



# CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY REPORT 2020

Asper Investment Management Limited

# About the Climate-related Disclosure Indicators

Climate has been identified as a top priority for PRI signatories, with over 70% of asset owners reporting this as the most important long-term trend they are acting on.

The FSB Task Force's guidance on climate-related financial disclosure aim to create a single framework for disclosure on assessment and management of climate-related risk. The recommendations, supported by investors representing US\$22 trillion, identify four main disclosures, Governance, Strategy, Risk Management, Metrics and Targets, and include specific guidance for asset owners and managers.

As a result, the PRI introduced climate-related disclosure indicators that can be used to align with the TCFD recommendations in the 2020 PRI Reporting Framework.

## About this report

This report is an export of only the climate-related indicators from the 2020 Reporting Framework response. The full Public Transparency Report is available here (<https://reporting.unpri.org/surveys/PRI-reporting-framework-2020/-9391CC38-DCF2-4616-9924-7390A594156B/79894dbc337a40828d895f9402aa63de/html/2/?lang=en&a=1>). It shows the responses to all the completed climate indicators, even those you chose to keep private. It is designed for your internal review or – if you wish - to share with your stakeholders.

The PRI will not publish this report on its website if you have designated your 2020 climate reporting as “private”. Otherwise, you will be able to access the Climate Transparency Report of your organisation and that of other signatories on the [PRI website](#) and on the [Data Portal](#).

To easily locate information, there is a **Recommendation index** which summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose. The report presents information exactly as it was reported as per signatory preference. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory are presented in this report.

# TCFD Recommendations Index

Strategy and Governance - CC			TCFD Recommendation			
Indicator	Reported	Disclosure	Governance	Strategy	Risk Management	Metrics & Targets
SG 01.6 CC	✓	Private				
SG 01.7 CC	✓	Private				
SG 01.8 CC	✓	Private				
SG 01.9 CC	✓	Private				
SG 01.10 CC	✓	Private				
SG 07.5 CC	✓	Public				
SG 07.6 CC	-	Public				
SG 07.7 CC	-	Public				
SG 07.8 CC	-	Public				
SG 13.1	✓	Public				
SG 13.2	✓	Public				
SG 13.4 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.5 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.6 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.7 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 14.1	✓	Public				
SG 14.2	✓	Public				
SG 14.3	✓	Public				
SG 14.6 CC	-	Public				
SG 14.7 CC	-	Public				
SG 14.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 14.9 CC	-	Public				
SG 15.1	✓	Public				
SG 15.2	✓	Public				
SG 15.3	✓	Public				

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed this sub-indicator
-	The signatory did not complete this sub-indicator.
	This indicator is relevant to the named TCFD recommendation
Within the first column "Indicator", indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.	

# ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

This section provides an overview of your organisation. These characteristics are used to define your peer groups.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS	
<b>Name</b>	Asper Investment Management Limited
<b>Signatory Category</b>	Fund Management - Majority
<b>Signatory Type</b>	Investment Manager
<b>Size</b>	US\$ 0.1 - 0.99 billion AUM
<b>Main Asset Class</b>	>50% Infrastructure Internally Managed
<b>Signed PRI Initiative</b>	2018
<b>Region</b>	Europe
<b>Country</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Disclosure of Voluntary Indicators</b>	52% from 38 Voluntary indicators

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## Reported Information

### Public version

### Strategy and Governance

## PRI disclaimer

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## Investment policy

SG 01	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	General
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**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.

## Governance and human resources

SG 07 CC	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Descriptive	General
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**SG 07.5 CC** Indicate the roles in the organisation that have oversight, accountability and/or management responsibilities for climate-related issues.

Board members or trustees

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Chief Risk Officer (CRO), Investment Committee

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

Other Chief-level staff or heads of departments

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

Portfolio managers

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

External managers or service providers

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

Other role, specify (1)

Head of Legal & Compliance

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

Other role, specify (2)

Platform Management Committee

- Oversight/accountability for climate-related issues
- Assessment and management of climate-related issues
- No responsibility for climate-related issues

ESG issues in asset allocation

SG 13	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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**SG 13.1** Indicate whether the organisation carries out scenario analysis and/or modelling, and if it does, provide a description of the scenario analysis (by asset class, sector, strategic asset allocation, etc.).

- Yes, in order to assess future ESG factors
- Yes, in order to assess future climate-related risks and opportunities

Describe

The key scenario analysis we run related to climate is the long term natural resource assessments (wind, solar, hydro etc) we need to forecast the energy production of our assets, or the energy demand from our customers (eg in case of sustainable heat networks).

- No, our organisation does not currently carry out scenario analysis and/or modelling

**SG 13.2** Indicate if your organisation considers ESG issues in strategic asset allocation and/or allocation of assets between sectors or geographic markets.

We do the following

- Allocation between asset classes
- Determining fixed income duration
- Allocation of assets between geographic markets
- Sector weightings
- Other, specify
- We do not consider ESG issues in strategic asset allocation

SG 13.4 CC	Describe how your organisation is using scenario analysis to manage climate-related risks and opportunities, including how the analysis has been interpreted, its results, and any future plans.
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- Initial assessment
- Incorporation into investment analysis

	Describe
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Natural resource forecasts (wind, solar, hydro) and customer energy demand (for heat networks) are a very important driver of sustainable energy asset operational and financial performance. We need to have very accurate long term (25 years or more) forecasts to inform our investments.

These forecasts are prepared by specialist engineering firms, who project typically a "mid range" scenario (P50) and sensitivities (P75 and P90) based on the statistical spread around P50. Climate change models form of course part of the uncertainties they need to factor in their analysis, and contribute to the uncertainty over these time horizons

- Inform active ownership
- Other

SG 13.5 CC	Indicate who uses this analysis.
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- Board members, trustees, C-level roles, Investment Committee
- Portfolio managers
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
- External managers
- Investment consultants/actuaries
- Other

SG 13.6 CC	Indicate whether your organisation has evaluated the potential impact of climate-related risks, beyond the investment time horizon, on its investment strategy.
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- Yes

	Describe
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Asper conducts natural resource assessments that typically look forward 25 years. This compares with a typical investment horizon of our investment platforms of five to seven years.

- No

SG 13.7 CC	Indicate whether a range of climate scenarios is used.
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- Analysis based on a 2°C or lower scenario
- Analysis based on an abrupt transition, consistent with the Inevitable Policy Response
- Analysis based on a 4°C or higher scenario
- No, a range is not used



Provider	Scenario used	
IEA	<input type="checkbox"/> Beyond 2 Degrees Scenario (B2DS)	
IEA	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Technology Perspectives (ETP) 2 Degrees scenario	
IEA	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Development Scenario (SDS)	
IEA	<input type="checkbox"/> New Policy Scenario (NPS)	
IEA	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Policy Scenario (CPS)	
IRENA	<input type="checkbox"/> RE Map	
Greenpeace	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Energy [R]evolution	
Institute for Sustainable Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep Decarbonisation Pathway Project (DDPP)	
Bloomberg	<input type="checkbox"/> BNEF reference scenario	
IPCC	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 8.5	
IPCC	<input type="checkbox"/> RPC 6	
IPCC	<input type="checkbox"/> RPC 4.5	
IPCC	<input type="checkbox"/> RPC 2.6	
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (1)	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Other (1) please specify:</div> natural resource energy assessments
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (2)	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (3)	

SG 14	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 1
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**SG 14.1**

Some investment risks and opportunities arise as a result of long term trends. Indicate which of the following are considered.

- Changing demographics
- Climate change
- Resource scarcity
- Technological developments
- Other, specify(1)
- Other, specify(2)
- None of the above

**SG 14.2**

Indicate which of the following activities you have undertaken to respond to climate change risk and opportunity

- Established a climate change sensitive or climate change integrated asset allocation strategy
- Targeted low carbon or climate resilient investments

Specify the AUM invested in low carbon and climate resilient portfolios, funds, strategies or asset classes.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM			335	900	000
Currency	EUR				
Assets in USD			370	263	006

Specify the framework or taxonomy used.

Asper believes climate change is an extremely important issue and is dedicated to contributing to the transition to a low carbon economy. This is reflected in the nature of the sustainable assets and low carbon investments Asper focuses on.

- Phase out your investments in your fossil fuel holdings
- Reduced portfolio exposure to emissions intensive or fossil fuel holdings
- Used emissions data or analysis to inform investment decision making
- Sought climate change integration by companies
- Sought climate supportive policy from governments
- Other, specify
- None of the above

**SG 14.3**

Indicate which of the following tools the organisation uses to manage climate-related risks and opportunities.

- Scenario analysis
- Disclosures on emissions risks to clients/trustees/management/beneficiaries
- Climate-related targets
- Encouraging internal and/or external portfolio managers to monitor emissions risks
- Emissions-risk monitoring and reporting are formalised into contracts when appointing managers
- Weighted average carbon intensity
- Carbon footprint (scope 1 and 2)
- Portfolio carbon footprint
- Total carbon emissions
- Carbon intensity
- Exposure to carbon-related assets
- Other emissions metrics
- Other, specify

other description

One of Asper's ESG KPIs is CO2 saved from the generation of renewable energy by assets it manages. This KPI is reported to investors.

None of the above

**SG 14.5**

Additional information [Optional]

<b>SG 14 CC</b>	<b>Voluntary</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>General</b>
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**SG 14.8 CC**

Indicate whether climate-related risks are integrated into overall risk management and explain the risk management processes used for identifying, assessing and managing climate-related risks.

- Processes for climate-related risks are integrated into overall risk management

Please describe

Given the nature of the sustainable real assets Asper invests in and manages, matters such as changing demographics, climate change, resource scarcity and technological developments are all key matters that are considered in detail, both at the due diligence and investment stages.

For example, when carrying out commercial due diligence on investment opportunities for new build district heating plants in Sweden or the Netherlands, the Asper team considers demographic dynamics (inhabitants, average age, population growth, employment rate, unemployed, business rankings etc.) of the region.

Asper also considered the abundance of wood chips that would be available to such a new plant and how and from where such wood chips would be transported.

In Asper's on-shore windfarm projects, the Asper team continuously considers changing technological developments in wind turbines and how these improvements can improve the efficiency and output of the renewable energy generated.

○ Processes for climate-related risks are not integrated into overall risk management

SG 15	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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SG 15.1	Indicate if your organisation allocates assets to, or manages, funds based on specific environmental and social themed areas.
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⊙ Yes

SG 15.2	Indicate the percentage of your total AUM invested in environmental and social themed areas.
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	%
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100

SG 15.3	Specify which thematic area(s) you invest in, indicate the percentage of your AUM in the particular asset class and provide a brief description.
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	Area
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- Energy efficiency / Clean technology
- Renewable energy

	Asset class invested
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- Infrastructure

	Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area
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100

	Brief description and measures of investment
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Asper is a specialist investment management firm, focused on private investments in sustainable real assets, including renewable power, heat and other clean infrastructure.

It provides its services to institutional investors such as supranational authorities, pension funds, insurance companies and funds-of-funds. For the foreseeable future Asper intends to remain focused on Europe and on asset classes it knows well such as renewable power and heat.

Asper focuses on value investing in high quality real assets, actively managing them and creating dynamic, thriving businesses around them. Asper calls this approach "platform building".

It grows its platforms asset by asset, person by person, to fully industrial scale. This creates value by unlocking synergies and economies of scale, attracting and retaining the strongest management teams.

- Green buildings
  - Sustainable forestry
  - Sustainable agriculture
  - Microfinance
  - SME financing
  - Social enterprise / community investing
  - Affordable housing
  - Education
  - Global health
  - Water
  - Other area, specify
- No