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Individual/ internal staff engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's internal ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency for identifying the need to take action on</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff</p>		
Collaborative engagements	<p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's internal ESG issues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency for identifying the need to take action on</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements</p>		
Service provider engagements	<p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's internal ESG issues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency for identifying the need to take action on</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers</p>		

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2020

Equistone Partners Europe

About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework is a key step in the journey towards building a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment (RI) activities. This RI Transparency Report is one of the key outputs of this Framework. Its primary objective is to enable signatory transparency on RI activities and facilitate dialogue between investors and their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders. A copy of this report will be publicly disclosed for all reporting signatories on the [PRI website](#), ensuring accountability of the PRI Initiative and its signatories.

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2020 reporting cycle. It includes their responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators the signatory has agreed to make public. The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory to select are presented in this report. Presenting the information exactly as reported is a result of signatory feedback which suggested the PRI not summarise the information. As a result, the reports can be extensive. However, to help easily locate information, there is a **Principles index** which highlights where the information can be found and summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose.

Understanding the Principles Index

The Principles Index summarises the response status for the individual indicators and modules and shows how these relate to the six [Principles for Responsible Investment](#). It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
☑	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
🔒	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
Ⓜ	The signatory has flagged this indicator for internal review

Within the table, indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.

Principles Index

Organisational Overview				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OO TG		🔒	n/a							
OO 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	✓	Public							✓
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	✓	Public							✓
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	✓	Public							✓
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	✓	Asset mix disclosed in OO 06							✓
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	✓	Public							✓
OO 07	Fixed income AUM breakdown	🔒	n/a							✓
OO 08	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	🔒	n/a							✓
OO 09	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Public							✓
OO 10	Active ownership practices for listed assets	🔒	n/a							✓
OO 11	ESG incorporation practices for all assets	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓
OO LE 01	Breakdown of listed equity investments by passive and active strategies	🔒	n/a							✓
OO LE 02	Reporting on strategies that are <10% of actively managed listed equities	🔒	n/a							✓
OO FI 01	Breakdown of fixed income investments by passive and active strategies	🔒	n/a							✓
OO FI 02	Reporting on strategies that are <10% of actively managed fixed income	🔒	n/a							✓
OO FI 03	Fixed income breakdown by market and credit quality	🔒	n/a							✓
OO SAM 01	Breakdown of externally managed investments by passive and active strategies	🔒	n/a							✓
OO PE 01	Breakdown of private equity investments by strategy	✓	Public							✓
OO PE 02	Typical level of ownership in private equity investments	✓	Private							✓
OO PR 01	Breakdown of property investments	🔒	n/a							✓
OO PR 02	Breakdown of property assets by management	🔒	n/a							✓
OO PR 03	Largest property types	🔒	n/a							✓
OO INF 01	Breakdown of infrastructure investments	🔒	n/a							✓
OO INF 02	Breakdown of infrastructure assets by management	🔒	n/a							✓
OO INF 03	Largest infrastructure sectors	🔒	n/a							✓
OO HF 01	Breakdown of hedge funds investments by strategies	🔒	n/a							✓
OO End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

CCStrategy and Governance				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SG 01	RI policy and coverage	✓	Public							✓
SG 01 CC	Climate risk	✓	Private							✓
SG 02	Publicly available RI policy or guidance documents	✓	Public						✓	
SG 03	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
SG 04	Identifying incidents occurring within portfolios	✓	Public							✓
SG 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
SG 06	Main goals/objectives this year	✓	Private							✓
SG 07	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
SG 07 CC	Climate-issues roles and responsibilities	✓	Private							✓
SG 08	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							✓
SG 09	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
SG 09.2	Assets managed by PRI signatories	🔒	n/a	✓						
SG 10	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
SG 11	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				✓	✓	✓	
SG 12	Role of investment consultants/fiduciary managers	✓	Public				✓			
SG 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Public	✓						
SG 13 CC		🔒	n/a							✓
SG 14	Long term investment risks and opportunity	✓	Private	✓						
SG 14 CC		✓	Private							✓
SG 15	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	✓						
SG 16	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
SG 17	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
SG 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓	Private							✓
SG 19	Communication	✓	Public		✓				✓	
SG End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Direct – Private Equity				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
PE 01	Description of approach to RI	✓	Public	✓					✓	
PE 02	Investment guidelines and RI	✓	Public		✓					
PE 03	Fund placement documents and RI	✓	Public	✓			✓		✓	
PE 04	Formal commitments to RI	✓	Private				✓			
PE 05	Incorporating ESG issues when selecting investments	✓	Public	✓						
PE 06	Types of ESG information considered in investment selection	✓	Public	✓		✓				
PE 07	Encouraging improvements in investees	✓	Private	✓	✓					
PE 08	ESG issues impact in selection process	✓	Private	✓						
PE 09	Proportion of companies monitored on their ESG performance	✓	Public		✓					
PE 10	Proportion of portfolio companies with sustainability policy	✓	Public		✓					
PE 11	Actions taken by portfolio companies to incorporate ESG issues into operations	✓	Private		✓					
PE 12	Type and frequency of reports received from portfolio companies	✓	Private		✓	✓				
PE 13	Disclosure of ESG issues in pre-exit	✓	Private		✓					
PE 14	ESG issues affected financial/ESG performance	✓	Private	✓	✓					
PE 15	Examples of ESG issues that affected your PE investments	✓	Private	✓	✓					
PE 16	Approach to disclosing ESG incidents	✓	Private							✓
PE End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Confidence building measures				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
CM1 01	Assurance, verification, or review	✓	Public							✓
CM1 02	Assurance of last year's PRI data	✓	Public							✓
CM1 03	Other confidence building measures	✓	Public							✓
CM1 04	Assurance of this year's PRI data	✓	Public							✓
CM1 05	External assurance	🔒	n/a							✓
CM1 06	Assurance or internal audit	🔒	n/a							✓
CM1 07	Internal verification	✓	Public							✓
CM1 01 End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

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Organisational Overview

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Basic information

OO 01

Mandatory

Public

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 01.1

Select the services and funds you offer

Select the services and funds you offer	% of asset under management (AUM) in ranges
Fund management	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input checked="" type="radio"/> >50%
Fund of funds, manager of managers, sub-advised products	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%
Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%
Total 100%	

Further options (may be selected in addition to the above)

- Hedge funds
- Fund of hedge funds

OO 02

Mandatory

Public

Peering

General

OO 02.1

Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

United Kingdom

OO 02.2

Indicate the number of countries in which you have offices (including your headquarters).

- 1
- 2-5
- 6-10
- >10

OO 02.3 Indicate the approximate number of staff in your organisation in full-time equivalents (FTE).

FTE

70

OO 03 **Mandatory** **Public** **Descriptive** **General**

OO 03.1 Indicate whether you have subsidiaries within your organisation that are also PRI signatories in their own right.

- Yes
- No

OO 04 **Mandatory** **Public** **Gateway/Peering** **General**

OO 04.1 Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2019

OO 04.2 Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year.

Include the AUM of subsidiaries, but exclude advisory/execution only assets, and exclude the assets of your PRI signatory subsidiaries that you have chosen not to report on in OO 03.2

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		5	006	000	000
Currency	EUR				
Assets in USD		5	518	120	294

Not applicable as we are in the fund-raising process

OO 04.4 Indicate the assets which are subject to an execution and/or advisory approach. Provide this figure based on the end of your reporting year

Not applicable as we do not have any assets under execution and/or advisory approach

OO 06	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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OO 06.1 Select how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

as percentage breakdown

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	0	0
Fixed income	0	0
Private equity	100	0
Property	0	0
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Fund of hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0

Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	0	0
Money market instruments	0	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

as broad ranges

OO 06.2 Publish asset class mix as per attached image [Optional].

OO 06.3 Indicate whether your organisation has any off-balance sheet assets [Optional].

- Yes
- No

OO 06.5 Indicate whether your organisation uses fiduciary managers.

- Yes, we use a fiduciary manager and our response to OO 5.1 is reflective of their management of our assets.
- No, we do not use fiduciary managers.

OO 09 **Mandatory** **Public** **Peering** **General**

OO 09.1 Indicate the breakdown of your organisation's AUM by market.

Developed Markets

100

Emerging Markets

0

Frontier Markets

0

Other Markets

0

	Total 100%
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100%

Asset class implementation gateway indicators

OO 11	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	General
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OO 11.1	Select the internally managed asset classes in which you addressed ESG incorporation into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices (during the reporting year).
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	Private equity
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- We address ESG incorporation.
- We do not do ESG incorporation.

OO 12	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	General
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OO 12.1	Below are all applicable modules or sections you may report on. Those which are mandatory to report (asset classes representing 10% or more of your AUM) are already ticked and read-only. Those which are voluntary to report on can be opted into by ticking the box.
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	Core modules
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- Organisational Overview
- Strategy and Governance

	RI implementation directly or via service providers
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	Direct - Other asset classes with dedicated modules
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- Private Equity

	Closing module
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- Closing module

Peering questions

OO PE 01	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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OO PE 01.1	Provide a breakdown of your organisation's internally managed private equity investments by investment strategy.
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Investment strategy	Percentage of your internally managed private equity holdings (in terms of AUM)
Venture capital	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0%
Growth capital	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0%
(Leveraged) buy-out	<input checked="" type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 0%
Distressed/Turnaround/Special Situations	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0%
Secondaries	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0%
Other investment strategy, specify (1)	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0%
Other investment strategy, specify (2)	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0%
Total 100%	

We provide capital to support management buyouts in France, Germany, Switzerland and the UK. We have also invested selectively in Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. While most of our investments are buyouts, we also have a track record of supporting buy-ins, equity release, expansion capital and public-to-private investments.

Our target enterprise value range is between €50m and €500m and we typically seek to invest equity of between €25m and €150m from our €2.8bn fund, Equistone Partners Europe Fund VI.

We work closely with existing management teams to understand the drivers of their business and the ways in which they can grow, either organically or by acquisition. We believe in empowering strong management teams with capital and ideas, focusing on adding strategic value to a business.

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Investment policy

SG 01

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

General

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SG 01.1

Indicate if you have an investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach.

Yes

SG 01.2

Indicate the components/types and coverage of your policy.

Select all that apply

Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy setting out your overall approach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formalised guidelines on environmental factors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formalised guidelines on social factors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formalised guidelines on corporate governance factors <input type="checkbox"/> Fiduciary (or equivalent) duties <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific RI guidelines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sector specific RI guidelines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening / exclusions policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify(2)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover all AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM

SG 01.3

Indicate if the investment policy covers any of the following

- Your organisation's definition of ESG and/or responsible investment and it's relation to investments
- Your investment objectives that take ESG factors/real economy influence into account
- Time horizon of your investment
- Governance structure of organisational ESG responsibilities
- ESG incorporation approaches
- Active ownership approaches
- Reporting
- Climate change
- Understanding and incorporating client / beneficiary sustainability preferences
- Other RI considerations, specify (1)
- Other RI considerations, specify (2)

SG 01.4

Describe your organisation's investment principles and overall investment strategy, interpretation of fiduciary (or equivalent) duties, and how they consider ESG factors and real economy impact.

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Our target enterprise value range is between €50m and €500m and we typically seek to invest equity of between €25m and €150m from our €2.8bn fund, Equistone Partners Europe Fund VI.

We work closely with existing management teams to understand the drivers of their business and the ways in which they can grow, either organically or by acquisition. We believe in empowering strong management teams with capital and ideas, focusing on adding strategic value to a business.

In each stage of the investment process Equistone considers the implications of the investment from an ESG perspective, focusing on areas such as ethical sourcing, workplace practices, board-level governance, and environmental impact. Members of the Investment Team have been required to include relevant ESG analysis in investment committee papers since mid-2012 and ESG factors for each portfolio company have been featured in quarterly reporting.

SG 01.5

Provide a brief description of the key elements, any variations or exceptions to your investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach. [Optional]

Equistone will invest in companies that are strategically attractive market leaders with significant growth potential, whether organic or via acquisition. Post-acquisition, Equistone provides sustained strategic guidance and challenge to management teams as they pursue their growth objectives, through board representation in a non-executive capacity. Equistone's established value creation methods are pragmatic and locally-adapted. They are designed to support management in their strategic development of each business, by any or all of: international expansion, domestic growth and new product development or innovation. Portfolio companies are positioned to be strategically attractive for sale to corporate acquirers and larger financial buyers.

Equistone has a Responsible Investment Policy which is embedded in the culture of the business and its decision making process.

Equistone will continue to seek opportunities to create outstanding value for investors whilst making a positive impact on the communities our companies serve. In making investment decisions, we aim to avoid investing in companies that do not:

- Respect human rights
- Comply with current legislation (including environmental and social legislation)
- Seek to comply with their industry standards and best practice

Furthermore, under the terms of our fund documentation, we will have regard to the following when making our investments:

- We will not make any investment in a portfolio company whose principal business is either (i) the manufacturing, distribution or sale of arms or ammunition or (ii) the manufacturing, distribution or sale of pornography, without the prior consent of our Investor Advisory Committee;
- We will not knowingly make an investment in a portfolio company which seeks to exploit child labour;
- In our review and consideration of prospective investments, we consider the ethical ramifications of our investment activities;
- We endeavour not to invest in enterprises which deliberately and repeatedly violate the rules laid down by the national authorities in which such enterprises operate; and
- We will include specific commentary on relevant ESG issues in our communication around new investments and in our reporting.

As a signatory of the UNPRI, Equistone is committed to promoting industry best practice ESG initiatives throughout our own organisation and the organisations we interact with.

No

SG 02	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 6
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New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SG 02.1 Indicate which of your investment policy documents (if any) are publicly available. Provide a URL and an attachment of the document.

Policy setting out your overall approach

URL/Attachment

URL

URL

<http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/investment-strategy>

Attachment (will be made public)

Formalised guidelines on environmental factors

URL/Attachment

URL

URL

<http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/responsible-investing>

Attachment (will be made public)

Formalised guidelines on social factors

URL/Attachment

URL

URL

<http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/responsible-investing>

Attachment (will be made public)

Formalised guidelines on corporate governance factors

URL/Attachment

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<http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/responsible-investing>

Attachment (will be made public)

Asset class-specific RI guidelines

URL/Attachment

URL

URL

<http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/responsible-investing>

Attachment (will be made public)

Sector specific RI guidelines

URL/Attachment

URL

URL

<http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/responsible-investing>

Attachment (will be made public)

Screening / exclusions policy

URL/Attachment

URL

URL

<http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/responsible-investing>

Attachment (will be made public)

We do not publicly disclose our investment policy documents

SG 02.2 Indicate if any of your investment policy components are publicly available. Provide URL and an attachment of the document.

Your organisation's definition of ESG and/or responsible investment and it's relation to investments

URL/Attachment

URL

URL

<http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/responsible-investing>

Attachment

Your investment objectives that take ESG factors/real economy influence into account

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<http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/responsible-investing>

Attachment

Time horizon of your investment

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<http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/investment-strategy>

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ESG incorporation approaches

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Active ownership approaches

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Reporting

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<http://www.equistonepe.com/news/annual-reviews>

Attachment

Climate change

We do not publicly disclose any investment policy components

SG 02.3 Additional information [Optional].

We continue to be a member of France Invest's Initiative Climat International (iCi) and the UNPRI. The signing of these agreements reinforces Equistone's responsible investment policy, which already takes sustainable criteria into account and requires Equistone to publicly disclose and report on our commitment to ESG.

SG 03	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	General
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SG 03.1 Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

Yes

SG 03.2 Describe your policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

The Board of Equistone Partners Europe Limited makes the investment and exit decisions and is guided by recommendations of the European Investment Committee, A Management Board makes business and operational decisions on a Europe-wide basis.

Limited Partner Advisory Committee approval and consent is required for any potential conflicts of interest related to an investment.

Additionally, Equistone maintains a Conflicts of Interest Map which:

- Records the types of activities which have been identified as activities where a conflict of interest may arise and the procedures established to identify and manage any such conflicts; and
- References the disclosures made about conflicts to investors and clients in accordance with EPEL's regulatory and contractual obligations. All disclosures to investors are made in writing (including by email).

The Conflicts of Interest Map is prepared on a broad and group-wide basis. Accordingly, it notes certain conflicts of interest which are not strictly speaking conflicts of EPEL but are conflicts of the general partners of the Funds or of EPEL's portfolio company directors.

No

SG 04	Voluntary	Public	Descriptive	General
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SG 04.1	Indicate if your organisation has a process for identifying and managing incidents that occur within investee entities.
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Yes

No

SG 04.2	Describe your process on managing incidents
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Equistone's Investment Committee will discuss any potential ESG issues identified and will not proceed with an investment until any potential material issues have been resolved. Protocol for resolving the issues and defining how material the ESG incidents are will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

We sit on the board of each portfolio company and in the instance an incident is flagged the board members will work with the management teams to ensure the incident is resolved.

Objectives and strategies

SG 05	Mandatory	Public	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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SG 05.1	Indicate if and how frequently your organisation sets and reviews objectives for its responsible investment activities.
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- Quarterly or more frequently
- Biannually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Ad-hoc basis
- It is not set/reviewed

SG 05.2	Additional information. [Optional]
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Equistone continues to monitor and provide updates in the quarterly reports on whether any new significant or material issues have arisen and where appropriate encourages the managers of investee businesses to achieve continuous improvements in those areas.

Equistone believes in transparency and engagement with stakeholders. The Firm publishes an Annual Review, made available on its website, describing the structure of the Firm, new investments and exits, ESG measures, detail on process and governance and a comprehensive list of portfolio companies.

Governance and human resources

SG 07	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	General
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SG 07.1

Indicate the internal and/or external roles used by your organisation, and indicate for each whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.

Roles

- Board members or trustees
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Internal Roles (triggers other options)

Select from the below internal roles

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Chief Operating Officer (COO), Investment Committee
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other Chief-level staff or head of department, specify
- Portfolio managers
- Investment analysts
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
- Investor relations
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other role, specify (1)
- Other role, specify (2)
- External managers or service providers

SG 07.2

For the roles for which you have RI oversight/accountability or implementation responsibilities, indicate how you execute these responsibilities.

Responsibility of ESG factors is currently held by the entire firm. The implementation of ESG across the firm is managed by the Investor Relations Partner Christiian Marriott, and the COO / Compliance Officer Steven Whitaker in close coordination with Oskar Schilcher, the Chief Investment Officer. Climate related issues are dealt with by external consultants who conduct a red flag analysis prior to an investment. Any red flags identified would need to be solved before progressing with the investment.

SG 07.3

Indicate the number of dedicated responsible investment staff your organisation has.

	Number
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SG 07.4	Additional information. [Optional]
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Responsibility of ESG factors is currently held by the entire firm. The implementation of ESG across the firm is managed by the Investor Relations Partner, Christiian Marriott and the COO / Compliance Officer Steven Whitaker in close coordination with the Chief Investment Officer, Oskar Schilcher.

Promoting responsible investment

SG 09	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 4,5
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SG 09.1	Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.
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Select all that apply

- Principles for Responsible Investment

	Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)
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- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

	Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]
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We continue to demonstrate strong commitment to ESG and citizenship and in February 2019, Equistone became a signatory to the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investment (UNPRI).

- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- AVCA: Sustainability Committee
- France Invest – La Commission ESG

	Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)
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- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative.
[Optional]

Equistone Partners Europe has signed the French Association of Capital Investment (AFIC)'s Climate Initiative (iC20). The signing of this agreement reinforces Equistone's investment policy, which already takes sustainable criteria into account in the choice and management of its investments.

BVCA – Responsible Investment Advisory Board

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative.
[Optional]

Christiaan Marriott (Head of Investor Relations) currently serves as a member of the Investor Relations Advisory Group of the BVCA.

- CDP Climate Change
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Climate Action 100+
- Code for Responsible Investment in SA (CRISA)
- Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- Eumedion
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- ESG Research Australia
- Invest Europe Responsible Investment Roundtable
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Green Bond Principles
- HKVCA: ESG Committee
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
- Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
- Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
- International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)
- Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- Principles for Financial Action in the 21st Century
- Principles for Sustainable Insurance
- Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
- Responsible Finance Principles in Inclusive Finance
- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
- United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
- United Nations Global Compact
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

Level20

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]

We believe in the value of diversity in our industry and have strived to build diversity into our recruitment initiatives. In 2018 we became a corporate supporter of Level20, which seeks to improve gender diversity in the private equity industry.

- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

SG 10	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 4
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SG 10.1 Indicate if your organisation promotes responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

- Yes

SG 10.2 Indicate the actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment independently of collaborative initiatives. Provide a description of your role in contributing to the objectives of the selected action and the typical frequency of your participation/contribution.

- Provided or supported education or training programmes (this includes peer to peer RI support) Your education or training may be for clients, investment managers, actuaries, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers etc.)
- Provided financial support for academic or industry research on responsible investment
- Provided input and/or collaborated with academia on RI related work
- Encouraged better transparency and disclosure of responsible investment practices across the investment industry
- Spoke publicly at events and conferences to promote responsible investment

Description

RI issues have been discussed by Equistone's Head of Investor Relations in a public forum.

Frequency of contribution

- Quarterly or more frequently
 - Biannually
 - Annually
 - Less frequently than annually
 - Ad hoc
 - Other
- Wrote and published in-house research papers on responsible investment
- Encouraged the adoption of the PRI

Description

Equistone became a signatory in 2019 and encourages the adoption of the PRI within its organisation and the organisations we interact with.

Frequency of contribution

- Quarterly or more frequently
 - Biannually
 - Annually
 - Less frequently than annually
 - Ad hoc
 - Other
- Responded to RI related consultations by non-governmental organisations (OECD, FSB etc.)
- Wrote and published articles on responsible investment in the media
- A member of PRI advisory committees/ working groups, specify
- On the Board of, or officially advising, other RI organisations (e.g. local SIFs)
- Other, specify

specify description

AGM presentation

Description

Equistone presents a section on ESG initiatives at its Annual Investor Meeting

	Frequency of contribution
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- Quarterly or more frequently
 - Biannually
 - Annually
 - Less frequently than annually
 - Ad hoc
 - Other
- No

Outsourcing to fiduciary managers and investment consultants

SG 12	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 4
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New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SG 12.1	Indicate whether your organisation uses investment consultants.
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- Yes, we use investment consultants
- No, we do not use investment consultants.

ESG issues in asset allocation

SG 13	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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SG 13.1	Indicate whether the organisation carries out scenario analysis and/or modelling, and if it does, provide a description of the scenario analysis (by asset class, sector, strategic asset allocation, etc.).
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- Yes, in order to assess future ESG factors
- Yes, in order to assess future climate-related risks and opportunities
- No, our organisation does not currently carry out scenario analysis and/or modelling

Communication

SG 19	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2, 6
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SG 19.1	Indicate whether your organisation typically discloses asset class specific information proactively. Select the frequency of the disclosure to clients/beneficiaries and the public, and provide a URL to the public information.
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Private equity

Do you disclose?

- We do not disclose to either clients/beneficiaries or the public.
- We disclose to clients/beneficiaries only.
- We disclose to the public

The information disclosed to clients/beneficiaries is the same

- Yes
- No

Disclosure to public and URL	
<p>Disclosure to public and URL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> ESG information in relationship to our pre-investment activities<input type="checkbox"/> ESG information in relationship to our post-investment monitoring and ownership activities<input type="checkbox"/> Information on our portfolio companies' ESG performance<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
<p>Specify</p> <p>Equistone provides information on its website and publishes an Annual Review</p>	
<p>Frequency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or more frequently<input type="checkbox"/> Biannually<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually<input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually<input type="checkbox"/> Ad-hoc/when requested	
<p>URL</p> <p>http://www.equistonepe.com/about-us/responsible-investing</p>	
<p>URL</p> <p>http://www.equistonepe.com/news/annual-reviews</p>	

Equistone continues to monitor and provide updates in the quarterly reports on whether any new significant or material issues have arisen and where appropriate encourages the managers of investee businesses to achieve continuous improvements in those areas.

Equistone believes in transparency and engagement with stakeholders. The Firm publishes an Annual Review, made available on its website, describing the structure of the Firm, new investments and exits, ESG measures, detail on process and governance and a comprehensive list of portfolio companies.

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Direct – Private Equity

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Overview

PE 01	Voluntary	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1-6
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PE 01.1	Provide a brief overview of your organisation's approach to responsible investment in private equity.
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Equistone believes that aligning the interests of our clients and portfolio companies with those of society at large can enhance returns for our investors. We believe that businesses must preserve the trust of stakeholders in order to create long-term value for investors, and we therefore take an interest in how companies in our portfolio manage these issues, and, on behalf of our clients, encourage companies to adhere to the highest standards of business conduct. As a signatory of the UNPRI, Equistone is committed to promoting industry best practice ESG initiatives throughout our own organisation and the organisations we interact with.

Equistone will continue to seek opportunities to create outstanding value for investors whilst making a positive impact on the communities our companies serve.

In making investment decisions, we aim to avoid investing in companies that do not:

- Respect human rights
- Comply with current legislation (including environmental and social legislation)
- Seek to comply with their industry standards and best practice

Furthermore, under the terms of our fund documentation, we will have regard to the following when making our investments:

We will not make any investment in a portfolio company whose principal business is either (i) the manufacturing, distribution or sale of arms or ammunition or (ii) the manufacturing, distribution or sale of pornography, without the prior consent of our Investor Advisory Committee;

- We will not knowingly make an investment in a portfolio company which seeks to exploit child labour;
- In our review and consideration of prospective investments, we consider the ethical ramifications of our investment activities;
- We endeavour not to invest in enterprises which deliberately and repeatedly violate the rules laid down by the national authorities in which such enterprises operate;
- We will include specific commentary on relevant ESG issues in our communication around new investments and in our reporting.

PE 02	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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PE 02.1	Indicate whether your organisation's investment activities are guided by a responsible investment policy / follow responsible investment guidelines.
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- Our investment activities are guided by a responsible investment policy

PE 02.2	Describe how your organisation outlines expectations on staff and portfolio companies' approach towards ESG issues in investment activities.
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Equistone has developed robust Environmental, Social and Governance policies to ensure we are targeting a level of industry best practice. Equistone's Responsible Investing Policy is implemented across the investment and portfolio management process and is also embedded into our European Investment Committee discussions.

Equistone's investment executives are expected to engage with each of their portfolio companies to identify specific sector and country ESG risks related to supply chain, governance, marketplace, community, workplace and environment.

- Our investment activities are not guided by a responsible investment policy
- We do not have a responsible investment policy

Fundraising of private equity funds

PE 03	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1,4,6
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PE 03.1 Indicate if your most recent fund placement documents (private placement memorandums (PPM) or similar) refer to responsible investment.

- Yes

PE 03.2 Indicate how your most recent fund placement documents (PPM or similar) refer to the following responsible investment:

- Policy and commitment to responsible investment
- Approach to ESG issues in pre-investment processes
- Approach to ESG issues in post-investment processes
- Approach to ESG reporting

PE 03.3 Describe how your organisation refers to responsible investment in fund placement documents (PPMs or similar). [Optional]

Equistone included a dedicated section to ESG and citizenship in its most recent PPM (Fund VI, 2018).

- No
- Not applicable as our organisation does not fundraise

Pre-investment (selection)

PE 05	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
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PE 05.1 During due-diligence indicate if your organisation typically incorporates ESG issues when selecting private equity investments.

- Yes

PE 05.2 Describe your organisation's approach to incorporating ESG issues in private equity investment selection.

Members of the Investment Team have been required to include relevant ESG analysis in investment committee papers since the end of 2011 and ESG factors for each portfolio company have been featured in the regular quarterly reporting to investors since then.

In each stage of the investment process Equistone considers the implications of the investment from an ESG perspective, focusing on areas such as ethical sourcing, workplace practices, board-level governance, and environmental impact. Equistone will not progress with an investment until any potentially material ESG risks have been resolved.

Additionally, as part of our recent initiative with PwC mentioned above, we will be assessing the inherent sector and country risk (supply chain included) of each new investment and the maturity of a given portfolio company's ESG policy based on management's responses to a ESG questionnaire we have developed.

No

PE 06	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1,3
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PE 06.1	Indicate what type of ESG information your organisation typically considers during your private equity investment selection process.
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- Raw data from target company
- Benchmarks against other companies
- Sector level data/benchmarks
- Country level data/benchmarks
- Reporting standards, industry codes and certifications
- International initiatives, declarations or standards
- Engagements with stakeholders (e.g. customers and suppliers)
- Advice from external resources
- Other, specify
- We do not track this information

PE 06.2	Describe how this information is reported to, considered and documented by the Investment Committee or similar.
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As mentioned previously, members of the Investment Team have been required to include relevant ESG analysis in investment committee papers since the end of 2011 and ESG factors for each portfolio company have been featured in the regular quarterly reporting to investors since then.

In each stage of the investment process Equistone considers the implications of the investment from an ESG perspective, focusing on areas such as ethical sourcing, workplace practices, board-level governance, and environmental impact.

Equistone will not progress with an investment until any potentially material ESG risks have been resolved, and will decline if standards are not met.

Post-investment (monitoring)

PE 09	Mandatory	Public	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 2
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PE 09.1	Indicate whether your organisation incorporates ESG issues in investment monitoring of portfolio companies.
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Yes

PE 09.2

Indicate the proportion of portfolio companies where your organisation included ESG performance in investment monitoring during the reporting year.

- >90% of portfolio companies
- 51-90% of portfolio companies
- 10-50% of portfolio companies
- <10% of portfolio companies

(in terms of total number of portfolio companies)

PE 09.3

Indicate ESG issues for which your organisation typically sets and monitors targets (KPIs or similar) and provide examples per issue.

ESG issues

- Environmental
- Social
- Governance
- We do not set and/or monitor against targets
- No

PE 09.4

Additional information. [Optional]

We have included ESG in our quarterly reporting for Funds IV, V and VI.

PE 10

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2

PE 10.1

Indicate if your organisation tracks the proportion of your portfolio companies that have an ESG/sustainability-related policy (or similar guidelines).

- Yes

PE 10.2

Indicate what percentage of your portfolio companies has an ESG/sustainability policy (or similar guidelines).

- >90% of portfolio companies
- 51-90% of portfolio companies
- 10-50% of portfolio companies
- <10% of portfolio companies
- 0% of portfolio companies

(in terms of total number of portfolio companies)

- No

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Confidence building measures

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Confidence building measures

CM1 01	Mandatory	Public	Additional Assessed	General
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CM1 01.1 Indicate whether the reported information you have provided for your PRI Transparency Report this year has undergone:

- Third party assurance over selected responses from this year's PRI Transparency Report
- Third party assurance over data points from other sources that have subsequently been used in your PRI responses this year
- Third party assurance or audit of the correct implementation of RI processes (that have been reported to the PRI this year)
- Internal audit of the correct implementation of RI processes and/or accuracy of RI data (that have been reported to the PRI this year)
- Internal verification of responses before submission to the PRI (e.g. by the CEO or the board)
 - Whole PRI Transparency Report has been internally verified
 - Selected data has been internally verified
- Other, specify
- None of the above

CM1 02	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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CM1 02.1 We undertook third party assurance on last year's PRI Transparency Report

- Whole PRI Transparency Report was assured last year
- Selected data was assured in last year's PRI Transparency Report
- We did not assure last year's PRI Transparency report
- None of the above, we were in our preparation year and did not report last year.

CM1 03	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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CM1 03.1 We undertake confidence building measures that are unspecific to the data contained in our PRI Transparency Report:

- We adhere to an RI certification or labelling scheme
- We carry out independent/third party assurance over a whole public report (such as a sustainability report) extracts of which are included in this year's PRI Transparency Report
- ESG audit of holdings
- Other, specify
- None of the above

CM1 04	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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CM1 04.1

Do you plan to conduct third party assurance of this year's PRI Transparency report?

- Whole PRI Transparency Report will be assured
- Selected data will be assured
- We do not plan to assure this year's PRI Transparency report

CM1 07

Mandatory

Public

Descriptive

General

CM1 07.1

Indicate who has reviewed/verified internally the whole - or selected data of the - PRI Transparency Report . and if this applies to selected data please specify what data was reviewed

Who has conducted the verification

- CEO or other Chief-Level staff

Sign-off or review of responses

- Sign-off
- Review of responses
- The Board
- Investment Committee
- Compliance Function
- RI/ESG Team
- Investment Teams
- Legal Department
- Other (specify)