



# CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY REPORT 2020

SKAGEN AS

# 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/-9291FC3D-F2A6-4C39-9142-B7C573A0FD29/79894dbc337a40828d895f9402aa63de/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	-					
SG 13.5 CC	-					
SG 13.6 CC	-					
SG 13.7 CC	-					
SG 13.8 CC	-					
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

<b>Name</b>	SKAGEN AS
<b>Signatory Category</b>	Fund Management - Majority
<b>Signatory Type</b>	Investment Manager
<b>Size</b>	US\$ 5 - 9.99 billion AUM
<b>Main Asset Class</b>	>50% Listed Equity Internally Managed
<b>Signed PRI Initiative</b>	2012
<b>Region</b>	Europe
<b>Country</b>	Norway
<b>Disclosure of Voluntary Indicators</b>	100% from 38 Voluntary indicators

# SKAGEN AS

## 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 01.6** Additional information [Optional].

<https://www.skagenfunds.com/about-us/responsible-investing/Storebrand-Group-ESG-Policy/>

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.

Our ESG Policy itself identifies climate-related risks in the sense that we screen away exposure to coal and oil sand that is above a certain income threshold. The reason it is a threshold is because we seek to support companies transitioning away from fossil fuels whilst fully excluding those producers whose main purpose and revenue stream is derived from fossil fuel and coal. Moreover, in 2019, the group introduced a policy on deforestation that seeks to avoid companies contributing to deforestation and engage with holdings who might contribute or have exposure to such activities. The rationale for these criteria apply both to transition and physical risk: transition due to risk related to future policy responses to increase liabilities on the oil and gas industry due to the physical risk they present to the climate. Moreover, we identify material physical climate related risks in our engagements.

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.

We typically invest with a 3-5 year investment horizon. In this time scale all our investments are evaluated in terms of risks and opportunities.

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

SKAGEN is part of the Storebrand Group who joined the 'net-zero asset owner alliance' in 2019 and thus committed to carbon neutral portfolios by 2050.

- 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

**Dedicated responsible investment staff**

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

**External managers or service providers**

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

**SG 07.6 CC** For board-level roles that have climate-related issue oversight/accountability or implementation responsibilities, indicate how these responsibilities are executed.

In line with the agreements that the Storebrand Group has signed, SKAGEN now is following and addressing the climate related issues related to its portfolios. SKAGEN's board will have an oversight of the work that the company is doing in this respect, including amongst other things the exclusion of coal related companies and the focus on deforestation.

**ESG issues in asset allocation**

<b>SG 13</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Descriptive</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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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
- 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]

SKAGEN does not use scenario analysis and/or modelling as of now. Only on a few ad-hoc occasions have we used the <https://2degrees-investing.org/> to see how our funds fare under various scenarios. That said, as part of the Storebrand Asset Management the focus on this has been increasing. Work on how to report along the lines of the recommendations from the Task Force on Climate Related Disclosures is ongoing.

<b>SG 14</b>	<b>Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Additional Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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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 14.5**

Additional information [Optional]

The carbon intensity of our funds is reported through Storebrand and is publicly available on their website.

<b>SG 14 CC</b>	<b>Voluntary</b>	<b>Public</b>		<b>General</b>
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**SG 14.6 CC** Provide further details on the key metric(s) used to assess climate-related risks and opportunities.

<b>Metric Type</b>	<b>Coverage</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Metric Unit</b>	<b>Metric Methodology</b>
<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	To give an updated overview of the carbon footprint of the portfolios.	Carbon Intensity (Total (Scope 1+2) CO2 Equivalents (t)/ Total Sales (per mn Fund Currency))	
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**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
- Processes for climate-related risks are not integrated into overall risk management

Please describe

As a stock picker we select individual companies for inclusion into our portfolios. These companies will be subject to risk and reward evaluations related to climate change. Climate risks in companies are uncovered and assessed both in the screening of potential investments as well as existing investments when conducting our quarterly screenings.

**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.

<b>SG 15</b>	<b>Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Descriptive</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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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
- No

