



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 support <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 support 	
<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 support 	
<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 support 	

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

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Silk Invest Ltd.

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 2019 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	✓	Private							✓
OO 08	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	✓	Private							✓
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	✓	Public							✓
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	✓	Public							✓
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	🔒	n/a							✓
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	🔒	n/a							✓
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	✓	Private	✓						
SG 10	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
SG 11	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	-	n/a				✓	✓	✓	
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		🔒	n/a							✓
SG 15	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	✓						
SG 16	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	✓	Public							✓
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	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 05	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 06	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	✓	Private	✓						
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	-	n/a	✓						
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	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 12	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 13	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 14	Securities lending programme	-	n/a		✓					
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	-	n/a		✓					
LEA End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Direct - Fixed Income				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FI 01	Incorporation strategies applied	✓	Public	✓						
FI 02	ESG issues and issuer research	✓	Private	✓						
FI 03	Processes to ensure analysis is robust	✓	Public	✓						
FI 04	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	✓						
FI 05	Examples of ESG factors in screening process	-	n/a	✓						
FI 06	Screening - ensuring criteria are met	✓	Public	✓						
FI 07	Thematic investing - overview	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 08	Thematic investing - themed bond processes	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 09	Thematic investing - assessing impact	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 10	Integration overview	✓	Public	✓						
FI 11	Integration - ESG information in investment processes	✓	Public	✓						
FI 12	Integration - E,S and G issues reviewed	✓	Public	✓						
FI 13	ESG incorporation in passive funds	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 14	Engagement overview and coverage	✓	Private		✓					
FI 15	Engagement method	✓	Private	✓	✓					
FI 16	Engagement policy disclosure	✓	Private	✓	✓					
FI 17	Financial/ESG performance	✓	Private							✓
FI 18	Examples - ESG incorporation or engagement	-	n/a	✓	✓					
FI 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	-	n/a	✓						✓
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	-	n/a	✓	✓					
PE 08	ESG issues impact in selection process	-	n/a	✓						
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	-	n/a		✓					
PE 12	Type and frequency of reports received from portfolio companies	-	n/a		✓	✓				
PE 13	Disclosure of ESG issues in pre-exit	-	n/a		✓					
PE 14	ESG issues affected financial/ESG performance	-	n/a	✓	✓					
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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Reported Information

Public version

Organisational Overview

PRI disclaimer

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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 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 01.2

Additional information. [Optional]

Silk Invest was founded in 2008 in London by Zin Bekkali and a veteran team of investment professionals with proven expertise in investing in frontier and emerging markets. The team's investment process incorporates seasoned institutional managers with local market expertise, representing 13 frontier countries, speaking 18 languages and operating from offices in United Kingdom, Egypt, Morocco, Kenya, Pakistan, and the US.

Silk Invest has established itself as a leading frontier markets specialist with deep insight across investment opportunities. Besides its deep well established investment products, Silk Invest also offers advisory services for sophisticated institutions, family offices and corporates who are using Silk Invest's services to assess new investments and to project manage execution.

Silk Invest has two independent frontier markets investment teams for public markets equities and private equity. In 2017, Silk Invest added a new team, focused on liquid alternatives.

The primary investment focus is on Africa, the Middle East and Frontier Asia with an emphasis on having local presence in the target regions. Silk Invest pioneered investment strategies that capture consumer-driven trends in these markets and was also the first firm to launch a dedicated Frontier Fixed Income fund and consumer oriented Pan African Equity fund in Europe. In 2017, Silk Invest added a Sustainable Real Assets strategy to its product offering. The new strategy, which is being managed by the liquid alternatives team, covers global markets and spreads across diverse asset classes (equities, bonds, commodities...).

Silk Invest is regulated by the UK FCA and registered with the US SEC and has been a signatory to the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investing since 2011.

OO 02	Mandatory	Public	Peering	General
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OO 02.1	Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.
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United Kingdom

OO 02.2	Indicate the number of countries in which you have offices (including your headquarters).
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- 1
- 2-5
- 6-10
- >10

OO 02.3	Indicate the approximate number of staff in your organisation in full-time equivalents (FTE).
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	FTE
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OO 03	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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OO 03.1	Indicate whether you have subsidiaries within your organisation that are also PRI signatories in their own right.
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- Yes
- No

OO 04	Mandatory	Public	Gateway/Peering	General
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OO 04.1	Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.
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31/12/2018

OO 04.2	Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year.
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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			106	932	050
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD			106	932	050

Not applicable as we are in the fund-raising process

OO 04.4

Indicate the total assets at the end of your reporting year subject to an execution and/or advisory approach.

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

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	66.61	0
Fixed income	2.42	0
Private equity	23.98	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	2.78	0
Money market instruments	0	0

Other (1), specify	0	2
Other (2), specify	0	2.21

'Other (1)' specified

commodity linked ETPs

'Other (2)' specified

African frontier markets fund

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 06.6 Provide contextual information on your AUM asset class split. [Optional]

The Sustainable Real Assets strategy could invest, and was invested as of December 31 2018, in commodity linked ETPs which are passive instruments such as ETFs replicating the performance of diversified commodity indices. The strategy has no direct exposure to any commodity as it is used within an European UCITS Fund structure.

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

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

Developed Markets

13.72

Emerging Markets

10.97

Frontier Markets

50

	Other Markets
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25.31

	Total 100%
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100%

OO 09.2	Additional information. [Optional]
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86.28% in listed equity, private equity and sovereign debt are in Frontier and Emerging markets.
13,72% in listed equity and commodity linked ETPs within developed markets.

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.
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	Listed equity – engagement
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- 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
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- 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

	Fixed income SSA – engagement
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- We engage with SSA bond issuers on ESG factors via our staff, collaborations or service providers.
- We do not engage directly and do not require external managers to engage with SSA bond issuers on ESG factors. Please explain why you do not.

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

Fixed income - SSA

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

Private equity

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

Cash

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

OO 11.2 Select the externally managed assets classes in which you and/or your investment consultants address ESG incorporation in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes.

Asset class	ESG incorporation addressed in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes
Other (1)	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px;">Other (1) - ESG incorporation addressed in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We incorporate ESG into our external manager selection process <input type="checkbox"/> We incorporate ESG into our external manager appointment process <input type="checkbox"/> We invest only in pooled funds and external manager appointment is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> We incorporate ESG into our external manager monitoring process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We do not do ESG incorporation
Other (2)	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px;">Other (2) - ESG incorporation addressed in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We incorporate ESG into our external manager selection process <input type="checkbox"/> We incorporate ESG into our external manager appointment process <input type="checkbox"/> We invest only in pooled funds and external manager appointment is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> We incorporate ESG into our external manager monitoring process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We do not do ESG incorporation

OO 11.3b If your organisation does not integrate ESG factors into investment decisions on your externally managed assets, explain why not.

Our firm invests in externally managed funds only in a very limited number of cases:

- Cash management - the money-market funds we target are very specific in nature and need to be pre-approved by our Custody partners which are covering only very limited number of funds.
- Diversification - the UCITS compliant global frontiers fund we have invested in for diversification purposes was an actively managed portfolio and didn't had any ESG criteria in its stock selection process. That position was sold

- The commodity-linked ETPs we have positions in do not provide the possibility to invest in ESG instruments. Hence, we had no direct or indirect exposure to the performance of the Agriculture commodity sub-sector.

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

Direct - Fixed Income

- Fixed income - SSA

Direct - Other asset classes with dedicated modules

- Private Equity

RI implementation via external managers

Closing module

- Closing module

OO 12.2 Additional information. [Optional]

The Africa Lions Equity Fund: Launched in June 2009, the Fund is a daily liquidity Luxembourg UCITS regulated fund. The Fund changed name on December 21st 2018 to Silk African And Frontier Markets and its strategy was transformed on the same date. The portfolio is now managed as a Global Frontier Equity Strategy.

The Silk Invest Frontier Strategy invests in listed equities in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Sub Saharan Africa (SSA) and Southern Asia (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Vietnam). The Silk Invest Frontier Strategy has a consumer focused orientation and is unconstrained (benchmark agnostic). The stocks we choose capture the upside of economic development in these countries and we strongly believe in the consumer opportunity as an attractive and long-term investment theme.

The Silk Road Frontiers Fund; Launched in 2010, the Fund is a daily liquidity Luxembourg UCITS regulated fund. The Fund changed name to African Multi-Alpha Fund on December 21st 2018 and its strategy was transformed on the same date. The portfolio had its investment universe enlarged and now encompasses Pan-African Equity and Bond instruments. Given the bottom up analysis approach we adopt, the fund has majority holdings in mid and small cap stocks, which reflects the diversified nature of the current African market. We advise on a similar Pan-Africa long only equity mandates in separate accounts as well. The successful African markets, as in Asia, are leading the industrialization of the region. At Silk Invest we believe that this new generation of nations will become the future lions. Our focus in these dominant markets is to invest in the stocks and bonds which will both outperform their local peers and become true leaders in their field.

The Silk Sustainable Real Assets Strategy is a diversified strategy that invests in sectors such as Water, Timber, Energy, Infrastructure...which offer positive correlation with inflation, have few or limited substitutes and benefit from global economic growth. The investment management team allocates portfolio resources across different asset classes (equities, bonds, commodities linked instruments, cash...) globally.

Peering questions

OO LE 01

Mandatory

Public

Gateway

General

OO LE
01.1

Provide a breakdown of your internally managed listed equities by passive, active - quantitative (quant), active - fundamental and active - other strategies.

Update: this indicator has changed from "*Mandatory to report, voluntary to disclose*" to "*Mandatory*". **Your response to this indicator will be published in the Public Transparency Report.** This change is to enable improved analysis and peering.

Percentage of internally managed listed equities

Strategies	Percentage of internally managed listed equities
Passive	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0%
Active - quantitative (quant)	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0%
Active - fundamental and active - other	<input checked="" type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 0%
Total 100%	

OO FI 01	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	General
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Update: this indicator has changed from "Mandatory to report, voluntary to disclose" to "Mandatory". **Your response to this indicator will be published in the Public Transparency Report.** This change is to enable improved analysis and peering.

OO FI 01.1	Provide a breakdown of your internally managed fixed income securities by active and passive strategies
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Type	Passive	Active - quantitative	Active - fundamental & others	Total internally managed fixed income security
SSA	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0%	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0%	<input checked="" type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 0%	100%

OO FI 03	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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Update: this indicator has changed from "Mandatory to report, voluntary to disclose" to "Mandatory". **Your response to this indicator will be published in the Public Transparency Report.** This change is to enable improved analysis and peering.

OO FI 03.1	Indicate the approximate (+/- 5%) breakdown of your SSA investments, by developed markets and emerging markets.
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SSA	Developed markets	0
	Emerging markets	100
	Total	100%

OO FI 03.3	Additional information. [Optional]
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The Silk African Fixed Income strategy invests in Fixed Income instruments across the African markets. We target primarily external debt issued by African Emerging and Frontier sovereign issuers which may not be included in major bond indices.

If you are invested in private debt and reporting on ratings is not relevant for you, please indicate below

OO FI 03.2 is not applicable as our internally managed fixed income assets are invested only in private debt.

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.

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 checked="" type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 0%
(Leveraged) buy-out	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" 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%	

The Silk Private Equity food fund pursues direct equity investments in the consumer market throughout Africa. We focus mainly on food and beverage though will also retain the scope to look at other consumer investments.

We mostly operate in the countries that have large populations for the simple reason that these are the places with the biggest opportunity set. There is also a direct relationship between the number of people in a country and the size of its economy.

Our focus is on businesses that offer value added food products to the consumer market. Our investment strategy typically targets scalable food and beverage companies and retail outlets.

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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 checked="" 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 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 type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover all AUM <input checked="" 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.

Bottom-up focus on business models. Local context in under-researched environment. Team approach but with clear decision making. Structural bias away from risk. Quantitative tools facilitate decisions. Focused portfolio. GARP with clear emphasis on Growth. Benchmark agnostic. Focus on outperformance with lower risk.

Unique internally developed framework to quantify ESG standards of all companies. 6 Factors including management, governance and impact.

- oControversial Weapons
- oNuclear
- oCoal (no direct mining exposure)
- oMining (soft factor for real assets fund)
- oTobacco
- oPornography
- oGaming
- oAbortive Medicines (since 2013)

No

I confirm I have read and understood the Accountability tab for SG 01

I confirm I have read and understood the Accountability tab for SG 01

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
- Formalised guidelines on environmental factors
- Formalised guidelines on social factors
- Formalised guidelines on corporate governance factors
- Fiduciary (or equivalent) duties
- Asset class-specific RI guidelines
- Sector specific RI guidelines
- Screening / exclusions policy
- 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
- 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
- We do not publicly disclose any investment policy components

SG 03**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****General****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.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Silk Invest Limited (SIL) has comprehensive procedures in place in order to identify, monitor, manage and where applicable disclose conflicts of interest that may exist. The effectiveness of all these controls is monitored on an ongoing basis.

RECORD KEEPING OF CONFLICTS:

As part of our practice, we will maintain a record of conflicts of interest and our approach to managing them within this document. We will continue to monitor our business and any newly identified conflicts will be disclosed by updating this policy document.

MANAGING CONFLICTS

To ensure conflicts are identified, considered and mitigated, policies and SIL procedures are embedded throughout SIL business culture. Our employees undergo regular training and receive guidance where conflict situations may arise. The management team are responsible for ensuring that their teams have robust controls in place to identify and manage risks which arise. We also have a conflicts register on which details of conflict situations are recorded as well as details of the controls which have been put in place to mitigate potential issues of conflicts.

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

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
- 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
 - 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
- Investor relations
- Other role, specify (1)

Other description (1)

External SRI consultant, Sustainalytics.

- Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
- Implementation of responsible investment
- No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other role, specify (2)
- External managers or service providers
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment

SG 07.3

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

Number

3

SG 07.4

Additional information. [Optional]

Analysts, PMs, CIO allocate a portion of their time to responsible investment.

Silk Invest estimates that 15% of the overall function of investment staff is related to SRI/ESG. This translates into 3 FTE of SRI research.

I confirm I have read and understood the Accountability tab for SG 07

I confirm I have read and understood the Accountability tab for SG 07

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.

Select all that apply

- Principles for Responsible Investment

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- AFIC – La Commission ESG
- BVCA – Responsible Investment Advisory Board
- CDP Climate Change
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Code for Responsible Investment in SA (CRISA)
- Code for Responsible Finance in the 21st Century
- 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
- 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 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

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- 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

We actively train our investment managers and analysts and provide RI support. A focused effort on new employees in the Investment team. Training, support, presentation of our ESG policies and practices provided to our clients and external partners such as Third party marketing companies.

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

Description

We actively promote our ESG and Women rights policies and practices both internally and externally (all of our clients and external partners have been made aware of those).

Frequency of contribution

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

SG 10.3

Describe any additional actions and initiatives that your organisation has taken part in during the reporting year to promote responsible investment [Optional]

- Reaching out to a significant part of the available universe of listed companies in frontier markets helps to impact a big part of the economy
- Many companies have for the first time received questions on general ESG and Women rights
- In certain cases the team has facilitated improvements in communication and in policies
- We believe that over the medium term, investing in best in class companies who will be better supported and capitalized, will translate into better results for our clients.

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
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SG 13.1 Indicate whether the organisation undertakes scenario analysis and/or modelling and provide a description of the scenario analysis (by asset class, sector, strategic asset allocation, etc.).

- Yes, to assess future ESG factors
- Yes, to assess future climate-related risks and opportunities
- No, not to assess future ESG/climate-related issues

SG 13.3 Additional information. [OPTIONAL]

We do not execute formal scenario analysis on our investments but we actively monitor and formally update our investments on a regular basis.

Our qualitative assessment implicitly includes scenario analysis of our positions and estimate of companies' ability to achieve full ESG potential.

Asset class implementation not reported in other modules

SG 16	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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SG 16.1 Describe how you address ESG issues for internally managed assets for which a specific PRI asset class module has yet to be developed or for which you are not required to report because your assets are below the minimum threshold.

Asset Class	Describe what processes are in place and the outputs or outcomes achieved
Cash	We do not have an ESG process for our Cash holdings other than principles incorporated in our assessment of countries' risks and associated currencies.

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.

Caution! The order in which asset classes are presented below has been updated in the online tool to match the Reporting Framework overview.

If you are transferring data from an offline document, please check your response carefully.

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

Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries	
	<p>Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Broad approach to ESG incorporation<input checked="" type="radio"/> Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used
	<p>Frequency</p> <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

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

Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries	
	<p>Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details on the overall engagement strategy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Details on the selection of engagement cases and definition of objectives of the selections, priorities and specific goals</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Number of engagements undertaken</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by type/topic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by region</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> An assessment of the current status of the progress achieved and outcomes against defined objectives</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Examples of engagement cases</p> <p><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.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Details on whether the provided information has been externally assured</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other information</p>
	<p>Frequency</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or more frequently</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biannually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ad-hoc/when requested</p>

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

Fixed income

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

Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries	
	<p>Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Broad approach to RI incorporation</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Detailed explanation of RI incorporation strategy used</p>
	<p>Frequency</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biannually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc/when requested</p>

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

Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries	
	<p>Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ESG information in relationship to our pre-investment activities</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ESG information in relationship to our post-investment monitoring and ownership activities</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information on our portfolio companies' ESG performance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>
	<p>Frequency</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or more frequently</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biannually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ad-hoc/when requested</p>

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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 (1) which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed listed equities and (2) the breakdown of your actively managed listed equities by strategy or combination of strategies (+/- 5%)

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)
- Screening and integration strategies

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied	
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- Thematic and integration strategies
- Screening and thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- We do not apply incorporation strategies

Total actively managed listed equities

100%

LEI 01.2

Describe your organisation's approach to incorporation and the reasons for choosing the particular ESG incorporation strategy/strategies.

Silk Invest incorporates ESG analysis into the investment process on both a country and individual company basis and has made it part of our investment philosophy. Silk Invest complies with United Nations-backed Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI) and sets the following standards as part of our process:

Principle I - Silk Invest focuses on countries with improving institutions

Principle II - Management quality and alignment of interests is key

Principle III - Silk Invest targets high development impact sectors

Principle IV - Invest in companies with sustainable and innovative business model

Principle V - The enforcement of good governance practices

Principle VI - Alignment to International Standards

LEI 02.1 Has the full description of our standards.

(A) Implementation: Screening

LEI 04	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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LEI 04.1 Indicate and describe the type of screening you apply to your internally managed active listed equities.

Type of screening

- Negative/exclusionary screening

Screened by

- Product
- Activity
- Sector
- Country/geographic region
- Environmental and social practices and performance
- Corporate governance

Description

Beyond our internal ESG scoring, Silk Invest works with Sustainalytics to screen companies on three areas:

Confirmation on sector exclusions: Abortion, Embryonic Stem Cell/ Human Cloning, Adult Entertainment, Firearms, Military Weapons and Tobacco

Confirmation that company has no controversies related to: Employees, Labour Rights in the Supply Chain, Environment, Society & Community

In addition we have a separate account that adds an additional Gender Gap filter on our investments.

- Positive/best-in-class screening
- Norms-based screening

LEI 04.2 Describe how you notify clients and/or beneficiaries when changes are made to your screening criteria.

We have an internal screening, as well as external screening that are provided by our external provider Sustainalytics. Both criteria are reviewed on an annual basis.

LEI 05	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 05.1

Indicate which processes your organisation uses to ensure screening 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
- External research and data used to identify companies to be excluded/included is subject to internal audit by ESG/RI staff, the internal audit function or similar
- Third-party ESG ratings are updated regularly to ensure that portfolio holdings comply with fund policies.
- Trading platforms blocking / restricting flagged securities on the black list
- A committee or body with representatives independent of the individuals who conduct company research reviews some or all screening decisions
- A periodic review of the quality of the research undertaken or provided is carried out
- Review and evaluation of external research providers
- Other, specify
- None of the above

LEI 05.2

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

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

LEI 05.3




Indicate how frequently third party ESG ratings are updated for screening purposes.

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

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG factors

LEI 08**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****PRI 1****LEI 08.1**

Indicate the ESG factors you systematically research as part of your investment analysis and the proportion of actively managed listed equity portfolios that is impacted by this analysis.

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

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 a 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
- 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 was incorporated into investment decisions
- Other, specify
- None of the above

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Overview

LEA 01

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2

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

LEA 01.1

Indicate whether your organisation has an active ownership policy.

Yes

LEA 01.2

Attach or provide a URL to your active ownership policy.

Attachment provided:

[File 1:ESG - Engagement Letter - Gender Gap.pdf](#)

URL provided:

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
- (Proxy) voting approach
- Other

Please describe

Gender Gap

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]

The ESG engagement is part and parcel of Silk Invest's equity investment process. Our investment teams are required to identify and provide 3 levels of research. Proprietary fundamental analysis, ESG analysis and local market analysis

Engagement

LEA 02

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 1,2,3

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

LEA 02.2

Indicate whether your organisation plays a role in the engagement process that your service provider conducts.

Yes

LEA 02.3

Indicate the role(s) you play in engagements that your service provider conducts on your behalf.

- Discuss the topic (or ESG issue(s)) of engagement
- Discuss the rationale for engagement
- Discuss the objectives of the engagement
- Select the companies to be engaged with
- Discuss the frequency/intensity of interactions with companies
- Discuss next steps for engagement activity
- Participate directly in certain engagements with your service provider
- Other; specify
- We play no role in engagements that our service provider conducts.

No

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
Individual / Internal engagements	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Internal / Individual engagements</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography / market of the companies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Materiality of the ESG factors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exposure (size of holdings) <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to ESG impacts that have already occurred <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to divestment pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation with clients/beneficiaries <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation with other stakeholders (e.g. NGOs, trade unions, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up from a voting decision <input type="checkbox"/> Client request <input type="checkbox"/> Breaches of international norms <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not outline engagement criteria for our individual engagements.
Collaborative engagements	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Collaborative engagements</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Potential to enhance knowledge of ESG issues from other investors <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to have greater impact on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to add value to the collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Geography/market of the companies targeted by the collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Materiality of ESG factors addressed by the collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure (size of holdings) to companies targeted by the collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to ESG impacts addressed by the collaboration that have already occurred <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to divestment pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up from a voting decision <input type="checkbox"/> Alleviate the resource burden of engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation with clients/beneficiaries <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation with other stakeholders (e.g. NGOs, trade unions, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We do not outline engagement criteria for our collaborative engagements.
Service Provider engagements	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Service Provider engagements</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography / market of the companies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Materiality of ESG factors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exposure (size of holdings) <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to ESG impacts that have already occurred <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to divestment pressure

	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation with clients/beneficiaries <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation with other stakeholders (e.g. NGOs, trade unions, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up from voting decision <input type="checkbox"/> Client request <input type="checkbox"/> Breaches of international norms <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not outline engagement criteria for our service providers.
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No

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.
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Individual / Internal engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> All engagement activities <input 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.
Collaborative engagements	<input type="radio"/> All engagement activities <input type="radio"/> Majority of engagement activities <input type="radio"/> Minority of engagement activities <input checked="" type="radio"/> We do not define specific objectives for engagement activities carried out through collaboration
Service provider engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> All engagement activities <input 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 our service providers.

LEA 05	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 05.1	Indicate if you monitor and/or review engagement outcomes.
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Individual / Internal engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, in all cases <input type="radio"/> Yes, in majority of cases <input type="radio"/> Yes, in a minority of cases <input type="radio"/> We do not monitor, or review engagement outcomes carried out by our internal staff.
Collaborative engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, in all cases <input 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 via collaborative engagement activities.
Service provider engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, in all cases <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, in majority of cases <input type="radio"/> Yes, in minority of cases <input type="radio"/> We do not monitor, or review engagement outcomes carried out by our service providers.

LEA 05.2

Indicate if you do any of the following to monitor and review the progress of engagement activities.

Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Define timelines/milestones for your objectives <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Revisit and, if necessary, revise objectives on continuous basis <input type="checkbox"/> Other; specify
Collaborative 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 continuous basis <input type="checkbox"/> Other; specify
Service provider engagements	<input checked="" 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 continuous basis <input type="checkbox"/> Other; specify

LEA 05.3	Additional information [Optional]
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After generating ESG screening reports, Silk Invest continually evaluate and engages with companies held in our portfolios by sharing our findings, arranging meetings and following up on a semi-annual basis to track their ESG progress

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.
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- Yes
- No

LEA 07	Voluntary	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 1,2
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LEA 07.1	Indicate whether insights gained from your organisation's engagements are shared with investment decision-makers.
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Type of engagement	Insights shared
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, systematically <input type="radio"/> Yes, occasionally <input type="radio"/> No
Collaborative engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, systematically <input type="radio"/> Yes, occasionally <input type="radio"/> No
Service provider 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 information and insights collected through engagements are shared with investment decision-makers.
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- Involving investment decision-makers when developing 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.
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Type of engagement	Insights shared
Individual/Internal staff engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, systematically <input type="radio"/> Yes, occasionally <input type="radio"/> No
Collaborative engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, systematically <input type="radio"/> Yes, occasionally <input type="radio"/> No
Service provider engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, systematically <input type="radio"/> Yes, occasionally <input type="radio"/> No

LEA 08	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 2
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LEA 08.1 Indicate if 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
Collaborative 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
Service provider engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> We do not track

(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 provider(s) who make voting recommendations and/or provide research that we use to guide our voting decisions.
- We hire service provider(s) who make voting decisions on our behalf, except for some pre-defined scenarios where we review and make voting decisions.
- We hire service provider(s) who make voting decisions on our behalf.

Based on

- the service provider voting policy we sign off on
- our own voting policy
- our clients' requests or policies
- other, explain

LEA 12.3	Additional information.[Optional]
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Silk has adopted proxy voting policies and procedures in accordance applicable guidelines in the US and Europe for all of the Funds it is managing.

The principles and guidelines of the policies address a broad range of issues and generally are believed to be consistent with Silk Invest's fiduciary obligations in seeking to maximize long-term investment returns for Clients

Silk Invest has appointed ISS as its external proxy voting partner for its flagship frontier markets fund in the US. Silk Invest oversees the provided services through ISS Proxy Exchange platform which allows it to keep track of all voting decisions and access the voting reports.

Through the ISS Proxy Exchange platform, we are able to produce reports on every company we are invested in

LEA 15	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 2
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LEA 15.1	Indicate the proportion of votes where you or the service providers acting on your behalf have raised concerns with companies ahead of voting.
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- 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) for selected markets
- Vote(s) for selected sectors
- Vote(s) relating to certain ESG issues
- Vote(s) on companies exposed to controversy on specific ESG issues
- Vote(s) for significant shareholdings
- On request by clients
- Other

LEA 16	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 16.1 Indicate the proportion of votes participated in within the reporting year in which, you and/or the service provider(s) acting on your behalf, have communicated to companies the rationale for abstaining or voting against management recommendations.

- 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 do not abstain or vote against management recommendations

LEA 16.4 Additional information. [Optional]

The external service provider is the responsible party for communicating the rationale to companies for abstaining or voting against management recommendations.

LEA 17	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 17.1 For listed equities where you and/or your service provider have the mandate to issue (proxy) voting instructions, indicate the percentage of votes cast during the reporting year.

- We do track or collect this information

	Votes cast (to the nearest 1%)
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90

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 17.2 Explain your reason(s) for not voting on certain holdings

- Shares were blocked
- Notice, ballots or materials not received in time
- Missed deadline
- Geographical restrictions (non-home market)
- Cost
- Conflicts of interest
- Holdings deemed too small
- Administrative impediments (e.g., power of attorney requirements, ineligibility due to participation in share placement)
- Client request
- Other

We have voted on every holding. There are no holdings that we have not voted on and none of the above mentioned reason is applicable

LEA 18	Voluntary	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 18.1 Indicate if you track the voting instructions that you and/or your service provider on your behalf have issued.

- Yes, we track this information
- No, we do not track this information

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.

- Yes
- No

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Direct - Fixed Income

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ESG incorporation in actively managed fixed income

Implementation processes

FI 01	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
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FI 01.1	Indicate (1) Which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed fixed income investments; and (2) The proportion (+/- 5%) of your total actively managed fixed income investments each strategy applies to.
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SSA	Strategy	Proportion
	Screening alone	0
	Thematic alone	0
	Integration alone	0
	Screening + integration strategies	100
	Thematic + integration strategies	0
	Screening + thematic strategies	0
	All three strategies combined	0
	No incorporation strategies applied	0
		100%

FI 01.2	Describe your reasons for choosing a particular ESG incorporation strategy and how combinations of strategies are used.
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Silk Invest incorporates ESG analysis into the investment process on both a country and individual company basis and has made it part of our investment philosophy. Silk Invest complies with United Nations-backed Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI) and sets the following standards as part of our process:
 Principle I - Silk Invest focuses on countries with improving institutions
 Principle II - Management quality and alignment of interests is key
 Principle III - Silk Invest targets high development impact sectors
 Principle IV - Invest in companies with sustainable and innovative business model
 Principle V - The enforcement of good governance practices
 Principle VI - Alignment to International Standards

FI 03	Mandatory	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 1
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FI 03.1	Indicate how you ensure that your ESG research process is robust:
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- Comprehensive ESG research is undertaken internally to determine companies' activities; and products and/or services
- Issuers are given the opportunity by you or your research provider to review ESG research on them and correct inaccuracies
- Issuer information and/or ESG ratings are updated regularly to ensure ESG research is accurate
- Internal audits and regular reviews of ESG research are undertaken in a systematic way.
- A materiality/sustainability framework is created and regularly updated that includes all the key ESG risks and opportunities for each sector/country.
- Other, specify
- None of the above

FI 03.2	Describe how your ESG information or analysis is shared among your investment team.
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- ESG information is held within a centralised database and is accessible to all investment staff
- ESG information is displayed on front office research platforms
- ESG information is a standard item on all individual issuer summaries, research notes, 'tear sheets', or similar documents
- Investment staff are required to discuss ESG information on issuers as a standard item during investment committee meetings
- Records capture how ESG information and research was incorporated into investment decisions
- Other, specify
- None of the above

(A) Implementation: Screening

FI 04	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
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FI 04.1 Indicate the type of screening you conduct.

Select all that apply

	SSA			
Negative/exclusionary screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Positive/best-in-class screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Norms-based screening	<input type="checkbox"/>			

FI 04.2 Describe your approach to screening for internally managed active fixed income

Silk Invest invests solely in sovereign bonds. Its ESG research is mainly focused on macro filters, including the rankings of countries in terms of corruption and ease-of-doing business.

The approach is a best-in-class approach, where the best countries within the univers are selected for investments.

FI 06	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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FI 06.1 Indicate which systems your organisation has to ensure that fund screening criteria are not breached in fixed income investments.

Type of screening	Checks
Negative/exclusionary screening?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analysis is performed to ensure that issuers meet screening criteria <input type="checkbox"/> We ensure that data used for the screening criteria is updated at least once a year. <input type="checkbox"/> Automated IT systems prevent our portfolio managers from investing in excluded issuers or bonds that do not meet screening criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Audits of fund holdings are undertaken yearly by internal audit or compliance functions <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above
Positive/best-in-class screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analysis is performed to ensure that issuers meet screening criteria <input type="checkbox"/> We ensure that data used for the screening criteria is updated at least once a year. <input type="checkbox"/> Automated IT systems prevent our portfolio managers from investing in excluded issuers or bonds that do not meet screening criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Audits of fund holdings are undertaken yearly by internal audit or compliance functions <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above

(C) Implementation: Integration

FI 10	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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FI 10.1	Describe your approach to integrating ESG into traditional financial analysis.
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Silk Invest invests solely in sovereign bonds. Its ESG research is mainly focused on macro filters, including the rankings of countries in terms of corruption and ease-of-doing business.

The approach is a best-in-class approach, where the best countries within the univers are selected for investments.

FI 10.2	Describe how your ESG integration approach is adapted to each of the different types of fixed income you invest in.
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SSA

Silk Invest invests solely in sovereign bonds. Its ESG research is mainly focused on macro filters, including the rankings of countries in terms of corruption and ease-of-doing business.

The approach is a best-in-class approach, where the best countries within the univers are selected for investments.

FI 11	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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FI 11.1 Indicate how ESG information is typically used as part of your investment process.

Select all that apply

	SSA			
ESG analysis is integrated into fundamental analysis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
ESG analysis is used to adjust the internal credit assessments of issuers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
ESG analysis is used to adjust forecasted financials and future cash flow estimates.	<input type="checkbox"/>			
ESG analysis impacts the ranking of an issuer relative to a chosen peer group.	<input type="checkbox"/>			
An issuer's ESG bond spreads and its relative value versus its sector peers are analysed to find out if all risks are priced in.	<input type="checkbox"/>			
The impact of ESG analysis on bonds of an issuer with different durations/maturities are analysed.	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Sensitivity analysis and scenario analysis are applied to valuation models to compare the difference between base-case and ESG-integrated security valuation.	<input type="checkbox"/>			
ESG analysis is integrated into portfolio weighting decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Companies, sectors, countries and currency and monitored for changes in ESG exposure and for breaches of risk limits.	<input type="checkbox"/>			
The ESG profile of portfolios is examined for securities with high ESG risks and assessed relative to the ESG profile of a benchmark.	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Other, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

FI 11.2 Additional information [OPTIONAL]

ESG analysis is integrated into portfolio construction decisions and regularly featured in internal research notes or similar

FI 12 **Mandatory** **Public** **Additional Assessed** **PRI 1**

FI 12.1 Indicate the extent to which ESG issues are reviewed in your integration process.

	Environment	Social	Governance
SSA	<input type="checkbox"/> Systematically <input checked="" type="radio"/> Occasionally <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Systematically <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Systematically <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all

FI 12.2 Please provide more detail on how you review E, S and/or G factors in your integration process.

SSA

Silk Invest invests solely in sovereign bonds. Its ESG research is mainly focused on macro filters, including the rankings of countries in terms of corruption and ease-of-doing business.

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Overview

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.

- 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.

Silk Invest Limited incorporates ESG issues in its private equity investment selection by utilising its own in-house ESG risk assessment toolkit which considers the geography, sector, size of the company and outputs specific risk areas to be considered. The risk area outputs the present the overarching framework for the risk due diligence exercise. The investment team however also incorporate therein, using sector knowledge and local guidance, more detailed or specific risk areas to be considered.

- 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

- 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.
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Yes

PE 05.2	Describe your organisation's approach to incorporating ESG issues in private equity investment selection.
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Silk Invest Limited incorporates ESG issues in its private equity investment selection by utilising its own in-house ESG risk assessment toolkit which considers the geography, sector, size of the company and outputs specific risk areas to be considered. The risk area outputs the present the overarching framework for the risk due diligence exercise. The investment team however also incorporate therein, using sector knowledge and local guidance, more detailed or specific risk areas to be considered.

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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Based on the ESG information gathered by the analysts, every investment idea is given an ESG ranking. The analysis shows how the ESG ranking is prepared, what factors have been considered and what benchmarks have been used. The ESG report is then presented to the investment committee.

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

List up to three example targets of environmental issues

Example 1

Management of disposal of waste cooking oils

Example 2 (optional)

Responsible source of raw materials from local producers.

- Social

List up to three example targets of social issues

Example 1

Gender equality

- Governance

List up to three example targets of governance issues

Example 1

Composition of the board of directors

Example 2 (optional)

Alignment of interest of the CEO and the investors/shareholders

- We do not set and/or monitor against targets

- No

PE 10	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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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)