



LEA 02	Discipline: Mandatory	Principle: PRI 1, 2, 3
<p>Type of engagement</p> <p>Individual/ internal staff engagements</p>	<p>Reason for interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transition or identify the need for additional or other capacity <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transition or identify the need for additional or other capacity 	
<p>Collaborative engagements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transition or identify the need for additional or other capacity 	
<p>Service provider engagements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transition or identify the need for additional or other capacity 	

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2020

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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	✓	Public							✓
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	✓	Public							✓
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	🔒	n/a							✓
OO PE 02	Typical level of ownership in private equity investments	🔒	n/a							✓
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	✓	Private							✓
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 - Listed Equity Incorporation				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEI 01	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 02	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 03	Information from engagement and/or voting used in investment decision-making	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 04	Types of screening applied	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 05	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 06	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 07	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 08	Review ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 09	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 10	Aspects of analysis ESG information is integrated into	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 11	ESG issues in index construction	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 12	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 13	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	✓	Private	✓						
LEI End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEA 01	Description of approach to engagement	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 02	Reasoning for interaction on ESG issues	✓	Public	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 03	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 05	Process for identifying and prioritising collaborative engagement	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 06	Role in engagement process	✓	Public		✓		✓			
LEA 07	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	✓	Public	✓	✓					
LEA 08	Tracking number of engagements	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 09	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 10	Engagement methods	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 11	Examples of ESG engagements	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 12	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 13	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 14	Securities lending programme	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 15	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 16	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 17	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 18	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 19	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 20	Shareholder resolutions	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 21	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 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 type="radio"/> 0% <input checked="" type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%
Other	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input checked="" type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; display: inline-block;">Please specify</div> Separate Accounts </div>	
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 States

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

96

OO 02.4 Additional information. [Optional]

The investment team consists of 34 people in total, including 18 portfolio managers, 5 analysts, 7 traders, 2 Co-CIOs, 1 CRO, and 1 Senior Investment Strategist.

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		13	717	619	635
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		13	717	619	635

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

OO 06.1

Select how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

as percentage breakdown

as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	>50%	0
Fixed income	0	0

Private equity	0	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	<10%	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

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

99.4

0.6	Emerging Markets
0	Frontier Markets
0	Other Markets
100%	Total 100%

Asset class implementation gateway indicators

OO 10	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	General
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OO 10.1 Select the active ownership activities your organisation implemented in the reporting year.

Listed equity – engagement

- We engage with companies on ESG factors via our staff, collaborations or service providers.
- We do not engage directly and do not require external managers to engage with companies on ESG factors.

Listed equity – voting

- We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via dedicated voting providers
- We do not cast our (proxy) votes directly and do not require external managers to vote on our behalf

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).

Listed equity

- We address ESG incorporation.
- We do not do ESG incorporation.

Money market instruments

- 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.

Core modules

- Organisational Overview
- Strategy and Governance

RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity incorporation

- Listed Equity incorporation

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- Engagements
- (Proxy) voting

Closing module

- Closing module

Peering questions

OO LE 01	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Gateway	General
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OO LE 01.1 Provide a breakdown of your internally managed listed equities by passive, active - quantitative (quant), active - fundamental and active - other strategies.

Percentage of internally managed listed equities

Passive

0

Active - quantitative (quant)

0



100



100%

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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 type="checkbox"/> Formalised guidelines on environmental factors <input type="checkbox"/> Formalised guidelines on social factors <input type="checkbox"/> Formalised guidelines on corporate governance factors <input type="checkbox"/> Fiduciary (or equivalent) duties <input type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific RI guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Sector specific RI guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Screening / exclusions policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Proxy) voting 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.

At Royce, our ultimate goal in all of our activities is to deliver the best investment outcomes for our clients. As fiduciaries of our client's assets, we have always had exacting standards around principles of governance and sustainability in the evaluation of the companies in which we invest as they have proven to have a material impact on business risk and corporate performance. Importantly, evaluating and incorporating ESG factors in investment analysis offers crucial insights into the opportunities and risks for long term, fundamental investors such as us and inherently provides for better informed decision making.

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]

Historically ESG integration has been focused on exclusionary or negative screening, which aims to avoid securities based on ESG criteria. We believe a better way to invest is to take a holistic view that seeks to fully integrate ESG factors into the investment research process. We do not look to exclude companies or sectors from our universe, but rather aim to analyze and monitor the ESG issues that may have material impact on the financial performance of our portfolio companies in the near and long term. By identifying and incorporating relevant ESG factors into our research process, we can potentially minimize the impact of negative ESG related developments and uncover investment opportunities that may benefit from ESG related trends.

No

SG 02**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****PRI 6**

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> URL

- URL

URL

<https://www.royceinvest.com/pdf/about/RI-POLICY.pdf>

- Attachment (will be made public)
- Engagement policy
- (Proxy) voting policy
- 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

<https://www.royceinvest.com/pdf/about/RI-POLICY.pdf>

- Attachment
- Time horizon of your investment

URL/Attachment

- URL

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<https://www.royceinvest.com/pdf/about/RI-POLICY.pdf>

- Attachment
- ESG incorporation approaches

URL/Attachment

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<https://www.royceinvest.com/about/culture/royces-commitment-to-esg>

- Attachment
- Active ownership approaches

URL/Attachment

URL

URL

<https://www.royceinvest.com/pdf/about/RI-POLICY.pdf>

Attachment

We do not publicly disclose any investment policy components

SG 02.3 Additional information [Optional].

Our organization's responsible investment policy can be found at:

<https://www.royceinvest.com/pdf/about/RI-POLICY.pdf>

Our commitment to responsible investment and a description of our approach to ESG integration can be found here:

<https://www.royceinvest.com/about/culture/royces-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.

We have several policies and procedures that govern different types of conflicts of interest in the investment process. For example, our Conflicts of Interest policy with regards to Proxy Voting is available as part of our Proxy Voting Guidelines and can be found at the following URL:

<https://www.royceinvest.com/policies/#proxy-voting-guidelines>

No

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.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Biannually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Ad-hoc basis
- It is not set/reviewed

SG 05.2

Additional information. [Optional]

As newer signatories, our primary focus in 2018 was integrating ESG issues into our investment process and to educate our portfolio managers and analysts on best practices in ESG integration. In 2019, we increased efforts in oversight of ESG integration and engagement.

Governance and human resources

SG 07**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****General****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
Chief Risk Officer

- Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
- Implementation of responsible investment
- No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Portfolio managers
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Investment analysts
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- 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.

As our sustainability and ESG related work is fully integrated into our investment process, we consider sustainability and ESG factors when analysing the investment case for each company. As such, the direct responsibility for analysis resides with individual research analyst or portfolio managers. All stock research is required to consider the material and relevant Governance, Social and Environmental factors that could impact the ability of the company to generate sustainable returns. We view the investment team as having day-to-day responsibility for responsible investment activities.

Integrating ESG analysis is seen as an important component of the investment process that we are delivering to our clients. We have a dedicated senior research analyst allocated to this work - Andrew Palen. Embedded in the investment team, Andrew champions the ESG integration process by providing thoughtful research and remaining informed and updated on trends in RI. Additionally, our Chief Risk Officer, Gunjan Banati, also provides oversight on the consideration of ESG related risk factors for each portfolio as part of the investment risk management program.

SG 07.3

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

Number

1

SG 07.4

Additional information. [Optional]

2 individuals devote 50% of their time to RI activities.

Promoting responsible investment

SG 09

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 4,5

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.

Select all that apply

Principles for Responsible Investment

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]

As newer signatories, we continue to focus on integrating ESG issues into our investment process and educating our portfolio managers and analysts on best practices in ESG integration. As we advance our efforts we hope to participate in more initiatives through the PRI.

- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- AVCA: Sustainability Committee
- France Invest – La Commission ESG
- BVCA – Responsible Investment Advisory Board
- CDP Climate Change
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity

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]

Royce & Associates became a GIPS compliant firm on 2/1/2019.

- 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

US SIF

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]

Ongoing conversations and exploring US SIF membership

- 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

Participate in the Legg Mason ESG Working Group; an ESG focused collaborative body comprised of Legg Mason affiliates

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]

Active member of the working group contributing and participating in various discussion topics, training and collaborative engagement

- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- 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.)

Description

Provided peer to peer RI support for other asset managers through various engagement forums

Frequency of contribution

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

Description

Promoted the adoption of the PRI to other asset managers in various forums

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)

Description

Serve as an Advisor and Mentor for Bonbillo, a Social Impact Incubator

Frequency of contribution

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Biannually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Ad hoc
- Other
- Other, specify
- No

Outsourcing to fiduciary managers and investment consultants

SG 12

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 4

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.

- Yes, we use investment consultants
- No, we do not use investment consultants.

ESG issues in asset allocation

SG 13

Mandatory

Public

Descriptive

PRI 1

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.).

- 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

SG 13.3

Additional information. [OPTIONAL]

As bottom -up stock pickers our focus is on company analysis and selection rather than top down asset allocation. That is also how we approach ESG integration; by analyzing and monitoring the ESG issues that may have material impact on the financial performance of our portfolio companies in the near and long term. The evaluation of management and their adaptability to current and future ESG trends is also an important decision in our portfolio building process. These activities may require scenario analysis and modelling but that occurs at the individual stock level, rather than as a portfolio exercise.

Communication

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.

Listed equity - Incorporation

Do you disclose?

- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries
- We disclose to clients/beneficiaries only.
- We disclose it publicly

The information disclosed to clients/beneficiaries is the same

- Yes
- No

Disclosure to public and URL	
Disclosure to public and URL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Broad approach to ESG incorporation <input type="radio"/> Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used
Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or more frequently <input type="checkbox"/> Biannually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-hoc/when requested
URL	https://www.royceinvest.com/about/culture/royces-commitment-to-esg

Listed equity - Engagement

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	
Disclosure to public and URL	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details on the overall engagement strategy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Details on the selection of engagement cases and definition of objectives of the selections, priorities and specific goals	
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of engagements undertaken	
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by type/topic	
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by region	
<input type="checkbox"/> An assessment of the current status of the progress achieved and outcomes against defined objectives	
<input type="checkbox"/> Examples of engagement cases	
<input type="checkbox"/> Details on eventual escalation strategy taken after the initial dialogue has been unsuccessful (i.e. filing resolutions, issuing a statement, voting against management, divestment etc.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Details on whether the provided information has been externally assured	
<input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other information	
Frequency	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or more frequently	
<input type="checkbox"/> Biannually	
<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	
<input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ad-hoc/when requested	
URL	
https://www.royceinvest.com/about/culture/royces-commitment-to-esg	

Listed equity – (Proxy) Voting

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	
Disclosure to public and URL	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Disclose all voting decisions <input type="radio"/> Disclose some voting decisions <input type="radio"/> Only disclose abstentions and votes against management	
Frequency	
<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	
URL	
	https://viewpoint.glasslewis.net/webdisclosure/search.aspx?glpcustuserid=ROY108
URL	
	https://www.royceinvest.com/policies/#proxy-voting-guidelines

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ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities


Implementation processes

LEI 01	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
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LEI 01.1	Indicate which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed listed equities; and the breakdown of your actively managed listed equities by strategy or combination of strategies.
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ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply)

- Screening alone (i.e., not combined with any other strategies)
- Thematic alone (i.e., not combined with any other strategies)
- Integration alone (i.e., not combined with any other strategies)

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied — you may estimate +/- 5%	
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- Screening and integration strategies
- Thematic and integration strategies
- Screening and thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- We do not apply incorporation strategies

Total actively managed listed equities
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100%

LEI 01.2	Describe your organisation's approach to ESG incorporation and the reasons for choosing the particular strategy/strategies.
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We believe a better way to invest is to take a holistic view that seeks to fully integrate ESG factors into the investment research process. We do not look to exclude companies or sectors from our universe, but rather aim to analyze and monitor the ESG issues that may have material impact on the financial performance of our portfolio companies in the near and long term. In our minds, ESG issues should be viewed as risk factors that contribute to the balance between potential risk and expected return, and should be examined alongside traditional financial and operational risk factors. By identifying and incorporating relevant ESG risk factors into our research process, we can potentially minimize the impact of negative ESG related developments and uncover investment opportunities that may benefit from ESG related trends.




As a further enhancement to our process, we have formally included a review of ESG integration into our risk management meetings. In partnership with State Street Bank, we have become early adopters of ESGX, a platform that allows you to assess ESG profiles and risk factors at the portfolio level. With the ESGX tool, we can generate reporting that enables us to visualize and gain better insight into ESG exposures at the sector, region and company level, and help identify and highlight potential sources of ESG risk that may be overlooked when deploying traditional financial analytics.

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG factors

LEI 08	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 08.1

Indicate the proportion of actively managed listed equity portfolios where E, S and G factors are systematically researched as part of your investment analysis.

ESG issues	Proportion impacted by analysis
Environmental	 <p>Environmental</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> 51-90% <input checked="" type="radio"/> >90% </p>
Social	 <p>Social</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> 51-90% <input checked="" type="radio"/> >90% </p>
Corporate Governance	 <p>Corporate Governance</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> 51-90% <input checked="" type="radio"/> >90% </p>

LEI 08.2

Additional information. [Optional]

Responsible investment forms an integral part of our investment process, as such we will systematically consider those ESG factors that we believe could have a material impact on the ability of a company to generate long-term sustainable returns. These factors are essentially those that can have a material impact on a company's cash flows, balance sheet, durability and ultimately, corporate value and may be environmental, social or governance related. We believe that governance is the starting point in this analysis as it sets the foundation for accountability, for how decisions are made and sets the tone for the corporate culture.

LEI 09	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 09.1 Indicate which processes your organisation uses to ensure ESG integration is based on robust analysis.

- Comprehensive ESG research is undertaken or sourced to determine companies' activities and products
- Companies are given the opportunity by you or your research provider to review ESG research on them and correct inaccuracies
- Third-party ESG ratings are updated regularly
- A periodic review of the internal research is carried out
- Structured, regular ESG specific meetings between responsible investment staff and the fund manager or within the investments team
- ESG risk profile of a portfolio against benchmark
- Analysis of the impact of ESG factors on investment risk and return performance
- Other; specify

A review of ESG integration has been formally incorporated into our regularly scheduled Risk Management reviews. This conversation is supported by reporting output from ESGX.
- None of the above

LEI 09.2 Indicate the proportion of your actively managed listed equity portfolio that is subject to comprehensive ESG research as part your integration strategy.

- <10%
- 10-50%
- 51-90%
- >90%

LEI 09.3 Indicate how frequently third party ESG ratings that inform your ESG integration strategy are updated.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Bi-Annually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually

LEI 09.4 Indicate how frequently you review internal research that builds your ESG integration strategy.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Bi-Annually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually

LEI 09.5

Describe how ESG information is held and used by your portfolio managers.

- ESG information is held within centralised databases or tools, and it is accessible by all relevant staff
- ESG information or analysis is a standard section or aspect of all company research notes or industry/sector analysis generated by investment staff
- Systematic records are kept that capture how ESG information and research were incorporated into investment decisions
- Other; specify
- None of the above

LEI 09.6

Additional information. [Optional]

Each PM teams takes their own approach to collecting ESG information. Some teams choose to include it as a standard section in their research notes for each company, others retain ESG information by topic. All this information is centrally available and tagged in the shared research database, Mackey. ESG ratings information at the portfolio level is available quarterly through ESGX. The ESGX tool provides comprehensive analytics and visualizations of ESG exposures at the portfolio level over time and relative to benchmarks. This offers better insight at the sector, region and company level, and helps you identify and highlight potential sources of ESG risk that may be overlooked when deploying traditional financial analytics.

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Overview

LEA 01

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2

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LEA 01.1

Indicate whether your organisation has an active ownership policy (includes engagement and/or voting).

Yes

LEA 01.2

Attach or provide a URL to your active ownership policy.

Attachment provided:

URL provided:

URL

<https://www.royceinvest.com/pdf/about/RI-POLICY.pdf>

LEA 01.3

Indicate what your active engagement policy covers:

General approach to Active Ownership

- Conflicts of interest
- Alignment with national stewardship code requirements
- Assets/funds covered by active ownership policy
- Expectations and objectives
- Engagement approach

Engagement

- ESG issues
- Prioritisation of engagement
- Methods of engagement
- Transparency of engagement activities
- Due diligence and monitoring process
- Insider information
- Escalation strategies
- Service Provider specific criteria
- Other; (specify)
- (Proxy) voting approach

Voting

- ESG issues
 - Prioritisation and scope of voting activities
 - Methods of voting
 - Transparency of voting activities
 - Regional voting practice approaches
 - Filing or co-filing resolutions
 - Company dialogue pre/post-vote
 - Decision-making processes
 - Securities lending processes
 - Other; (specify)
 - Other
 - None of the above
- No

LEA 01.4 Do you outsource any of your active ownership activities to service providers?

- Yes
- No

LEA 01.6 Additional information [optional]

Our active ownership policy is part of our responsible investment policy. Our proxy voting policy is separately available here: <https://www.royceinvest.com/policies/>

Engagement

LEA 02	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1,2,3
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LEA 02.1 Indicate the method of engagement, giving reasons for the interaction.

Type of engagement	Reason for interaction
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence it) on ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved/increased ESG disclosure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To gain an understanding of ESG strategy and/or management <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff
Collaborative engagements	<input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence it) on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved/increased ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> To gain an understanding of ESG strategy and/or management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements
Service provider engagements	<input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence it) on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved/increased ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> To gain an understanding of ESG strategy and/or management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers

LEA 02.4

Additional information. [Optional]

We continue to look for opportunities for collaborative engagement that align with our approach to ESG incorporation.

LEA 03

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2

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

LEA 03.1

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising engagements.

Yes

LEA 03.2

Indicate the criteria used to identify and prioritise engagements for each type of engagement.

Type of engagement	Criteria used to identify/prioritise engagements																										
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No

LEA 03.3

Additional information. [Optional]

We also conduct in person engagement with companies on our watch list. We may engage with company management on several issues, including those that are E, S and G related, before we become shareholders.

LEA 04	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

LEA 04.1

Indicate whether you define specific objectives for your organisation's engagement activities.

Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input type="radio"/> All engagement activities <input checked="" type="radio"/> Majority of engagement activities <input type="radio"/> Minority of engagement activities <input type="radio"/> We do not define specific objectives for engagement activities carried out by internal staff
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LEA 05	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 05.1

Indicate whether you monitor and/or review engagement outcomes.

Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, in all cases <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, in a majority of cases <input type="radio"/> Yes, in a minority of cases <input type="radio"/> We do not monitor, or review engagement outcomes when the engagement is carried out by our internal staff.
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LEA 05.2 Indicate whether you do any of the following to monitor and/or review the progress of engagement activities.

Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input type="checkbox"/> Define timelines/milestones for your objectives <input type="checkbox"/> Track and/or monitor progress against defined objectives and/or KPIs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Track and/or monitor the progress of action taken when original objectives are not met <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revisit and, if necessary, revise objectives on a continuous basis <input type="checkbox"/> Other; specify
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LEA 06	Mandatory	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 2,4
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LEA 06.1 Indicate whether your organisation has an escalation strategy when engagements are unsuccessful.

Yes

LEA 06.2 Indicate the escalation strategies used at your organisation following unsuccessful engagements.

- Collaborating with other investors
- Issuing a public statement
- Filing/submitting a shareholder resolution
- Voting against the re-election of the relevant directors
- Voting against the board of directors or the annual financial report
- Submitting nominations for election to the board
- Seeking legal remedy / litigation
- Reducing exposure (size of holdings)
- Divestment
- Other; specify

No

LEA 06.3 Additional information. [Optional]

Direct communication with management is an important part of our investment process, and a fundamental part of our approach to responsible investment. Constructive engagements create a forum to discuss business strategy, operations, governance and a wide variety of other issues, such as, but not limited to, ESG issues. This is done with the goal of establishing an open dialogue between our investment team and company management. In addition, we may also engage with other stakeholders such as suppliers and customers as part of our process. Engagements take place both before the initial investment is made and as part of our ongoing monitoring of the positions in our portfolios. The level of direct engagement and the decision to escalate when engagements are unsuccessful are at the discretion of the portfolio manager and may vary based on several factors such as materiality of the issue, the size of the investment and range of potential impacts to the company. At Royce we recognize that ESG issues can affect the valuation and performance of a company. As such, ESG considerations are an underlying influence on all of our engagement efforts.

LEA 07 Voluntary Public Additional Assessed PRI 1,2

LEA 07.1 Indicate whether insights gained from your organisation`s engagements are shared with investment decision-makers.

Type of engagement	Insights shared
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, systematically <input type="radio"/> Yes, occasionally <input type="radio"/> No

LEA 07.2 Indicate the practices used to ensure that information and insights gained through engagements are shared with investment decision-makers.

- Involving investment decision-makers when developing an engagement programme
- Holding investment team meetings and/or presentations
- Using IT platforms/systems that enable data sharing
- Internal process that requires portfolio managers to re-balance holdings based on interaction and outcome levels
- Other; specify
- None

LEA 07.3 Indicate whether insights gained from your organisation`s engagements are shared with your clients/beneficiaries.

Type of engagement	Insights shared
Individual/Internal staff engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, systematically <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, occasionally <input type="radio"/> No

LEA 07.4 Additional information. [Optional]

At Royce we have an established central research database known as Mackey. All of our research, which includes specific commentary on ESG related factors that may affect a company, and any engagement regarding ESG factors that has taken place is documented, tagged and stored to ensure that it is readily available to the wider investment team.

Insights gained from management engagements can and have been shared with clients through our various insights pieces and during client meetings, conferences and symposiums.

LEA 08	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 2
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LEA 08.1 Indicate whether you track the number of your engagement activities.

Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Individual/Internal staff engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> We do not track

LEA 08.2 Additional information. [Optional]

We have established a process and centralized database to track internal staff engagements that is accessible to all investment professionals. At this time the database has not reached 100% adoption however adoption rates continue to increase.

(Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions

LEA 12	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 2
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LEA 12.1 Indicate how you typically make your (proxy) voting decisions.

Approach

- We use our own research or voting team and make voting decisions without the use of service providers.
- We hire service providers who make voting recommendations and/or provide research that we use to guide our voting decisions.

Based on

- The service-provider voting policy we sign off on
- Our own voting policy
- Our clients` requests or policies
- Other (explain)
- We hire service providers who make voting decisions on our behalf, except in some pre-defined scenarios where we review and make voting decisions.
- We hire service providers who make voting decisions on our behalf.

LEA 12.2

Provide an overview of how you ensure that your agreed-upon voting policy is adhered to, giving details of your approach when exceptions to the policy are made.

The designated Trade Processing Assistant reviews all proxy votes collected from Royce's portfolio managers prior to such votes being cast. If any difference exists among the voting instructions given by Royce's portfolio managers, the designated Trade Processing Assistant then presents these proposed votes to the Head of Administration, or his designee, and a Co- Chief Investment Officer. A Co-Chief Investment Officer, after consulting with the relevant portfolio managers, either reconciles the votes or authorizes the casting of differing votes by different portfolio managers. The Head of Administration, or his designee, maintains a log of all votes including when different portfolio managers have cast differing votes, that describes the rationale for allowing such differing votes and contains the initials of both a Co-Chief Investment Officer and Head of Administration, or his designee, allowing such differing votes. The Head of Administration, or his designee, performs a weekly review of all votes cast by Royce to confirm that any conflicting votes were properly handled in accordance with the Royce's Proxy Voting guidelines.

LEA 15

Mandatory

Public

Descriptive

PRI 2

LEA 15.1

Indicate the proportion of votes participated in within the reporting year in which where you or the service providers acting on your behalf raised concerns with companies ahead of voting.

- 100%
- 99-75%
- 74-50%
- 49-25%
- 24-1%
- Neither we nor our service provider(s) raise concerns with companies ahead of voting

LEA 15.2

Indicate the reasons for raising your concerns with these companies ahead of voting.

- Vote(s) concerned selected markets
- Vote(s) concerned selected sectors
- Vote(s) concerned certain ESG issues
- Vote(s) concerned companies exposed to controversy on specific ESG issues
- Vote(s) concerned significant shareholdings
- Client request
- Other

LEA 15.3	Additional information. [Optional]
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Direct communication with management is an important part of our investment process, and a fundamental part of our approach to responsible investment. Constructive engagements create a forum to discuss business strategy, operations, governance and a wide variety of other issues, such as, but not limited to, ESG issues. This is done with the goal of establishing an open dialogue between our investment team and company management. In addition, we may also engage with other stakeholders such as suppliers and customers as part of our process. Engagements take place both before the initial investment is made and as part of our ongoing monitoring of the positions in our portfolios. The level of direct engagement may also vary based on several factors such as materiality of the issue, the size of the investment and range of potential impacts to the company.

LEA 16	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 16.1	Indicate the proportion of votes where you, and/or the service provider(s) acting on your behalf, communicated the rationale to companies for abstaining or voting against management recommendations. Indicate this as a percentage out of all eligible votes.
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- 100%
- 99-75%
- 74-50%
- 49-25%
- 24-1%
- We do not communicate the rationale to companies
- Not applicable because we and/or our service providers did not abstain or vote against management recommendations

LEA 16.4	Additional information. [Optional]
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We do not communicate our rationale for any of our votes (whether abstaining, voting against management or voting for management) during the formal proxy process. However, portfolio managers do informally communicate their thoughts during one-on-one company management meetings.

Direct communication with management is an important part of our investment process, and a fundamental part of our approach to responsible investment. Constructive engagements create a forum to discuss business strategy, operations, governance and a wide variety of other issues, such as, but not limited to, ESG issues. This is done with the goal of establishing an open dialogue between our investment team and company management. In addition, we may also engage with other stakeholders such as suppliers and customers as part of our process. Engagements take place both before the initial investment is made and as part of our ongoing monitoring of the positions in our portfolios. The level of direct engagement may also vary based on several factors such as materiality of the issue, the size of the investment and range of potential impacts to the company.

At Royce we recognize that ESG issues can affect the valuation and performance of a company. As such, ESG considerations are an underlying influence on all of our engagement efforts.

LEA 17	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 17.1	For listed equities in which you or your service provider have the mandate to issue (proxy) voting instructions, indicate the percentage of votes cast during the reporting year.
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- We do track or collect this information

	Votes cast (to the nearest 1%)
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100

Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated

- Of the total number of ballot items on which you could have issued instructions
- Of the total number of company meetings at which you could have voted
- Of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which you could have voted
- We do not track or collect this information

LEA 17.3 Additional information. [Optional]

Our proxy voting record is made publicly available here:

<https://www.royceinvest.com/policies/>

LEA 18 Voluntary Public Additional Assessed **PRI 2**

LEA 18.1 Indicate whether you track the voting instructions that you or your service provider on your behalf have issued.

- Yes, we track this information

LEA 18.2 Of the voting instructions that you and/or third parties on your behalf have issued, indicate the proportion of ballot items that were:

Voting instructions	Breakdown as percentage of votes cast
For (supporting) management recommendations	<p>93</p>
Against (opposing) management recommendations	<p>5</p>
Abstentions	<p>2</p>

100%

- No, we do not track this information

LEA 18.3	In cases where your organisation voted against management recommendations, indicate the percentage of companies which you have engaged.
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LEA 18.4	Additional information. [Optional]
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LEA 19	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 19.1	Indicate whether your organisation has a formal escalation strategy following unsuccessful voting.
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Yes

No

LEA 19.3	Additional information. [Optional]
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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

Sign-off or review of responses

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