The public Transparency Reports, which are produced using signatories' reported information, provide accountability and support signatories to have internal discussions about their practices and to discuss these with their clients, beneficiaries, and other stakeholders.

This public Transparency Report is an export of the signatory's responses to the PRI Reporting Framework during the 2023 reporting period. It includes the signatory's responses to core indicators, as well as responses to plus indicators that the signatory has agreed to make public.

In response to signatory feedback, the PRI has not summarised signatories' responses – the information in this document is presented exactly as it was reported.

For each of the indicators in this document, all options selected by the signatory are presented, including links and qualitative responses. In some indicators, all applicable options are included for additional context.

# Disclaimers

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Within the PRI Reporting Framework Glossary, we provide definitions for key terms to guide reporting on responsible investment practices in the Reporting Framework. These definitions may differ from those used or proposed by other authorities and regulatory bodies due to evolving industry perspectives and changing legislative landscapes. Users of this report should be aware of these variations, as they may impact interpretations of the information provided.

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# **SENIOR LEADERSHIP STATEMENT (SLS)**

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP STATEMENT

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SLS 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Senior Leadership Statement	GENERAL

#### Section 1. Our commitment

Why does your organisation engage in responsible investment?

• What is your organisation's overall approach to responsible investment, and what major responsible investment commitment(s) have you made?

We believe that poor environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) practices represent financial risks that can impact the performance of the investments we make on behalf of our clients. As a result, we believe the consideration of material ESG factors in our investment process aligns with our fiduciary duty to deliver strong long-term, risk-adjusted returns for clients.

We follow an integration approach across our portfolios, whereby material ESG factors are assessed alongside traditional financial analysis to identify potential risks and opportunities affecting long-term, risk-adjusted returns. We have a long history in responsible investing, which dates to our founders who were advocates for shareholder rights and instilled a strong focus on corporate governance. One of the keys to our process is an evaluation of a company's management team and board, as in our experience, those companies with quality management teams and good governance structures also tend to be the ones who are effectively managing environmental and social issues.

Since we invest in businesses across various sectors and industries, each business is unique and ESG issues will impact them in different ways. The following are some of the ESG issues we address in our analysis:

E – climate change risks & opportunities, GHG emissions, water management, waste management, biodiversity/land use and reclamation

S - labour relations, health & safety, diversity, community (including First Nations) engagement

G – composition of the Board including experience, diversity, independence, and separation of Chair/CEO; quality of management and compensation

ESG Integration does not mean that any sectors, industries, or companies are excluded from our investment universe. We would avoid investment in companies with poor ESG practices, where we believe there are significant ESG risks that are likely to impact long term expected returns. Generally, we would look to invest in companies with above-average ESG practices, who are managing ESG risks and are taking steps to improve over time.



Active ownership practices are an effective way to encourage improvement in a company's practices. We regularly engage with companies on ESG topics to encourage improvement in key ESG metrics, advocate for enhanced policies, gain additional clarity on their approach, and seek better public disclosure. These discussions are valuable for our ongoing monitoring of a company's ESG practices and send a signal to the company of the importance we place on these issues. We would engage from the perspective of both a lender (Fixed Income) and an owner (Equity).

We also recognize that proxy voting is an effective tool to ensure good corporate governance. Our overriding objectives on voting proxies are to ensure that on behalf of our clients the long-term value of our investment is maximized, and all shareholders are treated fairly. Each proxy vote is thoroughly analyzed on its own merit according to our own Proxy Voting Guidelines. We do not have a "default" view and we will actively vote against management recommendations to support the best interests of shareholders.

#### Section 2. Annual overview

Discuss your organisation's progress during the reporting year on the responsible investment issue you consider most relevant or material to your organisation or its assets.

• Reflect on your performance with respect to your organisation's responsible investment objectives and targets during the reporting year. Details might include, for example, outlining your single most important achievement or describing your general progress on topics such as the following (where applicable):

- refinement of ESG analysis and incorporation
- stewardship activities with investees and/or with policymakers
- collaborative engagements
- · attainment of responsible investment certifications and/or awards

Over 2022, we took several steps to enhance our commitment to responsible investment and improve our ESG integration processes.

With the evolution of responsible investment, we recognized there was a need to have a full-time dedicated ESG resource to lead and support our investment teams' ESG integration efforts. Lisa Meger, who has worked at Leith Wheeler for over 13 years, moved to a dedicated ESG role in Q1 2022. She has been involved in the firm's responsible investment activities in various capacities over the last decade. She was responsible for reporting on the company's ESG activities when we initially signed on to the UNPRI in 2013. Over the years, her role in ESG has evolved to working directly with our investment teams on our approach and specific

ESG initiatives such as engagements. The creation of this new ESG analyst role means that Lisa is dedicated to ESG research and activities with defined objectives, and she is now a member of the investment team.

The ESG analyst leads the investment teams' efforts in ESG research and stewardship. The ESG analyst highlights material ESG issues at the company level and evaluates companies' performance on these issues in collaboration with the investment team. Within our team-based decision-making approach, our analysts collaborate to discuss all aspects of investment ideas, including ESG factors, debate the issues and challenge each other with the intent of making the best long-term investment decisions for our clients. The ESG analyst is also involved in the firm's stewardship activities – highlighting areas for engagement and participating in the discussions with the company, as well as providing input on proxy voting decisions.

We also improved the documentation around our ESG research by introducing a proprietary ESG scorecard, which enhanced our existing qualitative evaluation of a company's ESG practices by turning it into a quantitative score. When we assess a company's ESG practices we are looking at elements such as the policies in place and who has oversight, as well as quantitative metrics that help demonstrate the effectiveness of the company's approach (ex. trends in GHG emissions, injury rates, employee turnover, etc.). We evaluate these factors in the context of best practice and a consideration of the company's risk exposure. Companies are scored on a scale of 1 to 5 for each relevant ESG category, which are equally weighted across E, S and G to calculate an overall company score. The scorecard helps us to compare different companies in the portfolio and their relative ESG risk/opportunity and informs our discussions around possible actions we want to take.



The ESG research and scoring process is led by the ESG Analyst, with input and collaboration from the investment analyst who covers the company. A discussion of ESG is included as part of the broader team discussion on new ideas, where the team debates the issues, challenges ideas, and comes to a consensus. Decisions regarding our evaluation of a company's ESG practices do not occur in isolation and are balanced against fundamental aspects of the business.

#### Section 3. Next steps

What specific steps has your organisation outlined to advance your commitment to responsible investment in the next two years?

The ESG scorecard has been fully implemented in our Canadian equity strategies. We plan to roll out the scorecard to our other internally managed asset classes beginning with our other equity strategies and then focus on developing a similar framework that would enhance our documentation around ESG practices for our fixed income strategies. We are also looking to provide more reporting to our clients on our ESG activities by preparing an annual report and updating the communication on our website.

#### Section 4. Endorsement

# 'The Senior Leadership Statement has been prepared and/or reviewed by the undersigned and reflects our organisation-wide commitment and approach to responsible investment'.

Name

Jim Gilliland

Position

CEO

Organisation's Name

Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd.

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'This endorsement applies only to the Senior Leadership Statement and should not be considered an endorsement of the information reported by the above-mentioned organisation in the various modules of the Reporting Framework. The Senior Leadership Statement serves as a general overview of the above-mentioned organisation's responsible investment approach. The Senior Leadership Statement does not constitute advice and should not be relied upon as such. Further, it is not a substitute for the skill, judgement and experience of any third parties, their management, employees, advisors and/or clients when making investment and other business decisions'.

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This endorsement is for the Senior Leadership Statement and the information reported by Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel in the various modules of the Reporting Framework.



# **ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW (OO)**

## **ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION**

## **REPORTING YEAR**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle			
00 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Reporting year	GENERAL			
What is the year-end date of the 12-month period you have chosen to report for PRI reporting purposes?									
What is the year	ar-end date of the 12-m	onth period you ha	ve chosen to rep	port for PRI rep	orting purposes?				
What is the yea	ar-end date of the 12-m	onth period you ha Date	ve chosen to rej	Month		Year			

### SUBSIDIARY INFORMATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 2	CORE	N/A	00 2.1	PUBLIC	Subsidiary information	GENERAL

#### Does your organisation have subsidiaries?

○ (A) Yes● (B) No

## **ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT**

## ALL ASSET CLASSES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle			
OO 4	CORE	OO 3	N/A	PUBLIC	All asset classes	GENERAL			
What are your to	What are your total assets under management (AUM) at the end of the reporting year, as indicated in [OO 1]?								
		USD							
including subs excluding the execution, adv	(A) AUM of your organisation, including subsidiaries, and excluding the AUM subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research advisory only		88.00						
PRI signatorie and excluded	bsidiaries that are s in their own right from this s indicated in [OO	US\$ 0.00							
	ect to execution, ody, or research	US\$ 0.00							

Additional information on the exchange rate used: (Voluntary)

\$1.3545 CAD/USD



## **ASSET BREAKDOWN**

Indicator	Туре с	of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 5	CORE		OO 3	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown	GENERAL
Provide a	percentage bre	akdown of y	our total AUM at t	the end of the repo	rting year as in	dicated in [OO 1].	
		(1) Perce	ntage of Internally	y managed AUM	(2) Percentaç	ge of Externally ma	anaged AUM
(A) Liste	ed equity	39.9%			16.5%		
(B) Fixe	d income	40.4%			0%		
(C) Priva	ate equity	0%			0%		
(D) Rea	l estate	0%			0%		
(E) Infra	structure	0%			0.5%		
(F) Hed	ge funds	0%			0%		
(G) Fore	estry	0%			0%		
(H) Farr	mland	0%			0%		
(I) Other	r	2.7%			0%		
(J) Off-b	alance sheet	0%			0%		

(I) Other - (1) Percentage of Internally managed AUM - Specify:

Cash & Equivalents



#### ASSET BREAKDOWN: EXTERNALLY MANAGED ASSETS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.1	CORE	OO 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Externally managed assets	GENERAL

Provide a further breakdown of your organisation's externally managed listed equity and/or fixed income AUM.

	(1) Listed equity
(A) Active	99%
(B) Passive	1%

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 5.2	CORE	00 5, 00 5.1	SAM 3, SAM 8	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Externally managed assets	GENERAL

Provide a breakdown of your organisation's externally managed AUM between segregated mandates and pooled funds or investments.

	(1) Segregated mandate(s)	(2) Pooled fund(s) or pooled investment(s)
(A) Listed equity - active	63%	37%
(B) Listed equity - passive	0%	100%
(G) Infrastructure	0%	100%



## ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED EQUITY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.3 LE	CORE	00 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed listed equity	GENERAL
Provide a furthe	r breakdown of your	internally manage	ed listed equity	AUM.		
(A) Passive ec	quity 0%					
(B) Active – qu	uantitative 0%					
(C) Active – fundamental		%				
(D) Other strat	tegies 0%					

#### ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED FIXED INCOME

Indicator	Type of inc	dicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.3 FI	CORE		00 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed fixed income	GENERAL
Provide a furt	her breakdown	of your i	internally manage	d fixed income	AUM.		
(A) Passive	– SSA	0%					
(B) Passive	– corporate	0%					
(C) Active –	SSA	45%					
(D) Active –	corporate	52%					
(E) Securitis	sed	3%					



#### **MANAGEMENT BY PRI SIGNATORIES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 6	CORE	00 5	N/A	PUBLIC	Management by PRI signatories	GENERAL

What percentage of your organisation's externally managed assets are managed by PRI signatories?

100%

### **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 7	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Geographical breakdown	GENERAL

How much of your AUM in each asset class is invested in emerging markets and developing economies?

AUM in Emerging Markets and D	Developing Economies
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(A) Listed equity	(2) >0 to 10%
(B) Fixed income – SSA	(1) 0%
(C) Fixed income – corporate	(1) 0%
(D) Fixed income – securitised	(1) 0%
(H) Infrastructure	(2) >0 to 10%



## **STEWARDSHIP**

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 8	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Stewardship	GENERAL

Does your organisation conduct stewardship activities, excluding (proxy) voting, for any of your assets?

	(1) Listed equity - active	(2) Listed equity - passive	(3) Fixed income - active	(7) Infrastructure	(11) Other
(A) Yes, through internal staff					
(B) Yes, through service providers					
(C) Yes, through external managers					
(D) We do not conduct stewardship	0	O	0	0	۲

### **STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 9	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

Does your organisation conduct (proxy) voting activities for any of your listed equity holdings?



(2) Listed equity - passive

(A) Yes, through internal staff		
(B) Yes, through service providers		
(C) Yes, through external managers		
(D) We do not conduct (proxy) voting	0	0

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9.1	CORE	00 9	PGS 10.1, PGS 31	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

For each asset class, on what percentage of your listed equity holdings do you have the discretion to vote?

Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote

(A) Listed equity – active	(7) >50 to 60%	
(B) Listed equity - passive	(1) 0%	

#### **STEWARDSHIP NOT CONDUCTED**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 10	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship not conducted	2

Describe why your organisation does not currently conduct stewardship and/or (proxy) voting.

Stewardship, excluding (proxy) voting



#### (K) Other

Our clients may hold a small portion of their holdings in cash and cash equivalent holdings to meet ongoing cash flow needs. These holding are held in physical cash or invested in Canadian T-bills and as such we do not believe stewardship activities are applicable to these specific holdings.

## **ESG INCORPORATION**

## INTERNALLY MANAGED ASSETS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 11	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Internally managed assets	1
For each internation decisions?	For each internally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors into your investment decisions?					
			orporate ESG fact stment decisions		No, we do not incorr rs into our investme	
(C) Listed equ fundamental	uity - active -		۲		0	
(E) Fixed inco	ome - SSA		۲		0	
(F) Fixed inco	me - corporate		۲		0	
(G) Fixed inco	ome - securitised		۲		0	
(V) Other: Ca	sh & Equivalents		0		۲	



#### **EXTERNAL MANAGER SELECTION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 12	CORE	00 5, 00 5.1	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	External manager selection	1

For each externally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors when selecting external investment managers?

	(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors when selecting external investment managers	(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors when selecting external investment managers
(A) Listed equity - active	۲	0
(B) Listed equity - passive	0	۲
(G) Infrastructure	۲	0

## EXTERNAL MANAGER APPOINTMENT

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 13	CORE	00 5, 00 5.1	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	External manager appointment	1

For each externally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors when appointing external investment managers?

	(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors when appointing external investment managers	(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors when appointing external investment managers
(A) Listed equity - active	۲	0
(B) Listed equity - passive	0	۲
(G) Infrastructure	۲	0



#### **EXTERNAL MANAGER MONITORING**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 14	CORE	00 5, 00 5.1	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	External manager monitoring	1

For each externally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors when monitoring external investment managers?

	(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors when monitoring external investment managers	(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors when monitoring external investment managers
(A) Listed equity - active	۲	0
(B) Listed equity - passive	0	۲
(G) Infrastructure	۲	0

#### **ESG NOT INCORPORATED**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 16	CORE	00 11, 00 12– 14	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG not incorporated	1

#### Describe why your organisation does not currently incorporate ESG factors into your investment decisions.

Internally managed

(O) Other

We hold Canadian and US dollar denominated cash and equivalents. These are high quality, short-term assets, where we believe ESG incorporation is not applicable.

#### Externally managed

(Q) Listed equity - passive

Our passively managed fund is not a core Leith Wheeler product offering. It is a solution we have made available to meet specific client needs at their own request. We ultimately believe that active management is the best way to achieve responsible investment/ESG objectives.



## **ESG STRATEGIES**

## LISTED EQUITY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 17 LE	CORE	00 11	00 17.1 LE, LE 12	PUBLIC	Listed equity	1

Which ESG incorporation approach and/or combination of approaches does your organisation apply to your internally managed active listed equity?

(A) Screening alone	0%
(B) Thematic alone	0%
(C) Integration alone	99%
(D) Screening and integration	1%
(E) Thematic and integration	0%
(F) Screening and thematic	0%
(G) All three approaches combined	0%
(H) None	0%

#### Percentage out of total internally managed active listed equity

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 17.1 LE	CORE	00 17 LE	LE 9	PUBLIC	Listed equity	1

What type of screening does your organisation use for your internally managed active listed equity assets where a screening approach is applied?



# Percentage coverage out of your total listed equity assets where a screening approach is applied

(A) Positive/best-in-class screening only	0%
(B) Negative screening only	100%
(C) A combination of screening approaches	0%

#### **FIXED INCOME**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 17 FI	CORE	OO 5.3 FI, OO 11	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Fixed income	1

Which ESG incorporation approach and/or combination of approaches does your organisation apply to your internally managed active fixed income?

	(1) Fixed income - SSA	(2) Fixed income - corporate	(3) Fixed income - securitised
(A) Screening alone	0%	0%	0%
(B) Thematic alone	0%	0%	0%
(C) Integration alone	97%	97%	97%
(D) Screening and integration	3%	3%	3%
(E) Thematic and integration	0%	0%	0%
(F) Screening and thematic	0%	0%	0%
(G) All three approaches combined	0%	0%	0%
(H) None	0%	0%	0%



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 17.1 FI	CORE	00 17 FI	N/A	PUBLIC	Fixed income	1

What type of screening does your organisation use for your internally managed active fixed income where a screening approach is applied?

	(1) Fixed income - SSA	(2) Fixed income - corporate	(3) Fixed income - securitised
(A) Positive/best-in-class screening only	0%	0%	0%
(B) Negative screening only	100%	100%	100%
(C) A combination of screening approaches	0%	0%	0%

## **ESG/SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS AND PRODUCTS**

#### LABELLING AND MARKETING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 18	CORE	00 11–14	OO 18.1	PUBLIC	Labelling and marketing	1

Do you explicitly market any of your products and/or funds as ESG and/or sustainable?

(A) Yes, we market products and/or funds as ESG and/or sustainable Provide the percentage of AUM that your ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products or funds represent:

1%

- $\circ$  (B) No, we do not offer products or funds explicitly marketed as ESG and/or sustainable
- (C) Not applicable; we do not offer products or funds



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 18.1	CORE	OO 18	OO 18.2	PUBLIC	Labelling and marketing	1

## Do any of your ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products and/or funds hold formal ESG and/or RI certification(s) or label(s) awarded by a third party?

• (A) Yes, our ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products and/or funds hold formal labels or certifications

(B) No, our ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products and/or funds do not hold formal labels or certifications

## SUMMARY OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 21	CORE	Multiple indicators	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Summary of reporting requirements	GENERAL

The following table shows which modules are mandatory or voluntary to report on in the separate PRI asset class modules. Where a module is voluntary, indicate if you wish to report on it.

Applicable modules	(1) Mandatory to report (pre-filled based on previous responses)	(2.1) Voluntary to report. Yes, I want to opt-in to reporting on the module	(2.2) Voluntary to report. No, I want to opt-out of reporting on the module
Policy, Governance and Strategy	۲	0	0
Confidence Building Measures	۲	0	0
(C) Listed equity – active – fundamental	۲	0	o
(E) Fixed income – SSA	۲	0	0
(F) Fixed income – corporate	۲	0	0



(G) Fixed income – securitised	0	0	۲
(T) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – listed equity - active	۲	0	0
(Z) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – infrastructure	o	0	۲

## **SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

### **REPORT DISCLOSURE**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 32	CORE	00 3, 00 31	N/A	PUBLIC	Report disclosure	GENERAL

How would you like to disclose the detailed percentage figures you reported throughout the Reporting Framework?

• (A) Publish as absolute numbers

 $\circ~$  (B) Publish as ranges

# POLICY, GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY (PGS)

## POLICY

#### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY ELEMENTS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 1	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1, 2

Which elements are covered in your formal responsible investment policy(ies)?

☑ (A) Overall approach to responsible investment

- (B) Guidelines on environmental factors
- ☑ (C) Guidelines on social factors
- ☑ (D) Guidelines on governance factors

 $\hfill\square$  (E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes

☑ (F) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold

G (G) Guidelines on exclusions

☑ (H) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment

☑ (I) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees

□ (J) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement

 $\Box$  (K) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders



#### (L) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting

 $\Box$  (M) Other responsible investment elements not listed here

• (N) Our organisation does not have a formal responsible investment policy and/or our policy(ies) do not cover any responsible investment elements

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 2	CORE	PGS 1	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1

#### Does your formal responsible investment policy(ies) include specific guidelines on systematic sustainability issues?

□ (A) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)

□ (B) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)

 $\Box$  (C) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues

(D) Our formal responsible investment policy(ies) does not include guidelines on systematic sustainability issues

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 3	CORE	PGS 1, PGS 2	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	6

Which elements of your formal responsible investment policy(ies) are publicly available?

☑ (A) Overall approach to responsible investment Add link:

Add link:

https://www.leithwheeler.com/our-approach/investment-philosophy/responsible-investment

- $\Box$  (B) Guidelines on environmental factors
- $\Box$  (C) Guidelines on social factors
- $\Box$  (D) Guidelines on governance factors
- $\Box$  (I) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold
- ☑ (J) Guidelines on exclusions

Add link:

https://www.leithwheeler.com/for-individuals/investment-funds/our-funds/carbon-constrained-canadian-equity-fund

☑ (K) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment Add link:

https://www.leithwheeler.com/docs/Conflict-of-Interest-Disclosure-Statement-June-30-2021.pdf

- □ (L) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees
- (O) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting

Add link:

https://www.leithwheeler.com/docs/misc/proxy\_voting\_guidelines.pdf

• (Q) No elements of our formal responsible investment policy(ies) are publicly available



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 4	PLUS	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1-6

## Does your formal responsible investment policy(ies) identify a link between your responsible investment activities and your fiduciary duties or equivalent obligations?

#### (A) Yes

Elaborate:

We believe that poor environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) practices represent financial risks that can impact the performance of the investments we make on behalf of our clients. As a result, we believe the consideration of material ESG factors in our investment process aligns with our fiduciary duty to deliver strong long-term, risk-adjusted returns for clients.

• (B) No

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 5	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

#### Which elements are covered in your organisation's policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship?

☑ (A) Overall stewardship objectives

 $\Box$  (B) Prioritisation of specific ESG factors to be advanced via stewardship activities

☑ (C) Criteria used by our organisation to prioritise the investees, policy makers, key stakeholders, or other entities on which to focus our stewardship efforts

 $\square$  (D) How different stewardship tools and activities are used across the organisation

(E) Approach to escalation in stewardship

 $\Box$  (F) Approach to collaboration in stewardship

**G** (G) Conflicts of interest related to stewardship

(H) How stewardship efforts and results are communicated across the organisation to feed into investment decisionmaking and vice versa

#### □ (I) Other

• (J) None of the above elements is captured in our policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 6	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

#### Does your policy on (proxy) voting include voting principles and/or guidelines on specific ESG factors?

□ (A) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific environmental factors

 $\Box$  (B) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific social factors

☑ (C) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific governance factors

• (D) Our policy on (proxy) voting does not include voting principles or guidelines on specific ESG factors

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 7	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

#### Does your organisation have a policy that states how (proxy) voting is addressed in your securities lending programme?

• (A) We have a publicly available policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme

• (B) We have a policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme, but it is not publicly available

• (C) We rely on the policy of our external service provider(s)

 $\circ$  (D) We do not have a policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme

• (E) Not applicable; we do not have a securities lending programme

#### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY COVERAGE**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 8	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	1

What percentage of your total AUM is covered by the below elements of your responsible investment policy(ies)?



(A) Overall approach to responsible investment
(B) Guidelines on environmental factors
(C) Guidelines on social factors
(D) Guidelines on governance factors

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 10	CORE	OO 8, OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	2

Per asset class, what percentage of your AUM is covered by your policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship with investees?

#### ☑ (A) Listed equity

- (1) Percentage of AUM covered
  - (1) >0% to 10%
  - (2) >10% to 20%
  - (3) >20% to 30%
  - (4) >30% to 40%
  - (5) >40% to 50%
  - (6) >50% to 60%
  - (7) >60% to 70%
  - (8) >70% to 80%
  - (9) >80% to 90%
  - (10) >90% to <100%
  - (11) 100%

#### ☑ (B) Fixed income

- (1) Percentage of AUM covered
  - (1) >0% to 10%
  - (1) >10% to 20%
  - (2) > 10 % to 20 %
    (3) >20% to 30%
  - $\circ$  (3) > 20% to 30\%
  - (4) >30% to 40%
  - (5) >40% to 50%
  - (6) >50% to 60%
  - (7) >60% to 70%
  - (8) >70% to 80%
  - (9) >80% to 90%
  - (10) >90% to <100%
  - **(11)** 100%

☑ (E) Infrastructure



#### (1) Percentage of AUM covered

- (1) >0% to 10%
- (2) >10% to 20%
- (3) >20% to 30%
- (4) >30% to 40%
- (5) >40% to 50%
- (6) >50% to 60%
- (7) >60% to 70%
- (8) >70% to 80%
- (9) >80% to 90%
- (10) >90% to <100%
- **(11)** 100%

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 10.1	CORE	OO 9.1, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	2

What percentage of your listed equity holdings is covered by your guidelines on (proxy) voting?

#### ☑ (A) Actively managed listed equity

(1) Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote

- (1) >0% to 10%
- (2) >10% to 20%
- (3) >20% to 30%
- (4) >30% to 40%
- (5) >40% to 50%
- (6) >50% to 60%
- (7) >60% to 70%
- (8) >70% to 80%
- (9) >80% to 90%
- (10) >90% to <100%

**(11)** 100%



## GOVERNANCE

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

Which senior level body(ies) or role(s) in your organisation have formal oversight over and accountability for responsible investment?

 $\Box$  (A) Board members, trustees, or equivalent

☑ (B) Senior executive-level staff, or equivalent

Specify:

Our President & CEO has ultimate oversight for our responsible investment approach.

- $\hfill\square$  (C) Investment committee, or equivalent
- $\Box$  (D) Head of department, or equivalent

• (E) None of the above bodies and roles have oversight over and accountability for responsible investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11.1	CORE	PGS 1, PGS 2, PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1, 2

Does your organisation's senior level body(ies) or role(s) have formal oversight over and accountability for the elements covered in your responsible investment policy(ies)?

## (2) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department, or equivalent

(A) Overall approach to responsible investment	
(B) Guidelines on environmental, social and/or governance factors	
(G) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold	



(H) Guidelines on exclusions	
(I) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment	
(J) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees	
(M) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting	
(N) This role has no formal oversight over and accountability for any of the above elements covered in our responsible investment policy(ies)	0

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11.2	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1-6

Does your organisation have governance processes or structures to ensure that your overall political engagement is aligned with your commitment to the principles of PRI, including any political engagement conducted by third parties on your behalf?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

• (C) Not applicable, our organisation does not conduct any form of political engagement directly or through any third parties

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 12	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

In your organisation, which internal or external roles are responsible for implementing your approach to responsible investment?

(A) Internal role(s) Specify:



Our investment analysts are responsible for implementing our approach to responsible investment, alongside a dedicated ESG analyst.

#### (B) External investment managers, service providers, or other external partners or suppliers

Specify:

We have engaged external investment managers to sub-advise some of our clients' investments, who in turn, apply their own approach to responsible investment.

• (C) We do not have any internal or external roles with responsibility for implementing responsible investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 14	CORE	PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

Does your organisation use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of your senior executive-level staff (or equivalent), and are these KPIs linked to compensation?

## (A) Yes, we use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our senior executive-level staff (or equivalent)

Indicate whether these responsible investment KPIs are linked to compensation

#### • (1) KPIs are linked to compensation

• (2) KPIs are not linked to compensation as these roles do not have variable compensation

• (3) KPIs are not linked to compensation even though these roles have variable compensation

Describe: (Voluntary)

• (B) No, we do not use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our senior executive-level staff (or equivalent)

#### EXTERNAL REPORTING AND DISCLOSURES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 16	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

#### What elements are included in your regular reporting to clients and/or beneficiaries for the majority of your AUM?

(A) Any changes in policies related to responsible investment

(B) Any changes in governance or oversight related to responsible investment

☑ (C) Stewardship-related commitments

☑ (D) Progress towards stewardship-related commitments

(E) Climate-related commitments

☑ (F) Progress towards climate-related commitments

 $\Box$  (G) Human rights–related commitments

 $\Box$  (H) Progress towards human rights–related commitments

 $\Box$  (I) Commitments to other systematic sustainability issues

 $\Box$  (J) Progress towards commitments on other systematic sustainability issues



• (K) We do not include any of these elements in our regular reporting to clients and/or beneficiaries for the majority of our AUM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 17	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

## During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose climate-related information in line with the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures' (TCFD) recommendations?

□ (A) Yes, including all governance-related recommended disclosures

 $\Box$  (B) Yes, including all strategy-related recommended disclosures

 $\Box$  (C) Yes, including all risk management–related recommended disclosures

 $\Box$  (D) Yes, including all applicable metrics and targets-related recommended disclosures

• (E) None of the above

Explain why: (Voluntary)

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 19	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose its membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement?

(A) Yes, we publicly disclosed our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement

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https://www.leithwheeler.com/our-approach/investment-philosophy/responsible-investment

 $\circ$  (B) No, we did not publicly disclose our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement

• (C) Not applicable, we were not members in or supporters of any trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement during the reporting year



## STRATEGY

## **CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 20	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Capital allocation	1

#### Which elements do your organisation-level exclusions cover?

□ (A) Exclusions based on our organisation's values or beliefs regarding particular sectors, products or services

□ (B) Exclusions based on our organisation's values or beliefs regarding particular regions or countries

□ (C) Exclusions based on minimum standards of business practice aligned with international norms such as the OECD

Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the International Bill of Human Rights, UN Security Council sanctions or the UN Global Compact

 $\Box$  (D) Exclusions based on our organisation's climate change commitments

 $\Box$  (E) Other elements

(F) Not applicable; our organisation does not have any organisation-level exclusions

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 21	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Capital allocation	1

#### How does your responsible investment approach influence your strategic asset allocation process?

□ (A) We incorporate ESG factors into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

 $\Box$  (B) We incorporate climate change–related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

 $\Box$  (C) We incorporate human rights-related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns  $\Box$  (D) We incorporate risks and opportunities related to other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

• (E) We do not incorporate ESG factors, climate change, human rights or other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

• (F) Not applicable; we do not have a strategic asset allocation process



#### STEWARDSHIP: OVERALL STEWARDSHIP STRATEGY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 22	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

For the majority of AUM within each asset class, which of the following best describes your primary stewardship objective?

		(1) Listed e	quity	(2) Fixed inco	ome (5) Infra	structure
risk-adjusted re we seek to add overall portfolio	vidual investees' systematic	۲		۲		٥
In doing so, we address any ris portfolio perfor individual inves	sk-adjusted returns. e do not seek to	O		O		0
Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 23	PLUS	00 5, 00 8, 00 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall	2

How does your organisation, or the external service providers or external managers acting on your behalf, prioritise the investees or other entities on which to focus its stewardship efforts?

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Generally, we will prioritize engagement activities with companies based on:

- The materiality of ESG factors on financial and/or operational performance
- Specific ESG factors with systemic influence (ex. climate, diversity, human rights)
- The adequacy of public disclosure on ESG factors/performance

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 24	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

Which of the following best describes your organisation's default position, or the position of the external service providers or external managers acting on your behalf, concerning collaborative stewardship efforts?

• (A) We recognise the value of collective action, and as a result, we prioritise collaborative stewardship efforts wherever possible

(B) We collaborate on a case-by-case basis

• (C) Other

• (D) We do not join collaborative stewardship efforts

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 25	PLUS	OO 5, OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

Rank the channels that are most important for your organisation in achieving its stewardship objectives.

(A) Internal resources, e.g. stewardship team, investment team, ESG team, or staff
Select from the list:
1
• 4
• <b>5</b>
(B) External investment managers, third-party operators and/or external property managers, if applicable
Select from the list:
2

- 4
- o 5

□ (C) External paid specialist stewardship services (e.g. engagement overlay services or, in private markets, sustainability consultants) excluding investment managers, real assets third-party operators, or external property managers □ (D) Informal or unstructured collaborations with investors or other entities

(E) Formal collaborative engagements, e.g. PRI-coordinated collaborative engagements, Climate Action 100+, or similar

Select from the list:

- 3
- o 4
- 5
- $\circ~$  (F) We do not use any of these channels



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 27	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

#### How are your organisation's stewardship activities linked to your investment decision making, and vice versa?

Leith Wheeler's Equity and Fixed Income portfolios are built via a team approach by our respective investment analyst teams. Our analysts are career analysts who are responsible for researching companies and making investment decisions, and thereby, implementing our responsible investment approach. Each analyst manages his or her section of the portfolio, covering all the companies in their respective universe. Giving investment analysts the responsibility for ESG ensures that it is truly integrated into the process. We have a dedicated ESG analyst who leads our investment teams' efforts in ESG research and stewardship. The ESG analyst highlights

material ESG issues at the company level and evaluates companies' performance on these issues in collaboration with the investment team. The ESG analyst is also involved in our stewardship activities – highlighting issues and participating in company engagements, as well as collaborating with the investment team on proxy voting decisions.

On any ESG issue we have engaged with a company on, we document the discussion in an internal database that is shared among our investment teams. This allows us to track the company's progress over time and take further action as necessary. Both the firm's ESG analyst as well as the investment analyst who covers the company collaborate on engagement activity, identifying key topics for engagement and participating in the discussions together. This collaboration ensures an integrated approach.

#### **STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 29	CORE	OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

When you use external service providers to give recommendations, how do you ensure those recommendations are consistent with your organisation's (proxy) voting policy?

 $\Box$  (A) Before voting is executed, we review external service providers' voting recommendations for controversial and high-profile votes

 $\Box$  (B) Before voting is executed, we review external service providers' voting recommendations where the application of our voting policy is unclear

 $\Box$  (C) We ensure consistency with our voting policy by reviewing external service providers' voting recommendations only after voting has been executed

 $\circ$  (D) We do not review external service providers' voting recommendations

• (E) Not applicable; we do not use external service providers to give voting recommendations



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 30	CORE	00 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

#### How is voting addressed in your securities lending programme?

• (A) We recall all securities for voting on all ballot items

• (B) When a vote is deemed important according to pre-established criteria (e.g. high stake in the company), we recall all our securities for voting

• (C) Other

• (D) We do not recall our securities for voting purposes

• (E) Not applicable; we do not have a securities lending programme

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 31	CORE	00 9.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

For the majority of votes cast over which you have discretion to vote, which of the following best describes your decision making approach regarding shareholder resolutions (or that of your external service provider(s) if decision making is delegated to them)?

• (A) We vote in favour of resolutions expected to advance progress on our stewardship priorities, including affirming a company's good practice or prior commitment

(B) We vote in favour of resolutions expected to advance progress on our stewardship priorities, but only if the investee company has not already publicly committed to the action(s) requested in the proposal

• (C) We vote in favour of shareholder resolutions only as an escalation measure

• (D) We vote in favour of the investee company management's recommendations by default

• (E) Not applicable; we do not vote on shareholder resolutions

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 32	CORE	00 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

## During the reporting year, how did your organisation, or your external service provider(s), pre-declare voting intentions prior to voting in annual general meetings (AGMs) or extraordinary general meetings (EGMs)?

□ (A) We pre-declared our voting intentions publicly through the PRI's vote declaration system on the Resolution Database

 $\Box$  (B) We pre-declared our voting intentions publicly by other means, e.g. through our website

☑ (C) We privately communicated our voting decision to investee companies prior to the AGM/EGM

• (D) We did not privately or publicly communicate our voting intentions prior to the AGM/EGM

• (E) Not applicable; we did not cast any (proxy) votes during the reporting year



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 33	CORE	OO 9	PGS 33.1	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

After voting has taken place, do you publicly disclose your (proxy) voting decisions or those made on your behalf by your external service provider(s), company by company and in a central source?

#### (A) Yes, for all (proxy) votes

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https://www.leithwheeler.com/docs/proxy-reports/LW-Proxy-Report.pdf

- (B) Yes, for the majority of (proxy) votes
- (C) Yes, for a minority of (proxy) votes

• (D) No, we do not publicly report our (proxy) voting decisions company-by-company and in a central source

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 33.1	CORE	PGS 33	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

In the majority of cases, how soon after an investee's annual general meeting (AGM) or extraordinary general meeting (EGM) do you publish your voting decisions?

 $\circ~$  (A) Within one month of the AGM/EGM

 $\circ~$  (B) Within three months of the AGM/EGM

 $\circ~$  (C) Within six months of the AGM/EGM

• (D) Within one year of the AGM/EGM

• (E) More than one year after the AGM/EGM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 34	CORE	00 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

After voting has taken place, did your organisation, and/or the external service provider(s) acting on your behalf, communicate the rationale for your voting decisions during the reporting year?



#### (1) In cases where we abstained or voted against management recommendations

(A) Yes, we publicly disclosed the rationale		
(B) Yes, we privately communicated the rationale to the company	(2) for a majority of votes	(3) for a minority of votes
(C) We did not publicly or privately communicate the rationale, or we did not track this information	ο	o
(D) Not applicable; we did not abstain or vote against management recommendations or ESG-related shareholder resolutions during the reporting year	O	О

## **STEWARDSHIP: ESCALATION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 36	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Escalation	2

For your listed equity holdings, what escalation measures did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use in the past three years?

	(1) Listed equity
(A) Joining or broadening an existing collaborative engagement or creating a new one	
(B) Filing, co-filing, and/or submitting a shareholder resolution or proposal	



(C) Publicly engaging the entity, e.g. signing an open letter	
(D) Voting against the re-election of one or more board directors	
(E) Voting against the chair of the board of directors, or equivalent, e.g. lead independent director	
(F) Divesting	
(G) Litigation	
(H) Other	
(I) In the past three years, we did not use any of the above escalation measures for our listed equity holdings	0

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 37	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Escalation	2

For your corporate fixed income assets, what escalation measures did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use in the past three years?

(A) Joining or broadening an existing collaborative engagement or creating a new one

 $\Box$  (B) Publicly engaging the entity, e.g. signing an open letter

 $\Box$  (C) Not investing

 $\Box$  (D) Reducing exposure to the investee entity

□ (E) Divesting

□ (F) Litigation

□ (G) Other

• (H) In the past three years, we did not use any of the above escalation measures for our corporate fixed income assets



### STEWARDSHIP: ENGAGEMENT WITH POLICY MAKERS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	PGS 39.1, PGS 39.2	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

Did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, engage with policy makers as part of your responsible investment approach during the reporting year?

 $\Box$  (A) Yes, we engaged with policy makers directly

□ (B) Yes, we engaged with policy makers through the leadership of or active participation in working groups or collaborative initiatives, including via the PRI

☑ (C) Yes, we were members of, supported, or were in another way affiliated with third party organisations, including trade associations and non-profit organisations, that engage with policy makers, excluding the PRI

• (D) We did not engage with policy makers directly or indirectly during the reporting year beyond our membership in the PRI

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39.1	CORE	PGS 39	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

During the reporting year, what methods did you, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use to engage with policy makers as part of your responsible investment approach?

- $\Box$  (A) We participated in 'sign-on' letters
- (B) We responded to policy consultations

□ (C) We provided technical input via government- or regulator-backed working groups

 $\Box$  (D) We engaged policy makers on our own initiative

 $\Box$  (E) Other methods

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39.2	CORE	PGS 39	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose details of your engagement with policy makers conducted as part of your responsible investment approach, including through external investment managers or service providers?

 $\Box$  (A) We publicly disclosed all our policy positions

 $\Box$  (B) We publicly disclosed details of our engagements with policy makers



# • (C) No, we did not publicly disclose details of our engagement with policy makers conducted as part of our responsible investment approach during the reporting year

#### Explain why:

Our engagements with policy makers are conducted through our memberships in external responsible investment organizations such as the Canadian Coalition for Good Governance

### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 41	CORE	N/A	PGS 41.1	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

#### Has your organisation identified climate-related risks and opportunities affecting your investments?

#### ☑ (A) Yes, within our standard planning horizon

Specify the risks and opportunities identified and your relevant standard planning horizon:

Consistent with the recommendations of the Task Force for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), which states that climate risks and opportunities are relevant for organizations across all sectors, we assess both absolute greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and climate risk management and opportunities for all companies in our Canadian equity portfolio. Companies' exposure to specific climate risks and opportunities will vary depending on the industry they operate in. For example, for energy companies, we assess the risk of changing regulations and its potential financial impacts. We account for some these issues through additional operating costs (for example, to account for carbon taxes) as well as capital costs (for example, additional investment into equipment or technology to improve results).

#### (B) Yes, beyond our standard planning horizon

Specify the risks and opportunities identified and your relevant standard planning horizon:

The main climate risk we would assess beyond our standard investment horizon would be climate transition risks and the implication for stranded assets. Ultimately, our view is that it will take time for the world to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels, and that the biggest impact of this transition occurs beyond our investment horizon (beyond 10 years). In the meantime, there are attractive return opportunities in this area, and by using our voice as a shareholder we can continue to encourage companies to operate responsibly.

• (C) No, we have not identified climate-related risks and/or opportunities affecting our investments

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 41.1	CORE	PGS 41	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

# Does your organisation integrate climate-related risks and opportunities affecting your investments in its overall investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products?

(A) Yes, our overall investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products integrate climate-related risks and opportunities

Describe how climate-related risks and opportunities have affected or are expected to affect your investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products:



We would assess the impact of climate-related risks and opportunities at the company level in our investment portfolios. We understand the higher risks involved in investing in the Energy sector and have focused our portfolio on more resilient energy businesses with low-cost structures and the financial flexibility to remain profitable through different commodity and regulatory environments in the long term. We expect these companies to be proactively managing various climate/environmental risks and taking credible steps to improve in the long term. We would ultimately avoid investment in companies where there were significant risks that were likely to impact expected returns. On the product side, we do have some clients who have decided that they would like to screen out fossil fuel investments from their portfolio. To address the needs of these clients we have developed our "Carbon Constrained" strategies that screen out businesses that derive a significant amount of their revenue (more than 30%) from fossil fuel related activity. More specifically, investments that are excluded from this Fund include: Companies involved in the extraction and sale of fossil fuels - oil& gas producers, coal producers and refiners; Companies that provide

services to companies involved in extraction - energy service companies and pipelines; Companies involved in the sale of power produced by the consumption of fossil fuels - some Utilities companies will be excluded, but not all.

# • (B) No, our organisation has not yet integrated climate-related risks and opportunities into its investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 42	PLUS	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

#### Which sectors are covered by your organisation's strategy addressing high-emitting sectors?

#### (A) Coal

Describe your strategy:

For clients who are concerned about exposure to fossil fuel investments, we have developed our "Carbon Constrained" strategies. These strategies follow the same bottom-up approach as our core strategies, integrating ESG factors into our company analysis, and add an additional layer of screening out investments that derive more than 30% of their revenues from fossil fuel related activities. More specifically, we will exclude the following companies:

- Companies involved in the extraction and sale of fossil fuels oil & gas producers, coal producers and refiners
- Companies that provide services to companies involved in extraction energy service companies and pipelines
- Companies involved in the sale of power produced by the consumption of fossil fuels some Utilities companies will be excluded, but not all

#### 🗹 (B) Gas

Describe your strategy:



For clients who are concerned about exposure to fossil fuel investments, we have developed our "Carbon Constrained" strategies. These strategies follow the same bottom-up approach as our core strategies, integrating ESG factors into our company analysis, and add an additional layer of screening out investments that derive more than 30% of their revenues from fossil fuel related activities. More specifically, we will exclude the following companies:

- · Companies involved in the extraction and sale of fossil fuels oil & gas producers, coal producers and refiners
- · Companies that provide services to companies involved in extraction energy service companies and pipelines
- Companies involved in the sale of power produced by the consumption of fossil fuels some Utilities companies will be excluded, but not all

#### ☑ (C) Oil

Describe your strategy:

For clients who are concerned about exposure to fossil fuel investments, we have developed our "Carbon Constrained" strategies. These strategies follow the same bottom-up approach as our core strategies, integrating ESG factors into our company analysis, and add an additional layer of screening out investments that derive more than 30% of their revenues from fossil fuel related activities. More specifically, we will exclude the following companies:

- · Companies involved in the extraction and sale of fossil fuels oil & gas producers, coal producers and refiners
- Companies that provide services to companies involved in extraction energy service companies and pipelines
- Companies involved in the sale of power produced by the consumption of fossil fuels some Utilities companies will be excluded, but not all

#### ☑ (D) Utilities

Describe your strategy:

For clients who are concerned about exposure to fossil fuel investments, we have developed our "Carbon Constrained" strategies. These strategies follow the same bottom-up approach as our core strategies, integrating ESG factors into our company analysis, and add an additional layer of screening out investments that derive more than 30% of their revenues from fossil fuel related activities. More specifically, we will exclude the following companies:

- Companies involved in the extraction and sale of fossil fuels oil & gas producers, coal producers and refiners
- Companies that provide services to companies involved in extraction energy service companies and pipelines
- Companies involved in the sale of power produced by the consumption of fossil fuels some Utilities companies will be excluded, but not all

□ (E) Cement

□ (F) Steel

 $\Box$  (G) Aviation

- $\Box$  (H) Heavy duty road
- $\Box$  (I) Light duty road
- 🗆 (J) Shipping
- □ (K) Aluminium
- □ (L) Agriculture, forestry, fishery
- □ (M) Chemicals
- $\Box$  (N) Construction and buildings
- $\Box$  (O) Textile and leather
- □ (P) Water
- (Q) Other

 $\circ~$  (R) We do not have a strategy addressing high-emitting sectors

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 43	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General



## Has your organisation assessed the resilience of its investment strategy in different climate scenarios, including one in which the average temperature rise is held to below 2 degrees Celsius (preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius) above preindustrial levels?

□ (A) Yes, using the Inevitable Policy Response Forecast Policy Scenario (FPS) or Required Policy Scenario (RPS)

□ (B) Yes, using the One Earth Climate Model scenario

□ (C) Yes, using the International Energy Agency (IEA) Net Zero scenario

 $\Box$  (D) Yes, using other scenarios

• (E) No, we have not assessed the resilience of our investment strategy in different climate scenarios, including one that holds temperature rise to below 2 degrees

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 44	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

# Does your organisation have a process to identify, assess, and manage the climate-related risks (potentially) affecting your investments?

#### (A) Yes, we have a process to identify and assess climate-related risks

(1) Describe your process

Since we invest in businesses across various sectors and industries, each business is unique and ESG issues will impact them in different ways. The starting point of our analysis is identifying the material ESG factors that can impact the company. Our assessment of materiality comes from our in-depth research process, developing industry expertise and understanding the main drivers of business value.

Consistent with the recommendations of the Task Force for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), we have identified that climate risks and opportunities are relevant for organizations across all sectors, and are assessing all companies on their absolute greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and their risk exposure and management of climate risks and opportunities.

(2) Describe how this process is integrated into your overall risk management

We primarily take a risk management approach to our integration of ESG including climate risks, as downside risk is a critical factor in evaluating whether we should initiate a position in a company. We consider ESG risks as components of business risks and have long incorporated these elements into our investment process.

Our primary action to support the management of ESG-related risks, including climate risks, would be to avoid investment in poorly run businesses where significant ESG issues are likely to arise. We conduct comprehensive research on companies to assess these risks prior to making an investment.

Each company we analyse is exposed to different risks at differing levels of significance. As such, there is no formulaic approach or "check list" to our risk assessment. Instead, we rely on the experience and industry expertise of our analysts in determining the key risk factors impacting a given company. Team members provide a check of the analysis, as new ideas are debated and vetted as a group. Risks are assessed on an ongoing basis.

(B) Yes, we have a process to manage climate-related risks

(1) Describe your process



For companies with high exposure to climate-related risks, we would take steps to manage these risks by:

- Adjusting our models to account for risks. For example, reflecting higher ESG risks through higher discount rates, thus
- requiring higher expected return thresholds.
- Limiting position size.
- Using engagements
- A decision not to invest in a company with poor practices and high risks

(2) Describe how this process is integrated into your overall risk management

Decisions regarding our evaluation of a company's climate-related risks do not occur in isolation and are balanced against fundamental aspects such as the business model, balance sheet, other business risks, and valuation.

• (C) No, we do not have any processes to identify, assess, or manage the climate-related risks affecting our investments

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 45	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

# During the reporting year, which of the following climate risk metrics or variables affecting your investments did your organisation use and disclose?

#### ☑ (A) Exposure to physical risk

(1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology

- (1) Metric or variable used
- $\circ~$  (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
- $\circ$  (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- (B) Exposure to transition risk
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used
    - $\circ~$  (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
    - $\circ~$  (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- $\Box$  (C) Internal carbon price
- ☑ (D) Total carbon emissions
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used
    - $\circ~$  (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology

#### (E) Weighted average carbon intensity

(1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology

- (1) Metric or variable used
- $\circ~$  (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
- (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- $\Box$  (F) Avoided emissions
- □ (G) Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)
- □ (H) Non-ITR measure of portfolio alignment with UNFCCC Paris Agreement goals
- □ (I) Proportion of assets or other business activities aligned with climate-related opportunities
- $\Box$  (J) Other metrics or variables



• (K) Our organisation did not use or disclose any climate risk metrics or variables affecting our investments during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 46	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

During the reporting year, did your organisation disclose its Scope 1, Scope 2, and/or Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions?

 $\Box$  (A) Scope 1 emissions

□ (B) Scope 2 emissions

 $\Box$  (C) Scope 3 emissions (including financed emissions)

• (D) Our organisation did not disclose its Scope 1, Scope 2, or Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions during the reporting year

#### SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 47	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

Has your organisation identified the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?

• (A) Yes, we have identified one or more specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities

 (B) No, we have not yet identified the sustainability outcomes connected to any of our investment activities Explain why:

We are aware of and understand the positive and negative outcomes connected to our investment activities but have not formally adopted any sustainability outcome frameworks such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals that measure or track impacts and progress against specific targets.



# MANAGER SELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND MONITORING (SAM)

# **OVERALL APPROACH**

## **EXTERNAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 1	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	External investment managers	4

For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, which responsible investment aspects does your organisation consider important in the assessment of external investment managers?

	(1) Listed equity (active)
Organisation	
(A) Commitment to and experience in responsible investment	
(B) Responsible investment policy(ies)	
(C) Governance structure and senior-level oversight and accountability	
People and Culture	
(D) Adequate resourcing and incentives	
(E) Staff competencies and experience in responsible investment	
Investment Process	



(F) Incorporation of material ESG factors in the investment process	
(G) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in the investment process	
(H) Incorporation of material ESG factors and ESG risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in portfolio risk assessment	
Stewardship	
(I) Policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship	
(J) Policy(ies) or guidelines on (proxy) voting	
(K) Use of stewardship tools and activities	
(L) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in stewardship practices	
(M) Involvement in collaborative engagement and stewardship initiatives	
(N) Engagement with policy makers and other non-investee stakeholders	
(O) Results of stewardship activities	
Performance and Reporting	
(P) ESG disclosure in regular client reporting	



(Q) Inclusion of ESG factors in contractual agreements		
(R) We do not consider any of the above responsible investment aspects important in the assessment of external investment managers	Ο	

### SERVICE PROVIDERS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 2	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Service providers	4

# Which responsible investment aspects does your organisation consider important when assessing all service providers that advise you in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external investment managers?

 $\Box$  (A) Incorporation of their responsible investment policy into advisory services

 $\Box$  (B) Ability to accommodate our responsible investment policy

 $\Box$  (C) Level of staff's responsible investment expertise

 $\Box$  (D) Use of data and analytical tools to assess the external investment manager's responsible investment performance  $\Box$  (E) Other

• (F) We do not consider any of the above responsible investment aspects important when assessing service providers that advise us in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external investment managers

(G) Not applicable; we do not engage service providers in the selection, appointment or monitoring of external investment managers

## SELECTION

## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PRACTICES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 4	CORE	00 12, 00 21	SAM 5, SAM 6, SAM 7	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	General

# During the reporting year, did your organisation select new external investment managers or allocate new mandates to existing investment managers?

 $\circ$  (A) Yes, we selected external investment managers or allocated new mandates to existing investment managers during the reporting year

(B) No, we did not select new external investment managers or allocate new mandates to existing investment managers during the reporting year



 $\circ$  (C) Not applicable; our organisation is in a captive relationship with external investment managers, which applies to 90% or more of our AUM

## APPOINTMENT

### SEGREGATED MANDATES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 8	CORE	OO 5.2, OO 13	N/A	PUBLIC	Segregated mandates	4

# Which responsible investment aspects do your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, explicitly include in clauses within your contractual agreements with your external investment managers for segregated mandates?

□ (A) Their commitment to following our responsible investment strategy in the management of our assets

 $\square$  (B) Their commitment to incorporating material ESG factors into their investment activities

 $\Box$  (C) Their commitment to incorporating material ESG factors into their stewardship activities

(D) Their commitment to incorporating risks connected to systematic sustainability issues into their investment activities

(E) Their commitment to incorporating risks connected to systematic sustainability issues into their stewardship activities

#### (F) Exclusion list(s) or criteria

Select from dropdown list

- $\circ~$  (1) for all of our segregated mandates
- $\circ~$  (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
- (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- ☑ (G) Responsible investment communications and reporting obligations, including stewardship activities and results Select from dropdown list
  - (1) for all of our segregated mandates
  - $\circ$  (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
  - $\circ$  (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- $\Box$  (H) Incentives and controls to ensure alignment of interests

□ (I) Commitments on climate-related disclosure in line with internationally-recognised frameworks such as the TCFD

□ (J) Commitment to respect human rights as defined in the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

 $\Box$  (K) Their acknowledgement that their appointment is conditional on the fulfilment of their agreed responsible investment commitments

□ (L) Other

• (M) We do not include responsible investment aspects in clauses within our contractual agreements with external investment managers for segregated mandates



# MONITORING

## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PRACTICES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 9	CORE	00 14, 00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	4

For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, which aspects of your external investment managers' responsible investment practices did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor during the reporting year?

	(1) Listed equity (active)
Organisation	
(A) Commitment to and experience in responsible investment (e.g. commitment to responsible investment principles and standards)	
(B) Responsible investment policy(ies) (e.g. the continued alignment of their responsible investment policy with the investment mandate)	
(C) Governance structure and senior level oversight and accountability (e.g. the adequacy of their governance structure and reported conflicts of interest)	
People and Culture	
(D) Adequate resourcing and incentives (e.g. their team structures, operating model and remuneration structure, including alignment of interests)	



(E) Staff competencies and experience in responsible investment (e.g. level of responsible investment responsibilities in their investment team, their responsible investment training and capacity building)	
Investment Process	
(F) Incorporation of material ESG factors in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such factors are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)	
(G) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such risks are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)	
(H) Incorporation of material ESG factors and ESG risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in portfolio risk assessment (e.g. their process to measure and report such risks, their response to ESG incidents)	
Performance and Reporting	
(I) ESG disclosure in regular client reporting (e.g. any changes in their regular client reporting)	
(J) Inclusion of ESG factors in contractual agreements	



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 12	CORE	00 14, 00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	1

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For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, how often does your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor your external investment managers' responsible investment practices?

	(1) Listed equity (active)
(A) At least annually	
(B) Less than once a year	
(C) On an ad hoc basis	

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 13	CORE	00 8, 00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship	1, 2

For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, which aspects of your external investment managers' stewardship practices did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor during the reporting year?



(1)	Listed	equity	(active)
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(A) Any changes in their policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship	
(B) The degree of implementation of their policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship	
(C) How they prioritise material ESG factors	
(D) How they prioritise risks connected to systematic sustainability issues	
(E) Their investment team's level of involvement in stewardship activities	
(F) Whether the results of stewardship actions were fed back into the investment process and decisions	
(G) Whether they used a variety of stewardship tools and activities to advance their stewardship priorities	
(H) The deployment of their escalation process in cases where initial stewardship efforts were unsuccessful	
(I) Whether they participated in collaborative engagements and stewardship initiatives	
(J) Whether they had an active role in collaborative engagements and stewardship initiatives	
(K) Other	

(L) We did not monitor our external investment managers' stewardship practices during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 14	CORE	00 9, 00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship	1, 2

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For the majority of your AUM in each asset class where (proxy) voting is delegated to external investment managers, which aspects of your external investment managers' (proxy) voting practices did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor during the reporting year?

	(1) Listed equity (active)
(A) Any changes in their policy(ies) or guidelines on (proxy) voting	
(B) Whether their (proxy) voting decisions were consistent with their stewardship priorities as stated in their policy and with their voting policy, principles and/or guidelines	
(C) Whether their (proxy) voting decisions were consistent with their stated approach on the prioritisation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues	
(D) Whether their (proxy) voting track record was aligned with our stewardship approach and expectations	



(E) The application of their policy on securities lending and any implications for implementing their policy(ies) or guidelines on (proxy) voting (where applicable)	
(F) Other	
(G) We did not monitor our external investment managers' (proxy) voting practices during the reporting year	0

## **ENGAGEMENT AND ESCALATION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 16	CORE	00 14, 00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Engagement and escalation	4

What actions does your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, include in its formal escalation process to address concerns raised during monitoring of your external investment managers' responsible investment practices?

	(1) Listed equity (active)
(A) Engagement with their investment professionals, investment committee or other representatives	
(B) Notification about their placement on a watch list or relationship coming under review	
(C) Reduction of capital allocation to the external investment managers until any concerns have been rectified	



(D) Termination of the contract if failings persist over a (notified) period, including an explanation of the reasons for termination	✓	
(E) Holding off selecting the external investment managers for new mandates or allocating additional capital until any concerns have been rectified		
(F) Other		
(G) Our organisation does not have a formal escalation process to address concerns raised during monitoring	O	

## VERIFICATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 17	CORE	00 14, 00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Verification	1

For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, how did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, verify that the information reported by external investment managers on their responsible investment practices was correct during the reporting year?

	(1) Listed equity (active)
(A) We checked that the information reported was verified through a third-party assurance process	
(B) We checked that the information reported was verified by an independent third party	
(C) We checked for evidence of internal monitoring or compliance	



(E) We did not verify the information reported by external investment managers on their responsible investment practices during the reporting year

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# LISTED EQUITY (LE)

# **OVERALL APPROACH**

### **MATERIALITY ANALYSIS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 1	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Materiality analysis	1

Does your organisation have a formal investment process to identify and incorporate material ESG factors across your listed equity strategies?

	(3) Active - fundamental
(A) Yes, our investment process incorporates material governance factors	(1) for all of our AUM
(B) Yes, our investment process incorporates material environmental and social factors	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) Yes, our investment process incorporates material ESG factors beyond our organisation's average investment holding period	(1) for all of our AUM
(D) No, we do not have a formal process. Our investment professionals identify material ESG factors at their discretion	ο



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### **MONITORING ESG TRENDS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 2	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Monitoring ESG trends	1

Does your organisation have a formal process for monitoring and reviewing the implications of changing ESG trends across your listed equity strategies?

	(3) Active - fundamental	
(A) Yes, we have a formal process that includes scenario analyses		
(B) Yes, we have a formal process, but it does not include scenario analyses	(1) for all of our AUM	
(C) We do not have a formal process for our listed equity strategies; our investment professionals monitor how ESG trends vary over time at their discretion	O	
(D) We do not monitor and review the implications of changing ESG trends on our listed equity strategies	ο	



# **PRE-INVESTMENT**

## **ESG INCORPORATION IN RESEARCH**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 3	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1
How does you	r financial analysis and	l equity valuation	or security ratii	ng process inc	orporate material ESG	risks?
			(2)	) Active - funda	amental	
governance- financial ana	porate material related risks into our lysis and equity security rating process			(1) in all cas	es	
environmenta our financial	porate material al and social risks into analysis and equity security rating process			(1) in all cas	es	
environmenta related to cor chains into o	porate material al and social risks mpanies' supply ur financial analysis aluation or security ss			(1) in all cas	es	
ESG risks int	ot incorporate material to our financial iity valuation or g processes			0		



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 4	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1

What information do you incorporate when you assess the ESG performance of companies in your financial analysis, benchmark selection and/or portfolio construction process?

	(3) Active - fundamental
(A) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on current performance across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(B) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on historical performance across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(C) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on material ESG factors that may impact or influence future corporate revenues and/or profitability	(1) in all cases
(D) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information enabling current, historical and/or future performance comparison within a selected peer group across a range of material ESG factors	



(E) We do not incorporate qualitative or quantitative information on material ESG factors when assessing the ESG performance of companies in our financial analysis, equity investment or portfolio construction process

### ESG INCORPORATION IN PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

Indica	ator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 6		CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in portfolio construction	1

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How do material ESG factors contribute to your stock selection, portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process?

	(3) Active - fundamental
(A) Material ESG factors contribute to the selection of individual assets and/or sector weightings within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM
(B) Material ESG factors contribute to the portfolio weighting of individual assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) Material ESG factors contribute to the country or region weighting of assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	
(D) Other ways material ESG factors contribute to your portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	



# **POST-INVESTMENT**

## ESG RISK MANAGEMENT

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 9	CORE	OO 17.1 LE, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

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What compliance processes do you have in place to ensure that your listed equity assets subject to negative exclusionary screens meet the screening criteria?

☑ (A) We have internal compliance procedures that ensure all funds or portfolios that are subject to negative exclusionary screening have pre-trade checks

 $\Box$  (B) We have an external committee that oversees the screening implementation process for all funds or portfolios that are subject to negative exclusionary screening

☑ (C) We have an independent internal committee that oversees the screening implementation process for all funds or portfolios that are subject to negative exclusionary screening

• (D) We do not have compliance processes in place to ensure that we meet our stated negative exclusionary screens

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 10	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

For the majority of your listed equity assets, do you have a formal process to identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents into your risk management process?



(A) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for individual listed equity holdings	
(B) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for other listed equity holdings exposed to similar risks and/or incidents	
(C) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for our stewardship activities	
(D) Yes, our formal process includes ad hoc reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on severe ESG incidents	
(E) We do not have a formal process to identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents into our risk management process; our investment professionals identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents at their discretion	0

## **DISCLOSURE OF ESG SCREENS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 12	CORE	OO 17 LE, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Disclosure of ESG screens	6

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For all your listed equity assets subject to ESG screens, how do you ensure that clients understand ESG screens and their implications?

☑ (A) We share a list of ESG screens

☑ (B) We share any changes in ESG screens

☑ (C) We explain any implications of ESG screens, such as their deviation from a benchmark or impact on sector weightings

 $\circ$  (D) We do not share the above information for all our listed equity assets subject to ESG screens

# **FIXED INCOME (FI)**

# **OVERALL APPROACH**

### **MATERIALITY ANALYSIS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 1	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Materiality analysis	1

Does your organisation have a formal investment process to identify and incorporate material ESG factors across your fixed income assets?



	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) Yes, our investment process incorporates material governance factors	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM
(B) Yes, our investment process incorporates material environmental and social factors	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) Yes, our investment process incorporates material ESG factors depending on different investment time horizons		
(D) No, we do not have a formal process; our investment professionals identify material ESG factors at their discretion	0	ο
(E) No, we do not have a formal or informal process to identify and incorporate material ESG factors	ο	0

## **MONITORING ESG TRENDS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 2	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Monitoring ESG trends	1

Does your organisation have a formal process for monitoring and reviewing the implications of changing ESG trends across your fixed income assets?



(A) Yes, we have a formal process that includes scenario analyses		
(B) Yes, we have a formal process, but does it not include scenario analyses	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) We do not have a formal process for our fixed income assets; our investment professionals monitor how ESG trends vary over time at their discretion	O	Ο
(D) We do not monitor and review the implications of changing ESG trends on our fixed income assets	0	0

## **PRE-INVESTMENT**

## **ESG INCORPORATION IN RESEARCH**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 3	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1

For the majority of your fixed income investments, does your organisation incorporate material ESG factors when assessing their credit quality?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) We incorporate material environmental and social factors		
(B) We incorporate material governance-related factors		



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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 4	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1
Does your organ	iisation have a frame	work that differen	tiates ESG risk	s by issuer cou	untry, region and/or sec	tor?
			(1) SSA		(2) Corporate	
differentiates E and/or region (	ve a framework that SG risks by country e.g. local Id labour practices)					
• •	ve a framework that SG risks by sector	(1) for	all of our AUM		(1) for all of our A	UM
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to differentiate	able; we are not able ESG risks by issuer and/or sector due niverse of our		0		0	

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 6	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1



How do you incorporate significant changes in material ESG factors over time into your fixed income asset valuation process?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) We incorporate it into the forecast of financial metrics or other quantitative assessments	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM
(B) We make a qualitative assessment of how material ESG factors may evolve	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) We do not incorporate significant changes in material ESG factors	o	ο

### ESG INCORPORATION IN PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 8	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in portfolio construction	1

How do material ESG factors contribute to your security selection, portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) Material ESG factors contribute to the selection of individual assets and/or sector weightings within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM
(B) Material ESG factors contribute to determining the holding period of individual assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM



(C) Material ESG factors contribute to the portfolio weighting of individual assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM
(D) Material ESG factors contribute to the country or region weighting of assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process		
(E) Material ESG factors contribute to our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process in other ways		
(F) Our security selection, portfolio construction or benchmark selection process does not include the incorporation of material ESG factors	0	o

# **POST-INVESTMENT**

### **ESG RISK MANAGEMENT**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 11	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

How are material ESG factors incorporated into your portfolio risk management process?



(A) Investment committee members, or the equivalent function or group, can veto investment decisions based on ESG considerations		
(B) Companies, sectors, countries and/or currencies are monitored for changes in exposure to material ESG factors and any breaches of risk limits	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) Overall exposure to specific material ESG factors is measured for our portfolio construction, and sizing or hedging adjustments are made depending on the individual issuer or issue sensitivity to these factors		
(D) We use another method of incorporating material ESG factors into our portfolio's risk management process		
(E) We do not have a process to incorporate material ESG factors into our portfolio's risk management process	0	O

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 12	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

For the majority of your fixed income assets, do you have a formal process to identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents into your risk management process?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for individual fixed income holdings		
(B) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents, and their implications for other fixed income holdings exposed to similar risks and/or incidents		
(C) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents, and their implications for our stewardship activities	<b>I</b>	
(D) Yes, our formal process includes ad hoc reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on severe ESG incidents		
(E) We do not have a formal process to identify and incorporate ESG risks and ESG incidents; our investment professionals identify and incorporate ESG risks and ESG incidents at their discretion	Ο	Ο
(F) We do not have a formal process to identify and incorporate ESG risks and ESG incidents into our risk management process	Ο	Ο



### DISCLOSURE OF ESG SCREENS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 18	CORE	OO 17 FI, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Disclosure of ESG screens	6

For all your fixed income assets subject to ESG screens, how do you ensure that clients understand ESG screens and their implications?

☑ (A) We share a list of ESG screens

(B) We share any changes in ESG screens

☑ (C) We explain any implications of ESG screens, such as any deviation from a benchmark or impact on sector weightings

• (D) We do not share the above information for all our fixed income assets subject to ESG screens

# **CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES (CBM)**

# **CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES**

### APPROACH TO CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 1	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Approach to confidence-building measures	6

#### How did your organisation verify the information submitted in your PRI report this reporting year?

□ (A) We conducted independent third-party assurance of selected processes and/or data related to the responsible investment processes reported in our PRI report, which resulted in a formal assurance conclusion

 $\Box$  (B) We conducted a third-party readiness review and are making changes to our internal controls or governance processes to be able to conduct independent third-party assurance next year

 $\Box$  (C) We conducted an internal audit of selected processes and/or data related to the responsible investment processes reported in our PRI report

☑ (D) Our board, trustees (or equivalent), senior executive-level staff (or equivalent), and/or investment committee (or equivalent) signed off on our PRI report

 $\Box$  (E) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings to verify that our funds comply with our responsible investment policy  $\Box$  (F) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings as part of risk management, engagement identification or investment decision-making

☑ (G) Our responses in selected sections and/or the entirety of our PRI report were internally reviewed before submission to the PRI

 $\circ$  (H) We did not verify the information submitted in our PRI report this reporting year



### **INTERNAL REVIEW**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 6	CORE	CBM 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Internal review	6

Who in your organisation reviewed the responses submitted in your PRI report this year?

 $\Box$  (A) Board, trustees, or equivalent

☑ (B) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department, or equivalent

Sections of PRI report reviewed

(1) the entire report

• (2) selected sections of the report

• (C) None of the above internal roles reviewed selected sections or the entirety of the responses submitted in our PRI report this year

