



LEA 02	Discipline: Mandatory	Principle: PRI 1, 2, 3
<p>Type of engagement</p> <p>Individual/ internal staff engagements</p>	<p>Reason for interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company's material ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in internal staff 	
<p>Collaborative engagements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in collaborative engagements 	
<p>Service provider engagements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company's material ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in service provider engagements 	

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2020

Somerset Capital Management LLP

About this report

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

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

Understanding the Principles Index

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

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

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

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

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

Principles Index

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

CCStrategy and Governance				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SG 01	RI policy and coverage	✓	Public							✓
SG 01 CC	Climate risk	✓	Private							✓
SG 02	Publicly available RI policy or guidance documents	✓	Public						✓	
SG 03	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
SG 04	Identifying incidents occurring within portfolios	✓	Private							✓
SG 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
SG 06	Main goals/objectives this year	✓	Private							✓
SG 07	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
SG 07 CC	Climate-issues roles and responsibilities	✓	Private							✓
SG 08	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							✓
SG 09	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
SG 09.2	Assets managed by PRI signatories	🔒	n/a	✓						
SG 10	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
SG 11	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				✓	✓	✓	
SG 12	Role of investment consultants/fiduciary managers	✓	Public				✓			
SG 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Public	✓						
SG 13 CC		🔒	n/a							✓
SG 14	Long term investment risks and opportunity	✓	Private	✓						
SG 14 CC		✓	Private							✓
SG 15	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	✓						
SG 16	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
SG 17	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
SG 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓	Private							✓
SG 19	Communication	✓	Public		✓				✓	
SG End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Direct - Listed Equity Incorporation				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEI 01	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 02	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 03	Information from engagement and/or voting used in investment decision-making	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 04	Types of screening applied	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 05	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 06	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 07	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 08	Review ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 09	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 10	Aspects of analysis ESG information is integrated into	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 11	ESG issues in index construction	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 12	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 13	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	✓	Private	✓						
LEI End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

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

Confidence building measures				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
CM1 01	Assurance, verification, or review	✓	Public							✓
CM1 02	Assurance of last year`s PRI data	✓	Public							✓
CM1 03	Other confidence building measures	✓	Public							✓
CM1 04	Assurance of this year`s PRI data	✓	Public							✓
CM1 05	External assurance	🔒	n/a							✓
CM1 06	Assurance or internal audit	🔒	n/a							✓
CM1 07	Internal verification	✓	Public							✓
CM1 01 End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

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Basic information

OO 01

Mandatory

Public

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 01.1

Select the services and funds you offer

Select the services and funds you offer	% of asset under management (AUM) in ranges
Fund management	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input checked="" type="radio"/> >50%
Fund of funds, manager of managers, sub-advised products	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%
Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50%
Total 100%	

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

- Hedge funds
- Fund of hedge funds

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

45

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.

31/12/2019

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

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

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		7	079	151	240
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		7	079	151	240

Not applicable as we are in the fund-raising process

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

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

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

as percentage breakdown

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	95	0
Fixed income	0	0
Private equity	0	0
Property	0	0
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Fund of hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0

Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	5	0
Money market instruments	0	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

as broad ranges

OO 06.2 Publish asset class mix as per attached image [Optional].

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

- Yes
- No

OO 06.5 Indicate whether your organisation uses fiduciary managers.

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

OO 09 **Mandatory** **Public** **Peering** **General**

OO 09.1 Indicate the breakdown of your organisation's AUM by market.

Developed Markets

0

Emerging Markets

99

Frontier Markets

1

Other Markets

0

Total 100%

100%

Asset class implementation gateway indicators

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

Listed equity – engagement

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

Listed equity – voting

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

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).

Listed equity

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

Cash

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

OO 12	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	General
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OO 12.1 Below are all applicable modules or sections you may report on. Those which are mandatory to report (asset classes representing 10% or more of your AUM) are already ticked and read-only. Those which are voluntary to report on can be opted into by ticking the box.

Core modules

- Organisational Overview
- Strategy and Governance

RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity incorporation

Listed Equity incorporation

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

Engagements

(Proxy) voting

Closing module

Closing module

Peering questions

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

Percentage of internally managed listed equities

	Passive	0
	Active - quantitative (quant)	0
	Active - fundamental and active - other	100
	Total	100%

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Investment policy

SG 01

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

General

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

SG 01.1

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

Yes

SG 01.2

Indicate the components/types and coverage of your policy.

Select all that apply

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

SG 01.3

Indicate if the investment policy covers any of the following

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

SG 01.4

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

Our primary objective is to deliver superior, long-term returns to our investors and their beneficiaries. Our experience informs us that the best way to achieve this is through systematic risk reduction and making long-term investment decisions. The aim of our in-house company research is to find businesses that have the ability to earn an attractive and sustainable return on capital over the course of a business cycle and which are run for the benefit of minority shareholders. We have a duty and a financial incentive to understand the true characteristics of a business, the potential risks to profitability and minority shareholder returns. Companies that exhibit a willingness to go beyond mere compliance with current minimum legal standards can possess a competitive advantage over peers with a shorter term perspective. This advantage may not be as evident when only conducting traditional financial analysis. We now have a fiduciary duty to consider how sustainability factors could impact the core business profitability of our investments.

No

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

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

URL/Attachment

- URL
- Attachment (will be made public)

Attachment

[File 1:19-04-09 Somerset Capital - Sustainable Investment Policy.pdf](#)

Fiduciary (or equivalent) duties

URL/Attachment

URL

Attachment (will be made public)

Attachment

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Screening / exclusions policy

URL/Attachment

URL

Attachment (will be made public)

Attachment

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We do not publicly disclose our investment policy documents

SG 02.2 Indicate if any of your investment policy components are publicly available. Provide URL and an attachment of the document.

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

URL/Attachment

URL

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<https://somersectcm.com/investment-approach/esg/>

Attachment

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

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Time horizon of your investment

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Governance structure of organisational ESG responsibilities

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We do not publicly disclose any investment policy components

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.
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Yes

SG 03.2	Describe your policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.
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The Firm operates a "Policy of Independence" which requires its clients to be treated fairly in instances where the Firm or an employee has a material interest or a conflict in relation to a potential transaction. In such cases, the interest or conflict must be disregarded when advising customers, exercising discretion for them or dealing on their behalf. A material interest can arise, for example, where a firm or an employee has a proprietary position in an investment. A conflict of interest can arise where a firm, an employee or some other connected party has a relationship with another person or entity that potentially conflicts with the duty to the client. Such a relationship might include one with an issuer, another investment manager firm, a broker or counterparty, or another client. In such cases, any investment advice given to a client, or discretion exercised, must be formulated with regard to the client's interests and not those of the Firm or any connected party or employee.

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 set/reviewed

SG 05.2

Additional information. [Optional]

We currently conduct an annual sustainability review of the portfolio holdings, which lasts three days and involves the covering analysts presenting solely on the ESG topics on their stocks in the funds. As part of this annual review we assess our progress and objectives of our approach to RI, and set the targets for the forthcoming year. We are constantly looking to improve our ESG capabilities, and so reassess our bottom up activities on an ongoing, iterative basis. We are looking at transitioning to quarterly sustainability reviews in 2021. These meetings between the investment teams, Anthony Linehan and Olivia Seddon-Daines would be formally structured and include specific stock discussions.

Governance and human resources

SG 07**Mandatory****Public****Core Assessed****General****SG 07.1**

Indicate the internal and/or external roles used by your organisation, and indicate for each whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.

	Roles
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- Board members or trustees
- Internal Roles (triggers other options)

Select from the below internal roles

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

SG 07.2

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

Together dedicated RI resources Anthony Linehan (Co-Manager Mid Cap) and Olivia Seddon-Daines (Sustainability specialist) are responsible for:

- Training the investment team and making our analysis relevant to Reinforce and refine our process/methodology EM investing,
- Developing our proprietary data base and ensuring this is regularly updated and is sufficiently dynamic,
- Completing industry courses (eg. CFA UK Certificate in ESG Investing, PRI Academy Courses) to see which techniques and suggestions we could integrate into our process,
- Attending and representing SCM at industry events on ESG integration,
- Monitoring and the functionality of our bespoke Emerging Market ESG database that records all of our engagements with companies on ESG issues, thus allowing cross comparison across our universe, as well as highlighting areas that require more attention. Quarterly reminders are sent out to the team to keep their records up to date and to prevent the analysis becoming stale.
- Improving Portfolio Level understanding of ESG risks,
- Keeping our in-depth training manual on ESG in Emerging Markets up-to-date with new and relevant case studies, resources and materials and organising workshops with internal and external speakers to bring this information to life,
- Co-Chairing the Annual Portfolio Sustainability Review sessions that take place over a three day period,
- Help the fund teams to set objectives for, prioritise and structure engagements,
- Reinforce and refine our process and methodology.

SG 07.3 Indicate the number of dedicated responsible investment staff your organisation has.

Number

2

SG 07.4 Additional information. [Optional]

We have deliberately chosen not to create a separate team to look at ESG issues. We believe that this work should be fully embedded into the investment process and not just serve as an overlay or complimentary item. There are several senior team members (CEO, several senior fund managers and Anthony Linehan responsible for (and remunerated on) RI work, making sure it adds value to our investment analysis, and allows us to protect and grow our clients' capital over time. It is also a KPI in the analyst team's remuneration. In November 2019 we hired Olivia Seddon-Daines as a Sustainability specialist. Olivia sits in the investment team and is helping to document our ESG work and drive forward engagements with portfolio companies.

Promoting responsible investment

SG 09 **Mandatory** **Public** **Core Assessed** **PRI 4,5**

SG 09.1 Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.

Select all that apply

Principles for Responsible Investment

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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

We recently spoke to the PRI about their ongoing engagement with a prospective portfolio company listed by ClimateAction100+ as a 'systemically important emitter'. We have been closely following the PRI's important work with the UK's Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) Association on Find it, Fix it, Prevent it and significant contribution to the Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAST) principles and with this in mind reached out to the Head of Social Issues to explore the possibility of organising a workshop on treatment of labour and overcoming disclosure challenges in EM. We look forward to discussing this further.

- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- AVCA: Sustainability Committee
- France Invest – La Commission ESG
- BVCA – Responsible Investment Advisory Board
- CDP Climate Change
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Climate Action 100+
- Code for Responsible Investment in SA (CRISA)
- Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- Eumedion
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- ESG Research Australia
- Invest Europe Responsible Investment Roundtable
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Green Bond Principles
- HKVCA: ESG Committee
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
- Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
- Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
- International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)
- Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- Principles for Financial Action in the 21st Century
- Principles for Sustainable Insurance
- Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
- Responsible Finance Principles in Inclusive Finance
- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
- United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
- United Nations Global Compact

- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

We have been working with several of our asset owners clients on direct ESG engagements with portfolio companies.

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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

We have historically found co-ordination of large scale initiatives to be quite unwieldy, particularly when different parties are trying to achieve different outcomes. We have to date preferred to work with a handful of investors or asset owners on a case by case basis. For example, we continue to work with a Scandinavian client of ours on Samsung Electronics.

We are open and actively looking for initiatives where there is sufficient coverage of our investment universe and opportunities for meaningful collaboration. While we are reluctant to sign up to a long list of initiatives as a marketing exercise, we do follow these initiatives closely and regularly draw on their publications and research tools. The Transition Pathway Initiative and FAIRR Initiative have been particularly welcome developments while SASB industry guidelines continue to inform our bottom up analysis of our portfolio companies. Several pieces of research by the IIGCC are helping us to refine our assumptions to inform scenario analysis.

More widely we have found our work is informed and improved by research published by bodies such as: the ILO, the ICCR, The Fair Labour Association, Know the Chain, Responsible Mining Foundation, Mekong Club, China Labour Watch, Solidaridad Network, Greenpeace and Sedex.

- 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 the actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment independently of collaborative initiatives. Provide a description of your role in contributing to the objectives of the selected action and the typical frequency of your participation/contribution.

- Provided or supported education or training programmes (this includes peer to peer RI support) Your education or training may be for clients, investment managers, actuaries, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers etc.)
- Provided financial support for academic or industry research on responsible investment
- Provided input and/or collaborated with academia on RI related work

Description

We have spoken to a number of academics about changing dietary habits and consequences for food safety over the next decade and what the role of investors could/should be.

Frequency of contribution

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

Description

Convened workshop for New City Initiative members to learn more about PRI and benefits of becoming a signatory

Frequency of contribution

- Quarterly or more frequently
 - Biannually
 - Annually
 - Less frequently than annually
 - Ad hoc
 - Other
- Responded to RI related consultations by non-governmental organisations (OECD, FSB etc.)
- Wrote and published articles on responsible investment in the media
- A member of PRI advisory committees/ working groups, specify
- On the Board of, or officially advising, other RI organisations (e.g. local SIFs)
- Other, specify

specify description

Recently participated in an FRC/FCA workshop on 'Aligning stewardship objectives across the institutional investment community'.

Description

Shared insight and perspectives on how asset owners set and communicate their stewardship objectives and how effectively these are adopted by asset managers and service providers.

Frequency of contribution

- Quarterly or more frequently
 - Biannually
 - Annually
 - Less frequently than annually
 - Ad hoc
 - Other
- No

Outsourcing to fiduciary managers and investment consultants

SG 12

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 4

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

SG 12.1

Indicate whether your organisation uses investment consultants.

- Yes, we use investment consultants
- No, we do not use investment consultants.

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

SG 13.3

Additional information. [OPTIONAL]

We are keen to better understand portfolio sensitivity to transition risk and opportunities by looking at the potential returns impact be under different scenarios (with at least one scenario in which warming is limited to 2C or less, in line with the Paris Agreement). We are currently reviewing providers - choosing the right methodology and ensuring that we have all the relevant disclosures from our companies is important. Deep engagement from portfolio managers in the climate scenario analysis process and formation of underlying assumptions will also be key.

Communication

SG 19

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2, 6

SG 19.1

Indicate whether your organisation typically discloses asset class specific information proactively. Select the frequency of the disclosure to clients/beneficiaries and the public, and provide a URL to the public information.

Listed equity - Incorporation

Do you disclose?

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

Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries	
	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Broad approach to ESG incorporation <input checked="" type="radio"/> Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used
	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Frequency</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or more frequently <input type="checkbox"/> Biannually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ad-hoc/when requested

Listed equity - Engagement

Do you disclose?

- We do not disclose to either clients/beneficiaries or the public.
- We disclose to clients/beneficiaries only.
- We disclose to the public

Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries	
	<p>Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details on the overall engagement strategy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details on the selection of engagement cases and definition of objectives of the selections, priorities and specific goals</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of engagements undertaken</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by type/topic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by region</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assessment of the current status of the progress achieved and outcomes against defined objectives</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examples of engagement cases</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details on eventual escalation strategy taken after the initial dialogue has been unsuccessful (i.e. filing resolutions, issuing a statement, voting against management, divestment etc.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Details on whether the provided information has been externally assured</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other information</p>
	<p>Frequency</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or more frequently</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biannually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ad-hoc/when requested</p>

Listed equity – (Proxy) Voting

Do you disclose?

- We do not disclose to either clients/beneficiaries or the public.
- We disclose to clients/beneficiaries only.
- We disclose to the public

Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries	
Disclosure to clients/beneficiaries	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Disclose all voting decisions <input type="radio"/> Disclose some voting decisions <input type="radio"/> Only disclose abstentions and votes against management
Frequency	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly or more frequently <input type="checkbox"/> Biannually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently than annually <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc/when requested

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ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities

Implementation processes

LEI 01	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
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LEI 01.1	Indicate which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed listed equities; and the breakdown of your actively managed listed equities by strategy or combination of strategies.
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ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply)

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

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied — you may estimate +/- 5%	<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 90%; background-color: #0072bc; color: white;">%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">100</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		%	100	
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- Screening and integration strategies
- Thematic and integration strategies
- Screening and thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- We do not apply incorporation strategies

	Total actively managed listed equities
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100%

LEI 01.2	Describe your organisation's approach to ESG incorporation and the reasons for choosing the particular strategy/strategies.
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The cornerstone of our research process is a risk framework centered around 4 key stock specific risks, against which we assess all prospective and existing investments: Business Risk, Financial Risk, Corporate Governance Risk, Valuation Risk. It is by ensuring that our investments are not excessively exposed to these four risks collectively that we are able to get comfortable with their suitability for our portfolios. Corporate governance in emerging markets has such an explicit bearing on stock price performance that it is a mature and standalone category of analysis in our research process.

After an extensive period of study we concluded that the following three sustainability factors encompass many of the other non-financial factors that can have an equally material impact on core business profitability and long-term investment returns:

- The environmental impact of production
- The treatment of human labour
- Product responsibility

We consider these factors components of Business Risk on the basis that they can have a material impact on underlying business profitability from a loss of sales, financial censure or reputation. These factors, and particularly their sub-components, are relevant to companies in varying degrees (e.g. emissions are more of a




concern for a chemicals manufacturer than a retail bank) but at least one of these factors is applicable to every company in our universe. We are also able to demonstrate how a deterioration in each of these factors can have a material impact on a company's profitability and share price performance. We do not expect these factors to encompass all relevant social and environmental issues. We do however think that they provide a more refined framework than the more widely adopted but looser 'ESG' perspective.

As components of Business Risk, the environmental impact of production, the treatment of human labour and product responsibility are assessed as part of our core due diligence on companies. Findings are recorded in our initiation notes and in annual updates thereafter. As with any new piece of information, assessing materiality is essential. The team are required to make an explicit assessment of the materiality (low, medium or high) of each of the three sustainability factors when conducting due diligence on a company. If a risk is considered elevated, further information is sought in the same manner as other potential threats to core business profitability. If a sustainability factor is thought to pose an intolerably high threat to core profitability, the company in question would be discarded. For less extreme cases, the sustainability analysis may impact the future rates of growth in demand, operating or capital costs assumed in our financial modelling. A key challenge is designing methods to elicit valuable information from companies beyond their statutory CSR reports or prepared ESG responses. We have developed a bank of questions that are continually field tested and refined by our investment team to help uncover valuable information over boilerplate answers.

Sustainability analysis training, the evolution of our process and the incorporation of ESG principles into our investment activities is overseen by our Partner, Anthony Linehan, with the support of the other senior members of our investment team. However, by design, the learning process is iterative and requires committed contribution from the wider investment team using real world experiences.

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG factors

LEI 08	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
LEI 08.1	Indicate the proportion of actively managed listed equity portfolios where E, S and G factors are systematically researched as part of your investment analysis.			

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

LEI 08.2 Additional information. [Optional]

We have embedded analysis of environmental and social factors into the assessment of core BUSINESS RISK for each stock under consideration for our portfolios.

This is addition to GOVERNANCE RISK that has been a core part of our approach to investing in Emerging Markets for many years.

It is up to the writing analyst to explicit consider materiality of these factors to BUSINESS RISK and to assess tangible impacts (financial) of the risk deteriorating.

LEI 09	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 09.1

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

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

LEI 09.2

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

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

LEI 09.5

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

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

LEI 09.6

Additional information. [Optional]

The ESG work is presented as an integral part of our individual research notes.

Our interactions with companies on ESG matters is recorded in our bespoke ESG database, as are our formal engagements with companies on matters we deem highly material and posing a high risk to core BUSINESS RISK.

We also conduct an extensive annual sustainability review of holdings in the portfolio. Each analyst has to update portfolio managers with the ESG risk in every stock in the fund under their coverage.

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Overview

LEA 01

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2

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LEA 01.1

Indicate whether your organisation has an active ownership policy (includes engagement and/or voting).

Yes

LEA 01.2

Attach or provide a URL to your active ownership policy.

Attachment provided:

[File 1:19-04-09 Somerset Capital - Sustainable Investment Policy.pdf](#)

URL provided:

LEA 01.3

Indicate what your active engagement policy covers:

General approach to Active Ownership

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

Engagement

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

Voting

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

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

- Yes
- No

Engagement

LEA 02

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 1,2,3

LEA 02.1 Indicate the method of engagement, giving reasons for the interaction.

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

LEA 02.4

Additional information. [Optional]

We make a distinction between a discussion with a company on a sustainability issue (this could be a request for further information) and a formal engagement. The latter occurs when an issue has been identified by our investment team as posing a material risk to core business profitability or minority shareholder returns, and requires an engagement to try and reduce the risk, potentially enhancing the value of our investment. This is more formal process (internally for SCM), where we identify the aim of the engagement and a series of waymarkers and a timeline for progress on the issue. Ultimately if the risk remains very high and the company doesn't to act or prove us wrong, we will sell the stock. The team log discussions and formal engagements in a database.

LEA 03

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2

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

LEA 03.1

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

Yes

LEA 03.2

Indicate the criteria used to identify and prioritise engagements for each type of engagement.

Type of engagement	Criteria used to identify/prioritise engagements
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Individual / Internal staff engagements</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography/market of the companies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Materiality of the ESG factors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exposure (size of holdings) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responses to ESG impacts that have already occurred <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to divestment pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation with clients/beneficiaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultation with other stakeholders (e.g. NGOs, trade unions, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up from a voting decision <input type="checkbox"/> Client request <input type="checkbox"/> Breaches of international norms <input type="checkbox"/> Other; (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> We do not outline engagement criteria for our individual engagements
Collaborative engagements	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Collaborative engagements</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Potential to enhance knowledge of ESG issues through other investors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ability to have greater impact on ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ability to add value to the collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Geography/market of the companies targeted by the collaboration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Materiality of the ESG factors addressed by the collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure (size of holdings) to companies targeted by the collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to ESG impacts addressed by the collaboration that have already occurred <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to divestment pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up from a voting decision <input type="checkbox"/> Alleviate the resource burden of engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation with clients/beneficiaries <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation with other stakeholders (e.g. NGOs, trade unions, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other; (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> We do not outline engagement criteria for our collaborative engagement providers

No

LEA 03.3

Additional information. [Optional]

Identifying and prioritising engagement is an art not an exact science. It is also a collaborative process where covering analysts sit down with fund managers and discuss issues causing concern, the most effective way to approach a subject with a portfolio company and the possibility for actually achieving change.

LEA 04	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

LEA 04.1 Indicate whether you define specific objectives for your organisation's engagement activities.

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

LEA 04.2 Additional information. [Optional]

One of the motivations for hiring Olivia Seddon-Daines as a Sustainability Specialist to sit in the investment team was so that she could support analysts and Fund managers to shape and drive forward engagements with portfolio companies.

LEA 05	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 05.1 Indicate whether you monitor and/or review engagement outcomes.

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

LEA 05.2 Indicate whether you do any of the following to monitor and/or review the progress of engagement activities.

Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input type="checkbox"/> Define timelines/milestones for your objectives <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Track and/or monitor progress against defined objectives and/or KPIs <input type="checkbox"/> Track and/or monitor the progress of action taken when original objectives are not met <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revisit and, if necessary, revise objectives on a continuous basis <input type="checkbox"/> Other; specify
Collaborative engagements	<input type="checkbox"/> Define timelines/milestones for your objectives <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Track and/or monitor progress against defined objectives and/or KPIs <input type="checkbox"/> Track and/or monitor the progress of action taken when original objectives are not met <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revisit and, if necessary, revise objectives on a continuous basis <input type="checkbox"/> Other; specify

LEA 05.3

Additional information. [Optional]

Objectives and KPIs are explored in depth during the annual sustainability review but the fund teams are responsible for reviewing the progress of engagements throughout the year and considering whether to intensify, escalate or discontinue the objectives as the situation demands.

LEA 06	Mandatory	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 2,4
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LEA 06.1

Indicate whether your organisation has an escalation strategy when engagements are unsuccessful.

Yes

LEA 06.2

Indicate the escalation strategies used at your organisation following unsuccessful engagements.

- Collaborating with other investors
- Issuing a public statement
- Filing/submitting a shareholder resolution
- Voting against the re-election of the relevant directors
- Voting against the board of directors or the annual financial report
- Submitting nominations for election to the board
- Seeking legal remedy / litigation
- Reducing exposure (size of holdings)
- Divestment
- Other; specify

No

LEA 08	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 2
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LEA 08.1

Indicate whether you track the number of your engagement activities.

Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Individual/Internal staff 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
Collaborative engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of collaborative engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our collaborative engagements <input type="radio"/> We do not track

LEA 08.2

Additional information. [Optional]

We previously built a bespoke EM ESG database to record discussions and engagements with our portfolio companies, as well as to share our insight into practices across industries and markets in EM. This is a valuable shared resource, built by the Investment team, for the investment team. There is room to develop this resource and further embed it into the investment team's workflow.

(Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions

LEA 12

Mandatory

Public

Descriptive

PRI 2

LEA 12.1

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

Approach

- We use our own research or voting team and make voting decisions without the use of service providers.
- We hire service providers who make voting recommendations and/or provide research that we use to guide our voting decisions.

Based on

- The service-provider voting policy we sign off on
- Our own voting policy
- Our clients' requests or policies
- Other (explain)

In the absence of specific voting guidelines mandated by particular clients, the Firm will endeavour to vote proxies in the best interests of each client

- We hire service providers who make voting decisions on our behalf, except in some pre-defined scenarios where we review and make voting decisions.
- We hire service providers who make voting decisions on our behalf.

LEA 12.2

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

We take into account information from various sources including our own meetings with companies, our previous voting decisions and engagement, and information provided by external parties (including our proxy advisor ISS but will generally apply the following guidelines in voting proxies:

1. For routine housekeeping proposals such as the reappointment of auditors and the approval of accounts, we will generally vote in favour.
2. For proposals which limit shareholders' ability to replace management or directors of an issuer, or cause management to be overrepresented on the board, introduces cumulative voting, unequal voting rights and creates supermajority voting, we will generally vote against.

For other proposals, we determine whether a proposal is in the best interest of its clients and may take into account the following factors, among others:

- whether the proposal was recommended by management and our opinion of management;
- whether the proposal acts to entrench existing management;
- whether the proposal fairly compensates management for past and future performance; and
- whether the proposal is likely to strengthen the issuer's business franchise and therefore benefit its shareholders over a time frame that is relevant for our clients' portfolio

Process

All proxies notified to us by our clients' custodians will be referred to the fund managers who are the only ones authorised to vote proxies, where applicable, on behalf of clients.

The fund managers will be provided with the following information:

- The accounts containing the security to which the proxy relates; and
- The number of votes each client portfolio controls (reconciling any duplications) and the date by which the proxy must be voted in order to allow enough time for the completed proxy to be returned to the issuer prior to the voting taking place.

The Compliance Officer will also be informed of the proxy vote notification. Absent material conflicts of interest notified by the fund manager voting the proxy, the decision on how to vote the proxy will be communicated by the fund manager to the Operations team who will in turn communicate this to the client custodian to enable them to process the vote. The Compliance Officer will review proxies voted no less than annually to ensure that they were voted in accordance with these guidelines.

LEA 12.3

Additional information.[Optional]

The covering analyst and relevant fund manager receive ISS research prior to any vote, and meet to discuss relevant actions. We often vote against ISS and/or the management and this decision is taken after the fund manager and analyst have discussed the topic. Any large contentious issues are discussed by the wider team at the weekly investment meeting.

LEA 15**Mandatory****Public****Descriptive****PRI 2**

LEA 15.1

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

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

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

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

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

LEA 16.2

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

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

LEA 16.3

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

- Yes
- No

LEA 16.4	Additional information. [Optional]
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We currently engage with portfolio companies ahead of voting at annual general meeting on an adhoc basis. Engagements prior to AGM's tend to pertain governance issues. For example, we recently discussed proposed changes to Executive Directors' remuneration with the Chair of a portfolio company's Remuneration Committee in advance of their AGM.

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

	Votes cast (to the nearest 1%)
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95

	Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated
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- Of the total number of ballot items on which you could have issued instructions
- Of the total number of company meetings at which you could have voted
- Of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which you could have voted
- We do not track or collect this information

LEA 17.2	Explain your reason(s) for not voting on certain holdings
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- Shares were blocked
- Notice, ballots or materials not received on time
- Missed deadline
- Geographical restrictions (non-home market)
- Cost
- Conflicts of interest
- Holdings deemed too small
- Administrative impediments (e.g., power of attorney requirements, ineligibility due to participation in share placement)
- Client request
- Other (explain)

With the exception of some Frontier markets where our custodians do not offer proxy voting services, we vote on all occasions.

LEA 19	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 19.1

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

- Yes
- No

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Confidence building measures

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Confidence building measures

CM1 01	Mandatory	Public	Additional Assessed	General
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CM1 01.1 Indicate whether the reported information you have provided for your PRI Transparency Report this year has undergone:

- Third party assurance over selected responses from this year's PRI Transparency Report
- Third party assurance over data points from other sources that have subsequently been used in your PRI responses this year
- Third party assurance or audit of the correct implementation of RI processes (that have been reported to the PRI this year)
- Internal audit of the correct implementation of RI processes and/or accuracy of RI data (that have been reported to the PRI this year)
- Internal verification of responses before submission to the PRI (e.g. by the CEO or the board)
 - Whole PRI Transparency Report has been internally verified
 - Selected data has been internally verified
- Other, specify
- None of the above

CM1 02	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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CM1 02.1 We undertook third party assurance on last year's PRI Transparency Report

- Whole PRI Transparency Report was assured last year
- Selected data was assured in last year's PRI Transparency Report
- We did not assure last year's PRI Transparency report
- None of the above, we were in our preparation year and did not report last year.

CM1 03	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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CM1 03.1 We undertake confidence building measures that are unspecific to the data contained in our PRI Transparency Report:

- We adhere to an RI certification or labelling scheme
- We carry out independent/third party assurance over a whole public report (such as a sustainability report) extracts of which are included in this year's PRI Transparency Report
- ESG audit of holdings
- Other, specify
- None of the above

CM1 04	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General
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CM1 04.1 Do you plan to conduct third party assurance of this year's PRI Transparency report?

- Whole PRI Transparency Report will be assured
- Selected data will be assured
- We do not plan to assure this year's PRI Transparency report

CM1 07

Mandatory

Public

Descriptive

General

CM1 07.1

Indicate who has reviewed/verified internally the whole - or selected data of the - PRI Transparency Report . and if this applies to selected data please specify what data was reviewed

Who has conducted the verification

- CEO or other Chief-Level staff

Sign-off or review of responses

- Sign-off
- Review of responses
- The Board
- Investment Committee
- Compliance Function
- RI/ESG Team
- Investment Teams
- Legal Department
- Other (specify)