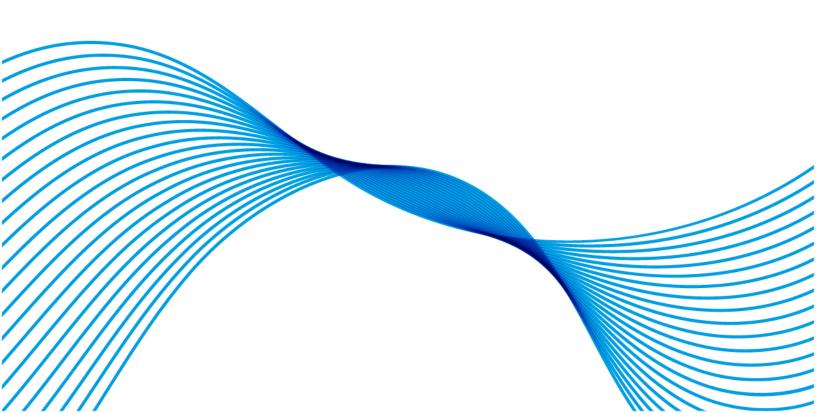
## Principles for Responsible Investment

## PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY REPORT

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## **Milford Asset Management**

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# About this report

PRI reporting is the largest global reporting project on responsible investment. It was developed with investors, for investors.

PRI signatories are required to report publicly on their responsible investment activities each year. In turn, they receive a number of outputs, including a public and private Transparency Report.

The public Transparency Reports, which are produced using signatories' reported information, provide accountability and support signatories to have internal discussions about their practices and to discuss these with their clients, beneficiaries, and other stakeholders.

This public Transparency Report is an export of the signatory's responses to the PRI Reporting Framework during the 2023 reporting period. It includes the signatory's responses to core indicators, as well as responses to plus indicators that the signatory has agreed to make public.

In response to signatory feedback, the PRI has not summarised signatories' responses – the information in this document is presented exactly as it was reported.

For each of the indicators in this document, all options selected by the signatory are presented, including links and qualitative responses. In some indicators, all applicable options are included for additional context.

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# **SENIOR LEADERSHIP STATEMENT (SLS)**

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SLS 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Senior Leadership Statement	GENERAL

#### Section 1. Our commitment

Why does your organisation engage in responsible investment?

• What is your organisation's overall approach to responsible investment, and what major responsible investment commitment(s) have you made?

The Milford investment team have always looked for the best companies. It is clear to us that the best companies are those committed to sustainable practices and are the businesses that, over time, will deliver better operational outcomes, more resilient business models and ultimately, stronger shareholder returns. Every company needs to act to achieve the transition to a more sustainable future. Rather than just avoid harm, we believe it is our duty to use our seat at the table to help drive this transition. Our active management approach and research capability underpins our belief that we can best play our part by using our influence as to push the companies we invest in to improve the sustainability of their practices.

By doing this, we are also increasing a company's potential to achieve long-term financial success.

At Milford, everything we do is embedded in our active management approach and our approach to sustainability is no different. We have a large team using a wide range of strategies to identify the best investments in changing market conditions. This includes a dedicated Sustainable Investment team researching best practice across Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors in every sector we invest in. As well as enabling us to identify areas of ESG related risks and opportunities across our holdings, this research underpins our communications with companies to drive them to improve their sustainability performance.

Our process involves:

1.

Sector-based exclusions

2. Detailed sustainability analysis, risk/ opportunities assessment, engagement identification and rating using our proprietary assessment tool, the 'ESG Checklist'

3. Proactive engagement activities across a range of companies we invest in

4. Active proxy voting and governance-based engagements to inform our proxy voting activities

5.



Reactive engagements using our proprietary assessment tool the 'Controversy Matrix'

6. Policy engagement, particularly in our core Australasian markets

7. Comprehensive disclosure including our policies, engagement activities and outcomes and company exclusions

Our primary sustainability commitments are our membership of UNPRI, RIAA, Climate Action 100+ and the NZ Stewardship Code. We are members of these associations to represent our commitment to consistently incorporate sustainability into our investment decisions and act as good stewards of capital as well as to help us deliver best practice policy, processes, engagement and disclosure.

#### Section 2. Annual overview

Discuss your organisation's progress during the reporting year on the responsible investment issue you consider most relevant or material to your organisation or its assets.

Reflect on your performance with respect to your organisation's responsible investment objectives and targets during the reporting year. Details might include, for example, outlining your single most important achievement or describing your general progress on topics such as the following (where applicable):

- · refinement of ESG analysis and incorporation
- · stewardship activities with investees and/or with policymakers
- · collaborative engagements
- · attainment of responsible investment certifications and/or awards

Since the last UNPRI reporting period we have invested in additional Sustainability resource, enhanced our strategy, refined our processes and enhanced our engagement activities. In particular, we have:

 Expanded and improved our 'ESG Checklist', our core assessment tool used for each company we invest in, and introduced compliance processes to ensure no company is missed and the process is completely comprehensively.
 2.

Developed our 'Controversy Matrix' to enhance our assessment of, and response to, controversies across our holdings.

3. Broadened our dedicated ESG research provision to educate the Investment Team on ESG best practice for assessment purposes and risk and opportunities identification across the sectors and themes we invest in.

4. Expanded our engagement activities including a publicly disclosed engagement schedule based on the companies with the greatest potential to cause harm and our ability to have the most influence.

5.

Joined Climate Action 100+ to participate in group engagements

6. Achieved RIAA Leader status

7. Achieved RIAA Certification of the Kiwisaver Active Growth Fund

8. Become a founding signatory of the New Zealand Stewardship Code

We have also progressed our sustainability activities at a corporate level by joining the Toitū net carbonzero programme in March 2023 to measure and reduce emissions across our organisation.

#### Section 3. Next steps

• What specific steps has your organisation outlined to advance your commitment to responsible investment in the next two years?

We have outlined two major steps to progress our sustainability activities in the next two years.

Firstly, we are progressing Milford's first Climate Statements for our Investment Schemes to be published mid-2024 for the 12 months to 31 March 2024 in response to New Zealand's Mandatory Climate Disclosure regime. This reporting is in line with TCFD standards, and will include detailed information on our sustainability governance, risk management, strategy, metrics and targets. This will enhance our disclosures to enable our investors to understand our sustainability impact, and include a engagement based sustainability target which will provide a platform through which to further enhance and increase our engagement activities.

Secondly, We are piloting a potential Sustainability Fund by operating a \$10m sleeve within the Aggressive fund.



This sleeve is Milford's first dual purpose portfolio, targeting both capital growth and sustainability outcomes across three main themes: the energy transition, protecting the world's resources and social wellbeing. The sleeve will remain small while we understand the ability to deliver returns in a concentrated sub-set of the market and prove impact in listed equity. The test phase is expected to run for at least six months before revisiting the design and objectives and making a decision on suitability for clients.

#### Section 4. Endorsement

'The Senior Leadership Statement has been prepared and/or reviewed by the undersigned and reflects our organisation-wide commitment and approach to responsible investment'.

Name

Wayne Gentle

Position

Chief Investment Officer

Organisation's Name

Milford Asset Management

#### **A**

'This endorsement applies only to the Senior Leadership Statement and should not be considered an endorsement of the information reported by the above-mentioned organisation in the various modules of the Reporting Framework. The Senior Leadership Statement serves as a general overview of the above-mentioned organisation's responsible investment approach. The Senior Leadership Statement does not constitute advice and should not be relied upon as such. Further, it is not a substitute for the skill, judgement and experience of any third parties, their management, employees, advisors and/or clients when making investment and other business decisions'.
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# **ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW (OO)**

## **ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION**

### **REPORTING YEAR**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Reporting year	GENERAL

#### What is the year-end date of the 12-month period you have chosen to report for PRI reporting purposes?

	Date	Month	Year
Year-end date of the 12-month period for PRI reporting purposes:	31	03	2023



### SUBSIDIARY INFORMATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 2	CORE	N/A	00 2.1	PUBLIC	Subsidiary information	GENERAL

#### Does your organisation have subsidiaries?

#### (A) Yes

• (B) No

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 2.1	CORE	00 2	00 2.2	PUBLIC	Subsidiary information	GENERAL

Are any of your organisation's subsidiaries PRI signatories in their own right?

• (A) Yes

(B) No

## **ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT**

## ALL ASSET CLASSES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 4	CORE	00 3	N/A	PUBLIC	All asset classes	GENERAL

What are your total assets under management (AUM) at the end of the reporting year, as indicated in [OO 1]?



	USD
(A) AUM of your organisation, including subsidiaries, and excluding the AUM subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research advisory only	US\$ 10,942,331,086.00
(B) AUM of subsidiaries that are PRI signatories in their own right and excluded from this submission, as indicated in [OO 2.2]	US\$ 0.00
(C) AUM subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research advisory only	US\$ 0.00

#### Additional information on the exchange rate used: (Voluntary)

We have used the NZD USD exchange at 31 March 2023 (date of the AUM at the end of the reporting year as indicated in 001) of 0.61261.

#### **ASSET BREAKDOWN**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 5	CORE	OO 3	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown	GENERAL

Provide a percentage breakdown of your total AUM at the end of the reporting year as indicated in [OO 1].

	(1) Percentage of Internally managed AUM	(2) Percentage of Externally managed AUM
(A) Listed equity	>50-75%	0%
(B) Fixed income	>10-50%	0%
(C) Private equity	>0-10%	0%
(D) Real estate	0%	0%
(E) Infrastructure	0%	0%



(F) Hedge funds	0%	0%
(G) Forestry	0%	0%
(H) Farmland	0%	0%
(I) Other	>10-50%	0%
(J) Off-balance sheet	0%	0%

#### (I) Other - (1) Percentage of Internally managed AUM - Specify:

Other is cash and cash equivalents

## ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED EQUITY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle	
OO 5.3 LE	CORE	OO 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed listed equity	GENERAL	
Provide a furthe	Provide a further breakdown of your internally managed listed equity AUM.						
(A) Passive eq	uity 0%						
(B) Active – qu	antitative 0%						
(C) Active – fu	ndamental >75	%					
(D) Other strat	egies 0%						



### ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED FIXED INCOME

Ind	licator	Type of indica	ator Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
oc	) 5.3 Fl	CORE	OO 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed fixed income	GENERAL
Provide a further breakdown o			our internally manage	ed fixed income	AUM.		
	(A) Passive – S	SA 09	%				
	(B) Passive – co	orporate 0%	%				
	(C) Active – SS	A >(	)-10%				
	(D) Active – cor	porate >7	75%				
	(E) Securitised	09	%				
	(F) Private debt	>(	)-10%				

## ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED PRIVATE EQUITY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.3 PE	CORE	00 5	N/A	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed private equity	GENERAL

#### Provide a further breakdown of your internally managed private equity AUM.

(A) Venture capital	0%
(B) Growth capital	>50-75%
(C) (Leveraged) buy-out	0%



(D) Distressed, turnaround or special situations	>10-50%
(E) Secondaries	>0-10%
(F) Other	0%

### **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 7	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Geographical breakdown	GENERAL

How much of your AUM in each asset class is invested in emerging markets and developing economies?

	AUM in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies
(A) Listed equity	(2) >0 to 10%
(B) Fixed income – SSA	(1) 0%
(C) Fixed income – corporate	(1) 0%
(E) Fixed income – private debt	(1) 0%
(F) Private equity	(1) 0%



## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 8	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Stewardship	GENERAL

Does your organisation conduct stewardship activities, excluding (proxy) voting, for any of your assets?

	(1) Listed equity - active	(3) Fixed income - active	(5) Private equity	(11) Other
(A) Yes, through internal staff			$\checkmark$	
(B) Yes, through service providers				
(C) Yes, through external managers				
(D) We do not conduct stewardship	0	0	0	۲

### **STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

Does your organisation conduct (proxy) voting activities for any of your listed equity holdings?



#### (1) Listed equity - active

(A) Yes, through internal staff	
(B) Yes, through service providers	
(C) Yes, through external managers	
(D) We do not conduct (proxy) voting	0

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9.1	CORE	00 9	PGS 10.1, PGS 31	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

For each asset class, on what percentage of your listed equity holdings do you have the discretion to vote?

## Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote

#### **STEWARDSHIP NOT CONDUCTED**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 10	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship not conducted	2

Describe why your organisation does not currently conduct stewardship and/or (proxy) voting.

Stewardship, excluding (proxy) voting (K) Other

Our 'Other' investments are cash and cash equivalents for which we are unable to conduct stewardship activities.



## **ESG INCORPORATION**

## **INTERNALLY MANAGED ASSETS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 11	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Internally managed assets	1

For each internally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors into your investment decisions?

	(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors into our investment decisions	(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors into our investment decisions
(C) Listed equity - active - fundamental	۲	o
(E) Fixed income - SSA	۲	o
(F) Fixed income - corporate	۲	0
(H) Fixed income - private debt	۲	0
(I) Private equity	۲	0
(V) Other: Other is cash and cash equivalents	0	۲



#### **ESG NOT INCORPORATED**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 16	CORE	00 11, 00 12– 14	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG not incorporated	1

Describe why your organisation does not currently incorporate ESG factors into your investment decisions.

Internally managed

(O) Other

Our "Other" investments refer to cash and cash equivalents, for which it is not possible to apply our processes.

## **ESG STRATEGIES**

## LISTED EQUITY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 17 LE	CORE	00 11	00 17.1 LE, LE 12	PUBLIC	Listed equity	1

Which ESG incorporation approach and/or combination of approaches does your organisation apply to your internally managed active listed equity?

	Percentage out of total internally managed active listed equity
(A) Screening alone	0%
(B) Thematic alone	0%
(C) Integration alone	0%
(D) Screening and integration	0%
(E) Thematic and integration	0%
(F) Screening and thematic	0%
(G) All three approaches combined	>75%



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 17.1 LE	CORE	00 17 LE	LE 9	PUBLIC	Listed equity	1

What type of screening does your organisation use for your internally managed active listed equity assets where a screening approach is applied?

	Percentage coverage out of your total listed equity assets where a screening approach is applied
(A) Positive/best-in-class screening only	0%
(B) Negative screening only	>75%
(C) A combination of screening approaches	0%

#### **FIXED INCOME**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 17 FI	CORE	OO 5.3 FI, OO 11	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Fixed income	1

Which ESG incorporation approach and/or combination of approaches does your organisation apply to your internally managed active fixed income?

	(1) Fixed income - SSA	(2) Fixed income - corporate
(A) Screening alone	0%	0%
(B) Thematic alone	0%	0%
(C) Integration alone	>10-50%	0%



(D) Screening and integration	>50-75%	0%
(E) Thematic and integration	0%	0%
(F) Screening and thematic	0%	0%
(G) All three approaches combined	0%	>75%
(H) None	0%	0%

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 17.1 FI	CORE	00 17 FI	N/A	PUBLIC	Fixed income	1

What type of screening does your organisation use for your internally managed active fixed income where a screening approach is applied?

	(1) Fixed income - SSA	(2) Fixed income - corporate
(A) Positive/best-in-class screening only	0%	0%
(B) Negative screening only	>75%	>75%
(C) A combination of screening approaches	0%	0%

**ESG/SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS AND PRODUCTS** 



### LABELLING AND MARKETING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 18	CORE	00 11–14	00 18.1	PUBLIC	Labelling and marketing	1

Do you explicitly market any of your products and/or funds as ESG and/or sustainable?

(A) Yes, we market products and/or funds as ESG and/or sustainable

Provide the percentage of AUM that your ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products or funds represent:

>10-50%

- (B) No, we do not offer products or funds explicitly marketed as ESG and/or sustainable
- (C) Not applicable; we do not offer products or funds

#### Additional information: (Voluntary)

Our Kiwisaver Active Growth fund is RIAA Certified. RIAA has provided the following text to describe the benefits of certification: RIAA has verified our ESG processes, systems and performance and we have achieved the strict operational and disclosure practices required. We note that our policies and processes are applied to 100% of our AUM except cash, however we have only as yet applied for RIAA Certification for the Kiwisaver Active Growth Fund, and no other Milford Fund, due to capacity and cost considerations.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 18.1	CORE	OO 18	00 18.2	PUBLIC	Labelling and marketing	1

Do any of your ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products and/or funds hold formal ESG and/or RI certification(s) or label(s) awarded by a third party?

(A) Yes, our ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products and/or funds hold formal labels or certifications
 Provide the percentage of AUM that your labelled and/or certified products and/or funds represent:

>10-50%

• (B) No, our ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products and/or funds do not hold formal labels or certifications



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle			
OO 18.2	CORE	OO 18.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Labelling and marketing	1			
Which ESG/RI	Which ESG/RI certifications or labels do you hold?								
<ul> <li>(B) GRESB</li> <li>(C) Austrian</li> <li>(D) B Corpool</li> <li>(E) BREEAN</li> <li>(F) CBI Clim</li> <li>(G) DDV-Na</li> <li>(H) DDV-Na</li> <li>(I) EU Ecola</li> <li>(J) EU Greed</li> <li>(K) Febelfin</li> <li>(L) Finansol</li> <li>(M) FNG-Sie</li> <li>(N) Greenfin</li> <li>(O) Grüner F</li> <li>(P) ICMA Gr</li> <li>(Q) ICMA Sc</li> <li>(R) ICMA SL</li> <li>(S) ICMA SL</li> <li>(T) Kein Vers</li> <li>(U) Luxflag C</li> <li>(W) Luxflag G</li> <li>(X) Luxflag G</li> <li>(A) Luxflag</li> <li>(AC) Nordic</li> <li>(AE) People</li> <li>(AF) RIAA (</li> </ul>	A late Bonds Standard chhaltigkeitskodex-ESG- chhaltigkeitskodex-ESG- bel n Bond Standard label (Belgium) egel Ecolabel (Germany, label (France) Pfandbrief reen Bond Principles ocial Bonds Principles ustainability Bonds Princi ustainability-linked Bonds stoß gegen Atomwaffens ISR (French governmen Climate Finance Environment ESG Green Bond Microfinance I Sustainable Insurance I al stewardship code Swan Ecolabel SRI label based on EURG 's Bank of China green b	-Impact Austria and Switze iples s Principles sperrvertrag t SRI label) Products OSIF SRI Transpar pond guidelines		Novethic)					

### **THEMATIC BONDS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 20	CORE	00 17 FI	FI 15, FI 17	PUBLIC	Thematic bonds	1

What percentage of your total environmental and/or social thematic bonds are labelled by the issuers in accordance with industry-recognised standards?

	Percentage of your total environmental and/or social thematic bonds labelled by the issuers
(A) Green or climate bonds	>50-75%
(B) Social bonds	>0-10%
(C) Sustainability bonds	>10-50%
(D) Sustainability-linked bonds	>10-50%
(E) SDG or SDG-linked bonds	0%
(F) Other	0%
(G) Bonds not labelled by the issuer	0%

SUMMARY OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 21	CORE	Multiple indicators	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Summary of reporting requirements	GENERAL

The following table shows which modules are mandatory or voluntary to report on in the separate PRI asset class modules. Where a module is voluntary, indicate if you wish to report on it.

Applicable modules	(1) Mandatory to report (pre-filled based on previous responses)	(2.1) Voluntary to report. Yes, I want to opt-in to reporting on the module	(2.2) Voluntary to report. No, I want to opt-out of reporting on the module
Policy, Governance and Strategy	۲	0	o
Confidence Building Measures	۲	0	o
(C) Listed equity – active – fundamental	۲	0	o
(E) Fixed income – SSA	ο	۲	o
(F) Fixed income – corporate	۲	0	o
(H) Fixed income – private debt	ο	۲	o
(I) Private equity	o	۲	0



## **OTHER ASSET BREAKDOWNS**

### **PRIVATE EQUITY: SECTORS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 22	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Private equity: Sectors	GENERAL

In which sector(s) are your internally managed private equity assets invested?

🗆 (A) Energy
🗆 (B) Materials
🗹 (C) Industrials
☑ (D) Consumer discretionary
(E) Consumer staples
(F) Healthcare
🗹 (G) Financials
(H) Information technology
$\Box$ (I) Communication services
□ (J) Utilities

 $\Box$  (K) Real estate

### **PRIVATE EQUITY: OWNERSHIP LEVEL**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 23	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Private equity: Ownership level	GENERAL

What is the percentage breakdown of your internally managed private equity investments by the level of ownership?

- What is the percentage breakdown of your internally maning
  ☑ (A) A majority stake (more than 50%) Select from the list:

  ● (1) >0 to 10%
  ○ (2) >10 to 50%

  ☑ (B) A significant minority stake (between 10–50%) Select from the list:

  ○ (1) >0 to 10%
  ○ (2) >10 to 50%
  ● (3) >50 to 75%
  ○ (4) >75%

  ☑ (C) A limited minority stake (less than 10%) Select from the list:

  ○ (1) >0 to 10%
  - (2) >10 to 50%



## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

## **REPORT DISCLOSURE**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 32	CORE	00 3, 00 31	N/A	PUBLIC	Report disclosure	GENERAL

How would you like to disclose the detailed percentage figures you reported throughout the Reporting Framework?

• (A) Publish as absolute numbers

(B) Publish as ranges

# POLICY, GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY (PGS)

## POLICY

### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY ELEMENTS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 1	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1, 2

Which elements are covered in your formal responsible investment policy(ies)?

- ☑ (A) Overall approach to responsible investment
- ☑ (B) Guidelines on environmental factors
- ☑ (C) Guidelines on social factors
- (D) Guidelines on governance factors
- (E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes
- $\Box$  (F) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold
- G (G) Guidelines on exclusions
- (H) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment
- ☑ (I) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees
- □ (J) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement
- $\Box$  (K) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders
- ☑ (L) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting
- (M) Other responsible investment elements not listed here Specify:

Our policy (the Milford Sustainability Statement) includes a detailed discussion of our philosophy, integration process, stewardship & engagement principles and processes, exclusions categories and processes, assurance processes and sustainability driven memberships. This includes information on our ESG Checklist, our internal assessment tool and our Controversy Matrix, our internal controversy assessment tool.



• (N) Our organisation does not have a formal responsible investment policy and/or our policy(ies) do not cover any responsible investment elements

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 2	CORE	PGS 1	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1

#### Does your formal responsible investment policy(ies) include specific guidelines on systematic sustainability issues?

- (A) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)
- (B) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)
- (C) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues

Specify:

We include guidelines on systematic sustainability issues in two ways; firstly, we set out our engagement principles in our Sustainable Investment Policy. These Principles define Milford's position on systematic sustainability issues and all targeted engagement outcomes are in line with these principles. Secondly, we define specific guidelines on systematic sustainability issues in more detail in the firm's ESG Checklist. The ESG Checklist is the primary tool used to integrate sustainability into the investment process. The checklist is built around in-house best practice research that draws from industry-specific best practice research and best practice responsible investment guidelines (such as the UNPRI, RIAA). The checklist captures specific climate change/transition related activities and human rights (specific to PGS 2), as well as a range of other Environmental, Social and Governance issues. Non-exhaustive examples include transition-related capital expenditure, biodiversity, waste and water management, community impact, known controversial incidents, and Board-level considerations. The Checklist measures the target company's performance according to our Best Practice research, and the resulting outcome (Good, Neutral, Poor, Fail) will determine the investibility of that company.

• (D) Our formal responsible investment policy(ies) does not include guidelines on systematic sustainability issues

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 3	CORE	PGS 1, PGS 2	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	6

#### Which elements of your formal responsible investment policy(ies) are publicly available?

#### (A) Overall approach to responsible investment

Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

#### (B) Guidelines on environmental factors

Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

#### ☑ (C) Guidelines on social factors

Add link:



https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

 $\square$  (D) Guidelines on governance factors

Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

- (E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes
  - Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

☑ (F) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors) Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

☑ (G) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors) Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

☑ (H) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

☑ (J) Guidelines on exclusions Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

☑ (K) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

☑ (L) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

☑ (O) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

(P) Other responsible investment aspects not listed here Add link:

https://milfordasset.com/Milford-Sustainable-Investment-Statement

• (Q) No elements of our formal responsible investment policy(ies) are publicly available



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 4	PLUS	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1-6

## Does your formal responsible investment policy(ies) identify a link between your responsible investment activities and your fiduciary duties or equivalent obligations?

#### (A) Yes

Elaborate:

We provide an overview of how we believe we fulfill our fiduciary duty in our Sustainability Philosophy and our Overview of Engagement:

We have two simple objectives; to enhance the risk adjusted returns of our funds and fulfil our fiduciary duty to help drive the transition to a more sustainable future.

Excerpt from Sustainability Philosophy: Every company needs to act to achieve the transition to a more sustainable future. We are acutely aware of our capacity as shareholders to drive positive change and, rather than just avoid harm, it is our duty to use our seat at the table to help the transition. We embrace this opportunity by working with company management, boards and policy makers to push for change. We believe this is how we can best play our part in the transition to a more sustainable future.

Excerpt from 'How we Engage': We define engagement as 'using our influence to encourage the companies we invest in to become more sustainable'. We believe this is our greatest opportunity to make a positive impact due to:

• Our understanding of sustainability issues and the transition to more sustainable business models, enabling educated and impactful engagements.

- Our size and active management approach, which provides influence and access to company management and Boards.
- Our resource and capability to undertake long and difficult engagements with a wide range of companies.

• (B) No

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 5	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

#### Which elements are covered in your organisation's policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship?

☑ (A) Overall stewardship objectives

Image: (B) Prioritisation of specific ESG factors to be advanced via stewardship activities



☑ (C) Criteria used by our organisation to prioritise the investees, policy makers, key stakeholders, or other entities on which to focus our stewardship efforts

☑ (D) How different stewardship tools and activities are used across the organisation

(E) Approach to escalation in stewardship

(F) Approach to collaboration in stewardship

☑ (G) Conflicts of interest related to stewardship

(H) How stewardship efforts and results are communicated across the organisation to feed into investment decisionmaking and vice versa

☑ (I) Other

Specify:

One of the Principles of the New Zealand Stewardship Code is to educate and improve our clients understanding of stewardship and our process, which we do via client facing resources, blogs, videos and policies available on our website and delivered directly to our clients. Our Controversies Matrix process also feeds into our commitment to responsible stewardship. We make clear to our clients our process for addressing controversial incidents and the action we take on their behalf.

• (J) None of the above elements is captured in our policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 6	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

Does your policy on (proxy) voting include voting principles and/or guidelines on specific ESG factors?

(A) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific environmental factors

(B) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific social factors

(C) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific governance factors

• (D) Our policy on (proxy) voting does not include voting principles or guidelines on specific ESG factors

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 7	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

#### Does your organisation have a policy that states how (proxy) voting is addressed in your securities lending programme?

• (A) We have a publicly available policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme

• (B) We have a policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme, but it is not publicly available

• (C) We rely on the policy of our external service provider(s)

• (D) We do not have a policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme

• (E) Not applicable; we do not have a securities lending programme



## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY COVERAGE**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle			
PGS 8	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	1			
What percentage of your total AUM is covered by the below elements of your responsible investment policy(ies)?									
		Combined AUM coverage of all policy elements							
factors (C) Guideline	••			(7) 100%					
Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle			
PGS 9	CORE	PGS 2	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	1			
What proportion of your AUM is covered by your formal policies or guidelines on climate change, human rights, or other systematic sustainability issues?									
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		red by your forma	I policies or gu	iidelines on clii AUM covera	nate change, human ri	ghts, or other			
systematic su		red by your forma	· · ·		mate change, human ri ge	ghts, or other			



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 10	CORE	OO 8, OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	2

Per asset class, what percentage of your AUM is covered by your policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship with investees?

#### ☑ (A) Listed equity

- (1) Percentage of AUM covered
  - (1) >0% to 10%
  - (2) >10% to 20%
  - (3) >20% to 30%
  - (4) >30% to 40%
  - (5) >40% to 50%
  - (6) >50% to 60%
  - (7) >60% to 70%
  - (1) \* 66% to 10%
    (8) >70% to 80%
  - (9) >80% to 90%
  - (10) >90% to <100%</li>
  - (10) / 50 / 6 (0 <)</li>
     (11) 100%
  - **(11)** 1009

#### ☑ (B) Fixed income

- (1) Percentage of AUM covered
  - (1) >0% to 10%
  - (2) >10% to 20%
  - (3) >20% to 30%
  - (4) >30% to 40%
  - (5) >40% to 50%
  - (6) >50% to 60%
  - (7) >60% to 70%
  - (8) >70% to 80%
  - (9) >80% to 90%
  - (10) >90% to <100%</li>
  - **(11)** 100%

#### ☑ (C) Private equity

- (1) Percentage of AUM covered
  - (1) >0% to 10%
  - (2) >10% to 20%
  - (3) >20% to 30%
  - (4) >30% to 40%
  - (5) >40% to 50%
  - (6) >50% to 60%
  - (7) >60% to 70%
  - (8) >70% to 80%
  - (9) >80% to 90%
  - (10) >90% to <100%
  - **(11) 100%**



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 10.1	CORE	OO 9.1, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	2

What percentage of your listed equity holdings is covered by your guidelines on (proxy) voting?

#### ☑ (A) Actively managed listed equity

(1) Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote

- (1) >0% to 10%
- (2) >10% to 20%
- (3) >20% to 30%
- (4) >30% to 40%
- (5) >40% to 50%
- (6) >50% to 60%
- (7) >60% to 70%
- (8) >70% to 80%
- (9) >80% to 90%
- (10) >90% to <100%
- (11) 100%

#### GOVERNANCE

#### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

## Which senior level body(ies) or role(s) in your organisation have formal oversight over and accountability for responsible investment?

(A) Board members, trustees, or equivalent

#### (B) Senior executive-level staff, or equivalent

Specify:

The Board is responsible for setting the Sustainable Investment strategy, from which relevant KPIs are cascaded through relevant senior executive-level staff and to operational staff members. The CIO and Executive Director has ultimate oversight of the execution of the Sustainability strategy with the Head of Sustainable Investment a direct report. The CFO is responsible for the corporate level sustainability strategy, reporting directly to the CEO and Executive Director.

C) Investment committee, or equivalent Specify:



The Milford Investment Management Committee is responsible for overseeing the application of the ESG strategy as it pertains to the investment funds. They receive a quarterly dashboard detailing the key metrics that measure the fulfillment and performance of this strategy including a range of proxy voting statistics and commentary, engagement statistics and commentary and GHG emission data.

#### ☑ (D) Head of department, or equivalent

Specify department:

The Head of Sustainable Investment is responsible for the day to day execution and delivery of the Sustainable Investment strategy. This position manages the Sustainable Investment Team that is a sub-team of the broader Investment team (headed by the CIO and Executive Director).

#### • (E) None of the above bodies and roles have oversight over and accountability for responsible investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11.1	CORE	PGS 1, PGS 2, PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1, 2

Does your organisation's senior level body(ies) or role(s) have formal oversight over and accountability for the elements covered in your responsible investment policy(ies)?

	(1) Board members, trustees, or equivalent	(2) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department, or equivalent
(A) Overall approach to responsible investment		
(B) Guidelines on environmental, social and/or governance factors		
(C) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes		
(D) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)		
(E) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)		



(F) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues		
(H) Guidelines on exclusions		
(I) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment		
(J) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees		
(M) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting		
(N) This role has no formal oversight over and accountability for any of the above elements covered in our responsible investment policy(ies)	o	Ο

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11.2	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1-6

Does your organisation have governance processes or structures to ensure that your overall political engagement is aligned with your commitment to the principles of PRI, including any political engagement conducted by third parties on your behalf?

• (A) Yes

• (B) No

• (C) Not applicable, our organisation does not conduct any form of political engagement directly or through any third parties

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 12	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1



## In your organisation, which internal or external roles are responsible for implementing your approach to responsible investment?

#### ☑ (A) Internal role(s)

Specify:

The CIO has ultimate responsibility for ensuring the effective implementation of our Sustainable Investment strategy.

The Head of Sustainable Investment is responsible for the day to day implementation of the Sustainable Investment strategy with two Sustainable Investment analysts completing this three person team.

The Portfolio Managers and Analysts in the Investment team also have KPIs for integration and engagement.

- □ (B) External investment managers, service providers, or other external partners or suppliers
- (C) We do not have any internal or external roles with responsibility for implementing responsible investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 13	CORE	PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

## Does your organisation use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of your board members, trustees, or equivalent?

## (A) Yes, we use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our board members, trustees, or equivalent

Describe: (Voluntary)

CIO/Exec Director has KPIs that relate to the delivery of climate related initiatives and stewardship actions. The KPIs encompass the implementation of both mandatory and voluntary processes to further Milford's ability to quantify and disclose the sustainability risks, opportunities and performance of its holdings where appropriate. Stewardship-related KPIs are targeted at ensuring the successful execution of Milford's engagement strategy and process.

CEO/Exec Director has KPIs that relate to the delivery of climate related initiatives, particularly from a corporate standpoint. The KPIs encompass the implementation of both mandatory and voluntary processes to further Milford's ability to quantify and disclose the sustainability risks, opportunities and performance of its holdings where appropriate. They also incorporate the execution of Milford's corporate sustainability strategy.

• (B) No, we do not use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our board members, trustees, or equivalent

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 14	CORE	PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

Does your organisation use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of your senior executive-level staff (or equivalent), and are these KPIs linked to compensation?



## (A) Yes, we use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our senior executive-level staff (or equivalent)

Indicate whether these responsible investment KPIs are linked to compensation

#### • (1) KPIs are linked to compensation

- $\circ$  (2) KPIs are not linked to compensation as these roles do not have variable compensation
- (3) KPIs are not linked to compensation even though these roles have variable compensation

Describe: (Voluntary)

• (B) No, we do not use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our senior executive-level staff (or equivalent)

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 15	PLUS	PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

## What responsible investment competencies do you regularly include in the training of senior-level body(ies) or role(s) in your organisation?

	(1) Board members, trustees or equivalent	(2) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department or equivalent
(A) Specific competence in climate change mitigation and adaptation		
(B) Specific competence in investors' responsibility to respect human rights		
(C) Specific competence in other systematic sustainability issues		
(D) The regular training of this senior leadership role does not include any of the above responsible investment competencies	۲	o



#### EXTERNAL REPORTING AND DISCLOSURES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 16	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

What elements are included in your regular reporting to clients and/or beneficiaries for the majority of your AUM?

- (A) Any changes in policies related to responsible investment
- (B) Any changes in governance or oversight related to responsible investment
- ☑ (C) Stewardship-related commitments
- (D) Progress towards stewardship-related commitments
- (E) Climate-related commitments
- (F) Progress towards climate-related commitments
- G (G) Human rights-related commitments
- (H) Progress towards human rights-related commitments
- I) Commitments to other systematic sustainability issues
- (J) Progress towards commitments on other systematic sustainability issues
- (K) We do not include any of these elements in our regular reporting to clients and/or beneficiaries for the majority of our AUM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 17	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

## During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose climate-related information in line with the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures' (TCFD) recommendations?

 $\Box$  (A) Yes, including all governance-related recommended disclosures

□ (B) Yes, including all strategy-related recommended disclosures

□ (C) Yes, including all risk management–related recommended disclosures

□ (D) Yes, including all applicable metrics and targets-related recommended disclosures

• (E) None of the above

Explain why: (Voluntary)

We are small asset manager with a three person sustainability team hence have been capacity constrained in our ability to produce a TCFD report. However, we are working towards our first Climate Statement as dictated by the New Zealand Climate Related Disclosure regime for the 2024 financial year which is based on the TCFD framework. We have also been active in collaborating with the regulator during the consultation phase of the Disclosure standards.



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 19	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose its membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement?

• (A) Yes, we publicly disclosed our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement

Add link(s):

https://milfordasset.com/Engagement-Activity-and-Outcomes

• (B) No, we did not publicly disclose our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement

• (C) Not applicable, we were not members in or supporters of any trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement during the reporting year

## **STRATEGY**

### **CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 20	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Capital allocation	1

#### Which elements do your organisation-level exclusions cover?

(A) Exclusions based on our organisation's values or beliefs regarding particular sectors, products or services

□ (B) Exclusions based on our organisation's values or beliefs regarding particular regions or countries

☑ (C) Exclusions based on minimum standards of business practice aligned with international norms such as the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the International Bill of Human Rights, UN Security Council sanctions or the UN Global Compact

 $\Box$  (D) Exclusions based on our organisation's climate change commitments

(E) Other elements

Specify:

With have three additional criteria for companies to be added to our exclusion list:

1. Companies that do not meet our minimum standard across ESG, assessed via our internal ESG Checklist

2. Companies that have a Severe rated controversy, as assessed via our internal Controversies Matrix

3. Companies that will not engage with us when we have identified a need for improvement as the highest rung of our engagement escalation framework (note we have not yet used this).

• (F) Not applicable; our organisation does not have any organisation-level exclusions



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 21	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Capital allocation	1

### How does your responsible investment approach influence your strategic asset allocation process?

□ (A) We incorporate ESG factors into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

□ (B) We incorporate climate change–related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

□ (C) We incorporate human rights–related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

□ (D) We incorporate risks and opportunities related to other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

• (E) We do not incorporate ESG factors, climate change, human rights or other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

 $\circ$  (F) Not applicable; we do not have a strategic asset allocation process

### STEWARDSHIP: OVERALL STEWARDSHIP STRATEGY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 22	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

For the majority of AUM within each asset class, which of the following best describes your primary stewardship objective?



	(1) Listed equity	(2) Fixed income	(3) Private equity
(A) Maximise our portfolio-level risk-adjusted returns. In doing so, we seek to address any risks to overall portfolio performance caused by individual investees' contribution to systematic sustainability issues.	۲	۲	۲
(B) Maximise our individual investments' risk-adjusted returns. In doing so, we do not seek to address any risks to overall portfolio performance caused by individual investees' contribution to systematic sustainability issues.	O	O	0

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 23	PLUS	OO 5, OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

## How does your organisation, or the external service providers or external managers acting on your behalf, prioritise the investees or other entities on which to focus its stewardship efforts?

We priorities our engagement targets according to their ability to cause harm and our ability to influence determined by the size of our holdings or our relationship with the company. We consider a greater ability to cause harm as commensurate with higher sustainability risk, hence this factor is addressing both harm and portfolio risk.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 24	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

Which of the following best describes your organisation's default position, or the position of the external service providers or external managers acting on your behalf, concerning collaborative stewardship efforts?



 $\circ~$  (A) We recognise the value of collective action, and as a result, we prioritise collaborative stewardship efforts wherever possible

### • (B) We collaborate on a case-by-case basis

• (C) Other

• (D) We do not join collaborative stewardship efforts

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 24.1	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

Elaborate on your organisation's default position on collaborative stewardship, or the position of the external service providers or external investment managers acting on your behalf, including any other details on your overall approach to collaboration.

We focus our efforts on engagements where we feel we can have the maximum impact, which may be collaborative or direct with companies we own. As a large market participant in New Zealand, we feel we can make significant impact with local companies and drive the local market standards. We believe collaborative action is vital to achieving global sustainability goals, and participate in collaborative engagements through our industry group memberships such as Climate Action 100+.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 25	PLUS	OO 5, OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

Rank the channels that are most important for your organisation in achieving its stewardship objectives.

(A) Internal resources, e.g. stewardship team, investment team, ESG team, or staff

- Select from the list:
  - **1**
  - o 4
  - o 5

(B) External investment managers, third-party operators and/or external property managers, if applicable

C) External paid specialist stewardship services (e.g. engagement overlay services or, in private markets, sustainability consultants) excluding investment managers, real assets third-party operators, or external property managers
 D) Informal or unstructured collaborations with investors or other entities

Select from the list:

- 3
- 。4
- o 5

(E) Formal collaborative engagements, e.g. PRI-coordinated collaborative engagements, Climate Action 100+, or similar

Select from the list:

- <u></u>2
- o 4
- o 5

• (F) We do not use any of these channels



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 27	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

### How are your organisation's stewardship activities linked to your investment decision making, and vice versa?

Alongside our fiduciary duty to play our part in the transition to a more sustainable future, our engagement activities aim to reduce the sustainability risk of our investments.

We assess the sustainability risk of our investments via the ESG Checklist, our internal sustainability assessment tool. The sustainability view, as determined via the ESG Checklist, and the ESG Checklist score is one of six equally weighted factors in our Investment View, which in turn determines the size of our investment (if any) in the subject company.

Our stewardship outcomes are reflected in the ESG Checklist and should improve the sustainability view. This will in turn be reflected in the Investment View and the ultimate position size held.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 28	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

If relevant, provide any further details on your organisation's overall stewardship strategy.

We disclose our Engagement Principles in our Sustainability Statement and our Engagement Activities and Outcomes report, available on our website. We also detail our engagement process, proxy voting process, position on collaborative engagement, assurance on engagement activities and approach to conflicts of interest.

## **STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 29	CORE	OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

When you use external service providers to give recommendations, how do you ensure those recommendations are consistent with your organisation's (proxy) voting policy?

☑ (A) Before voting is executed, we review external service providers' voting recommendations for controversial and high-profile votes

Select from the below list:

- (1) in all cases
- (2) in a majority of cases
- (3) in a minority of cases



## (B) Before voting is executed, we review external service providers' voting recommendations where the application of our voting policy is unclear

Select from the below list:

### (1) in all cases

- (2) in a majority of cases
- $\circ$  (3) in a minority of cases
- (D) We do not review external service providers' voting recommendations
- (E) Not applicable; we do not use external service providers to give voting recommendations

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 30	CORE	00 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

### How is voting addressed in your securities lending programme?

- $\circ~$  (A) We recall all securities for voting on all ballot items
- (B) When a vote is deemed important according to pre-established criteria (e.g. high stake in the company), we recall all our

securities for voting

• (C) Other

- (D) We do not recall our securities for voting purposes
- (E) Not applicable; we do not have a securities lending programme

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 31	CORE	OO 9.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

For the majority of votes cast over which you have discretion to vote, which of the following best describes your decision making approach regarding shareholder resolutions (or that of your external service provider(s) if decision making is delegated to them)?

• (A) We vote in favour of resolutions expected to advance progress on our stewardship priorities, including affirming a company's good practice or prior commitment

• (B) We vote in favour of resolutions expected to advance progress on our stewardship priorities, but only if the investee company has not already publicly committed to the action(s) requested in the proposal

- (C) We vote in favour of shareholder resolutions only as an escalation measure
- (D) We vote in favour of the investee company management's recommendations by default
- (E) Not applicable; we do not vote on shareholder resolutions



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 32	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

## During the reporting year, how did your organisation, or your external service provider(s), pre-declare voting intentions prior to voting in annual general meetings (AGMs) or extraordinary general meetings (EGMs)?

□ (A) We pre-declared our voting intentions publicly through the PRI's vote declaration system on the Resolution Database

 $\square$  (B) We pre-declared our voting intentions publicly by other means, e.g. through our website

 $\square$  (C) We privately communicated our voting decision to investee companies prior to the AGM/EGM

(D) We did not privately or publicly communicate our voting intentions prior to the AGM/EGM

• (E) Not applicable; we did not cast any (proxy) votes during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 33	CORE	00 9	PGS 33.1	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

After voting has taken place, do you publicly disclose your (proxy) voting decisions or those made on your behalf by your external service provider(s), company by company and in a central source?

### • (A) Yes, for all (proxy) votes

Add link(s):

https://vds.issgovernance.com/vds/#/ODkyNA==/

- (B) Yes, for the majority of (proxy) votes
- $\circ~$  (C) Yes, for a minority of (proxy) votes
- (D) No, we do not publicly report our (proxy) voting decisions company-by-company and in a central source

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 33.1	CORE	PGS 33	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

In the majority of cases, how soon after an investee's annual general meeting (AGM) or extraordinary general meeting (EGM) do you publish your voting decisions?

### (A) Within one month of the AGM/EGM

- (B) Within three months of the AGM/EGM
- (C) Within six months of the AGM/EGM
- (D) Within one year of the AGM/EGM
- (E) More than one year after the AGM/EGM



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 34	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

After voting has taken place, did your organisation, and/or the external service provider(s) acting on your behalf, communicate the rationale for your voting decisions during the reporting year?

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(A) Yes, we pu rationale	blicly disclosed the					
(B) Yes, we pri communicated company	vately the rationale to the					
	publicly or privately he rationale, or we is information		۲		۲	
abstain or vote management r ESG-related sh	ecommendations or		0		O	
Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 35	PLUS	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

How does your organisation ensure vote confirmation, i.e. that your votes have been cast and counted correctly?



Votes are cast via our proxy advisor's voting platform, executed by the Sustainable Investment team on instruction from covering Investment Analyst. Our proxy advisor platform generates a monthly report on our voting activities summarising the total number of required ballots, our votes cast, whether they were against management, whether they were against our proxy advisor's recommendation, and our analysts rationales. Internal staff communicate this information to the Investment Management Committee in their reporting dashboard. Given our proxy advisor operates directly with our custodian, this process is independent and simplifies data collation and reporting.

### **STEWARDSHIP: ESCALATION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 36	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Escalation	2

For your listed equity holdings, what escalation measures did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use in the past three years?

	(1) Listed equity
(A) Joining or broadening an existing collaborative engagement or creating a new one	
(B) Filing, co-filing, and/or submitting a shareholder resolution or proposal	
(C) Publicly engaging the entity, e.g. signing an open letter	
(D) Voting against the re-election of one or more board directors	
(E) Voting against the chair of the board of directors, or equivalent, e.g. lead independent director	
(F) Divesting	
(G) Litigation	



(H) Other		
(I) In the past three years, we did not use any of the above escalation measures for our listed equity holdings	0	

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 37	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Escalation	2

For your corporate fixed income assets, what escalation measures did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use in the past three years?

(A) Joining or broadening an existing collaborative engagement or creating a new one

- (B) Publicly engaging the entity, e.g. signing an open letter
- $\Box$  (C) Not investing
- (D) Reducing exposure to the investee entity
- (E) Divesting
- $\Box$  (F) Litigation
- 🗆 (G) Other

• (H) In the past three years, we did not use any of the above escalation measures for our corporate fixed income assets

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 38	PLUS	OO 8, OO 5.3 Fl	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Escalation	2

### Describe your approach to escalation for your internally managed SSA and/or private debt fixed income assets.

(A) SSA - Approach to escalation

We follow the same process for our quasi-sovereign and private debt fixed income assets as for our listed equity and corporate fixed income assets, which can be found in the Milford Sustainability Statement.

(B) Private debt - Approach to escalation

We follow the same process for our quasi-sovereign and private debt fixed income assets as for our listed equity and corporate fixed income assets, which can be found in the Milford Sustainability Statement.



### STEWARDSHIP: ENGAGEMENT WITH POLICY MAKERS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	PGS 39.1, PGS 39.2	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

Did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, engage with policy makers as part of your responsible investment approach during the reporting year?

(A) Yes, we engaged with policy makers directly

(B) Yes, we engaged with policy makers through the leadership of or active participation in working groups or collaborative initiatives, including via the PRI

□ (C) Yes, we were members of, supported, or were in another way affiliated with third party organisations, including trade associations and non-profit organisations, that engage with policy makers, excluding the PRI

• (D) We did not engage with policy makers directly or indirectly during the reporting year beyond our membership in the PRI

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39.1	CORE	PGS 39	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

During the reporting year, what methods did you, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use to engage with policy makers as part of your responsible investment approach?

 $\Box$  (A) We participated in 'sign-on' letters

(B) We responded to policy consultations

☑ (C) We provided technical input via government- or regulator-backed working groups

Describe:

We are participating in the Working Group for Investment in Private Assets with the Centre for Sustainable Finance. This group is responding to a government proposal to change the KiwiSaver structure and incentives such that providers can move from passive investments to active, long-term investments which provide for positive environmental, social and economic outcomes. In addition, we provided significant technical input into the consultation process for the development of the Climate Related Disclosures by the New Zealand External Reporting Board.

#### (D) We engaged policy makers on our own initiative

Describe:

We actively sought to participate in the NZ Government consultation on Modern Slavery Disclosure requirements for New Zealand after undertaking significant in-house best practice research to inform our own investment process.

□ (E) Other methods



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39.2	CORE	PGS 39	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose details of your engagement with policy makers conducted as part of your responsible investment approach, including through external investment managers or service providers?

☑ (A) We publicly disclosed all our policy positions Add link(s):

https://milfordasset.com/Engagement-Activity-and-Outcomes

(B) We publicly disclosed details of our engagements with policy makers Add link(s):

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• (C) No, we did not publicly disclose details of our engagement with policy makers conducted as part of our responsible investment approach during the reporting year

### **STEWARDSHIP: EXAMPLES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 40	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Examples	2

Provide examples of stewardship activities that you conducted individually or collaboratively during the reporting year that contributed to desired changes in the investees, policy makers or other entities with which you interacted.

(A) Example 1:

Title of stewardship activity:

Stride Property Group Engagement - Emissions Reduction Target

- (1) Led by
  - (1) Internally led
  - (2) External service provider led
  - (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager
- (2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
  - ☑ (1) Environmental factors
  - □ (2) Social factors

 $\Box$  (3) Governance factors

(3) Asset class(es)

### ☑ (1) Listed equity

- $\Box$  (2) Fixed income
- $\Box$  (3) Private equity
- $\Box$  (4) Real estate
- $\Box$  (5) Infrastructure
- $\Box$  (6) Hedge funds



 $\Box$  (7) Forestry  $\Box$  (8) Farmland

□ (9) Other

(4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

Engaged with the company to measure GHG emissions and progress to setting an emissions reduction target. Disclose capital expenditure to fund sustainability improvements. Since our engagement, Stride has fully disclosed its emissions and set emissions reduction targets. They have also appointed a consultant to lead their emissions reduction plan.

(B) Example 2:

Title of stewardship activity:

Fletcher Building Engagement

(1) Led by

- (1) Internally led
- $\circ$  (2) External service provider led
- (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager
   (2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
  - (1) Environmental factors
  - $\Box$  (2) Social factors
  - $\Box$  (3) Governance factors
- (3) Asset class(es)
  - ☑ (1) Listed equity
  - □ (2) Fixed income
  - □ (3) Private equity
  - $\Box$  (4) Real estate
  - □ (5) Infrastructure
  - □ (6) Hedge funds
  - □ (7) Forestry
  - (8) Farmland
  - (9) Other
- (4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

Engaged with company on a number of issues including responsible sand mining practices, targets for supplementary cementitious materials and setting an explicit GHG reduction target for cement. The outcome of the engagement gave us confidence that that the company's sand mining activities are sufficiently sustainable, and Fletcher are investigating lower emissions options for products.

(C) Example 3:

Title of stewardship activity:

Ryman Healthcare

(1) Led by

- (1) Internally led
- (2) External service provider led
- (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager
- (2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
  - (1) Environmental factors
  - □ (2) Social factors
  - $\Box$  (3) Governance factors



(3) Asset class(es)

- ☑ (1) Listed equity
- $\Box$  (2) Fixed income
- $\Box$  (3) Private equity
- □ (4) Real estate
- □ (5) Infrastructure
- $\Box$  (6) Hedge funds
- $\Box$  (7) Forestry
- $\Box$  (8) Farmland
- $\Box$  (9) Other

(4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

Engaged with the company regarding their measurement of GHG emissions and to progress setting an emissions reduction target. Following the engagement, Ryman released their new sustainability strategy confirming that GHG emissions reduction targets were a top priority for the business.

(D) Example 4:

Title of stewardship activity:

Aristocrat Leisure

(1) Led by

- (1) Internally led
- $\circ$  (2) External service provider led
- (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager
- (2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
  - □ (1) Environmental factors
  - (2) Social factors
  - $\Box$  (3) Governance factors
- (3) Asset class(es)
  - ☑ (1) Listed equity
  - $\Box$  (2) Fixed income
  - $\Box$  (3) Private equity
  - $\Box$  (4) Real estate
  - □ (5) Infrastructure
  - □ (6) Hedge funds
  - (7) Forestry
  - (8) Farmland
  - (9) Other
- (4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

Engaged with Aristocrat Leisure to discuss their harm-prevention tools and investment in harmful behaviour identification. Aristocrat has continued to undertake ongoing projects in early intervention and harm prevention, as well as improve their disclosure on harm prevention and harm prevention tools.

(E) Example 5:

Title of stewardship activity:

(1) Led by

- o (1) Internally led
- (2) External service provider led
- $\circ$  (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager



- (2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
  - $\Box$  (1) Environmental factors
  - $\Box$  (2) Social factors
  - $\Box$  (3) Governance factors
- (3) Asset class(es)
  - □ (1) Listed equity
  - $\Box$  (2) Fixed income
  - $\Box$  (3) Private equity
  - $\Box$  (4) Real estate
  - □ (5) Infrastructure
  - $\Box$  (6) Hedge funds
  - □ (7) Forestry
  - □ (8) Farmland
  - □ (9) Other

(4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 41	CORE	N/A	PGS 41.1	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

### Has your organisation identified climate-related risks and opportunities affecting your investments?

 $\Box$  (A) Yes, within our standard planning horizon

### (B) Yes, beyond our standard planning horizon

Specify the risks and opportunities identified and your relevant standard planning horizon:

We have identified a wide number of climate-related risks and opportunities through our thematic and sector best practice research undertaken by the Sustainable Investment team. These are extremely comprehensive and we consider most of our investments to have some elements of climate-rated risks and opportunities.

We have narrowed this list to a sub-set of risks and opportunities that are consistent across most companies for our ESG Checklist our sustainability assessment tool. These risks and opportunities are broadly:

GHG emissions

Water use dependency and management

Biodiversity dependency, impact and management

Waste creation, use and management

Physical risk

Risk and opportunity related to capital expenditures that directly relate to transitionary activities

Risk and opportunity related to policy and regulation both positive and negative

In addition, we have explicitly considered climate-related risks and opportunities as part of our scenario analysis for our Climate Related Disclosures however we have not systematically incorporated these risks and opportunities into our investment analysis and decision making process.

Our standard planning horizon is one year forward.

### $\circ~$ (C) No, we have not identified climate-related risks and/or opportunities affecting our investments



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 41.1	CORE	PGS 41	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

Does your organisation integrate climate-related risks and opportunities affecting your investments in its overall investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products?

• (A) Yes, our overall investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products integrate climate-related risks and opportunities

Describe how climate-related risks and opportunities have affected or are expected to affect your investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products:

Identifying climate related risks and opportunities are a key outcome of the ESG Checklist, our in-house company ESG assessment tool. The Checklist is one of 6 equally weighted factors accounted for in the Investment View of any company, and a Fail on the ESG Checklist means that company carries too much ESG risk to warrant investment. Identifying key risks and opportunities allows us to minimise our clients' exposure to undue climate risk, and take advantage of any identified opportunities. Our thematic research in stock and sector selection also forms part of our investment strategy, identifying potential high growth transition opportunities.

• (B) No, our organisation has not yet integrated climate-related risks and opportunities into its investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 42	PLUS	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

### Which sectors are covered by your organisation's strategy addressing high-emitting sectors?

#### (A) Coal

Describe your strategy:

High emitting companies clearly pose a much higher climate related risk than other sectors, fossil fuel companies in particular. We do not negatively screen for companies with fossil fuel involvement, however all companies must pass our ESG Checklist process in order to be deemed investible. The ESG Checklist assesses a company's environmental performance across a range of indicators (eg. GHG emissions, emissions intensity, water consumption, biodiversity performance, etc) and evaluates the quality of each company's transition plans and transition spend. Significant focus is placed upon the company's strategy to transition and their pathway to emissions reduction. Our engagement strategy is to identify engagement opportunities based on their ability to cause harm alongside our ability to have influence. High emitters, in particular fossil fuel exposures, have one of the highest abilities to cause harm and as such are subject to engagements to reduce their emissions.

### ☑ (B) Gas

Describe your strategy:

As above

☑ (C) Oil Describe your strategy:

As above

□ (D) Utilities ☑ (E) Cement



Describe your strategy:

High emitting companies clearly pose a much higher climate related risk than other sectors, fossil fuel companies in particular. We do not negatively screen for companies with fossil fuel involvement, however all companies must pass our ESG Checklist process in order to be deemed investible. The ESG Checklist assesses a company's environmental performance across a range of indicators (eg. GHG emissions, emissions intensity, water consumption, biodiversity performance, etc) and evaluates the quality of each company's transition plans and transition spend. Significant focus is placed upon the company's strategy to transition and their pathway to emissions reduction. Our engagement strategy is to identify engagement opportunities based on their ability to cause harm alongside our ability to have influence. High emitters include high intensity fossil fuel users such as concrete and steel producers, REITs and transportation companies. We are engaging with a number of these companies to reduce their emissions including participating in the Climate Action 100+ Qantas campaign.

### ☑ (F) Steel

Describe your strategy:

As above.

### G (G) Aviation

Describe your strategy:

As above.

☑ (H) Heavy duty road

Describe your strategy:

As above.

### ☑ (I) Light duty road

Describe your strategy:

As above.

- ☑ (J) Shipping
- Describe your strategy:
- ☑ (K) Aluminium
- Describe your strategy
- $\hfill\square$  (L) Agriculture, forestry, fishery
- $\Box$  (M) Chemicals
- $\ensuremath{\square}$  (N) Construction and buildings
- Describe your strategy:
- $\hfill\square$  (O) Textile and leather
- $\Box$  (P) Water
- (Q) Other

 $\circ$  (R) We do not have a strategy addressing high-emitting sectors

### Provide a link(s) to your strategy(ies), if available

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 43	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General



## Has your organisation assessed the resilience of its investment strategy in different climate scenarios, including one in which the average temperature rise is held to below 2 degrees Celsius (preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius) above preindustrial levels?

□ (A) Yes, using the Inevitable Policy Response Forecast Policy Scenario (FPS) or Required Policy Scenario (RPS)

□ (B) Yes, using the One Earth Climate Model scenario

□ (C) Yes, using the International Energy Agency (IEA) Net Zero scenario

 $\Box$  (D) Yes, using other scenarios

• (E) No, we have not assessed the resilience of our investment strategy in different climate scenarios, including one that holds temperature rise to below 2 degrees

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 44	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

## Does your organisation have a process to identify, assess, and manage the climate-related risks (potentially) affecting your investments?

(A) Yes, we have a process to identify and assess climate-related risks

(1) Describe your process

Identifying climate related risks and opportunities are a key outcome of the ESG Checklist, our in-house company ESG assessment tool. The ESG Checklist was designed to evaluate a company's Environmental, Social and Governance performance according to sector best practice and collaborative industry best practice guidelines (such as UNPRI). The Checklist includes industry-specific materiality weightings, ensuring material factors and risks are accurately captured. The purpose of the Checklist is to identify ESG risks and opportunities, and to identify opportunities to engage with the company to drive for improvement in specific areas. Climate related risks are primarily assessed in the Environmental section of the Checklist, though are by nature also related to Social and Governance indicators.

The Environmental section aims to identify current emissions profile, emissions intensity, projected emissions pathway and transition plan, climate related targets and incremental targets, SBTi or similar pathway accreditation, capital expenditure on transition related activities, BAU exposure to high-emitting activities or transitionary activities, policy and regulatory risk (or opportunity) associated with climate change (eg carbon price exposure or IRA benefit), sector leadership, physical and water related risk and risk management, Governance oversight and climate related KPIs, and other factors relevant to the company. Our aim is to compile an accurate and comprehensive view of the climate related risk and opportunity posed by the company, which feeds into our overall investment process.

(2) Describe how this process is integrated into your overall risk management

The Checklist is one of 6 equally weighted factors accounted for in the Investment View of any company, and a Fail on the ESG Checklist means that company has been identified as carrying too high an ESG risk to warrant investment. Identifying key risks and opportunities allows us to minimise our clients' exposure to undue climate risk, and take advantage of any identified opportunities.

#### (B) Yes, we have a process to manage climate-related risks

(1) Describe your process

The Investment View that includes the ESG Checklist score and view, determines the exposure to that company (ie position size) if any. As above, a fail on the ESG Checklist means we will not invest in that company due to high ESG risk.

(2) Describe how this process is integrated into your overall risk management



Our investment process at Milford is predominantly bottom up; we are fundamental stock pickers with a large team of analysts providing a bottom up company assessment (the Investment View). The Portfolio Manager combines these Investment Views for the companies within the specific fund's strategy and risk return profile, while running an asset allocation overlay. Hence our ESG risk, alongside other risks, are predominantly reflected at company level in the Investment View.

• (C) No, we do not have any processes to identify, assess, or manage the climate-related risks affecting our investments

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 45	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

## During the reporting year, which of the following climate risk metrics or variables affecting your investments did your organisation use and disclose?

### ☑ (A) Exposure to physical risk

- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric or variable used
  - $\circ$  (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- (B) Exposure to transition risk
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used
    - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
    - $\circ$  (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- $\Box$  (C) Internal carbon price
- ☑ (D) Total carbon emissions
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used
    - $\circ$  (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- (E) Weighted average carbon intensity
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used
    - $\circ$  (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
    - $\circ$  (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- $\Box$  (F) Avoided emissions
- ☑ (G) Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)

#### (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology

- (1) Metric or variable used
- (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
- $\circ$  (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- □ (H) Non-ITR measure of portfolio alignment with UNFCCC Paris Agreement goals
- □ (I) Proportion of assets or other business activities aligned with climate-related opportunities
- ☑ (J) Other metrics or variables

Specify:

Water stress risk, waste management, biodiversity impact and remediation performance



- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric or variable used
  - $\circ~$  (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - $\circ$  (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology

• (K) Our organisation did not use or disclose any climate risk metrics or variables affecting our investments during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 46	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

During the reporting year, did your organisation disclose its Scope 1, Scope 2, and/or Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions?

 $\Box$  (A) Scope 1 emissions

□ (B) Scope 2 emissions

□ (C) Scope 3 emissions (including financed emissions)

• (D) Our organisation did not disclose its Scope 1, Scope 2, or Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions during the reporting year

### SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 47	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

Has your organisation identified the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?

(A) Yes, we have identified one or more specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities

• (B) No, we have not yet identified the sustainability outcomes connected to any of our investment activities

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 47.1	CORE	PGS 47	N/A	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

Which widely recognised frameworks has your organisation used to identify the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?

□ (A) The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets

☑ (B) The UNFCCC Paris Agreement

☑ (C) The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)



□ (D) OECD frameworks: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Guidance on Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors

☑ (E) The EU Taxonomy

 $\Box$  (F) Other relevant taxonomies

□ (G) The International Bill of Human Rights

(H) The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the eight core conventions

□ (I) The Convention on Biological Diversity

 $\Box$  (J) Other international framework(s)

 $\Box$  (K) Other regional framework(s)

 $\Box$  (L) Other sectoral/issue-specific framework(s)

• (M) Our organisation did not use any widely recognised frameworks to identify the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 47.2	CORE	PGS 47	PGS 48	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

## What are the primary methods that your organisation has used to determine the most important intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?

(A) Identify sustainability outcomes that are closely linked to our core investment activities

 $\Box$  (B) Consult with key clients and/or beneficiaries to align with their priorities

☑ (C) Assess which actual or potential negative outcomes for people are most severe based on their scale, scope, and irremediable character

(D) Identify sustainability outcomes that are closely linked to systematic sustainability issues

(E) Analyse the input from different stakeholders (e.g. affected communities, civil society, trade unions or similar)

(F) Understand the geographical relevance of specific sustainability outcome objectives

□ (G) Other method

• (H) We have not yet determined the most important sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 48	CORE	PGS 47.2	PGS 48.1, SO 1	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

## Has your organisation taken action on any specific sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities, including to prevent and mitigate actual and potential negative outcomes?

• (A) Yes, we have taken action on some of the specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities

(B) No, we have not yet taken action on any specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities
 Explain why not:



We take action to deliver specific sustainability outcomes through our stewardship activities as we believe this is the most effective way we can drive change. We have not made investment decisions designed to deliver specific actions, such as increasing or decreasing investments in certain companies, outside of where required by our sustainability processes. These systematic process driven investment decisions are our exclusion policies including those caused by a fail of our ESG Checklist, Severe rating controversy or engagement escalation framework.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 49	PLUS	PGS 47	PGS 49.1	PUBLIC	Human rights	1, 2

During the reporting year, what steps did your organisation take to identify and take action on the actual and potentially negative outcomes for people connected to your investment activities?

☑ (A) We assessed the human rights context of our potential and/or existing investments and projected how this could connect our organisation to negative human rights outcomes

Explain how these activities were conducted:

Our ESG Checklist process identifies potential human rights risks and impact during the pre-investment process. Example: Based on our best practice research, we identified companies within our holdings that carried a higher risk of modern slavery within their supply chains (sector and geography based via Global Slavery Index). We identified a company within our holdings with higher risk and poor disclosure of their modern slavery risk management process, and chose to prioritise our engagement with them to discuss their process and flag improvements we identified they should adopt. This engagement is ongoing and is publically disclosed in our Engagement Activities and Outcomes report on our website.

 $\Box$  (B) We assessed whether individuals at risk or already affected might be at heightened risk of harm

 $\Box$  (C) We consulted with individuals and groups who were at risk or already affected, their representatives and/or other relevant stakeholders such as human rights experts

 $\Box$  (D) We took other steps to assess and manage the actual and potentially negative outcomes for people connected to our investment activities

• (E) We did not identify and take action on the actual and potentially negative outcomes for people connected to any of our investment activities during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 49.1	PLUS	PGS 49	N/A	PUBLIC	Human rights	1, 2

During the reporting year, which stakeholder groups did your organisation include when identifying and taking action on the actual and potentially negative outcomes for people connected to your investment activities?

#### ☑ (A) Workers

Sector(s) for which each stakeholder group was included

- □ (1) Energy
- ☑ (2) Materials
- $\Box$  (3) Industrials
- ☑ (4) Consumer discretionary
- $\Box$  (5) Consumer staples
- ☑ (6) Healthcare
- $\Box$  (7) Finance
- $\Box$  (8) Information technology
- $\Box$  (9) Communication services
- $\Box$  (10) Utilities
- $\Box$  (11) Real estate



### (B) Communities

Sector(s) for which each stakeholder group was included

- 🗆 (1) Energy
- ☑ (2) Materials
- $\Box$  (3) Industrials
- $\Box$  (4) Consumer discretionary
- $\Box$  (5) Consumer staples
- $\Box$  (6) Healthcare
- $\Box$  (7) Finance
- $\Box$  (8) Information technology
- $\Box$  (9) Communication services
- $\Box$  (10) Utilities
- $\Box$  (11) Real estate
- $\Box$  (C) Customers and end-users
- $\Box$  (D) Other stakeholder groups

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 49.2	PLUS	PGS 47	N/A	PUBLIC	Human rights	1, 2

## During the reporting year, what information sources did your organisation use to identify the actual and potentially negative outcomes for people connected to its investment activities?

### ☑ (A) Corporate disclosures

Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

Sustainability reports, modern slavery reports - mandatory disclosures vs. best practice

#### ☑ (B) Media reports

Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

Controversial events feed into controversy and engagement process

## $\ensuremath{\square}$ (C) Reports and other information from NGOs and human rights institutions

Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

On an adhoc basis when finding and assessing controversies and companies with high human rights risk (e.g. miners)

Country reports, for example, by multilateral institutions, e.g. OECD, World Bank Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

Global Slavery Index guided engagement schedule

#### (E) Data provider scores or benchmarks

Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

We use ISS reports and scores and reports to assess the nature and impact of human rights controversies

#### ☑ (F) Human rights violation alerts

Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

We use alerts through our data systems (in particular Factset and S&P Global) to identify human rights controversies.

**G** (G) Sell-side research



Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

We use sell-side research to help us identify controversies across our existing and potential holdings.

 $\Box$  (H) Investor networks or other investors

- $\Box$  (I) Information provided directly by affected stakeholders or their representatives
- $\Box$  (J) Social media analysis
- □ (K) Other

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 50	PLUS	PGS 47	N/A	PUBLIC	Human rights	1, 2

During the reporting year, did your organisation, directly or through influence over investees, enable access to remedy for people affected by negative human rights outcomes connected to your investment activities?

 $\Box$  (A) Yes, we enabled access to remedy directly for people affected by negative human rights outcomes we caused or contributed to through our investment activities

 $\Box$  (B) Yes, we used our influence to ensure that our investees provided access to remedies for people affected by negative human rights outcomes we were linked to through our investment activities

• (C) No, we did not enable access to remedy directly, or through the use of influence over investees, for people affected by negative human rights outcomes connected to our investment activities during the reporting year Explain why:

We did not identify any incidents within our holdings that we deemed were not adequately remedied. However our ongoing engagements are pushing for better human rights through improved modern slavery practices.

# LISTED EQUITY (LE)

## **OVERALL APPROACH**

### **MATERIALITY ANALYSIS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 1	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Materiality analysis	1

Does your organisation have a formal investment process to identify and incorporate material ESG factors across your listed equity strategies?



(A) Yes, our investment process incorporates material governance factors	(1) for all of our AUM
(B) Yes, our investment process incorporates material environmental and social factors	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) Yes, our investment process incorporates material ESG factors beyond our organisation's average investment holding period	(1) for all of our AUM
(D) No, we do not have a formal process. Our investment professionals identify material ESG factors at their discretion	O
(E) No, we do not have a formal or informal process to identify and incorporate material ESG factors	o

## **MONITORING ESG TRENDS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 2	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Monitoring ESG trends	1

Does your organisation have a formal process for monitoring and reviewing the implications of changing ESG trends across your listed equity strategies?

(A) Yes, we have a formal process that includes scenario analyses		
(B) Yes, we have a formal process, but it does not include scenario analyses	(1) for all of our AUM	
(C) We do not have a formal process for our listed equity strategies; our investment professionals monitor how ESG trends vary over time at their discretion	O	
(D) We do not monitor and review the implications of changing ESG trends on our listed equity strategies	Ο	

## **PRE-INVESTMENT**

## **ESG INCORPORATION IN RESEARCH**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 3	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1

How does your financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process incorporate material ESG risks?



(A) We incorporate material governance-related risks into our financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process	(1) in all cases
(B) We incorporate material environmental and social risks into our financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process	(1) in all cases
(C) We incorporate material environmental and social risks related to companies' supply chains into our financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process	(1) in all cases
(D) We do not incorporate material ESG risks into our financial analysis, equity valuation or security rating processes	0

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 4	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1

What information do you incorporate when you assess the ESG performance of companies in your financial analysis, benchmark selection and/or portfolio construction process?



(A) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on current performance across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(B) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on historical performance across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(C) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on material ESG factors that may impact or influence future corporate revenues and/or profitability	(1) in all cases
(D) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information enabling current, historical and/or future performance comparison within a selected peer group across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(E) We do not incorporate qualitative or quantitative information on material ESG factors when assessing the ESG performance of companies in our financial analysis, equity investment or portfolio construction process	o



### **ESG INCORPORATION IN PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 5	PLUS	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in portfolio construction	1

## Provide an example of how you incorporated ESG factors into your equity selection and research process during the reporting year.

Evaluating a business' exposure to climate change and social harm, and how these risks are being managed, is an essential part of investment analysis. At Milford, we do this using our ESG Checklist, an internally developed assessment tool, for every company we invest in.

The ESG Checklist assesses over 20 different ESG factors including:

• The potential for environmental harm and the strategies in place to mitigate it including greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity impact, capital allocated to addressing climate change and physical risk.

· Social factors, such as modern slavery, impact on society, human rights breaches, health and safety and diversity and inclusion.

• Governance considerations including executive remuneration structures, board composition and the quality of the company's sustainability commitments and disclosures.

This Checklist is completed by the Investment Analyst using Milford's sustainability research, external data from MSCI, peer comparisons and their own knowledge of the company's historic performance and likely future trajectory.

The ESG Checklist provides a separate score for Environment, Social and Governance for each company, which are combined into a blended score of Fail, Poor, Neutral or Positive, weighted for its environmental and social impact. Any company that scores a Fail is added to our ESG Exclusion list.

The primary output of the ESG Checklist is an assessment of the company's performance in each individual ESG area, the analysis of sustainability risks and opportunities for each company and the identification of areas for improvement to allow us to engage with the company and push for change.

Our view on each company's sustainability performance, including its ESG Checklist rating, is incorporated into its Investment View as one of six equally weighted factors. The Investment View determines the size of any investment and is updated in the case of new information, generally at least annually.

#### Our Controversy Matrix

Companies can make mistakes that have had a negative impact on society, its customers or its staff.

It is important that investors respond to these controversies in the best interests of those impacted and their clients.

We assess any controversies across our holdings using our internally developed Controversy Matrix. This tool assesses the cause of the controversy, any endemic risk, the harm caused and remediation undertaken. Any Severe rated controversies are added to our ESG Exclusion List, Moderate Controversies lead to an engagement with the company for greater understanding or remediation and Low rated controversies are monitored for ongoing developments.

Our sustainability research is focussed on best practice sustainability performance for established companies such as the transition from fossil fuels, emissions and waste reduction, modern slavery and social harm.

In addition, the team research emerging trends to find risks and investment opportunities across areas such as carbon pricing, electrification, biofuels and hydrogen.

Impact on Investment Returns from additions to the ESG Exclusion List

If a company we invest in has a Severe controversy, or its ESG Checklist rating changes to a Fail, the company is added to our ESG Exclusion List. This requires our investment to be divested. If the Portfolio Manager believes this will result in a materially negative investment outcome, we will instead add the company to our Restricted Trading List with a Buy restriction.



This means we are prevented from buying the company but allows the Portfolio Manager time to sell and minimise the impact on investment returns. All companies added to the ESG Exclusion List or Restricted Trading List are reviewed when information changes to ensure this is still appropriate.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 6	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in portfolio construction	1

How do material ESG factors contribute to your stock selection, portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process?

	(3) Active - fundamental
(A) Material ESG factors contribute to the selection of individual assets and/or sector weightings within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM
(B) Material ESG factors contribute to the portfolio weighting of individual assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) Material ESG factors contribute to the country or region weighting of assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	
(D) Other ways material ESG factors contribute to your portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	
(E) Our stock selection, portfolio construction or benchmark selection process does not include the incorporation of material ESG factors	O



## **POST-INVESTMENT**

## ESG RISK MANAGEMENT

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 9	CORE	OO 17.1 LE, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

What compliance processes do you have in place to ensure that your listed equity assets subject to negative exclusionary screens meet the screening criteria?

☑ (A) We have internal compliance procedures that ensure all funds or portfolios that are subject to negative exclusionary screening have pre-trade checks

 $\Box$  (B) We have an external committee that oversees the screening implementation process for all funds or portfolios that are subject to negative exclusionary screening

☑ (C) We have an independent internal committee that oversees the screening implementation process for all funds or portfolios that are subject to negative exclusionary screening

• (D) We do not have compliance processes in place to ensure that we meet our stated negative exclusionary screens

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 10	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

For the majority of your listed equity assets, do you have a formal process to identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents into your risk management process?



(A) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for individual listed equity holdings	
(B) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for other listed equity holdings exposed to similar risks and/or incidents	
(C) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for our stewardship activities	
(D) Yes, our formal process includes ad hoc reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on severe ESG incidents	
(E) We do not have a formal process to identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents into our risk management process; our investment professionals identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents at their discretion	0

### **PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 11	PLUS	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Performance monitoring	1

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## Provide an example of how the incorporation of ESG factors in your listed equity valuation or portfolio construction affected the realised returns of those assets.

Identifying ESG related risks and opportunities are a key outcome of the ESG Checklist, our in-house ESG assessment tool. The Checklist score and ESG view is one of 6 equally weighted factors accounted for in the Investment View of any company and a Fail on the ESG Checklist means that company carries too much ESG risk to warrant investment. We would like to offer our process regarding an Australian casino operator as a demonstration of our process. The listed Casino operator rated 'Poor' on the ESG Checklist due to its ability to cause social harm, regulatory risk and lack of positive impact across other factors. This was one of the drivers of a decision not to invest in this company. Following the report of significant governance concerns including money laundering and tax evasion, we assessed the issue using our Controversy Matrix, resulting in a Severe rating. A Severe rating indicates the company is deemed uninvestible according to our standards, and we added the company to our ESG Exclusion List. Both stages of our ESG incorporation process resulted in avoiding an investment that significantly underperformed its benchmark due to ESG risk and resulting performance.

### **DISCLOSURE OF ESG SCREENS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 12	CORE	OO 17 LE, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Disclosure of ESG screens	6

For all your listed equity assets subject to ESG screens, how do you ensure that clients understand ESG screens and their implications?

☑ (A) We share a list of ESG screens

(B) We share any changes in ESG screens

□ (C) We explain any implications of ESG screens, such as their deviation from a benchmark or impact on sector weightings

• (D) We do not share the above information for all our listed equity assets subject to ESG screens



# **FIXED INCOME (FI)**

## **OVERALL APPROACH**

## **MATERIALITY ANALYSIS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle	
FI 1	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Materiality analysis	1	
Does your orga fixed income a	anisation have a formal ssets?	investment proce	ess to identify	and incorporate	e material ESG factors	across your	
		(1) SSA		(2) Corporat	e (4) Pri	vate debt	
(A) Yes, our investment process incorporates material governance factors		(2) for a majority of our AUM		(1) for all of our <i>i</i>	AUM (1) for all	(1) for all of our AUM	
incorporates	investment process material al and social factors	(2) for a majority of our AUM		(1) for all of our <i>i</i>	AUM (1) for all	(1) for all of our AUM	
incorporates	investment process material ESG factors n different investment s	(2) for a majority of our AUM		(1) for all of our <i>i</i>	AUM (1) for all	of our AUM	
process; our	s identify material ESG	0		0		0	
informal proc	o not have a formal or cess to identify and naterial ESG factors	0		0		0	



## **MONITORING ESG TRENDS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle	
FI 2	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Monitoring ESG trends	1	
Does your organisation have a formal process for monitoring and reviewing the implications of changing ESG trends across your fixed income assets?							
			(1) SSA		(2) Corporate	•	
• •	ave a formal process scenario analyses						
	(B) Yes, we have a formal process, but does it not include scenario analyses		ajority of our AU	IM	(1) for all of our AUM		
(C) We do not process for ou assets; our inv professionals trends vary ov discretion	r fixed income vestment monitor how ESG		0	O			
the implication	monitor and review is of changing ESG fixed income assets		0		o		



## **PRE-INVESTMENT**

## **ESG INCORPORATION IN RESEARCH**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 3	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1

For the majority of your fixed income investments, does your organisation incorporate material ESG factors when assessing their credit quality?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate	(4) Private debt
(A) We incorporate material environmental and social factors			
(B) We incorporate material governance-related factors	Z	V	
(C) We do not incorporate material ESG factors for the majority of our fixed income investments	O	o	o

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 4	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1

Does your organisation have a framework that differentiates ESG risks by issuer country, region and/or sector?



	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate	(4) Private debt	
(A) Yes, we have a framework that differentiates ESG risks by country and/or region (e.g. local governance and labour practices)				
(B) Yes, we have a framework that differentiates ESG risks by sector	(2) for a majority of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM	
) No, we do not have a mework that differentiates ESG ks by issuer country, region d/or sector		0	0	
(D) Not applicable; we are not able to differentiate ESG risks by issuer country, region and/or sector due to the limited universe of our issuers	O	0	0	

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 5	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1

How does your organisation incorporate material ESG factors when selecting private debt investments during the due diligence phase?

### ☑ (A) We use a qualitative ESG checklist

Select from dropdown list:

(1) in all cases

 $\circ~$  (2) in a majority of cases

• (3) in a minority of cases

(B) We assess quantitative information on material ESG factors, such as energy consumption, carbon footprint and gender diversity

Select from dropdown list:

- $\circ~$  (1) in all cases
- (2) in a majority of cases
- (3) in a minority of cases

☑ (C) We check whether the target company has its own responsible investment policy, sustainability policy or ESG policy



Select from dropdown list:

(1) in all cases

 $\circ$  (2) in a majority of cases

 $\circ$  (3) in a minority of cases

 $\Box$  (D) We hire third-party consultants to do technical due diligence on specific material ESG factors where internal capabilities are not available

 $\Box$  (E) We require the review and sign-off of our ESG due diligence process by our investment committee, or the equivalent function

□ (F) We use industry-recognised responsible investment due diligence questionnaire (DDQ) templates

□ (G) We use another method of incorporating material ESG factors when selecting private debt investments during the due diligence process

• (H) We do not incorporate material ESG factors when selecting private debt investments during the due diligence phase

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 6	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1

# How do you incorporate significant changes in material ESG factors over time into your fixed income asset valuation process?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate	(3) Private debt
(A) We incorporate it into the forecast of financial metrics or other quantitative assessments			
(B) We make a qualitative assessment of how material ESG factors may evolve	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) We do not incorporate significant changes in material ESG factors	0	0	O



## ESG INCORPORATION IN PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 8	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in portfolio construction	1
How do materia process?	al ESG factors contribu	ute to your securit	y selection, po	rtfolio construe	ction and/or benchmark	selection
			(1) SSA		(2) Corporate	
to the selection and/or sector portfolio cons	ESG factors contribute on of individual assets weightings within our struction and/or election process	(1) for	all of our AUM		(1) for all of our A	UM
to determining of individual a portfolio cons	ESG factors contribute g the holding period assets within our struction and/or election process					
to the portfolio individual ass portfolio cons	(C) Material ESG factors contribute to the portfolio weighting of individual assets within our (1) for portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process		all of our AUM		(1) for all of our A	UM
to the country of assets with	ESG factors contribute / or region weighting hin our portfolio and/or benchmark cess					
to our portfoli	ESG factors contribute o construction and/or election process in					



## **POST-INVESTMENT**

## ESG RISK MANAGEMENT

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 11	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1
How are mate	rial ESG factors incorpo	prated into your p	ortfolio risk ma	anagement proc	cess?	
		(1) SSA	N	(2) Corpora	te	(4) Private debt
members, or function or g	ent committee r the equivalent group, can veto decisions based on erations	(1) for all of ou	ur AUM	(1) for all of our	AUM (1)	) for all of our AUM
and/or curre changes in e	ies, sectors, countries encies are monitored for exposure to material and any breaches of	(1) for all of oເ	ır AUM	(1) for all of our	AUM (1)	) for all of our AUM
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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 12	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

For the majority of your fixed income assets, do you have a formal process to identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents into your risk management process?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate	(4) Private debt
(A) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for individual fixed income holdings	<b>V</b>		
(B) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents, and their implications for other fixed income holdings exposed to similar risks and/or incidents			
(C) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents, and their implications for our stewardship activities			



(D) Yes, our formal process includes ad hoc reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on severe ESG incidents	<b>J</b>		
(E) We do not have a formal process to identify and incorporate ESG risks and ESG incidents; our investment professionals identify and incorporate ESG risks and ESG incidents at their discretion	ο	0	0
(F) We do not have a formal process to identify and incorporate ESG risks and ESG incidents into our risk management process	O	0	0

### **PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 13	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Performance monitoring	1

During the reporting year, how did your organisation incorporate material ESG factors when monitoring private debt investments?

#### ☑ (A) We used a qualitative ESG checklist

Select from dropdown list:

#### (1) in all cases

- (2) in the majority of cases
- $\circ$  (3) in the minority of cases

# (B) We assessed quantitative information on material ESG factors, such as energy consumption, carbon footprint and gender diversity

Select from dropdown list:

- (1) in all cases
- (2) in the majority of cases
- (3) in the minority of cases
- $\Box$  (C) We hired third-party consultants to do technical assessment on specific material ESG factors where internal capabilities were not available
- $\Box$  (D) We used industry body guidelines
- (E) We used another method to incorporate material ESG factors into the monitoring of private debt investments
- (F) We did not incorporate material ESG factors when monitoring private debt investments



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 14	PLUS	OO 5.3 FI, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Performance monitoring	1

# Provide an example of how the incorporation of environmental and/or social factors in your fixed income valuation or portfolio construction affected the realised returns of those assets.

We follow the same process for our corporate and quasi-government fixed income holdings as we do for our equity holdings; via the ESG Checklist, our in-house ESG assessment tool. The Checklist score and ESG view is one of 6 equally weighted factors accounted for in the Investment View of any company and a Fail on the ESG Checklist means that company carries too much ESG risk to warrant investment. The example of an Australian casino operator provided in the answer to Indicator LE 11 also applies to the realized returns of our fixed income holdings. The listed Casino operator rated 'Poor' on the ESG Checklist due to its ability to cause social harm, regulatory risk and lack of positive impact across other factors. This was one of the drivers of a decision not to invest in this company. Following the report of significant governance concerns including money laundering and tax evasion, we assessed the issue using our Controversy Matrix, resulting in a Severe rating. A Severe rating indicates the company is deemed uninvestible according to our standards, and we added the company to our ESG Exclusion List. Both stages of our ESG incorporation process resulted in avoiding a investment that significantly underperformed its benchmark due to ESG risk and resulting performance.

### THEMATIC BONDS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 15	PLUS	OO 20, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Thematic bonds	3

What percentage of environmental, social and/or other labelled thematic bonds held by your organisation has been verified?

	As a percentage of your total labelled bonds:
(A) Third-party assurance	(5) >75%
(B) Second-party opinion	(4) >50–75%
(C) Approved verifiers or external reviewers (e.g. via CBI or ICMA)	(2) >0–25%



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 16	CORE	00 17 FI, 00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Thematic bonds	1

What pre-determined criteria does your organisation use to identify which non-labelled thematic bonds to invest in?

 $\Box$  (A) The bond's use of proceeds

☑ (B) The issuers' targets

 $\ensuremath{\ensuremath{\square}}$  (C) The issuers' progress towards achieving their targets

☑ (D) The issuer profile and how it contributes to their targets

• (E) We do not use pre-determined criteria to identify which non-labelled thematic bonds to invest in

• (F) Not applicable; we do not invest in non-labelled thematic bonds

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 17	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Thematic bonds	1, 2, 6

During the reporting year, what action did you take in the majority of cases when you felt that the proceeds of a thematic bond were not allocated appropriately or in accordance with the terms of the bond deal or prospectus?

 $\Box$  (A) We engaged with the issuer

 $\Box$  (B) We alerted thematic bond certification agencies

 $\Box$  (C) We sold the security

 $\Box$  (D) We blacklisted the issuer

 $\Box$  (E) Other action

 $\circ$  (F) We did not take any specific actions when the proceeds of a thematic bond were not allocated according to the terms of the bond deal during the reporting year

(G) Not applicable; in the majority of cases, the proceeds of thematic bonds were allocated according to the terms of the bond deal during the reporting year



### **DISCLOSURE OF ESG SCREENS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 18	CORE	OO 17 FI, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Disclosure of ESG screens	6

# For all your fixed income assets subject to ESG screens, how do you ensure that clients understand ESG screens and their implications?

- ☑ (A) We share a list of ESG screens
- (B) We share any changes in ESG screens
- □ (C) We explain any implications of ESG screens, such as any deviation from a benchmark or impact on sector weightings
- (D) We do not share the above information for all our fixed income assets subject to ESG screens

# **PRIVATE EQUITY (PE)**

## POLICY

### **INVESTMENT GUIDELINES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 1	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Investment guidelines	1 to 6

# What private equity-specific ESG guidelines are currently covered in your organisation's responsible investment policy(ies)?

□ (A) Guidelines on our ESG approach tailored to the sector(s) and geography(ies) where we invest

 $\Box$  (B) Guidelines on our ESG approach tailored to the strategy(ies) and company stage(s) where we invest, e.g. venture capital, buy-out and distressed

 $\hfill\square$  (C) Guidelines on pre-investment screening

□ (D) Guidelines on minimum ESG due diligence requirements

□ (E) Guidelines on our approach to ESG integration into short-term or 100-day plans (or equivalent)

□ (F) Guidelines on our approach to ESG integration into long-term value-creation efforts

 $\Box$  (G) Guidelines on our approach to monitoring ESG risks, ESG opportunities and ESG incidents

 $\Box$  (H) Guidelines on our approach to ESG reporting

(I) Our responsible investment policy(ies) does not cover private equity-specific ESG guidelines



## FUNDRAISING

## **COMMITMENTS TO INVESTORS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 2	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Commitments to investors	1, 4

For all of the funds that you closed during the reporting year, what type of formal responsible investment commitments did you make in Limited Partnership Agreements (LPAs), side letters or other constitutive fund documents?

(A) We incorporated responsible investment commitments in LPAs (or equivalent) as a standard default procedure

- $\circ~$  (B) We added responsible investment commitments in LPAs (or equivalent) upon clients' request
- (C) We added responsible investment commitments in side letters upon clients' request
- (D) We did not make any formal responsible investment commitments for the relevant reporting year
- $\circ~$  (E) Not applicable; we have not raised funds in the last five years

## **PRE-INVESTMENT**

### MATERIALITY ANALYSIS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 3	CORE	00 21	PE 3.1	PUBLIC	Materiality analysis	1

During the reporting year, how did you conduct ESG materiality analysis for your potential private equity investments?

(A) We assessed ESG materiality at the portfolio company level, as each case is unique

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our potential private equity investments
- $\circ~$  (2) for the majority of our potential private equity investments
- $\circ$  (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments
- (B) We performed a mix of industry-level and portfolio company-level ESG materiality analyses
- $\circ~$  (C) We assessed ESG materiality at the industry level only

• (D) We did not conduct ESG materiality analyses for our potential private equity investments

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 3.1	CORE	PE 3	N/A	PUBLIC	Materiality analysis	1



# During the reporting year, what tools, standards and data did you use in your ESG materiality analysis of potential private equity investments?

 $\Box$  (A) We used GRI standards to inform our private equity ESG materiality analysis

☑ (B) We used SASB standards to inform our private equity ESG materiality analysis

□ (C) We used the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to inform our private equity ESG materiality analysis

□ (D) We used environmental and social factors detailed in the IFC Performance Standards (or other similar standards used by development-focused financial institutions) in our private equity ESG materiality analysis

(E) We used climate disclosures, such as the TCFD recommendations or other climate risk and/or exposure analysis tools, to inform our private equity ESG materiality analysis

☑ (F) We used the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) to inform our private equity ESG materiality analysis

G) We used geopolitical and macro-economic considerations in our private equity ESG materiality analysis

☑ (H) We engaged with the prospective portfolio company to inform our private equity ESG materiality analysis
 □ (I) Other

### **DUE DILIGENCE**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 4	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Due diligence	1

During the reporting year, how did material ESG factors influence the selection of your private equity investments?

#### (A) Material ESG factors were used to identify risks

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our potential private equity investments
- $\circ$  (2) for the majority of our potential private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments
- (B) Material ESG factors were discussed by the investment committee (or equivalent)
  - Select from dropdown list
    - (1) for all of our potential private equity investments
    - (2) for the majority of our potential private equity investments
    - (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments
- □ (C) Material ESG factors were used to identify remedial actions for our 100-day plans (or equivalent)
- (D) Material ESG factors were used to identify opportunities for value creation

#### Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our potential private equity investments
- (2) for the majority of our potential private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments

☑ (E) Material ESG factors informed our decision to abandon potential investments in the due diligence phase in cases where ESG risks were considered too high to mitigate

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our potential private equity investments
- $\circ$  (2) for the majority of our potential private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments

☑ (F) Material ESG factors impacted investments in terms of the price offered and/or paid

#### Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our potential private equity investments
- $\circ~$  (2) for the majority of our potential private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments

• (G) Material ESG factors did not influence the selection of our private equity investments



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 5	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Due diligence	1

Once material ESG factors have been identified, what processes do you use to conduct due diligence on these factors for potential private equity investments?

 $\blacksquare$  (A) We do a high-level or desktop review using an ESG checklist for initial red flags

Select from dropdown list

(1) for all of our potential private equity investments

- (2) for a majority of our potential private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments
- $\Box$  (B) We send detailed ESG questionnaires to target companies
- □ (C) We hire third-party consultants to do technical due diligence on specific material ESG factors
- ☑ (D) We conduct site visits

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our potential private equity investments
- (2) for a majority of our potential private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments
- (E) We conduct in-depth interviews with management and/or personnel

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our potential private equity investments
- (2) for a majority of our potential private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments
- $\Box$  (F) We conduct detailed external stakeholder analyses and/or engagement

☑ (G) We incorporate ESG due diligence findings in all of our relevant investment process documentation in the same manner as other key due diligence, e.g. commercial, accounting and legal

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our potential private equity investments
- $\circ$  (2) for a majority of our potential private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments

Image: (H) Our investment committee (or an equivalent decision-making body) is ultimately responsible for ensuring all ESG due diligence is completed in the same manner as for other key due diligence, e.g. commercial, accounting, and legal Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our potential private equity investments
- $\circ$  (2) for a majority of our potential private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our potential private equity investments

🗆 (I) Other

• (J) We do not conduct due diligence on material ESG factors for potential private equity investments



## **POST-INVESTMENT**

### MONITORING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 6	CORE	00 21	PE 6.1	PUBLIC	Monitoring	1

# During the reporting year, did you track one or more KPIs on material ESG factors across your private equity investments?

 $\Box$  (A) Yes, we tracked KPIs on environmental factors

 $\Box$  (B) Yes, we tracked KPIs on social factors

 $\Box$  (C) Yes, we tracked KPIs on governance factors

(D) We did not track KPIs on material ESG factors across our private equity investments

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 7	CORE	00 21	PE 7.1	PUBLIC	Monitoring	1, 2

# What processes do you have in place to support meeting your targets on material ESG factors for your private equity investments?

 $\Box$  (A) We use operational-level benchmarks to assess and analyse the performance of portfolio companies against sector performance

 $\Box$  (B) We implement international best practice standards, such as the IFC Performance Standards, to guide ongoing assessments and analyses

□ (C) We implement certified environmental and social management systems across our portfolio

□ (D) We make sufficient budget available to ensure that the systems and procedures needed are established

□ (E) We hire external verification services to audit performance, systems, and procedures

□ (F) We conduct ongoing engagement with all key stakeholders at the portfolio company level, e.g. local communities, NGOs, governments, and end-users

□ (G) We implement 100-day plans, ESG roadmaps and similar processes

□ (H) Other

• (I) We do not have processes in place to help meet our targets on material ESG factors for our private equity investments

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 9	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Monitoring	1, 2

Post-investment, how do you manage material ESG risks and ESG opportunities to create value during the holding period of your investments?



(A) We develop company-specific ESG action plans based on pre-investment research, due diligence and materiality findings

 $\Box$  (B) We adjust our ESG action plans based on performance monitoring findings at least yearly

☑ (C) We, or the external advisors that we hire, support our private equity investments with specific ESG value-creation opportunities

Select from dropdown list

• (1) for all of our private equity investments

(2) for a majority of our private equity investments

• (3) for a minority of our private equity investments

(D) We engage with the board to manage ESG risks and ESG opportunities post-investment

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our private equity investments
- $\circ~$  (2) for a majority of our private equity investments
- $\circ~$  (3) for a minority of our private equity investments

□ (E) Other

• (F) We do not manage material ESG risks and opportunities post-investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 10	PLUS	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Monitoring	1, 2

# Describe how you ensure that material ESG risks are adequately addressed in the private equity investments in which you hold a minority stake.

We assess the ESG risk in minority investments using Milford's ESG Checklist process which provides a systematic assessment of ESG risk. This is updated to assess the risk when there are any material changes in the ESG criteria.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 12	CORE	00 21	PE 12.1	PUBLIC	Monitoring	1, 2

#### How do you ensure that adequate ESG-related competence exists at the portfolio company level?

#### ☑ (A) We assign the board responsibility for ESG matters

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our private equity investments
- $\circ$  (2) for a majority of our private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our private equity investments

 $\Box$  (B) We ensure that material ESG matters are discussed by the board at least yearly

 $\Box$  (C) We provide training on ESG aspects and management best practices relevant to the portfolio company to C-suite executives only

 $\Box$  (D) We provide training on ESG aspects and management best practices relevant to the portfolio company to employees (excl. C-suite executives)

(E) We support the portfolio company in developing and implementing its ESG strategy

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our private equity investments
- $\circ~$  (2) for a majority of our private equity investments
- $\circ~$  (3) for a minority of our private equity investments

(F) We support portfolio companies by finding external ESG expertise, e.g. consultants or auditors



Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our private equity investments
- (2) for a majority of our private equity investments
- (3) for a minority of our private equity investments

□ (G) We share best practices across portfolio companies, e.g. educational sessions or the implementation of environmental and social management systems

(H) We include penalties or incentives to improve ESG performance in management remuneration schemes

□ (I) Other

• (J) We do not ensure that adequate ESG-related competence exists at the portfolio company level

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 12.1	PLUS	PE 12	N/A	PUBLIC	Monitoring	1, 2

# Describe up to two initiatives taken as part of your ESG competence-building efforts at the portfolio company level during the reporting year.

(A) Initiative 1

The portfolio company Board, comprised predominantly of Milord appointees, engaged Toitu Envirocare to undertake a GHG emissions assessment to inform and educate the company of its emissions profile of the first step to building a GHG reduction plan.

(B) Initiative 2

The portfolio company Board, comprised predominantly of Milord appointees, has undertaken two separate training sessions on health and safety competencies and implementing heath and safety culture. This has resulted in implementing improved Health and Safety systems to increase and improve the understanding of health and safety risk, incidents and management.

### EXIT

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 13	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Exit	4, 6

# During the reporting year, what responsible investment information was shared with potential buyers of private equity investments?

□ (A) Our firm's high-level commitment to responsible investment, e.g. that we are a PRI signatory

 $\square$  (B) A description of what industry and asset class standards our firm aligns with, e.g. TCFD

□ (C) Our firm's responsible investment policy (at minimum, a summary of key aspects and firm-specific approach)

□ (D) Our firm's ESG risk assessment methodology (topics covered in-house and/or with external support)

 $\Box$  (E) The outcome of our latest ESG risk assessment on the asset or portfolio company

 $\Box$  (F) Key ESG performance data on the asset or portfolio company being sold

□ (G) Other

• (H) No responsible investment information was shared with potential buyers of private equity investments during the reporting year

(I) Not applicable; we had no sales process (or control over the sales process) during the reporting year



### **DISCLOSURE OF ESG PORTFOLIO INFORMATION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PE 14	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Disclosure of ESG portfolio information	6

During the reporting year, how did you report your targets on material ESG factors and related data to your investors?

 $\Box$  (A) We used a publicly disclosed sustainability report

 $\Box$  (B) We reported in aggregate through formal reporting to investors

 $\Box$  (C) We reported at the portfolio company level through formal reporting to investors

 $\Box$  (D) We reported through a limited partners advisory committee (or equivalent)

 $\Box$  (E) We reported back at digital or physical events or meetings with investors

□ (F) We had a process in place to ensure that reporting on serious ESG incidents occurred

□ (G) Other

• (H) We did not report our targets on material ESG factors and related data to our investors during the reporting year

# **CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES (CBM)**

## **CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES**

### APPROACH TO CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 1	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Approach to confidence-building measures	6

#### How did your organisation verify the information submitted in your PRI report this reporting year?

(A) We conducted independent third-party assurance of selected processes and/or data related to the responsible investment processes reported in our PRI report, which resulted in a formal assurance conclusion

□ (B) We conducted a third-party readiness review and are making changes to our internal controls or governance processes to be able to conduct independent third-party assurance next year

C) We conducted an internal audit of selected processes and/or data related to the responsible investment processes reported in our PRI report

☑ (D) Our board, trustees (or equivalent), senior executive-level staff (or equivalent), and/or investment committee (or equivalent) signed off on our PRI report

(E) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings to verify that our funds comply with our responsible investment policy

□ (F) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings as part of risk management, engagement identification or investment decision-making

G) Our responses in selected sections and/or the entirety of our PRI report were internally reviewed before submission to the PRI

• (H) We did not verify the information submitted in our PRI report this reporting year



### THIRD-PARTY EXTERNAL ASSURANCE

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 2	CORE	OO 21, CBM 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Third-party external assurance	6

For which responsible investment processes and/or data did your organisation conduct third-party external assurance?

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle

СВМ 3	PLUS	CBM 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Third-party external assurance	6

#### Provide details of the third-party external assurance process regarding the information submitted in your PRI report.

(1) Description of the third-party external assurance process

An external audit is conducted on our proxy voting process. The purpose of the proxy voting process is to ensure that each company's covering analyst is actively voting at each of their respective companies' meetings. The audit selects a random sample of meetings from Milford's holdings and audits the process by which the vote was actioned via communication between the sustainable investment team and the covering analyst and the execution of the vote.

- (2) Assurance standard(s) used by the third-party assurance provider
- □ (A) PAS 7341:2020
- $\Box$  (B) ISAE 3000 and national standards based on this
- □ (C) Dutch Standard 3810N (Assurance engagements regarding sustainability reports)
- □ (D) RevR6 (Assurance of Sustainability)
- □ (E) IDW AsS 821 (Assurance Standard for the Audit or Review of Reports on Sustainability Issues)
- □ (F) Accountability AA1000 Assurance Standard (AA1000AS)
- $\Box$  (G) IFC performance standards
- $\Box$  (H) SSAE 18 and SOC 1
- $\Box$  (I) Other national auditing/assurance standard with guidance on sustainability; specify:
- □ (J) Invest Europe Handbook of Professional Standards
- ☑ (K) ISAE 3402 Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organisation
- □ (L) AAF 01/20
- □ (M) AAF 01/06 Stewardship Supplement
- □ (N) ISO 26000 Social Responsibility



- (O) ISO 14065:2020 General principles and requirements for bodies validating and verifying environmental information
- □ (P) ASAE 3410 Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements

□ (Q) PCAF

- □ (R) NGER audit framework (National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting)
- $\Box$  (S) Auditor's proprietary assurance framework for assuring RI-related information
- $\Box$  (T) Other greenhouse gas emissions assurance standard; specify:
- (3) Third-party external assurance provider's report that contains the assurance conclusion

### **INTERNAL AUDIT**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle		
CBM 4	CORE	OO 21, CBM 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Internal audit	6		
<ul> <li>What responsible investment processes and/or data were audited through your internal audit function?</li> <li>(A) Policy, governance and strategy Select from dropdown list: <ul> <li>(1) Data internally audited</li> <li>(2) Processes internally audited</li> <li>(3) Processes and data internally audited</li> </ul> </li> <li>(C) Listed equity Select from dropdown list: <ul> <li>(1) Data internally audited</li> <li>(2) Processes internally audited</li> </ul> </li> <li>(3) Processes and data internally audited</li> <li>(2) Processes internally audited</li> <li>(3) Processes and data internally audited</li> <li>(2) Processes and data internally audited</li> <li>(2) Processes and data internally audited</li> <li>(3) Processes and data internally audited</li> <li>(2) Processes and data internally audited</li> <li>(3) Processes and data internally audited</li> <li>(4) Data internally audited</li> </ul>								
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CBM 5	PLUS	CBM 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Internal audit	6
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Provide details of the internal audit process regarding the information submitted in your PRI report.

The Sustainable Investment Team monitors the adherence to our Sustainability Strategy via regular checks and reporting. These checks comprise:

• Exposure to excluded categories via hedging instruments to ensure they are within soft limits (monthly).

• Engagement activities undertaken and documented, to ensure they are pushing for change and demonstrating to companies the value to investors of good sustainability performance (monthly).

• Proxy votes cast to ensure all votes have been cast and voted in line with our principles and considering advice from our external proxy voting adviser (monthly).

Completion of the ESG Checklist (quarterly).

• Relevance and appropriateness of our Sustainability Strategy to achieve our objectives of enhancing risk adjusted returns and helping drive the transition to a more sustainable future (annually).

We report a summary of these checks, plus other relevant data including the Greenhouse Gas emissions of our portfolios, to our Investment Management Committee and Board Investment Commitment on a quarterly basis.

In addition, the Compliance, Risk and Legal team will on occasion undertake an audit of the Sustainable Investment Teams control activities. This can include testing the design or operational effectiveness of the control environment and review of Milford's disclosures around its ESG practices.

### **INTERNAL REVIEW**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 6	CORE	CBM 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Internal review	6

#### Who in your organisation reviewed the responses submitted in your PRI report this year?

 $\Box$  (A) Board, trustees, or equivalent

(B) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department, or equivalent Sections of PRI report reviewed

(1) the entire report

(2) selected sections of the report

• (C) None of the above internal roles reviewed selected sections or the entirety of the responses submitted in our PRI report this year

