



LEA 02	Disclosures	Monetary	Principles
<p>By providing investors the most up-to-date and comprehensive information on the company's ESG performance, we enable them to make informed investment decisions. We also ensure that our disclosures are consistent with the requirements of the relevant regulatory frameworks.</p>	<p>LEA 02</p>	<p>Reason for interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in internal staff <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in collaborative engagements <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in service provider engagements <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify 	<p>Principles: PRI 1, 2, 3</p>
<p>Type of engagement</p> <p>Individual/internal staff engagements</p>			
<p>Collaborative engagements</p>			
<p>Service provider engagements</p>			

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2020

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About this report

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

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

Understanding the Principles Index

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

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

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

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

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

Principles Index

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

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

Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEA 01	Description of approach to engagement	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 02	Reasoning for interaction on ESG issues	✓	Public	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 03	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 05	Process for identifying and prioritising collaborative engagement	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 06	Role in engagement process	✓	Public		✓		✓			
LEA 07	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	✓	Public	✓	✓					
LEA 08	Tracking number of engagements	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 09	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 10	Engagement methods	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 11	Examples of ESG engagements	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 12	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 13	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 14	Securities lending programme	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 15	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 16	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 17	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 18	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 19	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 20	Shareholder resolutions	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 21	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	✓	Private		✓					
LEA End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

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	✓	Private	✓						
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	✓	Private	✓	✓					
FI 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

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Organisational Overview

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Basic information

OO 01	Mandatory	Public	Gateway/Peering	General
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OO 01.1 Select the services and funds you offer

Select the services and funds you offer	% of asset under management (AUM) in ranges	
Fund management	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input checked="" type="radio"/> >50%	
Fund of funds, manager of managers, sub-advised products	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input checked="" type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%	
Other	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Please specify</div> Institutional separate accounts and Intermediary platform managed accounts
Total 100%		

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

- Hedge funds
- Fund of hedge funds

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

United States

OO 02.2 Indicate the number of countries in which you have offices (including your headquarters).

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

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

FTE

780

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

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

- Yes
- No

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

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

31/03/2020

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

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

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		179	475	431	120
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		179	475	431	120

Not applicable as we are in the fund-raising process

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

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		1	200	000	000
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		1	200	000	000

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

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

- as percentage breakdown
- as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	10-50%	0
Fixed income	>50%	0
Private equity	0	0
Property	0	0
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Fund of hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	0	0
Money market instruments	0	0
Other (1), specify	0	0

Other (2), specify	0	0
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OO 06.2 Publish asset class mix as per attached image [Optional].

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

- Yes
- No

OO 06.5 Indicate whether your organisation uses fiduciary managers.

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

OO 09	Mandatory	Public	Peering	General
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OO 09.1 Indicate the breakdown of your organisation's AUM by market.

	Developed Markets	97
	Emerging Markets	3
	Frontier Markets	0
	Other Markets	0
	Total 100%	100%

Asset class implementation gateway indicators

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

Listed equity – engagement

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

Listed equity – voting

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

Fixed income SSA – engagement

- 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.

Fixed income Corporate (financial) – engagement

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

Fixed income Corporate (non-financial) – engagement

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

Fixed income Corporate (securitised) – engagement

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

OO 11

Mandatory

Public

Gateway

General

OO 11.1

Select the internally managed asset classes in which you addressed ESG incorporation into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices (during the reporting year).

Listed equity

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

Fixed income - SSA

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

Fixed income - corporate (financial)

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

Fixed income - corporate (non-financial)

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

Fixed income - securitised

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

OO 12	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	General
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OO 12.1

Below are all applicable modules or sections you may report on. Those which are mandatory to report (asset classes representing 10% or more of your AUM) are already ticked and read-only. Those which are voluntary to report on can be opted into by ticking the box.

Core modules

- Organisational Overview
- Strategy and Governance

RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity incorporation

- Listed Equity incorporation

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- Engagements
- (Proxy) voting

Direct - Fixed Income

- Fixed income - SSA
- Fixed income - Corporate (financial)
- Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)
- Fixed income - Securitised

Closing module

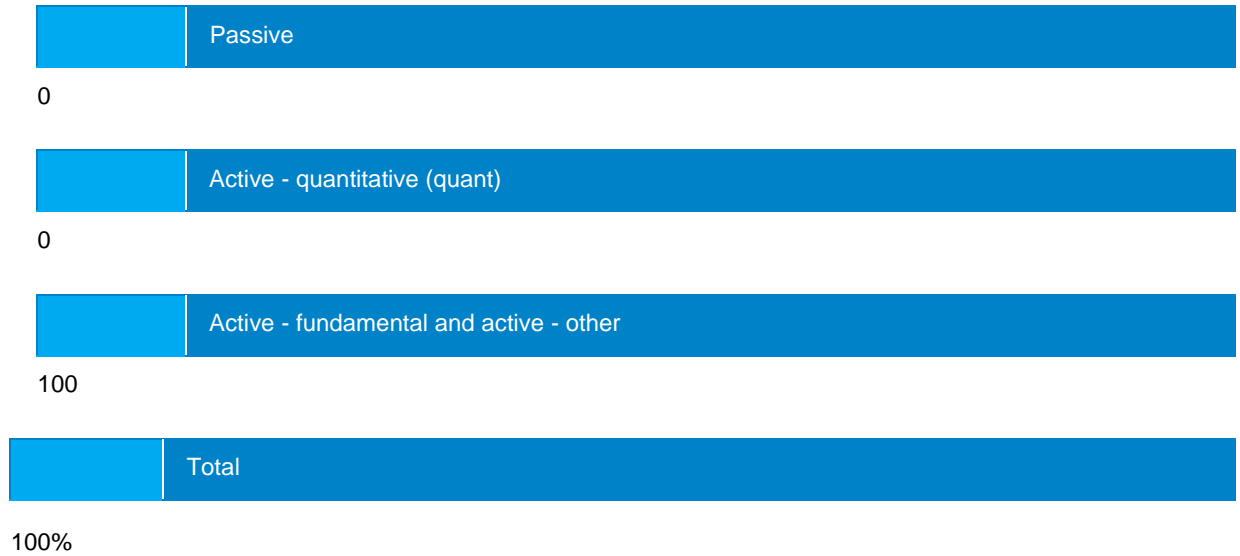
- Closing module

Peering questions

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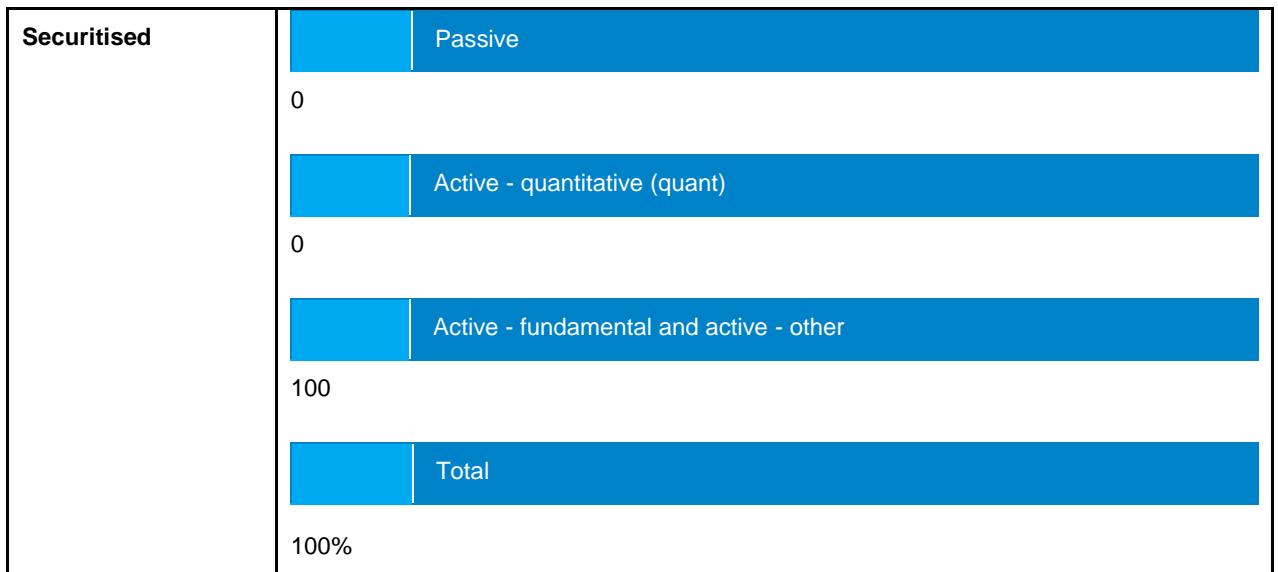
Percentage of internally managed listed equities



OO FI 01	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Gateway	General
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OO FI 01.1	Provide a breakdown of your internally managed fixed income securities by active and passive strategies
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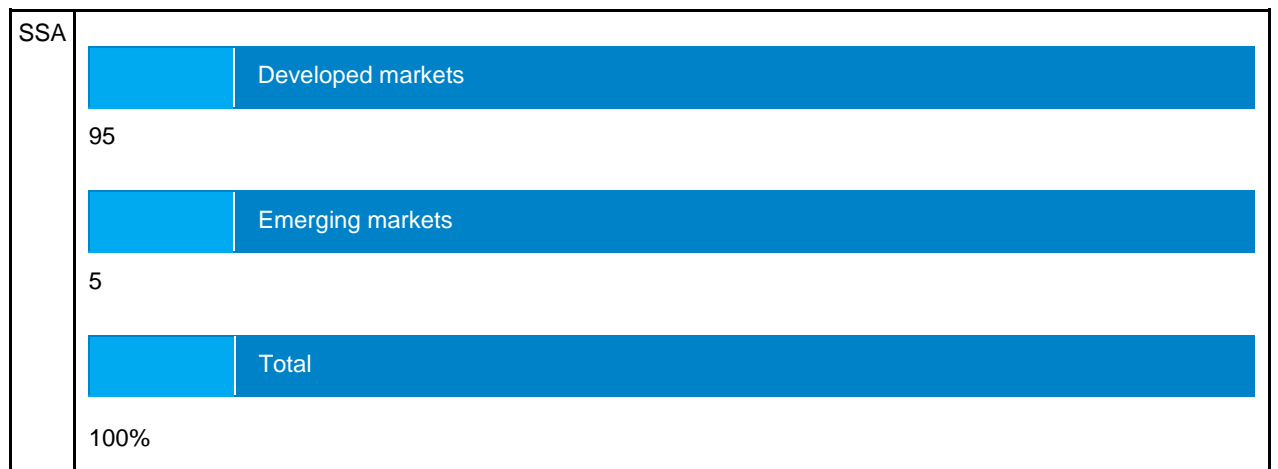
SSA	<p>Passive 0</p> <p>Active - quantitative (quant) 0</p> <p>Active - fundamental and active - other 100</p> <p>Total 100%</p>
Corporate (financial)	<p>Passive 0</p> <p>Active - quantitative (quant) 0</p> <p>Active - fundamental and active - other 100</p> <p>Total 100%</p>
Corporate (non-financial)	<p>Passive 0</p> <p>Active - quantitative (quant) 0</p> <p>Active - fundamental and active - other 100</p> <p>Total 100%</p>



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.



OO FI 03.2 Indicate the approximate (+/- 5%) breakdown of your corporate and securitized investments by investment grade or high-yield securities.

Type	Investment grade (+/- 5%)	High-yield (+/- 5%)	Total internally managed
Corporate (non-financial)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 0%	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 0%	100%
Securitised	<input checked="" type="radio"/> >50% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 0%	<input type="radio"/> >50% <input checked="" type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 0%	100%

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.

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Investment policy

SG 01

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

General

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

SG 01.1

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

Yes

SG 01.2

Indicate the components/types and coverage of your policy.

Select all that apply

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

SG 01.3

Indicate if the investment policy covers any of the following

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

SG 01.4

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

We have maintained a singular focus on the management of money since 1929. As a firm that is investment-led and investor-focused, we evaluate every decision from an investment perspective in our efforts to achieve superior, long-term, risk-adjusted performance for our clients. We take seriously our fiduciary responsibility in helping clients meet investment objectives, and we believe sustainability can have tangible impacts on an investment's risk profile and its ability to generate returns over the long term; therefore, we take Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") factors into consideration in our investment analysis. As a further step in deepening our commitment to investors, Lord Abbett is a signatory to the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI). We support the PRI framework in its efforts to foster engagement among investors and promote acceptance of its mission. Our definition of responsible investment is aligned with the PRI definition, which is a strategy and practice to incorporate environmental, social and governance factors in investment decisions and active ownership. We also believe a responsible investment approach can result in positive impact beyond the financial return of a particular security and, thus, we believe that ESG integration can serve investors at large over the long term.

No

SG 02**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****PRI 6****SG 02.1**

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

- Policy setting out your overall approach

URL/Attachment

- URL

URL

<https://www.lordabbett.com/content/dam/lordabbett/en/documents/marketing-documents-manual-upload/LA%20Resp%20Inv%20Policy.pdf>

- Attachment (will be made public)
- Formalised guidelines on corporate governance factors

URL/Attachment

- URL

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- Attachment (will be made public)
- Fiduciary (or equivalent) duties

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- Attachment (will be made public)
- Screening / exclusions policy

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- Engagement policy

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

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https://www.lordabbett.com/content/dam/lordabbett/en/resources/proxyVoting/Proxy_Voting_Policy_and_Procedures.pdf

- Attachment (will be made public)
- We do not publicly disclose our investment policy documents

SG 02.2

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

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

URL/Attachment

- URL

URL

<https://www.lordabbett.com/content/dam/lordabbett/en/documents/marketing-documents-manual-upload/LA%20Resp%20Inv%20Policy.pdf>

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

URL/Attachment

- URL

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<https://www.lordabbett.com/content/dam/lordabbett/en/documents/marketing-documents-manual-upload/LA%20Resp%20Inv%20Policy.pdf>

- Attachment
- Time horizon of your investment

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ESG incorporation approaches

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Active ownership approaches

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Reporting

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Understanding and incorporating client / beneficiary sustainability preferences

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Attachment

We do not publicly disclose any investment policy components

SG 02.3 Additional information [Optional].

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.

Lord Abbett has designed and implemented policies that address potential conflicts of interest in the investment process, as well as other scenarios where a conflict may arise. Some of these scenarios relate to:

- Compliance with investment guidelines and restrictions
- Partner and employee personal securities transactions
- Privacy and confidentiality of client information
- Proxy voting
- The solicitation of new institutional clients
- Best execution procedures
- Trade aggregation and allocation
- Disclosure of portfolio related information
- Insider trading and receipt of material non-public information
- The use of soft dollars
- Political contributions and activities
- The use of expert-networks
- Cross trades between client accounts.

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

SG 05.2	Additional information. [Optional]
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As a firm, we are constantly evaluating how to leverage our core competencies in order to meet our clients' needs and our commitment to ESG is the most recent example of our efforts. To that end, we formed an ESG Integration Team, tasked with furthering ESG education across the firm and developing a strategy to integrate ESG factors into our investment processes. This process began with an evaluation of the range of potential options for integration, and included conference calls and onsite meetings with leading global consultants, asset management peers, and third party organizations focused on responsible investment, including PRI and Sustainalytics. This team is working diligently to ensure that we define a strategy that is compatible with our firm's sustainability principles, our current investment processes, and our existing and future clients' investment needs.

In order to reflect the transition from ESG strategy development to governance and implementation, we will form the ESG Strategy Council, which will ensure successful execution of our strategic plan. This group will be chaired by our Chief Investment Officer and will consist of leaders from Quantitative Research, Taxable Fixed Income, Tax-Free Fixed Income, Equities, and members of Client Services.

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

Select from the below internal roles

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

SG 07.2

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

The Board Members of the Lord Abbett Mutual Funds and our Chief Executive Officer are responsible for the oversight of the proxy voting process. Portfolio managers and research analysts implement the responsible investment process to the extent that ESG factors may affect the fundamental views of a security or sector. Lord Abbett's Director of Investment Stewardship is responsible for the implementation of our proxy voting process.

SG 07.3

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

Number

11

SG 07.4

Additional information. [Optional]

Chief Investment Officer
Director of Credit Research
COO - Investments
Director of Municipal Bond Research
Chief Investment Risk Officer
Director of Investment Stewardship
Equity Research Directors (5)

Promoting responsible investment

SG 09

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 4,5

SG 09.1

Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.

Select all that apply

Principles for Responsible Investment

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

- Basic
 Moderate
 Advanced

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

Lord Abbett became a signatory to the UN Principles of Responsible Investing in 2016. We have since continued to make progress in our commitment to PRI's mission.

We continuously engage with PRI to identify areas in which we may be able to improve. Additionally, we are represented on PRI's Global Policy Reference Group. Most recently, we became a signatory to PRI's statement on ESG in Credit Ratings.

- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- AVCA: Sustainability Committee
- France Invest – La Commission ESG
- BVCA – Responsible Investment Advisory Board
- CDP Climate Change
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Climate Action 100+

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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

We are a signatory.

- Code for Responsible Investment in SA (CRISA)
- Council of Institutional Investors (CII)

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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

In 2017, we were invited to fill a seat on the Council of Institutional Investors Corporate Governance Advisory Council, which has enabled meaningful dialogue with other organizations focused on corporate governance. Just recently, our seat on the Advisory Council was renewed.

- Eumedion
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- ESG Research Australia
- Invest Europe Responsible Investment Roundtable
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Green Bond Principles
- HKVCA: ESG Committee
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
- Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
- Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
- International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)
- Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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

We became a signatory to Ceres in 2020.

- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- Principles for Financial Action in the 21st Century
- Principles for Sustainable Insurance
- Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
- Responsible Finance Principles in Inclusive Finance
- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
- United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
- United Nations Global Compact
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- 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.
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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.
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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

In addition to internal training, we leverage external subject matter experts to educate our investment professionals on emerging sustainability issues. Some recent initiatives included a session in our headquarters with a representative of PRI and educational sessions with representatives from UBS and Morgan Stanley covering ESG themes, topics, and their latest research initiatives.

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

Our seat on the Council of Institutional Investors' Corporate Governance Advisory Council allows us to work with other members of the investment community to encourage better transparency and disclosure of RI practices. The main role of the council is to advise CII on their corporate governance policies, which ultimately encourage transparency and disclosure.

Additionally, our Director of Investment Stewardship, who occupies the seat on the council, performed work for the CII Compensation Roundtable which discusses compensation best practices and policy formation.

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

Description

Lord Abbett's Director of Investment Stewardship has been a part of many events discussing governance.

Frequency of contribution

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

Description

Lord Abbett's Municipal Bond Research Team published an article discussing their incorporation of ESG factors into their investment process.

Frequency of contribution

- Quarterly or more frequently
 - Biannually
 - Annually
 - Less frequently than annually
 - Ad hoc
 - Other
- 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

Description

Global Policy Reference Group

Frequency of contribution

- Quarterly or more frequently
 - Biannually
 - Annually
 - Less frequently than annually
 - Ad hoc
 - Other
- On the Board of, or officially advising, other RI organisations (e.g. local SIFs)

Description

Council of Institutional Investors

Frequency of contribution

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Biannually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Ad hoc
- Other
- 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]

Climate Action 100+
Ceres Investor Network

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

SG 12.4

Indicate whether you use investment consultants for any the following services. Describe the responsible investment components of these services.

- Custodial services
- Investment policy development
- Strategic asset allocation
- Investment research
- Other, specify (1)
- Other, specify (2)
- Other, specify (3)
- None of the above
- No, we do not use investment consultants.

SG 12.7	Additional information [Optional].
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Yes, we work with investment consultants. The degree to which each consultant focuses on ESG factors will vary significantly. To the extent a consultant requests information about our ESG efforts, we provide information accordingly.

ESG issues in asset allocation

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

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.
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Asset Class	Describe what processes are in place and the outputs or outcomes achieved
Fixed income - Corporate (financial)	As part of our efforts to generate alpha and manage risk effectively, we consider ESG factors in our investment decisions to the extent that these factors may impact our fundamental views on a particular company or industry, or may contribute to the development of themes which may be expressed in our portfolios.

Communication

SG 19	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2, 6
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SG 19.1	Indicate whether your organisation typically discloses asset class specific information proactively. Select the frequency of the disclosure to clients/beneficiaries and the public, and provide a URL to the public information.
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	Listed equity - Incorporation
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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 checked="" type="radio"/> Broad approach to ESG incorporation<input type="radio"/> Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used
	<p>Frequency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or more frequently<input type="checkbox"/> Biannually<input type="checkbox"/> Annually<input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details on the selection of engagement cases and definition of objectives of the selections, priorities and specific goals</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of engagements undertaken</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by type/topic</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by region</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assessment of the current status of the progress achieved and outcomes against defined objectives</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examples of engagement cases</p> <p><input checked="" 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

The information disclosed to clients/beneficiaries is the same

- Yes
- No

Disclosure to public and URL	
Disclosure to public and URL	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Disclose all voting decisions <input type="radio"/> Disclose some voting decisions <input type="radio"/> Only disclose abstentions and votes against management
Frequency	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or more frequently <input type="checkbox"/> Biannually <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc/when requested
URL	https://www.lordabbett.com/en/resources/proxyvoting.html

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

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ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities

Implementation processes

LEI 01	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
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LEI 01.1

Indicate which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed listed equities; and the breakdown of your actively managed listed equities by strategy or combination of strategies.

ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply)

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

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied — you may estimate +/- 5%	
	99

- Screening and integration strategies

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied — you may estimate +/- 5%	
	1

- 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 ESG incorporation and the reasons for choosing the particular strategy/strategies.

Lord Abbett has maintained a singular focus on the management of money since its founding in 1929. As a firm that is investment-led and investor-focused, we evaluate every decision from an investment perspective in our efforts to achieve superior, long-term, risk-adjusted performance on behalf of our clients. We take seriously our fiduciary responsibility in helping our clients meet their investment objectives, and we believe sustainability can have a tangible impact on an investment's risk profile and its ability to generate returns over the long term; therefore, we take Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") factors into consideration in our investment analysis. We also believe a responsible investment approach can result in positive impact beyond the financial return of a particular security and, thus, we believe that ESG integration can serve investors at large over the long term.

LEI 01.3

If assets are managed using a combination of ESG incorporation strategies, briefly describe how these combinations are used. [Optional]

When analyzing the risk/reward profile of a security, we evaluate the impact of ESG risks on enterprise value and, as with any other risks, we ensure that the expected return for every investment is commensurate with those risks. We also expect that consideration of ESG factors will lead to alpha opportunities, as we believe that companies that provide solutions to some of the largest and most pressing ESG issues have the potential to offer higher risk-adjusted returns. Our pursuit of managing risk effectively is also naturally aligned with active ownership, as we seek to identify companies with strong corporate governance and to avoid the adverse effects associated with poor environmental and social practices.

To the extent that individual client investment guidelines for a separate account include a screening/exclusion policy, we will seek to implement such an approach in accordance with guidelines. We currently manage approximately 20 accounts that include guidelines related to environmental, social or governance factors.

(A) Implementation: Screening

LEI 04**Mandatory****Public****Descriptive****PRI 1****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

Lord Abbett utilizes screening strategies when required by client-imposed guidelines. The client will typically provide a list of restricted securities or general criteria, which will be incorporated into the investment management guidelines for that particular account.

- 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.
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Lord Abbett utilizes screening strategies when required by client-imposed guidelines. The client will typically provide a list of restricted securities or general criteria, which will be incorporated into the investment management guidelines for that particular account.

LEI 05	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 05.1	Indicate which processes your organisation uses to ensure ESG screening is based on robust analysis.
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- 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, body or similar with representatives independent of the individuals who conduct company research reviews some or all screening decisions.
- A periodic review of internal research 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.
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- <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

LEI 05.4 Indicate how frequently you review internal research that builds your ESG screens.

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

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

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

- Comprehensive ESG research is undertaken or sourced to determine companies' activities and products
- Companies are given the opportunity by you or your research provider to review ESG research on them and correct inaccuracies
- Third-party ESG ratings are updated regularly
- A periodic review of the internal research is carried out
- Structured, regular ESG specific meetings between responsible investment staff and the fund manager or within the investments team
- ESG risk profile of a portfolio against benchmark
- Analysis of the impact of ESG factors on investment risk and return performance
- Other; specify
- None of the above

LEI 09.2

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

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

LEI 09.3

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

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

LEI 09.4

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

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

LEI 09.5

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

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

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Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership

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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 (includes engagement and/or voting).

Yes

LEA 01.2

Attach or provide a URL to your active ownership policy.

Attachment provided:

URL provided:

URL

<https://www.lordabbett.com/content/dam/lordabbett/en/documents/marketing-documents-manual-upload/LA%20Resp%20Inv%20Policy.pdf>

LEA 01.3

Indicate what your active engagement policy covers:

General approach to Active Ownership

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

Engagement

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

Voting

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

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

- Yes
- No

LEA 01.6 Additional information [optional]

Lord Abbett believes that authentic integration of ESG considerations into our investment processes requires active ownership. Active ownership means engaging directly with company management with the intent of understanding, influencing, or exchanging perspectives on ESG issues facing a portfolio holding, and including ESG considerations when determining how proxies should be voted.

Our proxy voting policy can be found at:

https://www.lordabbett.com/content/dam/lordabbett/en/resources/proxyVoting/Proxy_Voting_Policy_and_Procedures.pdf

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

LEA 03	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 03.1	Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising engagements.
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Yes

LEA 03.2	Indicate the criteria used to identify and prioritise engagements for each type of engagement.
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Type of engagement	Criteria used to identify/prioritise engagements
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Individual / Internal staff engagements</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential to enhance knowledge of ESG issues through other investors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ability to have greater impact on ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ability to add value to the collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Geography/market of the companies targeted by the collaboration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Materiality of the ESG factors addressed by the collaboration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exposure (size of holdings) to companies targeted by the collaboration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responses to ESG impacts addressed by the collaboration that have already occurred <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to divestment pressure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Follow-up from a voting decision <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> We do not outline engagement criteria for our collaborative engagement providers

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.

Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input type="radio"/> All engagement activities <input checked="" type="radio"/> Majority of engagement activities <input type="radio"/> Minority of engagement activities <input type="radio"/> We do not define specific objectives for engagement activities carried out by internal staff
Collaborative engagements	<input type="radio"/> All engagement activities <input checked="" type="radio"/> Majority of engagement activities <input type="radio"/> Minority of engagement activities <input type="radio"/> We do not define specific objectives for engagement activities carried out through collaboration

LEA 05**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****PRI 2****LEA 05.1**

Indicate whether you monitor and/or review engagement outcomes.

Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, in all cases <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, in a majority of cases <input type="radio"/> Yes, in a minority of cases <input type="radio"/> We do not monitor, or review engagement outcomes when the engagement is carried out by our internal staff.
Collaborative engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, in all cases <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, in a majority of cases <input type="radio"/> Yes, in a minority of cases <input type="radio"/> We do not monitor, or review engagement outcomes when the engagement is carried out through collaboration.

LEA 05.2

Indicate whether you do any of the following to monitor and/or review the progress of engagement activities.

Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revisit and, if necessary, revise objectives on a continuous basis <input type="checkbox"/> Other; specify
Collaborative 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revisit and, if necessary, revise objectives on a continuous basis <input type="checkbox"/> Other; specify

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

LEA 06.2	Indicate the escalation strategies used at your organisation following unsuccessful engagements.
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- Collaborating with other investors
- Issuing a public statement
- Filing/submitting a shareholder resolution
- Voting against the re-election of the relevant directors
- Voting against the board of directors or the annual financial report
- Submitting nominations for election to the board
- Seeking legal remedy / litigation
- Reducing exposure (size of holdings)
- Divestment
- Other; specify

No

LEA 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

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

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

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

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

LEA 08 **Mandatory** **Public** **Gateway** **PRI 2**

LEA 08.1 Indicate whether you track the number of your engagement activities.

Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Individual/Internal staff engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> We do not track
Collaborative engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of collaborative engagements in full <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our collaborative 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 providers who make voting recommendations and/or provide research that we use to guide our voting decisions.

Based on

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

LEA 12.2 Provide an overview of how you ensure that your agreed-upon voting policy is adhered to, giving details of your approach when exceptions to the policy are made.

Lord Abbett maintains complete control over our voting process and manually votes all proxies.

Lord Abbett has retained Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (ISS) to analyze proxy issues and recommend how to vote on those issues, and to provide assistance in the administration of the proxy process, including maintaining complete proxy voting records. While Lord Abbett takes into consideration the information and recommendations of ISS, Lord Abbett votes all proxies based on its own proxy voting policies, including Lord Abbett's conclusions regarding the best interests of the Funds, their shareholders, and other advisory clients, rather than basing decisions solely on ISS' recommendations.

LEA 15	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 2
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LEA 15.1

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

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

LEA 15.2

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

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

LEA 16**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****PRI 2****LEA 16.1**

Indicate the proportion of votes where you, and/or the service provider(s) acting on your behalf, communicated the rationale to companies for abstaining or voting against management recommendations. Indicate this as a percentage out of all eligible votes.

- 100%
- 99-75%
- 74-50%
- 49-25%
- 24-1%
- We do not communicate the rationale to companies
- Not applicable because we and/or our service providers did not abstain or vote against management recommendations

LEA 16.2

Indicate the reasons why your organisation would communicate to companies, the rationale for abstaining or voting against management recommendations.

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

LEA 16.3 In cases where your organisation does communicate the rationale for abstaining or voting against management recommendations, indicate whether this rationale is made public.

- Yes
- No

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

- We do track or collect this information

Votes cast (to the nearest 1%)

%

99

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 on 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 (explain)




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

- Yes, we track this information

LEA 18.2

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

Voting instructions	Breakdown as percentage of votes cast
For (supporting) management recommendations	 97
Against (opposing) management recommendations	 3
Abstentions	 0

100%

No, we do not track this information

LEA 18.3

In cases where your organisation voted against management recommendations, indicate the percentage of companies which you have engaged.

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LEA 19

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2

LEA 19.1

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal escalation strategy following unsuccessful voting.

- Yes
- No

LEA 19.2

Indicate the escalation strategies used at your organisation following abstentions and/or votes against management.

- Contacting the company's board
- Contacting the company's senior management
- Issuing a public statement explaining the rationale
- Initiating individual/collaborative engagement
- Directing service providers to engage
- Reducing exposure (holdings) / divestment
- Other

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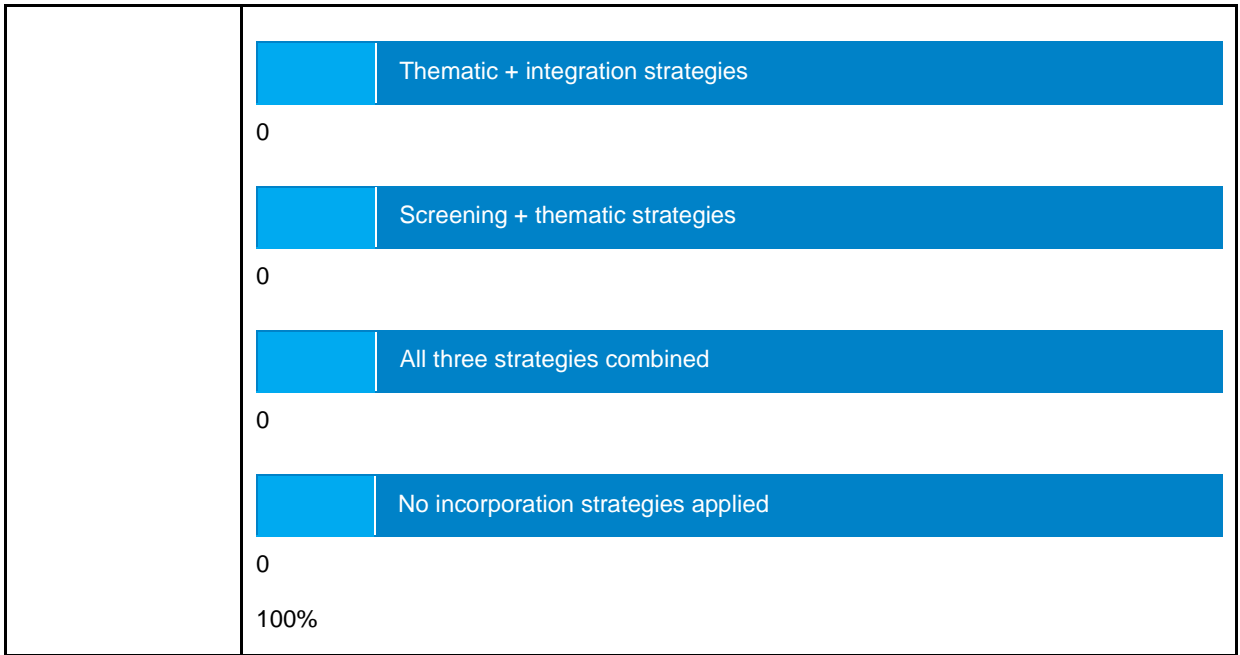
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ESG incorporation in actively managed fixed income

Implementation processes

FI 01	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
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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Securitized	Screening alone	0
	Thematic alone	0
	Integration alone	99
	Screening + integration strategies	1
	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.

Lord Abbett has maintained a singular focus on the management of money since its founding in 1929. As a firm that is investment-led and investor-focused, we evaluate every decision from an investment perspective in our efforts to achieve superior, long-term, risk-adjusted performance on behalf of our clients. We take seriously our fiduciary responsibility in helping our clients meet their investment objectives, and we believe sustainability can have a tangible impact on an investment's risk profile and its ability to generate returns over the long term; therefore, we take Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") factors into consideration in our investment analysis. We also believe a responsible investment approach can result in positive impact beyond the financial return of a particular security and, thus, we believe that ESG integration can serve investors at large over the long term.

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:

- 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.

- 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	Corporate (non-financial)	Securitised
Negative/exclusionary screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Positive/best-in-class screening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Norms-based screening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FI 04.2	Describe your approach to screening for internally managed active fixed income
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Lord Abbett utilizes screening strategies when required by client-imposed guidelines. The client will typically provide a list of restricted securities or general criteria, which will be incorporated into the investment management guidelines for that particular separate account.

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.
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Type of screening	Checks
Negative/exclusionary screening	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automated IT systems prevent our portfolio managers from investing in excluded issuers or bonds that do not meet screening criteria <input checked="" 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				
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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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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

When performing research on a particular issuer within the SSA category, our credit analysts provide a bottom-up credit view that includes traditional analysis as well as ESG data from Sustainalytics and their views on ESG factors. Investing in the SSA segment has always required significant analysis of factors such as governance, board structure, inter-related transactions, product governance, and many more. Thus, our analysts constantly engage with companies and sovereign issuers on ESG issues as part of their regular management discussions. ESG information may impact weightings in particular securities, industries, or sectors within our portfolios. In each instance, the extent to which ESG information influences portfolio construction will be determined by our fundamental views and the extent to which we believe the integration of such information will help us realize our clients' investment objectives.

For municipal bond funds, we utilize a proprietary scoring system to rank each obligor. In developing this approach, we have identified approximately 80 explicit factors within the scope of environmental, social and governance, which are evaluated based upon materiality within particular sectors. Credit Analysts then use this information to formulate a single ESG score for each obligor. The team meets monthly to review these inputs, ratings and best practices in an effort to neutralize the inherent subjectivity of the process and facilitate greater consistency among scoring across sectors.

Corporate (non-financial)

When performing research on a particular issuer within the Corporate (non-financial) category, we look for qualities that will translate directly to alpha generation for our clients. Certain industry and company dynamics may be considered as we evaluate investment opportunities within various sectors. For example, within Corporates, ESG factors are integrated in different ways. During our process of researching chemical companies, environmental factors are routinely considered as the regulatory construct may restrict certain practices. In the event these practices are violated by a corporation, the entity may be forced to pay fines or undertake other remedial measures, thereby resulting in a potentially negative financial impact on the company.

Securitized

When performing research on a particular issuer within the Securitized category, our team will use Sustainalytics in order to obtain an ESG score for all corporate entities within the securitized products market - including the issuer, sponsor and servicer. Our goal is to identify factors with regards to ESG issues while conducting fundamental research on securities or deals.

FI 11

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 1

FI 11.1

Indicate how ESG information is typically used as part of your investment process.

Select all that apply

	SSA	Corporate (non-financial)	Securitized
ESG analysis is integrated into fundamental analysis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ESG analysis is used to adjust the internal credit assessments of issuers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ESG analysis is used to adjust forecasted financials and future cash flow estimates.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ESG analysis impacts the ranking of an issuer relative to a chosen peer group.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The impact of ESG analysis on bonds of an issuer with different durations/maturities are analysed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ESG analysis is integrated into portfolio weighting decisions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Companies, sectors, countries and currency and monitored for changes in ESG exposure and for breaches of risk limits.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, specify in Additional Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FI 12	Mandatory	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 1
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FI 12.1	Indicate the extent to which ESG issues are reviewed in your integration process.
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	Environment	Social	Governance
SSA	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Environmental <input type="radio"/> Systematically <input type="radio"/> Occasionally <input type="radio"/> Not at all	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Social <input type="radio"/> Systematically <input type="radio"/> Occasionally <input type="radio"/> Not at all	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Governance <input type="radio"/> Systematically <input type="radio"/> Occasionally <input type="radio"/> Not at all
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FI 12.2 Please provide more detail on how you review E, S and/or G factors in your integration process.

SSA

With regard to ESG integration within emerging markets sovereign bonds, our portfolio managers assess historical data and evaluate the trajectory of numerous variables for each country under consideration. These variables include, but are not limited to, climate change resilience, greenhouse emissions, renewable energy usage, GDP per unit of energy, gender equality, women labor participation, literacy rate, ease of doing business, rule of law, regulatory, and political stability.

Our portfolio managers incorporate ESG risk factor discussions into the broader bottom-up sovereign risk assessment which includes traditional financial and macroeconomic variables. In an effort to identify all risks associated with a particular emerging market sovereign issuer and assess claims-paying ability, we conduct an in-depth analysis of the country's political and economic environment, as well as any historical, current, or future structural reforms that have the potential to significantly impact the country's creditworthiness and standing in international financial markets.

For municipal bond funds, we utilize a proprietary scoring system to rank each obligor. In developing this approach, we have identified approximately 80 explicit factors within the scope of environmental, social and governance, which are evaluated based upon materiality within particular sectors. Credit Analysts then use this information to formulate a single ESG score for each obligor. The team meets monthly to review these inputs, ratings and best practices in an effort to neutralize the inherent subjectivity of the process and facilitate greater consistency among scoring across sectors.

Corporate (non-financial)

With regard to ESG integration within our emerging markets corporate debt strategy, our credit analysts provide bottom-up credit opinions including their views on ESG factors. Additionally, we subscribe to in-depth ESG research by Sustainalytics. This research is a supplemental aspect of our research process and is integrated into our proprietary credit analytics platforms. Our analysts constantly engage with companies on ESG issues as part of their management discussions. During the investment process, our portfolio managers will overlay each country's sovereign bottom-up and ESG view when considering a corporate issuer for inclusion in our portfolio. We seek to utilize our rigorous and extensive research process in the pursuit of outperformance and to calibrate the overall risk of our portfolios, supplemented further by our quantitative models which incorporate ESG factors

When performing research on a particular issuer within the Corporate (non-financial) category, we look for qualities that will translate directly to alpha generation or risk mitigation for our clients. Certain industry and company dynamics may be considered as we evaluate investment opportunities within various sectors. For example, within Corporates, ESG factors are integrated in different ways. During our process of researching chemical companies, environmental factors are routinely considered as the regulatory construct may restrict certain practices. In the event these practices are violated by a corporation, the entity may be forced to pay fines or undertake other remedial measures, thereby resulting in a potentially negative financial impact on the company.

Securitized

Within the asset-backed securities sector, one thematic example of our engagement and integration approach is our avoidance of issuers with social or governance concerns. We avoid bad actors that mislead consumers and avoid lenders that charge up-front origination fees to borrowers as a primary driver of profit. In terms of governance, we require all of our subprime auto lenders to disclose financials and we perform a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) check. We make sure all lenders are in good standing and have no "Truth in Lending" violations or outstanding lawsuits.

FI 12.3

Additional information.[OPTIONAL]

For municipal bond funds, we utilize a proprietary scoring system to rank each obligor. In developing this approach, we have identified approximately 80 explicit factors within the scope of environmental, social and governance, which are evaluated based upon materiality within particular sectors. Credit Analysts then use this information to formulate a single ESG score for each obligor. The team meets monthly to review these inputs, ratings and best practices in an effort to neutralize the inherent subjectivity of the process and facilitate greater consistency among scoring across sectors.

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Reported Information

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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
- The Board
- Investment Committee
- Compliance Function
- RI/ESG Team
- Investment Teams
- Legal Department
- Other (specify)

specify

Partner,Product Strategy
Director of Investment Stewardship