



CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY REPORT 2020

Plato Investment 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/-15838172-FEE8-4113-A1FE-F65796818FB7/79894dbc337a40828d895f9402aa63de/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	✓	Public				
SG 15.2	✓	Public				
SG 15.3	✓	Public				

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

ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

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

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS	
Name	Plato Investment Management
Signatory Category	Fund Management - Majority
Signatory Type	Investment Manager
Size	US\$ 1 - 4.99 billion AUM
Main Asset Class	>50% Listed Equity Internally Managed
Signed PRI Initiative	2011
Region	Oceania
Country	Australia
Disclosure of Voluntary Indicators	37% from 38 Voluntary indicators

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Reported Information

Public version

Strategy and Governance

PRI disclaimer

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Investment policy

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

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

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

Describe the identified transition and physical climate-related risks and opportunities and how they have been factored into the investment strategies/products.

Plato have included climate related risks into our forward looking alpha models

No

SG 01.7 CC Indicate whether the organisation has assessed the likelihood and impact of these climate risks?

Yes

Describe the associated timescales linked to these risks and opportunities.

Our model has a horizon of approximatley one to two year.

No

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

Plato has been a leader in measuring the emissions footprint and intensity of its portfolios, because one needs to measure the size of problems to understand the issues. Plato believes climate change is an investor wide problem and accordingly has joined groups such as the Montreal Pledge (to measure carbon) and Climate Action 100+ (to influence companies). Climate Action 100+ is an investor initiative to ensure the world's largest corporate greenhouse gas emitters take the necessary action on climate change. Plato alone can't significantly influence companies, but as a member of Climate Action 100+ we are engaging with some of Australia and the World's largest emitters. In addition, we have incorporated climate related red flags into our alpha model factor. We can also manage, and actually do manage, carbon light portfolios.

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

specify

Plato's Montreal Pledge disclosure is available on our website.

- We currently do not publish TCFD disclosures

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

**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 exposures are monitored continuously and compared to the benchmark. The MD actively participates in Climate Action 100.

**SG 07.7
CC** For management-level roles that assess and manage climate-related issues, provide further information on the structure and processes involved.

Climate exposures are monitored continuously.

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

Plato undertake portfolio simulation and scenario testing when developing ESG factors.

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

Describe

Plato undertake portfolio simulation and scenario testing when developing climate risk factors.

- 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
- Incorporation into investment analysis

Describe

Plato use alpha model research techniques, risk management and portfolio simulation to establish what risks and opportunities exist within climate related data and evidence based incorporation into alpha, risk model development and portfolio construction.

- 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

Plato developed alpha models are an annual return associated with each asset.

- 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> In-house modeling is used.
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (2)	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (3)	

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

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

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

SG 14.2

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

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

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

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM			400	000	000
Currency	AUD				
Assets in USD			270	959	844

Specify the framework or taxonomy used.

Specific CO2 reduction targets.

- 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
Climate-related targets	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	30% less carbon intensity	carbon intensity	relative to index
Weighted average carbon intensity	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	measure carbon intensity of portfolio	carbon intensity tonnes per \$m revenue	relative to index
Carbon footprint (scope 1 and 2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	measure footprint	Tonnes of carbon equivalent	total scope 1 and 2
Portfolio carbon footprint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	measure total footprint	Tonnes of carbon equivalent	scope 1,2 and 3 where available
Total carbon emissions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	measure total emissions	Tonnes of carbon equivalent	scope 1,2, and 3 where available
Carbon intensity	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	measure carbon intensity	Tonnes per \$m intensity	scope 1 and 2
Exposure to carbon-related assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	understand exposure to oil, gas and coal	companies with in oil gas and coal industrieis	number of companies

SG 14.7
CC

Describe in further detail the key targets.

Targettype	Baseline year	Target year	Description	Attachments
<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensity target	current	current	Portfolio has 30% less carbon intensity than the market index	
<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				

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

Climate factors are built into our alpha model managing investment return 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

Please describe

Plato is a member of Climate Action 100+, actively participating to engage with companies to encourage TCFD adoption.

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

SG 15	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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SG 15.1

Indicate if your organisation allocates assets to, or manages, funds based on specific environmental and social themed areas.

Yes

SG 15.2

Indicate the percentage of your total AUM invested in environmental and social themed areas.

%

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SG 15.3

Specify which thematic area(s) you invest in, indicate the percentage of your AUM in the particular asset class and provide a brief description.

Area

- Energy efficiency / Clean technology
- Renewable energy
- Green buildings
- Sustainable forestry
- Sustainable agriculture
- Microfinance
- SME financing
- Social enterprise / community investing
- Affordable housing
- Education
- Global health
- Water
- Other area, specify

Carbon / green house gas emission reduction

Asset class invested

- Listed equity

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

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Brief description and measures of investment

Carbon intensity target of a 30% reduction relative to the benchmark carbon intensity ,

No

