



LEA 02	Disclosures: Mandatory	Reason for Interaction	Principle: PRI 1, 2, 3
Individual/ internal staff engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's internal ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency for identifying the needs of stakeholders</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal ESG decision-makers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage internal staff</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's internal ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency for identifying the needs of stakeholders</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal ESG decision-makers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage internal staff</p>	
Collaborative engagements	<p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's internal ESG issues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency for identifying the needs of stakeholders</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal ESG decision-makers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage internal staff</p>		
Service provider engagements	<p><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in & company's internal ESG issues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency for identifying the needs of stakeholders</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal ESG decision-makers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage internal staff</p>		

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2017

Silk Invest Ltd.

About this report

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

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2017 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 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	✓	Private							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
OO 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓
OO End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

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

Direct - Listed Equity Incorporation				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private							✓
LEI 02	Reporting on strategies that are <10% of actively managed listed equities	🔒	n/a							✓
LEI 03	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 04	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 05	Information from engagement and/or voting used in investment decision-making	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 06	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 10	Review ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 11	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 12	Aspects of analysis ESG information is integrated into	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 13	ESG issues in index construction	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 14	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 15	Measurement of financial and ESG outcomes of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 16	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	-	n/a	✓						
LEI 17	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	Public		✓					✓
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	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 07	Role in engagement process	✓	Public		✓		✓			
LEA 08	Monitor / discuss service provider information	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA 09	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	✓	Private	✓	✓					
LEA 10	Tracking number of engagements	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 11	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 12	Engagement methods	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 13	Engagements on E, S and/or G issues	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 14	Companies changing practices / behaviour following engagement	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 15	Examples of ESG engagements	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 16	Disclosure of approach to ESG engagements	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA 17	Voting policy & approach	✓	Public	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 18	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 19	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 20	Confirmation of votes	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 21	Securities lending programme	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 22	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 23	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 24	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 25	Shareholder resolutions	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 26	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 27	Disclosing voting activities	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Direct – Private Equity				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
PE 01	Breakdown of investments by strategy	✓	Private							✓
PE 02	Typical level of ownership	✓	Private							✓
PE 03	Description of approach to RI	-	n/a	✓						✓
PE 04	Investment guidelines and RI	✓	Public		✓					
PE 05	Fund placement documents and RI	✓	Public	✓			✓		✓	
PE 06	Formal commitments to RI	-	n/a				✓			
PE 07	Incorporating ESG issues when selecting investments	✓	Public	✓						
PE 08	Types of ESG information considered in investment selection	✓	Public	✓		✓				
PE 09	Encouraging improvements in investees	-	n/a	✓	✓					
PE 10	ESG issues impact in selection process	-	n/a	✓						
PE 11	Proportion of companies monitored on their ESG performance	✓	Public		✓					
PE 12	Proportion of portfolio companies with sustainability policy	✓	Public		✓					
PE 13	Actions taken by portfolio companies to incorporate ESG issues into operations	-	n/a		✓					
PE 14	Type and frequency of reports received from portfolio companies	-	n/a		✓	✓				
PE 15	Disclosure of ESG issues in pre-exit	-	n/a		✓					
PE 16	ESG issues affected financial/ESG performance	-	n/a	✓	✓					
PE 17	Examples of ESG issues that affected your PE investments	✓	Private	✓	✓					
PE 18	Disclosure of ESG information to public and clients/beneficiaries	✓	Public							✓
PE 19	Approach to disclosing ESG incidents	✓	Private							✓
PE End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

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Organisational Overview

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Basic Information

OO 01

Mandatory

Public

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 01.1

Select the services you offer.

Fund management

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

<10%

10-50%

>50%

Fund of funds, manager of managers, sub-advised products

Other, specify

Execution and advisory services

OO 01.2

Additional information. [Optional]

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

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

Silk Invest has two independent frontier markets investment teams for public markets equities and private equity.

The primary investment focus is on Africa, the Middle East and Frontier Asia with an emphasis on having local presence in the target regions. Silk Invest pioneered investment strategies that capture consumer-driven trends in these markets and was also the first firm to launch a dedicated Frontier Fixed Income fund and consumer oriented Pan African Equity fund in Europe.

Silk Invest is regulated by the UK FCA and registered with the US SEC and the DIFC in the UAE the firm is authorised as a representative office and since 2009 has been a signatory to the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investing.

OO 02

Mandatory

Public

Peering

General

OO 02.1

Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

United Kingdom

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

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

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

FTE

20

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

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

- Yes
- No

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

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

31/12/2016

OO 04.2 Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year, excluding subsidiaries you have chosen not to report on.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM			121	000	000
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD			121	000	000

OO 06 **Mandatory** **Public** **Descriptive** **General**

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

OO 06.1 How you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

- as percentage breakdown

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
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Listed equity	74	0
Fixed income	4	0
Private equity	22	0
Property	0	0
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	0	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

as broad ranges

OO 06.2

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

Gateway asset class implementation indicators

OO 10

Mandatory

Public

Gateway

General

OO 10.1

Select the direct or indirect ESG incorporation activities your organisation implemented for listed equities in the reporting year.

- We incorporate ESG in our investment decisions on our internally managed assets
- We do not incorporate ESG in our directly managed listed equity and/or we do not address ESG incorporation in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes.

OO 10.2 Select the direct or indirect engagement activities your organisation implemented for listed equity in the reporting year.

- 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.

OO 10.3 Select the direct or indirect voting activities your organisation implemented for listed equity in the reporting year

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

OO 11	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	General
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OO 11.1 Select the internally managed asset classes in which you addressed ESG incorporation into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices (during the reporting year).

- Fixed income – SSA
- Private equity
- None of the above

OO 12	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	General
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You will need to make a selection in OO 12.1 only if you have any voluntary modules that you can choose to report on.

OO 12.1 Select from below any additional applicable modules or sections you would like to report on voluntarily. You are only required to report on asset classes that represent 10% or more of your AUM.

Core modules

- Organisational Overview
- Strategy and Governance

RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity incorporation

- Listed Equity incorporation

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- Engagements
- (Proxy) voting

Direct - Fixed Income

- Fixed income - SSA

Direct - Other asset classes with dedicated modules

Private Equity

Closing module

Closing module

OO 12.2

Additional information. [Optional]

The Africa Lions Equity Fund: Launched in June 2009, the Fund is a daily liquidity Luxembourg UCITS regulated fund that invests in listed equities across the entire African continent. The Fund is a Pan-African long only equity fund that invests in only the consumer related sectors in 14 major African listed markets. Given the bottom up analysis approach we adopt, the fund has majority holdings in mid and small cap stocks, which reflects the diversified nature of the current African market. We manage similar Pan-Africa long only equity mandates in separate accounts as well. The successful African markets, as in Asia, are leading the industrialization of the region. At Silk Invest we believe that this new generation of nations will become the future lions. Our focus in these dominant markets is to invest in the stocks which will both outperform their local peers and become true leaders in their field.

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

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Strategy and Governance

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Investment policy

SG 01

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

General

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SG 01.1

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

Yes

SG 01.2

Indicate the components/types and coverage of your policy.

Select all that apply

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

SG 01.4

Indicate what norms you have used to develop your investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach.

- UN Global Compact Principles
- UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- International Bill of Human Rights
- International Labour Organization Conventions
- United Nations Convention Against Corruption
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- Other, specify (1)
- Other, specify (2)
- Other, specify (3)
- None of the above

No

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

SG 02.1

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

- Policy setting out your overall approach
- Formalised guidelines on environmental factors
- Formalised guidelines on social factors
- Formalised guidelines on corporate governance factors
- Sector specific RI guidelines
- Screening / exclusions policy
- Engagement policy
- (Proxy) voting policy
- We do not publicly disclose our investment policy documents

SG 03	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	General
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SG 03.1

Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

Yes

SG 03.2

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

GENERAL STATEMENT

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

RECORD KEEPING OF CONFLICTS:

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

MANAGING CONFLICTS

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

No

Objectives and strategies

SG 05	Mandatory	Public	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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SG 05.1 Indicate if and how frequently your organisation sets and reviews objectives for its responsible investment activities.

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

Governance and human resources

SG 07	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	General
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SG 07.1 Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.

Roles present in your organisation

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

Other description (1)

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

SG 07.3

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

Number

3

SG 07.4

Additional information. [Optional]

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

Promoting responsible investment

SG 09

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 4,5

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

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

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

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

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

- Yes

SG 10.2 Indicate which of the following actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

- Provided or supported education or training programmes for clients, investment managers, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers or other investment organisations
- Provided financial support for academic or industry research on responsible investment
- Encouraged better transparency and disclosure of responsible investment practices across the investment industry
- Spoke publicly at events and conferences to promote responsible investment
- Wrote and published in-house research papers on responsible investment
- Encouraged the adoption of the PRI
- Wrote articles on responsible investment in the media.
- Other, specify

- No

SG 10.3 Describe any additional actions and initiatives that your organisation has taken part in during the reporting year to promote responsible investment [Optional]

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

Implementation not in other modules

SG 12	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SG 12.1

Indicate if your organisation executes scenario analysis and/or modelling in which the risk profile of future ESG trends at portfolio level is calculated.

- We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future environmental trends
- We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future social trends
- We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future governance trends
- We execute other scenario analysis, specify
- We do not execute such scenario analysis and/or modelling

SG 12.2

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

- We do the following
- We do not consider ESG issues in strategic asset allocation

SG 15**Mandatory****Public****Descriptive****General****SG 15.1**

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

Asset Class	Describe what processes are in place and the outputs or outcomes achieved
Fixed income - SSA	Based on the rating of institutional strength levels, we avoid investments in countries like Iran and Zimbabwe.

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ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities

Implementation processes

LEI 03

Mandatory

Public

Gateway

PRI 1


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

LEI 03.1

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

ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply)

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

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied	 <p>100</p>
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- Thematic and integration strategies
- Screening and thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- We do not apply incorporation strategies

Total actively managed listed equities

100%

LEI 03.2

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

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

Principle I - Silk Invest focuses on countries with improving institutions

Principle II - Management quality and alignment of interests is key

Principle III - Silk Invest targets high development impact sectors

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

Principle V - The enforcement of good governance practices

Principle VI - Alignment to International Standards

LEI 02.1 Has the full description of our standards.

(A) Implementation: Screening

LEI 06	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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LEI 06.1 Indicate and describe the type of screening you apply to your internally managed active listed equities.

Type of screening

Negative/exclusionary screening

Screened by

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

Description

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

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

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

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

Positive/best-in-class screening

Norms-based screening

LEI 06.2 Describe how the screening criteria are established, how often the criteria are reviewed and how you notify clients and/or beneficiaries when changes are made.

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

LEI 07	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 07.1

Indicate which processes your organisation uses to ensure screening is based on robust analysis.

- Comprehensive ESG research is undertaken or sourced to determine companies' activities and products.
- Companies are given the opportunity by you or your research provider to review ESG research on them and correct inaccuracies
- External research and data used to identify companies to be excluded/included is subject to internal audit by ESG/RI staff, the internal audit function or similar
- Company ESG information/ratings are updated regularly to ensure that portfolio holdings comply with fund policies
- A committee or body with representatives independent of the individuals who conduct company research reviews some or all screening decisions
- A periodic review of the quality of the research undertaken or provided is carried out
- Other, specify
- None of the above

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG issues

LEI 10**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****PRI 1****LEI 10.1**

Indicate if E, S and G issues are reviewed while researching companies and/or sectors in active strategies.

ESG issues	Coverage/extent of review on these issues
Environmental	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> Environmental </div> <p> <input type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review environmental issues </p>
Social	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> Social </div> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review social issues </p>
Corporate Governance	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> Corporate Governance </div> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review corporate governance issues </p>

Communication

LEI 17	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEI 17.1	Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in listed equity.
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- We disclose it publicly
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only

LEI 17.5	Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/ beneficiaries regarding your approach to ESG incorporation.
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- Broad approach to ESG incorporation
- Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used

LEI 17.6

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Biannually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Ad-hoc/when requested
- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

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Engagement

Overview

LEA 01	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 01.1 Indicate whether your organisation has a formal engagement policy.

Yes

LEA 01.2 Indicate what your engagement policy covers:

- Conflicts of interest
- Prioritisation of engagements
- Transparency
- Environmental factors
- Social factors
- Governance factors
- Engagements following on from decisions
- Other, describe
- None of the above

LEA 01.4 Provide a brief overview of your organization's approach to engagement

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

No

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

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

Process

Process for engagements run internally

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 engagement activities carried out by internal staff.
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Yes

LEA 03.2

Describe the criteria used to identify and prioritise engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

- Geography/market of the companies targeted
 - Materiality of ESG factors
 - Systemic risks to global portfolios
 - Exposure (holdings)
 - In reaction to ESG impacts which has already taken place
 - As a response to divestment pressure
 - As a follow-up from a voting decision
 - Client request
 - Other, describe
- No

LEA 03.3

Additional information. [Optional]

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

LEA 04**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****PRI 2**

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

LEA 04.1

Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities.

- Yes
 - Yes, for all engagement activities
 - Yes, for the majority of engagement activities
 - Yes, for a minority of engagement activities
- We do not define specific objectives for engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

LEA 04.2

Indicate if you monitor the actions that companies take following your engagements.

- Yes
 - Yes, in all cases
 - Yes, in the majority of cases
 - Yes, in the minority of cases
- We do not monitor the actions that companies take following engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

LEA 04.3

Indicate whether your organisation defines milestones and goals for engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

- Yes

LEA 04.4

Indicate if you do any of the following to monitor and evaluate the progress of your engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

- Define timelines for milestones and goals
 - Tracking, monitoring progress against defined milestones and goals
 - Establish a process for when the goals are not met
 - Revisit and, if necessary revise goals on continuous basis
 - Other, please specify
- No

LEA 04.5

Additional information. [Optional]

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

Process for engagements conducted via collaborations

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

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

LEA 05.1

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

- Yes
- No

LEA 06**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****PRI 2**

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

LEA 06.1

Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities carried out collaboratively.

- Yes
 - Yes, for all engagement activities
 - Yes, for the majority of engagement activities
 - Yes, for a minority of engagement activities
- We do not define specific objectives for engagement activities carried out collaboratively.

LEA 06.2 Indicate if you monitor the actions companies take following your collaborative engagements.

- Yes
 - Yes, in all cases
 - Yes, in the majority of cases
 - Yes, in the minority of cases
- We do not monitor the actions that companies take following engagement activities carried out collaboratively

LEA 06.3 Indicate whether your organisation defines milestones and goals related to engagement activities carried out via collaborations.

- Yes

LEA 06.4 Indicate if you do any of the following to monitor and evaluate the progress of your collaborative engagement activities.

- Define timelines for milestones and goals
 - Tracking, monitoring progress against defined milestones and goals
 - Establish a process for when the goals are not met
 - Revisit and, if necessary revise the goals on a continuous basis
 - Other, please specify
- No

LEA 06.5 Additional information. [Optional]

Once again similar to LEA 04.3, after generating ESG screening reports, Silk Invest collaboratively evaluates and engages with companies held in our portfolios by sharing our findings, arranging meetings and following up on a semi-annual basis to track their ESG progress.

Process for engagements conducted with/on your behalf by service providers

LEA 07

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2,4

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

LEA 07.1 Indicate if you play a role in the engagement process that your service provider conducts on your behalf.

- Yes

LEA 07.2	Indicate the role(s) you play in engagements that your service provider conducts on your behalf.
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- Discuss the topic (or ESG issue(s)) of engagement
- Discuss the rationale for engagement
- Discuss the objectives of the engagement
- Select the companies to be engaged with
- Discuss the frequency/intensity of interactions with companies
- Discuss progress towards the engagement objectives
- Monitor and review outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement
- Discuss next steps for engagement activity
- Participate directly in certain engagements with your service provider
- Ad hoc monitoring and review of engagement processes.
- Other, specify

No

LEA 08	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEA 08.1	Indicate whether you monitor and/or discuss the following information provided to you by your service provider
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Please select all that apply

- The subject (or ESG issue(s)) of engagement
- The objectives of the engagement
- The rationale for engagement
- The frequency/intensity of interactions with companies
- Progress towards achieving engagement goals
- Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement
- Next steps for engagement activity
- Other, specify
- None of the above

General processes for all three groups of engagers				
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LEA 10	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 2
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LEA 10.1	Indicate if you track the number of engagements your organisation participates in.
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Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> We do not track
Collaborative engagements	<input type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> We do not track and cannot estimate our engagements
Service provider engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> We do not track and cannot estimate our engagements

Communication

LEA 16	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEA 16.1 Indicate whether your organisation proactively discloses information on its engagements.

- We disclose it publicly
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only

LEA 16.5 Indicate what engagement information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/beneficiaries.

Engagement information disclosed

- Details of the selections, priorities and specific goals of engagement
- Number of engagements
- Breakdown of engagements by type/topic
- Breakdown of engagements by region
- An assessment of the current status of the engagement
- Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement
- Other information

LEA 16.6

Indicate how frequently you typically report engagements information

- Disclosed continuously (prior to and post engagements)
- Disclosed quarterly or more frequently
- Disclosed biannually
- Disclosed annually
- Disclosed less frequently than annually
- Ad hoc/when requested
- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries.

(Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions**Overview****LEA 17****Mandatory****Public****Gateway****PRI 1,2,3**

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

LEA 17.1

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal voting policy.

- Yes
- No

Process**LEA 18****Mandatory****Public****Descriptive****PRI 2****LEA 18.1**

Indicate how you typically make your (proxy) voting decisions.

Approach

- We use our own research or voting team and make voting decisions without the use of service providers.
- We hire service provider(s) that make voting recommendations or provide research that we use to inform our voting decisions.

Based on

- the service provider voting policy signed off by us
- our own voting policy
- our clients' requests or policy
- other, explain
- We hire service provider(s) that make voting decisions on our behalf, except for some pre-defined scenarios for which we review and make voting decisions.
- We hire service provider(s) that make voting decisions on our behalf.

LEA 22	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 22.1	Indicate whether you or the service providers acting on your behalf raise any concerns with companies ahead of voting
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- Yes, in most cases
- Sometimes, in the following cases:
- Neither we nor our service provider raise concerns with companies ahead of voting

LEA 22.2	Indicate whether you and/or the service provider(s) acting on your behalf, communicate the rationale to companies, when , you abstain or vote against management recommendations.
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- Yes, in most cases
- Sometimes, in the following cases.
- We do not communicate the rationale to companies
- Not applicable because we and/or our service providers do not abstain or vote against management recommendations

Outputs and outcomes				
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LEA 23	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 23.1	For listed equities where you and/or your service provider have the mandate to issue (proxy) voting instructions, indicate the percentage of votes cast during the reporting year.
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- We do track or collect this information
- We do not track or collect this information

LEA 24	Mandatory	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 24.1 | Indicate if you track the voting instructions that you and/or your service provider on your behalf have issued.

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

Communication

LEA 27	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEA 27.1 | Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your voting activities.

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

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Overview

PE 04	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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PE 04.1 Indicate if your organisation's investment guidelines for private equity refer to responsible investment.

- Our investment guidelines do refer to responsible investment
- Our investment guidelines do not refer to responsible investment
- We do not have investment guidelines

Fundraising of private equity funds

PE 05	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1,4,6
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PE 05.1 Indicate if your most recent fund placement documents (private placement memorandums (PPMs) or similar) refer to responsible investment aspects of your organisation.

- Yes

PE 05.2 Indicate how your fund placement documents (PPMs or similar) refer to the following responsible investment aspects of your organisation:

- Policy and commitment to responsible investment
- Approach to ESG issues in pre-investment processes
- Approach to ESG issues in post-investment processes
- No
- Not applicable as our organisation does not fundraise

Pre-investment (selection)

PE 07	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
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PE 07.1 During due-diligence indicate if your organisation typically incorporates ESG issues when selecting private equity investments.

- Yes

PE 07.2

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

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

No

PE 08	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1,3
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PE 8.1

Indicate what type of ESG information your organisation typically considers during your private equity investment selection process.

- Raw data from target company
- Benchmarks against other companies
- Sector level data/benchmarks
- Country level data/benchmarks
- Reporting standards, industry codes and certifications
- International initiatives, declarations or standards
- Engagements with stakeholders (e.g. customers and suppliers)
- Advice from external resources
- Other, specify
- We do not track this information

PE 8.2

Describe how this information is reported to, considered and documented by the Investment Committee or similar.

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

Post-investment (monitoring)

PE 11	Mandatory	Public	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 2
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PE 11.1

Indicate whether your organisation incorporates ESG issues in investment monitoring of portfolio companies.

Yes

PE 11.2

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

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

(in terms of total number of portfolio companies)

PE 11.3

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

ESG issues

- Environmental

List up to three example targets of environmental issues

Management of disposal of waste cooking oils
 Responsible source of raw materials from local producers

- Social

List up to three example targets of social issues

Gender equality

- Governance

List up to three example targets of governance issues

Composition of the board of directors
 Alignment of interest of the CEO and the investors/shareholders
 Review of the efficacy of the CEO KPIs

- We do not set and/or monitor against targets

- No

PE 12

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2

PE 12.1

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

- Yes

PE 12.2

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

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

(in terms of total number of portfolio companies)

- No

Communication

PE 18

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 6

PE 18.1

Indicate whether your organisation proactively discloses ESG information on your private equity investments.

- Disclose publicly
- Disclose to investor clients (LPs)/beneficiaries only
- No proactive disclosure to the public or to clients (LPs)/beneficiaries