



# CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY REPORT 2020

Global Alpha Capital Management

# 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/-0C56A371-AAB1-455F-99E5-264A43C1714A/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	✓	Public				
SG 01.7 CC	-	Public				
SG 01.8 CC	-	Public				
SG 01.9 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.10 CC	✓	Public				
SG 07.5 CC	✓	Public				
SG 07.6 CC	✓	Public				
SG 07.7 CC	✓	Public				
SG 07.8 CC	-	Public				
SG 13.1	✓	Public				
SG 13.2	✓	Public				
SG 13.4 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.5 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.6 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.7 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 14.1	✓	Public				
SG 14.2	✓	Public				
SG 14.3	✓	Public				
SG 14.6 CC	✓	Public				
SG 14.7 CC	-	Public				
SG 14.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 14.9 CC	✓	Public				
SG 15.1	✓	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

<b>Name</b>	Global Alpha Capital Management
<b>Signatory Category</b>	Fund Management - Majority
<b>Signatory Type</b>	Investment Manager
<b>Size</b>	US\$ 1 - 4.99 billion AUM
<b>Main Asset Class</b>	>50% Listed Equity Internally Managed
<b>Signed PRI Initiative</b>	2012
<b>Region</b>	North America
<b>Country</b>	Canada
<b>Disclosure of Voluntary Indicators</b>	30% from 38 Voluntary indicators

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## Reported Information

### Public version

### Strategy and Governance

## PRI disclaimer

This document presents information reported directly by signatories. This information has not been audited by the PRI Secretariat or any other party acting on their behalf. While this information is believed to be reliable, no representations or warranties are made as to the accuracy of the information presented, and no responsibility or liability can be accepted for any error or omission.

## 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.

SG 01 CC	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Descriptive	General
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**SG 01.6 CC** Indicate whether your organisation has identified transition and physical climate-related risks and opportunities and factored this into the investment strategies and products, within the organisation's investment time horizon.

- Yes  
 No

Describe why your organisation has not yet gone through a process to identify transition and physical climate-related risks and opportunities.

GACM has obtained Climate Impact Assessment Reports from ISS on both strategies, the Global Alpha EAFE Small Cap Equity Fund and the Global Small Cap Fund. These reports include assessment of physical and transitions risks, however GACM is still considering how best to incorporate this information into the broader investment process.

**SG 01.8 CC** Indicate whether the organisation publicly supports the TCFD?

- Yes  
 No

**SG 01.9 CC** Indicate whether there is an organisation-wide strategy in place to identify and manage material climate-related risks and opportunities.

- Yes

Describe

GACM uses a combination of ESG incorporation strategies such as investment theme selection and qualitative analysis and GACM is looking to incorporate the consideration of more climate-related risks and opportunities into this process. In addition, GACM obtains Climate Impact Assessment Reports from ISS on both strategies, the Global Alpha EAFE Small Cap Equity Fund and the Global Small Cap Fund. These reports include metrics such as GHG emissions, emissions attribution, GHG emission intensity, scenario analysis, physical risk and transitions risks. These reports are publically disclosed on GACM's website.

- No

**SG 1.10  
CC**

Indicate the documents and/or communications the organisation uses to publish TCFD disclosures.

- Public PRI Climate Transparency Report
- Annual financial filings
- Regular client reporting
- Member communications
- Other
- We currently do not publish TCFD disclosures

## Governance and human resources

**SG 07 CC**

**Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose**

**Public**

**Descriptive**

**General**

**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

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

**SG 07.6  
CC**

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

Climate-related issues are part of the ESG integration into portfolio management. At quarterly board meetings, all portfolios are reviewed and progress regarding ESG integration is highlighted.

**SG 07.7  
CC**

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

RI and regional responsibilities are consistent in that each investment team member is responsible for stocks in his/her covering region

### ESG issues in asset allocation

**SG 13**

**Mandatory**

**Public**

**Descriptive**

**PRI 1**

**SG 13.1**

Indicate whether the organisation carries out scenario analysis and/or modelling, and if it does, provide a description of the scenario analysis (by asset class, sector, strategic asset allocation, etc.).

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

Describe

GACM subscribes to ISS' Climate Impact Assessment Reports which include scenario analysis.

- 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**

**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

GACM currently subscribes to ISS' Climate Impact Assessment reports which include scenario analysis however we are still considering how best to make use of the information in the investment process and in our active ownership activities.

- Incorporation into investment analysis
- Inform active ownership
- 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

GACM considers the effects of climate-related risks and opportunities when evaluating investment themes.

- 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 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> 2, 4 and 6 degree.
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (2)	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (3)	

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

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

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

**SG 14.2**

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

- Established a climate change sensitive or climate change integrated asset allocation strategy
- Targeted low carbon or climate resilient investments
- Phase out your investments in your fossil fuel holdings
- Reduced portfolio exposure to emissions intensive or fossil fuel holdings
- Used emissions data or analysis to inform investment decision making
- Sought climate change integration by companies
- Sought climate supportive policy from governments
- Other, specify
- None of the above

**SG 14.3**

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

- Scenario analysis
- Disclosures on emissions risks to clients/trustees/management/beneficiaries
- Climate-related targets
- Encouraging internal and/or external portfolio managers to monitor emissions risks
- Emissions-risk monitoring and reporting are formalised into contracts when appointing managers
- Weighted average carbon intensity
- Carbon footprint (scope 1 and 2)
- Portfolio carbon footprint
- Total carbon emissions
- Carbon intensity
- Exposure to carbon-related assets
- Other emissions metrics
- Other, specify
- None of the above

**SG 14 CC****Voluntary****Public****General****SG 14.6  
CC**

Provide further details on the key metric(s) used to assess climate-related risks and opportunities.

Metric Type	Coverage	Purpose	Metric Unit	Metric Methodology
<b>Weighted average carbon intensity</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets		tCO2e	Provided by ISS
<b>Carbon footprint (scope 1 and 2)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets		tCO2e	Provided by ISS
<b>Portfolio carbon footprint</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets		tCO2e	Provided by ISS
<b>Total carbon emissions</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets		tCO2e	Provided by ISS
<b>Carbon intensity</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets		tCO2e	Provided by ISS

**SG 14.8  
CC**

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

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

Please describe

The overall risk management is done at the investment team level. Each member is responsible for evaluating the risks associated with the company he/she covers, including climate-related risks.

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

**SG 14.9  
CC**

Indicate whether your organisation, and/or external investment manager or service providers acting on your behalf, undertake active ownership activities to encourage TCFD adoption.

- Yes
- No, we do not undertake active ownership activities.
- No, we do not undertake active ownership activities to encourage TCFD adoption.