



CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY REPORT 2020

Metzler Asset Management GmbH

About the Climate-related Disclosure Indicators

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

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

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

About this report

This report is an export of only the climate-related indicators from the 2020 Reporting Framework response. The full Public Transparency Report is available here (<https://reporting.unpri.org/surveys/PRI-reporting-framework-2020/-5A40E2AA-A887-4DB4-99E4-DF912A6B89D1/79894dbc337a40828d895f9402aa63de/html/2/?lang=en&a=1>). It shows the responses to all the completed climate indicators, even those you chose to keep private. It is designed for your internal review or – if you wish - to share with your stakeholders.

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

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

TCFD Recommendations Index

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

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

ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

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

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS	
Name	Metzler Asset Management GmbH
Signatory Category	Fund Management - Majority
Signatory Type	Investment Manager
Size	US\$ > 50 billion AUM
Main Asset Class	Multi-Asset
Signed PRI Initiative	2012
Region	Europe
Country	Germany
Disclosure of Voluntary Indicators	38% from 38 Voluntary indicators

Metzler Asset Management GmbH

Reported Information

Public version

Strategy and Governance

PRI disclaimer

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Investment policy

SG 01	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	General
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New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SG 01.1 Indicate if you have an investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach.

Governance and human resources

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

Board members or trustees

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

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

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

Other Chief-level staff or heads of departments

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

Portfolio managers

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

Investment analysts

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

Dedicated responsible investment staff

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

External managers or service providers

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

SG 07.6 CC

For board-level roles that have climate-related issue oversight/accountability or implementation responsibilities, indicate how these responsibilities are executed.

2016 a dedicated Group-wide ESG board has been established. Within their oversight function ESG aspects including climate change related risks and opportunities are being discussed on a regular basis. The board is additionally reviewing the Group's sustainability report which includes climate change-related key performance indicators as well.

SG 07.7 CC

For management-level roles that assess and manage climate-related issues, provide further information on the structure and processes involved.

The Sustainable Investment Office reports directly to the Chief Investment Officer. The CIO is accountable for the performance of the investment strategies and conducts quarterly performance reviews with each portfolio manager. ESG considerations are an important aspect of the performance review. Detailed ESG portfolio analysis including climate change related indicators are being discussed, e. g. low carbon transition score of the strategy, 2 degree alignment, fossil fuel reserves (stranded assets) or how climate change-linked opportunities are captured.

SG 07.8 CC

Indicate how your organisation engages external investment managers and/or service providers on the TCFD recommendations and their implementation.

- Request that external managers and/or service providers incorporate TCFD into mainstream financial filings (annual financial reports, other regulatory reporting or similar)
- Request incorporation of TCFD into regular client reporting
- Request that external managers complete PRI climate indicator reporting
- Request responses to TCFD Fund Manager questions in the PRI Asset Owner Guide
- Other
- We do not engage with external managers and/or service providers on the TCFD recommendations and their implementation

ESG issues in asset allocation

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

- Yes, in order to assess future ESG factors

Describe

In the investment process for our equities and corporate bond funds, we not only consider financial criteria but also how companies deal with ESG risks. We aim to enhance the risk-return profile of our portfolios. We have developed an ESG integration investment tool (QBrickS) which includes scenario analysis/modeling.

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

Describe

We assess the 1.5 and 2 degree alignment of our strategies based on data provided by MSCI ESG Research. In addition, we conduct regular climate scenario analysis with the help of the PRI PACTA tool.

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

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

We do the following

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

SG 13 CC	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Descriptive	General
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SG 13.4 CC Describe how your organisation is using scenario analysis to manage climate-related risks and opportunities, including how the analysis has been interpreted, its results, and any future plans.

- Initial assessment

Describe

We regularly run the scenario analysis within our internal tools and the PRI PACTA tool on single strategies and our overall assets. The risks and opportunities identified were discussed within the ESG Board of Metzler Asset Management and the portfolio managers. The results were in line with our assessment based on the conversations with companies during 1:1 company meetings, the research we source from ESG research providers and sell-side brokers. Based on conversations with clients we decided to further increase our efforts linked to the management to client-related risks and opportunities. In addition, we will revise our ESG policy in 2020 and define further climate change-related goals.

- Incorporation into investment analysis

Describe

Our ESG integration tool QbrickS includes climate change KPIs and analysis. The tool is used for portfolio construction, risk controlling and reporting.

Inform active ownership

Describe

Based on our own analysis the portfolio managers and Sustainable Investment Office discuss our findings with companies during 1:1 company meetings. In addition, via our Engagement Policy and together with our engagement partner BMO Global Asset Management climate risks and opportunities are being addressed as well.

Other

**SG 13.5
CC** Indicate who uses this analysis.

- Board members, trustees, C-level roles, Investment Committee
- Portfolio managers
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
- External managers
- Investment consultants/actuaries
- Other

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

Yes

Describe

In general, our investment strategy always takes into account long-term risks and their potential impact. Our 1.5 and 2 degree scenario analysis goes beyond an usual investment time horizon as it takes into account climate scenarios and targets linked to the years 2030 and 2050.

No

**SG 13.7
CC** Indicate whether a range of climate scenarios is used.

- Analysis based on a 2°C or lower scenario
- Analysis based on an abrupt transition, consistent with the Inevitable Policy Response
- Analysis based on a 4°C or higher scenario
- No, a range is not used

**SG 13.8
CC** Indicate the climate scenarios your organisation uses.

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