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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?

ISIF is a large investor, both in Ireland and Globally - a Universal Owner, meaning its long-term returns are dependent on the continuing good health of the overall economy.

ISIF believes that responsibly managed companies, those that actively manage environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues, are best-placed to achieve a sustainable competitive advantage and provide strong, long-term investment opportunities - they are more likely to endure and create sustainable value over the long term.

ESG consideration will benefit the ISIF not just at each individual investment, but also at an overall portfolio level, ultimately enhancing both the long-term value of the Fund and its reputation of how it delivers its mandate. ISIF seeks to advance responsible investing within the investment industry.

ISIF endeavours to be a responsible investor, actively integrating ESG factors into its decision-making processes with a view to enhancing the overall outcomes for the Fund and ultimately its beneficial owner. ISIF (through its predecessor the NPRF) was a founding signatory to the PRI in 2006 and has continuously reviewed, adapted and enhanced its approach to Responsible Investment (RI) in response to both mandate and strategic changes since then.

Responsible Investment is embedded in ISIF's Business Plan and Investment Strategy and the NTMA Board approves its Sustainable and Responsible Investment Strategy, which aims to integrate ESG across a wide range of sectors and asset classes. However, the Fund prioritises Governance and Climate issues across all its investments.

ISIF embeds ESG systematically across the whole of the Fund, using the key tools of 1) Capital Allocation, 2) Integration, 3) Active Ownership and 4) Exclusions in addition to regulatory best practice, alignment with government sustainability commitments and transparency through reporting. Our challenge is to implement RI/ESG in a broadly consistent manner across two very different portfolios. Therefore, we use these tools to different degrees across the two portfolios.

The Irish Portfolio primarily focuses on:

- Capital Allocation Through ISIF's Climate Strategy commitments and other investments to help position Ireland for a Net Zero economy
- ESG Integration Using in-house ESG frameworks and carbon tools to guide identify material ESG risks
- Active Ownership through our annual review process.

The Global Portfolio primarily focuses on:



- Active Ownership EOS at Federated Hermes provides Active Ownership services for the Global Portfolio.
- Exclusions The Fossil Fuel Divestment Act 2018 provides for the divestment by ISIF from fossil fuel undertakings, building on ISIF's existing investment exclusionary strategy in respect of cluster munitions and anti-personnel mines, coal production and processing, nuclear weapons and tobacco manufacturing.

Climate change is a critical issue for the Fund and it produces a Climate Report Annually outlining the funds climate performance. ISIF's climate goal is to support long-term transition to Net Zero in Ireland before 2050 by driving substantial emissions reductions within the ISIF Portfolio and increasing ISIF's positive climate impact by 2030.

ISIF is also adhere to the Santiago Principle and is a member of the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds (OPSWF) initiative.

#### 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

ISIF as part of the NTMA supports various actions contained in the Government's Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2021 and with the most recent strategy, the NTMA Climate Action Strategy 2022-2024 which reviews progress made to-date and updated to ensure alignment with the CAP 2021 and subsequent plans. The overarching objective of NTMA's climate strategy is to ensure that the NTMA builds on its leadership role in sustainable finance to support the delivery of Government's climate action initiatives through its mandates and to be a Net Zero emissions organisation by 2030. The oversight and monitoring of the NTMA's Climate Action Strategy is a priority for the NTMA's Board and Executive Management Team (EMT).

#### ISIF

Sustainable and Responsible Investment Strategy 2023 was reviewed and approved by the board in July 2023. The ongoing implementation of this strategy has been a key focus for the year, particularly in terms of Gender Diversity and Climate. In addition the ISIF Investment committee approved the new ESG/Climate Framework in November 2022, which allows ISIF to consider the real-world impact of its investments with focus not only on key ESG aspects but also specific focus on Climate through supporting the long-term transition to Net Zero in Ireland before 2050. ISIF's exclusion policy was also extended in 2021 to incorporate the exclusion of direct investment in companies that have been verified to be involved in the manufacture and test of nuclear weapons or critical component parts.

#### Climate

ISIF's Climate Investment Strategy seeks to fund climate-positive initiatives which supports Irelands transition to a Net Zero low-carbon economy. This is a two-pillar approach, firstly, supporting the sustainable infrastructure requirements of the Irish economy out to 2030 in key areas where carbon emissions are prevalent, as outlined in the Governments Climate Action Plan. Secondly, in funding the development of new technologies and business models that will support the longer-term transition of the Irish economy to Net Zero beyond 2030 and before 2050.

In 2021 ISIF published its first Climate Report which is aligned with TCFD reporting. The Climate Report was updated in 2022 demonstrating progress on emission reductions in our Global Portfolio and Irish Portfolio.



#### **Gender Diversity**

ISIF believes that diversity is a key in securing a sustainable recovery and ongoing business resilience, and has become more active in its approach to new and existing investments in relation to investees' approach to gender diversity. In 2022, ISIF's internal director nominations increased from 33% to 42% female (0% when first measured in 2019) against the annual target of 30%. This target was reviewed in December 2022 and has since been revised to 40%. Also ISIF recognising the limitation of the ISIF female-pool in terms of capacity, engaged a specialist board recruiter to identify external nominee female directors for appointment onto ISIF investee company boards as appropriate. The gender diversity action plan, also sets a minimum target of 30% female representation on the boards of ISIF investee companies across the Irish Portfolio, against which progress continues to be made.

ISIF is also a member of Level 20 (a not-for-profit organisation founded with the aim of improving gender diversity in the private equity industry) and the new 30% Club Industry group for the financial services sector. ISIF supports the 30% Club Investor Group Statement of Intent 'Diversity is a critical component of good corporate governance. Diverse boards and executive management teams are more likely to achieve better outcomes for investors and other stakeholders by introducing a broader spectrum of perspectives, skills and experience. As asset owners and asset managers with a fiduciary duty to our beneficiaries, we are committed to using our influence to achieve and maintain a minimum of 30% gender representation on the board and at the executive management level of Irish companies. 30% gender representation on boards is not the end goal but the threshold at which there is meaningful representation to exercise voices.'

#### Collaboration

ISIF has continued its engagement with the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Funds (OPSWF) initiative, whose purpose is to accelerate efforts to integrate low-emissions opportunities and address investment risks associated with climate change in particular its working groups have focused on the followings areas:

- o Supporting and accelerating action on harmonizing climate data for private markets
- o increasing investments in clean hydrogen
- increasing investments in renewables, notably in emerging and developing economies.

Attainment of responsible investment certifications and/or awards: CDP Voluntary Climate Submission - Score B

#### Section 3. Next steps

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

ISIF believes strongly in sustainable and responsible investment and the principles that support ESG factors in its investments and will continue to strive for best-in-class approach to ESG. As such ISIF will continue to look forward and (i) engage on key challenges such as Climate Change, Human Capital and as highlighted in the new COP15 Global Biodiversity Agreement and upcoming Task Force for Nature Related Financial Disclosure Guidelines (TNFD) and (ii) understand how ISIF's investment strategy can best support Biodiversity.

ISIF has partnered with top-tier international investors with deep expertise in the climate arena, bringing smart capital and world-class talent to focus on Ireland decarbonisation journey. In 2021 ISIF stated an ambition of €1 bn towards climate related investments over 5 years and has made €500m of climate-related investments to date in support of this decarbonisation strategy, €235m of which has been invested since 2021 and focus will continue in this area over the coming years.



In November 2022, ISIF announced its ambition to invest a minimum of €50m over the next two years through private equity firms that are majority owned by women. By establishing an ambition for investing in female-led investment opportunities, ISIF is seeking to demonstrate its commitment to addressing gender inequality and promoting greater diversity at senior levels – both within ISIF and in the companies and funds in which it invests.

In 2022, as part of its commitment to sustainability related accountability and disclosure NTMA completed its first ever CDP (Previsouly know as the Carbon Disclosure Project) Climate submission on a voluntary basis. The submission captured information across the whole of the organisation, with a particular focus on the ISIF portfolio. We are delighted to report we received a B, which is ahead of the Financial Services average and also Global average result. Areas of relative strength include (1) Governance, (2) Strategy, (3) Emissions reduction initiatives and (4) Portfolio impact. While some areas to focus on to move into the leadership category include (1) verification of emissions and (2) risk disclosures. In addition to this we also completed the Forest questionnaire, which focused on ISIF investments only, also scoring a B, well ahead of Global, European and Financial services averages. The NTMA plans to continue its CDP reporting in 2023.

ISIF will invest in driving the sustainable development of the Irish economy, focusing on transformative impact in executing its impact strategy. The fund will work closely with its portfolio companies and stakeholders to ensure that its investments align with the sustainability goals of Ireland and contribute to a more sustainable future for all.

#### 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

Nick Ashmore

Position

Director

Organisation's Name

Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF)

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'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 (00)**

### **ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **REPORTING YEAR**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
001	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	12	2022

#### **SUBSIDIARY INFORMATION**

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

Does your organisation have subsidiaries?

o (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]?

(A) AUM of your organisation, including subsidiaries, and excluding the AUM subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research advisory only	US\$ 9,312,382,271.00
(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)

Euro to US Dollar Exchnage Rate - 30th of December:2022 1.0666 according to European Central Bank



## **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	1.38%	14.59%
(B) Fixed income	2.286%	17.544%
(C) Private equity	4.93%	17.606%
(D) Real estate	0.358%	5.033%
(E) Infrastructure	0%	5.071%
(F) Hedge funds	0%	13.068%
(G) Forestry	0%	1.007%
(H) Farmland	0%	0%
(I) Other	0%	17.131%
(J) Off-balance sheet	0%	0%

#### (I) Other - (2) Percentage of Externally managed AUM - Specify:

Cash & Cash Equivalents



## **ASSET BREAKDOWN: EXTERNALLY MANAGED ASSETS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.1	CORE	OO 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Externally managed assets	GENERAL

Provide a further breakdown of your organisation's externally managed listed equity and/or fixed income AUM.

	(1) Listed equity	(2) Fixed income - SSA	(3) Fixed income - corporate	(4) Fixed income - securitised	(5) Fixed income - private debt
(A) Active	74%	17.249%	48.597%	1.079%	18.814%
(B) Passive	26%	8.348%	5.914%		

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.2	CORE	OO 5, OO 5.1	SAM 3, SAM 8	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Externally managed assets	GENERAL

Provide a breakdown of your organisation's externally managed AUM between segregated mandates and pooled funds or investments.

	(1) Segregated mandate(s)	(2) Pooled fund(s) or pooled investment(s)
(A) Listed equity - active	27%	73%
(B) Listed equity - passive	100%	0%
(C) Fixed income - active	36%	64%
(D) Fixed income - passive	100%	0%
(E) Private equity	0%	100%
(F) Real estate	0%	100%



(G) Infrastructure	0%	100%
(H) Hedge funds	16%	84%

## 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 further breakdown of your internally managed listed equity AUM.

(A) Passive equity	0%
(B) Active – quantitative	0%
(C) Active – fundamental	0%
(D) Other strategies	100%

#### (D) Other strategies - Specify:

As part of ISIF's Direct Equity strategy it has supported a number of companies as a Cornerstone Investor through to IPO.

#### ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED FIXED INCOME

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 5.3 FI	CORE	OO 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed fixed income	GENERAL

#### Provide a further breakdown of your internally managed fixed income AUM.

(A) Passive – SSA	0%
(B) Passive – corporate	0%



(C) Active – SSA	0%
(D) Active – corporate	31%
(E) Securitised	0%
(F) Private debt	69%

## ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED PRIVATE EQUITY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 5.3 PE	CORE	OO 5	N/A	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed private equity	GENERAL
Provide a further breakdown of your internally managed private equity AUM.						
(A) Venture cap	ital	0%				

(A) Venture capital	0%
(B) Growth capital	100%
(C) (Leveraged) buy-out	0%
(D) Distressed, turnaround or special situations	0%
(E) Secondaries	0%
(F) Other	0%



## **ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED REAL ESTATE**

1	ndicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
(	OO 5.3 RE	CORE	OO 5	N/A	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed real estate	GENERAL
F	Provide a further	breakdown of your i	nternally manage	d real estate Al	JM.		
	(A) Retail		0%				
	(B) Office		24%				
	(C) Industrial		0%				
	(D) Residential		68%				
	(E) Hotel		0%				
	(F) Lodging, leis	sure and recreation	0%				
	(G) Education		0%				
	(H) Technology	or science	0%				
	(I) Healthcare		0%				
	(J) Mixed use		8%				
	(K) Other		0%				



#### **MANAGEMENT BY PRI SIGNATORIES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 6	CORE	OO 5	N/A	PUBLIC	Management by PRI signatories	GENERAL

What percentage of your organisation's externally managed assets are managed by PRI signatories?

90%

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
007	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	(2) >0 to 10%
(D) Fixed income – securitised	(1) 0%
(E) Fixed income – private debt	(1) 0%
(F) Private equity	(1) 0%
(G) Real estate	(1) 0%
(H) Infrastructure	(1) 0%



(I) Hedge funds (1) 0%

## **STEWARDSHIP**

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 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	(2) Listed equity - passive	(3) Fixed income - active	(4) Fixed income - passive	(5) Private equity
(A) Yes, through internal staff	V	<b></b> ✓	Ø	Ø	V
(B) Yes, through service providers	<b></b>	Ø	V	Ø	<b>_</b>
(C) Yes, through external managers					
(D) We do not conduct stewardship	0	0	0	0	0



	(6) Real estate	(7) Infrastructure	(8) Hedge funds	(9) Forestry	(11) Other
(A) Yes, through internal staff	Ø	Ø	<b></b>	Ø	
(B) Yes, through service providers	Ø	Ø	<b></b>	Ø	
(C) Yes, through external managers					
(D) We do not conduct stewardship	0	0	O	0	•

## STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 9 HF	CORE	OO 5	OO 9	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

Does your organisation have direct investments in listed equity across your hedge fund strategies?

(A) Yes(B) No

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	(2) Listed equity - passive
(A) Yes, through internal staff	Ø	
(B) Yes, through service providers		
(C) Yes, through external managers		
(D) We do not conduct (proxy) voting	0	0

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9.1	CORE	OO 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

(A) Listed equity – active	(12) 100%
(B) Listed equity - passive	(12) 100%

#### STEWARDSHIP NOT CONDUCTED

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 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



Other defined as Cash and Cash Equivalents plus derivatives, therefore not applicable

## **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
(D) Listed equity - other strategies	•	0
(F) Fixed income - corporate	•	0
(H) Fixed income - private debt	•	0
(I) Private equity	•	0
(J) Real estate	•	0



## **EXTERNAL MANAGER SELECTION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 12	CORE	OO 5, OO 5.1	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	External manager selection	1

For each externally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors when selecting external investment managers?

	(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors when selecting external investment managers	(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors when selecting external investment managers
(A) Listed equity - active	•	0
(B) Listed equity - passive	•	0
(C) Fixed income - active	•	0
(D) Fixed income - passive	•	0
(E) Private equity		0
(F) Real estate		0
(G) Infrastructure	•	0
(H) Hedge funds	•	0
(I) Forestry	•	0
(K) Other: Cash & Cash Equivalents	0	•



## **EXTERNAL MANAGER APPOINTMENT**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 13	CORE	OO 5, OO 5.1	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	External manager appointment	1

For each externally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors when appointing external investment managers?

	(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors when appointing external investment managers	(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors when appointing external investment managers
(A) Listed equity - active	•	0
(B) Listed equity - passive	•	O
(C) Fixed income - active	•	Ο
(D) Fixed income - passive	•	Ο
(E) Private equity	•	Ο
(F) Real estate	•	Ο
(G) Infrastructure	•	Ο
(H) Hedge funds	•	Ο
(I) Forestry	•	O
(K) Other: Cash & Cash Equivalents	0	•



## **EXTERNAL MANAGER MONITORING**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 14	CORE	OO 5, OO 5.1	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	External manager monitoring	1

For each externally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors when monitoring external investment managers?

	(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors when monitoring external investment managers	(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors when monitoring external investment managers
(A) Listed equity - active	•	0
(B) Listed equity - passive	•	O
(C) Fixed income - active	•	Ο
(D) Fixed income - passive	•	Ο
(E) Private equity	•	Ο
(F) Real estate	•	Ο
(G) Infrastructure	•	Ο
(H) Hedge funds	•	O
(I) Forestry	•	Ο
(K) Other: Cash & Cash Equivalents	0	•



#### **ESG IN OTHER ASSET CLASSES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 15	CORE	OO 11, OO 12- 14	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG in other asset classes	1

#### Describe how your organisation incorporates ESG factors into the following asset classes.

Externally managed

(D) Forestry

Forestry – external Davy Asset Management is the manager of the "The First Forestry Fund" and Coillte manage the trees during the life of the Fund. Davy are a recent PRI signatory since 2016. Coillte's forests are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) scheme originally since May 2001, which demonstrates that they are well managed in accordance with strict environmental, social and economic criteria. If Coillte lose FSC certification, they can be terminated as manager of the forests. Coillte also have a Chain of Custody (CoC) certification, a mechanism for tracking certified material from the forest to the final product. Coillte is audited each year for the following certifications • FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certification of responsible forest management • PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) certification of sustainable forest management • ISO 45001 certification for Coillte's Health and Safety System • ISO 50001, a certification for energy management systems • Coillte have a Chain of Custody (CoC) certification. Dasos manages an ISIF forestry investment and are a PRI signatory with a detailed Forest Investment policy and ESG guidelines. These policies are reviewed annually by ISIF.

#### **ESG NOT INCORPORATED**

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

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

Externally managed

(Z) Other

Other classified as Cash and Cash Equivalents plus Derivatives, therefore not applicable



#### **ESG STRATEGIES**

## **LISTED EQUITY**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 17 LE	CORE	00 11	OO 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	100%
(E) Thematic and integration	0%
(F) Screening and thematic	0%
(G) All three approaches combined	0%
(H) None	0%

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	100%
(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?

#### (2) Fixed income - corporate

(A) Screening alone	0%
(B) Thematic alone	0%
(C) Integration alone	0%
(D) Screening and integration	100%
(E) Thematic and integration	0%
(F) Screening and thematic	0%
(G) All three approaches combined	0%
(H) None	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?

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(2	) Fixea	income	- cor	porate

(A) Positive/best-in-class screening only	0%
(B) Negative screening only	100%
(C) A combination of screening approaches	0%

#### **ESG/SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS AND PRODUCTS**

#### LABELLING AND MARKETING

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

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

- $\circ~$  (A) Yes, we market products and/or funds as ESG and/or sustainable
- $\circ~$  (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



## **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	•	0	0
Confidence Building Measures	•	0	0
(T) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – listed equity - active	•	0	0
(U) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – listed equity - passive	•	0	0
(V) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – fixed income - active	•	0	0
(W) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – fixed income - passive	•	O	O



(X) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – private equity	•	Ο	0
(Y) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – real estate	0		0
(Z) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – infrastructure	0		0
(AA) External manager selection, appointment and monitoring (SAM) – hedge funds	•	ο	0

## **SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

## REPORT DISCLOSURE

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 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** 

o (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
- $\square$  (F) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold
- ☑ (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
- ☑ (K) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders
- ☑ (L) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting
- ☐ (M) Other responsible investment elements not listed here
- o (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)
- $\square$  (C) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues
- o (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://isif.ie/uploads/publications/SRIS-2020.pdf

(B) Guidelines on environmental factors Add link:

https://isif.ie/uploads/publications/SRIS-2020.pdf

☑ (C) Guidelines on social factors

Add link:

https://isif.ie/uploads/publications/SRIS-2020.pdf

☑ (D) Guidelines on governance factors Add link:

https://isif.ie/uploads/publications/SRIS-2020.pdf

☑ (E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes

Add link:

https://isif.ie/uploads/publications/SRIS-2020.pdf

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

https://isif.ie/uploads/publications/SRIS-2020.pdf

- $\square$  (G) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)
- ☑ (J) Guidelines on exclusions

Add link:

https://isif.ie/uploads/publications/SRIS-2020.pdf

- $\square$  (K) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment
- ☑ (L) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees Add link:

https://isif.ie/how-we-invest/responsible-investment/active-ownership

- $\square$  (M) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement
- $\square$  (N) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders
- ☑ (O) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting Add link:



https://www.hermes-investment.com/uploads/2021/12/e8cded419aa5ed6696cf1c258a64714e/fheos-corporate-global-voting-quidelines-2022.pdf

o (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?

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#### Elaborate:

The NTMA and ISIF believe that responsibly managed companies, those that actively manage environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues, are best-placed to achieve a sustainable competitive advantage and provide strong, long term investment opportunities. They are more likely to endure and create sustainable value over the long term.

ISIF endeavours to be a responsible investor, actively integrating ESG factors into its decision-making processes with a view to enhancing the overall outcomes for the Fund and ultimately its beneficial owner.

o (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
- ☑ (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
- $\square$  (G) Conflicts of interest related to stewardship
- ☑ (H) How stewardship efforts and results are communicated across the organisation to feed into investment decision-making and vice versa
- ☐ (I) Other
- o (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
- o (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?

- o (A) We have a publicly available policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme
- o (B) We have a policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme, but it is not publicly available
- o (C) We rely on the policy of our external service provider(s)
- o (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

(A) Overall approach to responsible investment

(B) Guidelines on environmental factors

(C) Guidelines on social factors

(D) Guidelines on governance factors

(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?

#### **AUM coverage**

(A) Specific guidelines on climate change	(2) for a majority of our AUM
(B) Specific guidelines on human rights	(2) for a majority of our AUM

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
  - o (1) >0% to 10%
  - o (2) >10% to 20%
  - o (3) >20% to 30%
  - (4) >30% to 40%
  - o (5) >40% to 50%
  - o (6) >50% to 60%
  - o (7) >60% to 70%
  - o (8) >70% to 80%



- o (9) >80% to 90%
- o (10) >90% to <100%
- **(11) 100%**

#### ☑ (B) Fixed income

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

#### ☑ (C) Private equity

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

#### ☑ (D) Real estate

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

#### ☑ (E) Infrastructure

- (1) Percentage of AUM covered
  - o (1) >0% to 10%
  - o (2) >10% to 20%
  - o (3) >20% to 30%
  - o (4) >30% to 40%
  - o (5) >40% to 50%
  - o (6) >50% to 60%
  - (7) >60% to 70%(8) >70% to 80%
  - o (9) >80% to 90%
  - (3) 2670 to 3670(10) >90% to <100%</li>
  - **(11) 100%**

#### ☑ (F) Hedge funds



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

#### ☑ (G) Forestry

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

#### ☑ (B) Passively managed listed equity

- (1) Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote
  - o (1) >0% to 10%
  - o (2) >10% to 20%
  - o (3) >20% to 30%
  - o (4) >30% to 40%
  - o (5) >40% to 50%
  - o (6) >50% to 60%
  - o (7) >60% to 70%



- o (8) >70% to 80%
- o (9) >80% to 90%
- o (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
- $\ensuremath{\square}$  (B) Senior executive-level staff, or equivalent

Specify:

Chief Executive Officer

☑ (C) Investment committee, or equivalent Specify:

Internal ISIF investment committee

☑ (D) Head of department, or equivalent

Specify department:

Director of ISIF

o (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)	
(H) Guidelines on exclusions	<b></b>
(I) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment	
(J) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees	
(K) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement	
(L) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders	<b>☑</b>
(M) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting	Ø



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

Describe how you do this:

Our service provider keeps us informed of the progress of any policy related engagements through quarterly reporting as well as a client portal. Irish Portfolio related policy related activities will always be discussed at least at portfolio management committees While at an organisation level, The NTMA's Sustainability Group is made up of 15 members from across the Agency (including ISIF) and plays a key role in building the NTMA's leadership role in sustainable finance, supporting the delivery of Government climate initiatives across the NTMA's mandates and driving the NTMA's Climate Action Strategy goal of becoming an environmentally sustainable and net zero emissions organisation by 2030.

- (B) No
- o (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:

Sustainable and Responsible Investment Director and ESG Investment Analyst help coordinate and implement ISIF's approach to responsible investment with our investment teams

(B) External investment managers, service providers, or other external partners or suppliers Specify:



All stewardship (engagement and voting activity) is carried out by third part service provider EOS of Federated Hermes. ISS ESG provide extensive ESG analytics to enable screening and research. They also provide us with two detailed portfolio holding reports, looking at a variety of ESG factors.

o (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?

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

Explain why: (Voluntary)

The NTMA does not have specific KPIs for the performance of our own Board members but we do comply with the Code of Practice for the governance of state bodies, which calls for annual review of the Board performance. This is done through questionnaires that are answered by the Board members themselves. The Investment Committee also does an annual review of its effectiveness and there is a Responsible Investment piece to this.

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

- o (1) KPIs are linked to compensation
- o (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)



The NTMA does not offer incentive plans as part of its compensation packages. The NTMA is a State body, which provides asset asset and liability management services to the Irish Government. Its purpose is to manage public assets and liabilities commercially and prudently. The NTMA has a performance related pay process which are intended to reward exceptional performance having regard to the employee's own performance, the performance of the employee's area of responsibility and the overall performance of the NTMA. Performance related payments are made in accordance with parameters approved by the Agency's non-executive Remuneration Committee. However these are not guaranteed and are made on a discretionary basis. Key performance metrics such as KRI's and KPI's are in place to monitor emissions reduction, completion of NTMA actions within the Climate Action Plan and ultimately the NTMA delivering on its mandate

o (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	Ø	☑
(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	0	0



#### 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) Human rights-related commitments
- ☑ (H) Progress towards human rights-related commitments
- $\square$  (I) Commitments to other systematic sustainability issues
- $\Box$  (J) Progress towards commitments on other systematic sustainability issues
- o (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?

- ☑ (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 Add link(s):

https://isif.ie/uploads/publications/ISIFClimaterupdate231222publishedfinal1545.pdf



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?

 $\odot$  (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://isif.ie/uploads/publications/ISIFClimaterupdate231222publishedfinal1545.pdf

- (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
- o (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
- ☑ (D) Exclusions based on our organisation's climate change commitments
- **☑** (E) Other elements

Specify:

Legislative requirements

o (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 Select from dropdown list:
  - o (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - o (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- ☑ (B) We incorporate climate change-related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

Select from dropdown list:

- o (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- o (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- ☑ (C) We incorporate human rights-related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns

Select from dropdown list:

- o (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- o (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- □ (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
- o (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	(4) Real estate
(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.	0	0	Ο	0
(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.	•	•	•	•



	(5) Infrastructure	(6) Hedge funds	(7) Forestry
(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.	0	0	0
(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.	•	•	•

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 partner with EOS who provide us with stewardship services. This involves EOS engaging on our behalf with companies, public policy makers and representing us in industry body initiatives. To allow us to stay abreast of investor concerns and emerging issues as they arise and promote stewardship as part of a wider force, EOS is an active participant in a number of collaborative industry bodies and initiatives around the world including: •Climate Action 100+: lead or co-lead 31 engagements, and support another 35 •Principles for Responsible Investment: founding member and chair of the drafting committee that created the PRI in 2006. Lead engagement with Vale on tailings dam failure, and actively involved in other groups, including cyber risk, water stress, cattle deforestation, palm oil, plastics, cobalt and tax.

•Asian Corporate Governance Association •Canadian Coalition for Good Governance •CDP •Investors for Opioid & Pharmaceutical Accountability •Investor Alliance for Human Rights •Investor Initiative on Mining & Tailings Safety •International Corporate Governance Network •The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change •UN Guiding Principles Reporting Framework •US Council of Institutional Investors (CII) •30% Club Generally, EOS conduct company engagement privately, as in their experience, working constructively with boards and management in private is the most effective way to achieve positive change as it allows us to build trusted relationships with companies, which results in more open and frank discussions. However, on occasion where EOS are unable to achieve success by using their usual methods of conversations behind closed doors, they may escalate engagement, including collaborating with others to co-file shareholder resolutions when necessary, for example.

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?

- (a) We recognise the value of collective action, and as a result, we prioritise collaborative stewardship efforts wherever possible
- o (B) We collaborate on a case-by-case basis
- o (C) Other
- o (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 partner with EOS who provide us with stewardship services. This involves EOS engaging on our behalf with companies, public policy makers and representing us in industry body initiatives. To allow EOS to be abreast of investor concerns and emerging issues as they arise and promote stewardship as part of a wider force, it is an active participant in a number of collaborative initiatives and industry bodies around the world:

- Climate Action 100+: EOS lead or co-lead 24 company engagements, more than any other investor or body.
- PRI: EOS was a founding member and chair of the drafting committee that drafted the Principles in 2006. EOS often participates in collaborative engagements on the PRI platform, for example, it is leading the engagement with Vale on tailings dam failure, and actively involved in other groups, including cyber risk, water stress, deforestation in cattle supply chains, palm oil, plastics, cobalt and tax.
- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Canadian Coalition for Good Governance
- CDP
- International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)
- Investors for Opioid & Pharmaceutical Accountability
- · Investor Alliance for Human Rights
- Investor Initiative on Mining & Tailings Safety
- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change: EOS joined the IIGCC in 2006 and is an active member of its public policy, climate risk, corporate and property working groups.
- · Share Action
- · Sustainability Accounting Standards Board
- The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change
- UK Investor Forum
- UN Global Compact
- UN Guiding Principles Reporting Framework
- US Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- 30% Club

Generally, EOS conducts company engagement privately as working constructively with boards and management in private is, in EOS' view, the most effective way to achieve positive change as it allows it to build trusted relationships with companies, which results in more open and frank discussions.

However, on occasions where EOS is unable to achieve success by using its usual methods of conversations behind closed doors, EOS may escalate its engagement, including collaborating with others to co-file shareholder resolutions when necessary, for example.

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:

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☑ (B) External investment managers, third-party operators and/or external property managers, if applicable Select from the list:

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☑ (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

Select from the list:

2

(D) Informal or unstructured collaborations with investors or other entities

Select from the list:

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

Select from the list:

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 $\circ$  (F) We do not use any of these channels

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 26	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

How does your organisation ensure that its policy on stewardship is implemented by the external service providers to which you have delegated stewardship activities?

☑ (A) Example(s) of measures taken when selecting external service providers:

As a public sector organisation, the ISIF is required to undergo a competitive tendering process when engaging with external service providers. Prior to contracting with our service provider EOS at Federated Hermes, a competitive tendering process would have taken place between a number of external service providers that could offer the ISIF the stewardship services required. The tenderers would have to display how they best met the stewardship needs of the ISIF and who's stewardship policy best aligned with the ISIF.

☑ (B) Example(s) of measures taken when designing engagement mandates and/or consultancy agreements for external service providers:

ISIF's service provider EOS at Federated Hermes designs an annual engagement plan which is applied to ISIF equity and fixed income segregated holdings. EOS offers quarterly service review meetings and opportunities to feed into the engagement selection process as well as ad-hoc engagement progress discussions and direct participation in engagements where appropriate at client request. As a client we also have significant input into the engagement plan and strategy and focus areas.

☑ (C) Example(s) of measures taken when monitoring the stewardship activities of external service providers:

We actively monitor and review the activities of our service provider EOS at Federated Hermes through quarterly calls and regular reports. EOS at Federated Hermes provides a client facing portal which allows us to refer to the full history of engagement with each company and track progress. Occasionally the insights gained on a particular company through the engagement process was raised with managers to test their understanding of issues facing the company, their own engagement approach and /or to get their views on specific ESG issues.

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?

In relation to the Global Portfolio, quarterly highlight reports with details of engagements relating to portfolio investments that occurred over the quarter are provided by EOS. These are reviewed to keep on top of prominent issues relating to GP investments. These issues can then be discussed at EOS review meetings and also internal team and Manager meetings feeding into portfolio decisions where applicable. In relation to the Irish Portfolio, investee engagements on ESG topics are discussed at investment team meetings, learning from both the Irish Portfolio engagements and GP engagement information is shared among wider investment team used where appropriate in Irish Portfolio decision making.

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.

Our service provider EOS at Federated Hermes continually reviews the progress of its stewardship and engagements and considers whether to intensify efforts and escalate the engagement or discontinue the objectives as the situation demands. Our service provider keeps us informed of the progress through quarterly reporting as well as a client portal.

#### 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:

- o (2) in a majority of cases
- o (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:

- o (2) in a majority of cases
- o (3) in a minority of cases
- o (D) We do not review external service providers' voting recommendations
- o (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	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

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

- o (A) We recall all securities for voting on all ballot items
- o (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
- o (C) Other
- o (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
- o (C) We vote in favour of shareholder resolutions only as an escalation measure
- o (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
- $\Box$  (B) We pre-declared our voting intentions publicly by other means, e.g. through our website
- ☑ (C) We privately communicated our voting decision to investee companies prior to the AGM/EGM
- o (D) We did not privately or publicly communicate our voting intentions prior to the AGM/EGM
- o (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	OO 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):

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- o (B) Yes, for the majority of (proxy) votes
- o (C) Yes, for a minority of (proxy) votes
- o (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?

- o (A) Within one month of the AGM/EGM
- (B) Within three months of the AGM/EGM
- o (C) Within six months of the AGM/EGM
- o (D) Within one year of the AGM/EGM
- o (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?

	(1) In cases where we abstained or voted against management recommendations	(2) In cases where we voted against an ESG-related shareholder resolutio	
(A) Yes, we publicly disclosed the rationale			
(B) Yes, we privately communicated the rationale to the company	(3) for a minority of votes	(3) for a minority of votes	
(C) We did not publicly or privately communicate the rationale, or we did not track this information	0	0	
(D) Not applicable; we did not abstain or vote against management recommendations or ESG-related shareholder resolutions during the reporting year	0	0	

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 35	PLUS	00 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?



EOS has invested considerable time and effort in improving the transparency, efficiency and integrity of the voting chain, within the reporting period that included surveying custodians and other market participants on their implementation of vote confirmation requirements provided in the EU Shareholder Rights Directive as transposed into UK law. EOS publishes annually its Compliance Statement in respect of the Best Practice Principles (BPP) for Providers of Shareholder Voting Research & Analysis, in support of its aims to establish standards for service providers in the industry.

#### 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	(2) Direct listed equity holdings in hedge fund portfolios
(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	O	•

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?

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- $\square$  (B) Publicly engaging the entity, e.g. signing an open letter
- ☐ (C) Not investing
- $\square$  (D) Reducing exposure to the investee entity
- ☐ (E) Divesting
- $\Box$  (F) Litigation
- ☐ (G) Other
- o (H) In the past three years, we did not use any of the above escalation measures for our corporate fixed income assets

#### 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
- o (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?

- $\square$  (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:

Through our service provider, EOS, we use a range of methods to engage with policymakers for a more sustainable financial system. This is achieved through engagements and meetings with government officials, financial regulators, stock exchanges, industry associations, and other key parties. It also includes participating in public consultations. EOS provides technical input on ESG policy change. For example, in 2022, EOS had meetings with the Financial Services Agency (FSA), the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE), and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. EOS highlighted concerns about governance issues, including board effectiveness and cross-shareholdings, as well as gender diversity issues at the board level. EOS visited the FSA's head office in Tokyo and reiterated its expectations for effective board governance. EOS also worked closely with the Asian Corporate Governance Association, the International Corporate Governance Network and Asia Investor Group on Climate Change, among others, to enforce its messages. EOS co-signed the open letter drafted by ACGA to improve gender diversity in TSE Prime Market boards, which was sent to FSA and TSE.

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

Through our service provider, EOS, we use a range of methods to engage with policymakers for a more sustainable financial system. This is achieved through engagements and meetings with government officials, financial regulators, stock exchanges, industry associations, and other key parties. It also includes participating in public consultations. EOS engages on financial regulatory topics regarding ESG integration, stewardship, disclosure. For example, EOS submitted a letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in response to the proposed climate disclosure rule that sought to enhance reporting requirements for companies to include material ESG factors and consider disclosure rules on climate change, including the requirement to disclose Scopes 1 and 2 emissions, and material upstream and downstream Scope 3 emissions. EOS is supportive of the rule given that it would lead to more timely, accurate, comprehensive, comparable, and standardised information disclosed by public and private companies, and is confident that this disclosure would contribute to informed capital allocation and business decisions, resulting in improved value creation and risk mitigation for investors.

#### ☐ (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):

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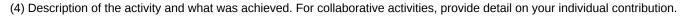
- $\square$  (B) We publicly disclosed details of our engagements with policy makers
- o (C) No, we did not publicly disclose details of our engagement with policy makers conducted as part of our responsible investment approach during the reporting year

#### 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.

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(A) Example 1: Title of stewardship activity:
Environmental Example
(1) Led by  ○ (1) Internally led  ⑥ (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  ☐ (3) Governance factors  (3) Asset class(es)  ☐ (1) Listed equity  ☐ (2) Fixed income  ☐ (3) Private equity  ☐ (4) Real estate  ☐ (5) Infrastructure  ☐ (6) Hedge funds  ☐ (7) Forestry
□ (8) Farmland □ (9) Other





EOS has continued to focus on climate change as its number one priority. It is an active member of Climate Action 100+ (CA100+), the collaborative engagement initiative, currently leading or co-leading 24 company engagements. Rounding up some of the specific activities and outcomes, EOS has seen as part of its role in the CA100+, it has continued to advance engagements and shift focus further towards delivering tangible corporate actions.

In Q3 2022, EOS provided feedback on the draft of the new iteration of the Minderoo Foundation's Plastic Waste Makers Index. It was pleasing to see a greater focus on the connection between plastic waste and climate change, which EOS had suggested. EOS had also provided positive feedback on a section focusing on the recycling capacity of different companies. EOS posed some questions about the section on recommendations for different stakeholders.

In Q4 2021, EOS urged, as co-lead of this Climate Action 100+ European chemicals company, for it to set Scope 3 emissions reduction targets. Over the next few years and after various meetings with the CEO and chair of the board, the company wrote to EOS to confirm it was establishing a Scope 3 emissions reduction target for the first time. The target is for a 30% reduction in Scope 3 emissions by 2030 relative to a 2020 baseline, and in accordance with the Science Based Target initiative (SBTi) guidelines.

EOS also attended pre-COP15 negotiations in Geneva as part of the Finance for Biodiversity delegation. Building on its white paper on aligning financial flows, EOS continued to advocate for an ambitious Global Biodiversity Framework. EOS wants the framework to stimulate action from all stakeholders, including the financial sector. EOS believes that calling for the alignment of public and private financial flows with biodiversity goals and targets is an effective way to do this. EOS contributed to the negotiations by making suggestions for Goal D, which should be expanded to cover reducing the negative impacts of existing financial flows, and aligning all public and private financial flows, as well as increasing financing for nature. EOS was pleased to have support from a member state for its proposal, which means that it can be considered alongside proposals from all member states.

In addition, EOS engaged with this European company regarding concern over its carbon footprint. EOS pressed for more ambitious climate targets aligned with 1.5°C and challenged the company on its slow progress on reductions in its Scope 1 and 2 emissions. The company updated its targets, aligning them to a 1.5°C, including a 50% reduction in Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions by 2030 with a 2019 baseline. The targets were validated by the Science Based Targets initiative.

In Asia, EOS engaged with this company to commit to joining with the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) to develop its sustainable palm oil strategy. EOS intensified its engagement through a joint meeting with the company and NGOs. The company became a member of the RSPO, then in 2021 achieved RSPO certification for its entire plantation and mills, and achieved ISO45001 certification in July 2022.

(B) Example 2:
Title of stewardship activity:
Social Example
(1) Led by
o (1) Internally led
(2) External service provider led
o (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager
(2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
$\square$ (1) Environmental factors
☑ (2) Social factors
☐ (3) Governance factors
(3) Asset class(es)
☐ (1) Listed equity
☐ (2) Fixed income
$\square$ (3) Private equity
$\square$ (4) Real estate
$\square$ (5) Infrastructure
$\square$ (6) Hedge funds
(7) Forestry



 $\square$  (8) Farmland  $\square$  (9) Other

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

Respect for human and labour rights is a priority on the investor agenda as it underpins a company's wider corporate culture, business ethics and enterprise risk management, all of which affect the creation and preservation of long-term value. EOS engaged with a number of companies in 2022 on their responsibility to respect human rights.

EOS began engagement with this company to protect its corporate culture in the wake of a major restructuring which led to staff redundancies and consolidation of the business. EOS raised concern that these changes could dilute corporate culture if not appropriately managed. In 2022, the company published a report which provided more robust disclosure of the company's culture. EOS' engagement found the company to have effectively re-visioned its corporate culture principles since the restructuring and demonstrated a stronger commitment to the well being of its employees during the pandemic.

EOS engaged with this US utility company, asking for the disclosure of a clear just transition plan as it retires some assets, an assessment of the impact on the workforce, and a timeline to complete the transition. EOS was impressed by the company's detailed just transition section within its 2021 Climate Impact Analysis report. The company formed a special transition taskforce and partnered with a local NGO to facilitate a dialogue for the retirement of one of its power plants. It has helped 75% of the workers in the plant to move to other positions, either with or outside the company, or to retire with the plant.

In addition, EOS has engaged extensively with a software company on digital rights since a scandal that saw millions of users have their data collected for political purposes without their consent. This included meetings with the head of human rights and investor relations. In 2022, the company published its first human rights report. The report provides some helpful information on its policies and procedures - for example, those enforcing the community standards governing content on its platforms.

Furthermore, EOS was successful in engaging with this company regarding product quality and safety concerns after reports of infants dying in the company's inclined sleeper products. While the company's ownership of the issue falls below expectations, EOS welcomed a number of positive steps. These included removing all inclined sleepers from sale, plus the removal of any higher-risk infant toys from the market such as rockers, swings and bouncers by January 2023.

(C) Example 3: Title of stewardship activity:	
Governance Example	
(1) Led by	
o (1) Internally led	
(2) External service provider led	
o (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property	manage
(2) Primary focus of stewardship activity	
$\square$ (1) Environmental factors	
☐ (2) Social factors	
☑ (3) Governance factors	
(3) Asset class(es)	
☐ (1) Listed equity	
☐ (2) Fixed income	
$\square$ (3) Private equity	
☐ (4) Real estate	
$\square$ (5) Infrastructure	
☐ (6) Hedge funds	
☐ (7) Forestry	
$\square$ (8) Farmland	



☐ (9) Other

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

Investors care deeply about how well a company board functions. Getting this aspect of governance right makes it more likely that material risks and opportunities will be well managed.

Regarding board diversity, EOS first raised this issue with a European chemicals company in 2020. Whilst the company said it was seeking to refresh the board over time, at the company's annual meeting the following year, board gender was still below EOS expectations at 25%. In 2022, EOS wrote to the company to provide its corporate governance principles and convey its expectations on board diversity. In the company's 2022 proxy, EOS were pleased to see the nomination of a female director to the board bringing gender diversity to above 30%. EOS also welcomed the company's enhanced enterprise-wide focus on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and publication of gender, race and ethnicity data on a dedicated DEI webpage.

In Asia, EOS engaged at executive level on the benefits of a regular dialogue between board members and investors. EOS initially raised concern about the lack of communication at the company's office in Seoul in 2015. Fast forward to 2022, whilst some progress had been made, EOS reinforced its request for regular engagement with the chair. Following a successful engagement, the company assured EOS that a framework had been established for an annual collective engagement between the chair and members of the Asian Corporate Governance Association (ACGA).

Regarding CEO shareholding requirements, EOS' expectation is for the CEO's share ownership to be at least more than six times base salary for non-S&P 500 companies. Following multiple meetings with this US-based company over 2021 and 2022, EOS were disappointed the compensation committee did not increase the CEO's shareholding requirements. However, in the company's 2022 proxy statement, it confirmed that its CEO is requited to hold a minimum of five times base salary in company stock, which brought the company's practices in line with EOS' minimum threshold for companies not listed on the S&P500.

In early 2022, EOS had a call with the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) sector lead for technology and communications, where it learned about the planned evolution of the organisation and the trajectory of its standards. EOS offered to provide input on SASB's content governance and future projects as they emerge, and will share its digital rights principles. EOS pointed out the gap in children's disclosure. SASB acknowledged this gap and believes it could be addressed in a potential future project on user safety. It shared its materials on its current content governance project, which included a focus on the metric of financial spend and asked for EOS' feedback.

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(D) Example 4:
Title of stewardship activity:
(1) Led by
o (1) Internally led
o (2) External service provider led
<ul> <li>(3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manage</li> </ul>
(2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
$\square$ (1) Environmental factors
☐ (2) Social factors
☐ (3) Governance factors
(3) Asset class(es)
(1) Listed equity
☐ (2) Fixed income
$\square$ (3) Private equity
(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
(E) Example 5:
Title of stewardship activity:
(1) Led by
o (1) Internally led
(2) External service provider led
o (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager
(2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
$\square$ (1) Environmental factors
☐ (2) Social factors
$\square$ (3) Governance factors
(3) Asset class(es)
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$\square$ (3) Private equity
☐ (4) Real estate
$\square$ (5) Infrastructure
$\square$ (6) Hedge funds
☐ (7) Forestry
$\square$ (8) Farmland
$\Box$ (0) Other

#### **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

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

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

☑ (A) Yes, within our standard planning horizon

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



The ISIF Investment Strategy has a focus on four Priority Themes, one of which is Climate Change. Specifically, this will involve investment to deliver substantial carbon reduction across sectors such as renewable electricity and heat, food and agriculture and transport.

Physical Risks to businesses are due to both event driven (acute) or longer-term shifts (chronic) in climate patterns. Physical risks could have material financial implications for ISIF investees such as direct damage to assets and indirect impacts from supply chain disruption. Examples of physical risk include: an increase in frequency or intensity of storms increasing plant downtime; and longer-term shifts in water availability or quality for food and beverage production. All investments in the Irish portfolio, existing and potential, are assessed using ISIF's ESG Due Diligence tool and Climate and Carbon Questionnaire. There are two versions of the tool, one for indirect investments and one for direct investments. All direct investments are assessed for Climate Change Risk and Resilience: Transitional risk and Physical risks associated with the investment out to 2040 are ranked. ISIF also recently conducted Physical Climate Risk analysis on its year end global listed holdings for 2022 Analysis was conducted on all Global Equity and Fixed Income Holdings

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

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

Transition and physical risk in Global Portfolio equity and fixed income, assessed in semi-annual analysis provided by third-party climate analysis provider. All investments in the Irish portfolio, existing and potential, are assessed using ISIF's ESG Due Diligence tool and Climate and Carbon Questionnaire. There are two versions of the tool, one for indirect investments and one for direct investments. All direct investments are assessed for Climate Change Risk and Resilience: Transitional risk and Physical risks associated with the investment out to 2040 are ranked. Transition Risks arise from the transition to a lower-carbon economy. Transition risks include financial impacts from: intensifying carbon policy, shifts in regulation and compliance, mounting reputational pressures and fundamental shifts in the market. Depending on the pace and nature of the low-carbon transition, transition risks may pose varying levels of financial and reputational risk to ISIF and its diverse portfolio of investees. The risk identification is based on the comparison of a business-as-usual trajectory for the global economy versus 2°C low-carbon transition scenario.

o (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:

- ISIF's climate goal is to actively support the transition to Net Zero emissions in Ireland before 2050, envisaged under the national Climate Action Plan, and be positioned as a transition ready portfolio by 2030 by achieving substantial emissions reduction and increased climate impact.
- Governance structure both within the Fund and the organisation support this goal.
- The Irish Portfolio climate strategy is targeting a 5 year €1bn investment programme in sustainable infrastructure, new technologies and business models that will underpin the transition to Net Zero.
- ISIF has made c. €500m of climate-related investments to date in support of its decarbonisation strategy.



Managing and mitigating climate risk

- · Integration of potential climate risks, as appropriate, as part of ISIF's decision making and portfolio management.
- Divestment from global fossil fuel and high carbon companies, supported by exclusion list of 239 companies in which ISIF will not invest and the Fossil Fuel Divestment Act 2018.
- Active ownership focussed on supporting and encouraging changes to corporate behaviours which contribute to sustainable returns through enhanced disclosure and action around climate change.
- Climate metrics are a key part to measuring progress. ISIF knows these metrics and methodologies continue to evolve. Using today's guidance, ISIF model and measure carbon intensity and emissions across both ISIF's Global and Irish Portfolios.

Examples of 2022 climate investments include the following.

- Solas Sustainable Energy Fund ICAV: Commitment to a fund providing innovative debt financing for residential and commercial energy efficiency projects.
- 2022 EIP Deep Decarbonization Frontier Fund I LP: Commitment to an early-stage venture capital fund focused on technologies and business models that target revolutionary impacts in accelerating decarbonisation. The fund is managed by Energy Impact Partners, a leading global investor in decarbonisation technologies.
- Energy Impact Fund SCSp: Commitment to a Europe-focused late-stage venture capital fund managed by Energy Impact Partners, a

leading global investor in decarbonisation technologies.

The NTMA views Climate Risk as the risk that the NTMA fails to take the necessary actions to integrate climate action (as appropriate) into its business decisions in the context of delivering its mandates to Irish Government and delivering an environmentally sustainable organisation in line with its Climate Strategy. The elevation of Climate Risk as a strategic risk, as agreed by the NTMA Board, underscores the importance the NTMA has placed on the topic of climate action and the environment and its importance to all key stakeholders. This ensures climate remains a strategic priority. The Board expects the organisation to demonstrably factor in Climate Risk to all relevant decision making. The NTMA controls and manages the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) which has a statutory mandate to invest on a commercial basis in a manner designed to support economic activity and employment in the State. ESG consideration benefits ISIF not just through each individual investment, but also at an overall portfolio level, ultimately enhancing both the long-term value of the Fund and the NTMA's delivery on its mandate.

Mitigating activities include ISIF Climate Goals, ISIF Climate Investment Strategy and Sustainable and Responsible Investment Strategy, which seek opportunities to invest €1bn over a five year period in climate positive investments, integrate climate action across all investments and assess and engage on investee transition risks (including emissions) across both the Irish and Global Portfolios. Investing with impact is key to ISIF's mandate. ISIF's climate strategy envisages investments that help position Ireland for the net zero economy aligned with the national Climate Action Plan. ISIF will also seek to support the resilience of the Irish economy as the global market increasingly pivots towards sustainable business practices.

Should ISIF's investments not align with the national Climate Action Plan by not mobilising sufficient private sector investment, there is a potential risk to achieving a net zero economy.

o (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:

The Fossil Fuel Divestment Act 2018 prohibits ISIF from investing in companies that derive >20% of turnover from the extraction, exploration and refinement of Fossil Fuels (coal, peat, oil & gas intended for use in the production of energy by combustion). ISIF has developed an exclusion list which is available on its website. Applied primarily to directly held securities (permits indirect exposure of up to 15% of the AUM of pooled fund assets).

#### ☑ (B) Gas

Describe your strategy:

The Fossil Fuel Divestment Act 2018 prohibits ISIF from investing in companies that derive >20% of turnover from the extraction, exploration and refinement of Fossil Fuels (coal, peat, oil & gas intended for use in the production of energy by combustion). ISIF has developed an exclusion list which is available on its website. Applied primarily to directly held securities (permits indirect exposure of up to 15% of the AUM of pooled fund assets).

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□ (D) Utilities
☐ (E) Cement
☐ (F) Steel
☐ (G) Aviation
☐ (H) Heavy duty road
☐ (I) Light duty road
☐ (J) Shipping
☐ (K) Aluminium
☐ (L) Agriculture, forestry, fishery
☐ (M) Chemicals
☐ (N) Construction and buildings
$\square$ (O) Textile and leather
☐ (P) Water
□ (Q) Other
o (R) We do not have a strategy addressing high-emitting sectors



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
   □ (D) Yes, using other scenarios
- ☑ (D) Yes, using other scenarios Specify:

The output of the scenario alignment analysis comparing current and future portfolio greenhouse gas emissions with the carbon budgets for the IEA Sustainable Development Scenario (SDS), Stated Policies Scenario (STEPS) and the Current Policies Scenario (CPS) for the equity and fixed income global portfolios, allows the team to assess how misaligned the portfolios are with the SDS, which is aligned with the Paris Agreement objective of "holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels". The level of mis-alignment is reported to relevant committees and used to inform the levels of progress required in terms of carbon emissions from both equity and fixed income global portfolios.

• (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



ISIF has developed an ESG Climate Framework tailored for ISIF's Irish portfolio and investment decision making and monitoring processes. The ultimate goal of the ESG Climate Framework is to achieve integrated ESG analysis throughout the investment process and to enable more accurate reporting of the Fund's responsible investment approach and impact within the Irish portfolio. In addition to this, ISIF has developed carbon tools for portfolio monitoring and measurement. The objective of which is, using standardised methodologies, to estimate the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions across the Irish portfolio, identify higher risk sectors and to demonstrate the positive impact of renewable energy projects. Irish Portfolio Green House Gas (GHG) Estimation tool EU Methodology: The GHG emissions assessment tool gives a high-level estimate of the emissions of ISIF's Irish investments, using environmental extended input output data (EEIO) in line with GHG Protocol, an established comprehensive global standardised framework to measure and manage emissions. It is an alternative to the more resource-intensive method of collecting and auditing data from each individual investment to calculate GHG emissions. The methodology includes scope 1, scope 2 and upstream scope 3 emissions. Limitations: The methodology generates results based on EU sector level emissions - allowing for company revenue data to be used to generate a high level estimate of the emissions of a particular company. This method therefore is unable to differentiate between companies within the same industry. ISIF would need to gather detailed emissions data at company level and benchmark it against the sector level data, in order to differentiate between sectors. High Level Results: Within the ISIF portfolio the most carbon intensive sector is Food and Agriculture. The majority of ISIF investments are in medium to low carbon intensity sectors (Infrastructure /Real Estate and Technology). ISIF investment sectors are ranked (Top 10) by high, medium and low carbon intensities. Absolute Emissions: Investees that sit within these sectors and generate the largest revenues are estimated to have highest absolute emissions. In other words, Food and Agri investments won't necessarily have the highest absolute emissions if revenue is low. To better understand the ISIF portfolio carbon emissions, the RI team have developed an overlay measure which builds on the analysis carried out in the GHG tool. In order to address some of the limitations of the carbon intensity and absolute emissions metrics, it has been agreed that the primary portfolio measure of climate exposure in the Irish portfolio is Weighted Average Carbon Intensity. This metric is a widely accepted International standard and is suitable as a whole-of-portfolio measure for debt or equity investments. Irish Portfolio Carbon Savings estimation tool: Carbon Footprinting does not capture the positive downstream impact of renewable energy investments. Therefore, ISIF has also developed an additional tool, which seeks to quantify Carbon Savings (Avoided Emissions) of these investments. Relating to overall NTMA Risk management in Q4 2019, the NTMA Board elevated Climate risk to be a key strategic risk for the organisation.

For global holdings, Engagement with companies through our service provider, EOS, focuses on climate change as a number one priority, seeking companies to have a business model consistent with net-zero emissions and an effective transition plan to achieve this by 2050. In the near term, EOS engages with companies on corporate objectives including: development of a strategy consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement, including that each new material capex investment is consistent with the Paris goals; science-based emissions reduction targets for Scope 1 and 2 emissions and Scope 3 emissions (where a methodology exists, or the equivalent ambition); a public policy position supportive of the Paris goals and alignment of both direct and indirect lobbying activity by member industry associations; board oversight and understanding of climate risks and opportunities; and adoption and implementation of the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures recommendations. As with all our corporate objectives with companies, EOS tracks and manages its progress of climate-related objectives using a milestone system. With regard to tracking and managing climate-related risks in particular, EOS will consider recommending voting against the chair, and other relevant directors or resolutions, at companies where we consider a company's response to the risks and opportunities presented by climate change to be insufficient, using a range of indicators, including the Transition Pathway Initiative assessment.



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

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o (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
  - o (1) Metric or variable used
  - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable

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#### **☑** (B) Exposure to transition risk

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



(2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable

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 $\square$  (C) Internal carbon price

#### ☑ (D) Total carbon emissions

- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - o (1) Metric or variable used
  - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable

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#### ☑ (E) Weighted average carbon intensity

- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - o (1) Metric or variable used
  - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable

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#### ☑ (F) Avoided emissions

- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - o (1) Metric or variable used
  - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable

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#### **☑** (G) Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)

- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - o (1) Metric or variable used
  - **(2)** Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable

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(H)	Non-ITR me	easure of	portfolio	alignment	with UNFCCC	Paris A	greement /	goals

- $\square$  (I) Proportion of assets or other business activities aligned with climate-related opportunities
- $\square$  (J) Other metrics or variables
- o (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?

#### ☑ (A) Scope 1 emissions

- (1) Indicate whether this metric was disclosed, including the methodology
  - o (1) Metric disclosed
  - **(2)** Metric and methodology disclosed
- (2) Provide links to the disclosed metric and methodology, as applicable

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#### ☑ (B) Scope 2 emissions

- (1) Indicate whether this metric was disclosed, including the methodology
  - o (1) Metric disclosed
  - (2) Metric and methodology disclosed
- (2) Provide links to the disclosed metric and methodology, as applicable

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#### ☑ (C) Scope 3 emissions (including financed emissions)

- (1) Indicate whether this metric was disclosed, including the methodology
  - o (1) Metric disclosed
  - (2) Metric and methodology disclosed
- (2) Provide links to the disclosed metric and methodology, as applicable

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o (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
- o (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
☐ (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
☐ (J) Other international framework(s)
☐ (K) Other regional framework(s)

□ (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
- ☑ (B) Consult with key clients and/or beneficiaries to align with their priorities
- $\square$  (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
- o (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
- o (B) No, we have not yet taken action on any specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 48.1	PLUS	PGS 48	N/A	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

#### Why has your organisation taken action on specific sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?

- ☑ (A) We believe that taking action on sustainability outcomes is relevant to our financial risks and returns over both short- and long-term horizons
- ☑ (B) We believe that taking action on sustainability outcomes, although not yet relevant to our financial risks and returns, will become so over a long-time horizon
- ☑ (C) We have been requested to do so by our clients and/or beneficiaries
- ☑ (D) We want to prepare for and respond to legal and regulatory developments that are increasingly addressing sustainability outcomes
- ☐ (E) We want to protect our reputation, particularly in the event of negative sustainability outcomes connected to investments
- ☐ (F) We want to enhance our social licence-to-operate (i.e. the trust of beneficiaries, clients, and other stakeholders)
- ☐ (G) We believe that taking action on sustainability outcomes in parallel to financial return goals has merit in its own right
- ☐ (H) Other

# MANAGER SELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND MONITORING (SAM)

#### **OVERALL APPROACH**

#### **EXTERNAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 1	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	External investment managers	4

For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, which responsible investment aspects does your organisation consider important in the assessment of external investment managers?



	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(4) Fixed income (passive)
Organisation				
(A) Commitment to and experience in responsible investment	V	Ø	Ø	Ø
(B) Responsible investment policy(ies)	V	Ø	Ø	Ø
(C) Governance structure and senior-level oversight and accountability	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
People and Culture				
(D) Adequate resourcing and incentives	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(E) Staff competencies and experience in responsible investment	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Investment Process				
(F) Incorporation of material ESG factors in the investment process	V	Ø	Ø	Ø
(G) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in the investment process	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(H) Incorporation of material ESG factors and ESG risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in portfolio risk assessment	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Stewardship				
(I) Policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship	V	Ø	Ø	Ø



(J) Policy(ies) or guidelines on (proxy) voting	<b></b>	Ø	Ø	Ø
(K) Use of stewardship tools and activities	V	Ø	Ø	Ø
(L) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in stewardship practices	Ø	Ø	Ø	☑
(M) Involvement in collaborative engagement and stewardship initiatives	Ø	Ø	Ø	
(N) Engagement with policy makers and other non-investee stakeholders	Ø		Ø	
(O) Results of stewardship activities	<b></b>		Ø	$\square$
Performance and Reporting				
(P) ESG disclosure in regular client reporting	Z		☑	
(Q) Inclusion of ESG factors in contractual agreements	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(R) We do not consider any of the above responsible investment aspects important in the assessment of external investment managers	0	0	0	Ο



	(5) Private equity	(6) Real estate	(7) Infrastructure	(8) Hedge funds
Organisation				
(A) Commitment to and experience in responsible investment	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(B) Responsible investment policy(ies)	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(C) Governance structure and senior-level oversight and accountability	☑	Ø	Ø	Ø
People and Culture				
(D) Adequate resourcing and incentives	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(E) Staff competencies and experience in responsible investment	Ø	Ø	☑	Ø
Investment Process				
(F) Incorporation of material ESG factors in the investment process	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(G) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in the investment process	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(H) Incorporation of material ESG factors and ESG risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in portfolio risk assessment	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø



# Stewardship

(I) Policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship	Z		Ø	
(J) Policy(ies) or guidelines on (proxy) voting	Z		Ø	
(K) Use of stewardship tools and activities	Z	Ø	Ø	Ø
(L) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in stewardship practices	Ø	Ø	Ø	☑
(M) Involvement in collaborative engagement and stewardship initiatives	Ø	☑	Ø	
(N) Engagement with policy makers and other non-investee stakeholders	Ø		Ø	
(O) Results of stewardship activities	<b></b>		$\square$	$\square$
Performance and Reporting				
(P) ESG disclosure in regular client reporting	V	Ø	Ø	
(Q) Inclusion of ESG factors in contractual agreements	Z	Ø	Ø	Ø
(R) We do not consider any of the above responsible investment aspects important in the assessment of external investment managers	0	Ο	0	Ο



## **SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 2	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Service providers	4

Which responsible investment aspects does your organisation consider important when assessing all service providers that advise you in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external investment managers?

- $\hfill\square$  (A) Incorporation of their responsible investment policy into advisory services
- $\square$  (B) Ability to accommodate our responsible investment policy
- $\square$  (C) Level of staff's responsible investment expertise
- $\Box$  (D) Use of data and analytical tools to assess the external investment manager's responsible investment performance
- ☐ (E) Other
- (F) We do not consider any of the above responsible investment aspects important when assessing service providers that advise us in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external investment managers
- (G) Not applicable; we do not engage service providers in the selection, appointment or monitoring of external investment managers

## **POOLED FUNDS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 3	PLUS	OO 5.2, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Pooled funds	4

If you invest in pooled funds, describe how you incorporate responsible investment aspects into the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external investment managers.

## Provide example(s) below

(A) Selection	RI is considered as part of the procurment process. This includes strategy specific factors and/or commitment from the firm on RI.
(B) Appointment	Evaluation of a firm's investment philosophy and processes, as well as how the manager adds value and drives decision from a RI perspective
(C) Monitoring	A quarterly holdings look-through is done to confrim that the fund does not hold restricted securities. There is also discussion and analysis of the engagement, investment process, metrics and any enhancements.



# **SELECTION**

## RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PRACTICES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 4	CORE	OO 12, OO 21	SAM 5, SAM 6, SAM 7	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	General

During the reporting year, did your organisation select new external investment managers or allocate new mandates to existing investment managers?

- (A) Yes, we selected external investment managers or allocated new mandates to existing investment managers during the reporting year
- o (B) No, we did not select new external investment managers or allocate new mandates to existing investment managers during the reporting year
- o (C) Not applicable; our organisation is in a captive relationship with external investment managers, which applies to 90% or more of our AUM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 5	CORE	SAM 4	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	4

During the reporting year, what responsible investment aspects did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, review and evaluate when selecting new external investment managers or allocating new mandates to existing investment managers?

#### Organisation

☑ (A) Commitment to and experience in responsible investment (e.g. commitment to responsible investment principles and standards)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our mandates

☑ (B) Responsible investment policy(ies) (e.g. the alignment of their responsible investment policy with the investment mandate)

Select from dropdown list

- o (2) for a majority of our mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our mandates

☑ (C) Governance structure and senior-level oversight and accountability (e.g. the adequacy of their governance structure and reported conflicts of interest)



Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our mandates

#### **People and Culture**

☑ (D) Adequate resourcing and incentives (e.g. their team structures, operating model and remuneration structure, including alignment of interests)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our mandates

☑ (E) Staff competencies and experience in responsible investment (e.g. level of responsible investment responsibilities in their investment team, their responsible investment training and capacity building)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our mandates

#### **Investment Process**

☑ (F) Incorporation of material ESG factors in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such factors are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)

Select from dropdown list

- **(1)** for all of our mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our mandates

☑ (G) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such risks are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our mandates

☑ (H) Incorporation of material ESG factors and ESG risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in portfolio risk assessment (e.g. their process to measure and report such risks)

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our mandates

## **Performance and Reporting**

☑ (I) ESG disclosure in regular client reporting

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our mandates

☑ (J) Inclusion of ESG factors in contractual agreements

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our mandates

• (K) We did not review and evaluate any of the above responsible investment aspects when selecting new external investment managers or allocating new mandates to existing investment managers during the reporting year

# **APPOINTMENT**

## **SEGREGATED MANDATES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 8	CORE	OO 5.2, OO 13	N/A	PUBLIC	Segregated mandates	4

Which responsible investment aspects do your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, explicitly include in clauses within your contractual agreements with your external investment managers for segregated mandates?

- ☑ (A) Their commitment to following our responsible investment strategy in the management of our assets Select from dropdown list
  - (1) for all of our segregated mandates
    - (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
    - o (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- ☑ (B) Their commitment to incorporating material ESG factors into their investment activities

Select from dropdown list

- o (1) for all of our segregated mandates
- (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- ☑ (C) Their commitment to incorporating material ESG factors into their stewardship activities

Select from dropdown list

- o (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- ☑ (D) Their commitment to incorporating risks connected to systematic sustainability issues into their investment activities

Select from dropdown list

- o (1) for all of our segregated mandates
- (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- ☑ (E) Their commitment to incorporating risks connected to systematic sustainability issues into their stewardship activities

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our segregated mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- ☑ (F) Exclusion list(s) or criteria

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our segregated mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- ☑ (G) Responsible investment communications and reporting obligations, including stewardship activities and results



Select from dropdown list

- **◎ (1)** for all of our segregated mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- $\ oxdot$  (H) Incentives and controls to ensure alignment of interests

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our segregated mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- (I) Commitments on climate-related disclosure in line with internationally-recognised frameworks such as the TCFD Select from dropdown list
  - o (1) for all of our segregated mandates

  - o (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- ☑ (J) Commitment to respect human rights as defined in the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

Select from dropdown list

- o (1) for all of our segregated mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
- (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- ☑ (K) Their acknowledgement that their appointment is conditional on the fulfilment of their agreed responsible investment commitments

Select from dropdown list

- (1) for all of our segregated mandates
- o (2) for a majority of our segregated mandates
- o (3) for a minority of our segregated mandates
- ☐ (L) Other
- (M) We do not include responsible investment aspects in clauses within our contractual agreements with external investment managers for segregated mandates

## MONITORING

## RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PRACTICES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 9	CORE	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	4

For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, which aspects of your external investment managers' responsible investment practices did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor during the reporting year?



	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(4) Fixed income (passive)
Organisation				
(A) Commitment to and experience in responsible investment (e.g. commitment to responsible investment principles and standards)	☑	☑	Ø	☑
(B) Responsible investment policy(ies) (e.g. the continued alignment of their responsible investment policy with the investment mandate)	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(C) Governance structure and senior level oversight and accountability (e.g. the adequacy of their governance structure and reported conflicts of interest)	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
People and Culture				
(D) Adequate resourcing and incentives (e.g. their team structures, operating model and remuneration structure, including alignment of interests)	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(E) Staff competencies and experience in responsible investment (e.g. level of responsible investment responsibilities in their investment team, their responsible investment training and capacity building)				
Investment Process				



such factors are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)	
(G) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such risks are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)	
(H) Incorporation of material ESG factors and ESG risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in portfolio risk assessment (e.g. their	
Performance and Reporting	
(I) ESG disclosure in regular client reporting (e.g. any changes in their	
(J) Inclusion of ESG factors in contractual agreements	
(K) We did not monitor any of the above aspects of our external investment managers' responsible oo oo oo investment practices during the reporting year	



	(5) Private equity	(6) Real estate	(7) Infrastructure	(8) Hedge funds
Organisation				
(A) Commitment to and experience in responsible investment (e.g. commitment to responsible investment principles and standards)	Ø	Ø		V
(B) Responsible investment policy(ies) (e.g. the continued alignment of their responsible investment policy with the investment mandate)	Ø	Ø		V
(C) Governance structure and senior level oversight and accountability (e.g. the adequacy of their governance structure and reported conflicts of interest)	Ø	Ø	☑	V
People and Culture				
(D) Adequate resourcing and incentives (e.g. their team structures, operating model and remuneration structure, including alignment of interests)	☑	Ø	Ø	Ø
(E) Staff competencies and experience in responsible investment (e.g. level of responsible investment responsibilities in their investment team, their responsible investment training and capacity building)				



## **Investment Process**

(F) Incorporation of material ESG factors in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such factors are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)	Ø	Ø	☑	☑
(G) Incorporation of risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in the investment process (e.g. detail and evidence of how such risks are incorporated into the selection of individual assets and in portfolio construction)	Ø	Ø	☑	☑
(H) Incorporation of material ESG factors and ESG risks connected to systematic sustainability issues in portfolio risk assessment (e.g. their process to measure and report such risks, their response to ESG incidents)	Ø		Ø	☑
Performance and Reporting				
(I) ESG disclosure in regular client reporting (e.g. any changes in their regular client reporting)	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(J) Inclusion of ESG factors in contractual agreements	Ø		Ø	Ø
(K) We did not monitor any of the above aspects of our external investment managers' responsible investment practices during the reporting year	0	0	0	0



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 10	PLUS	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	1

During the reporting year, which information did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor for externally managed ESG passive products and strategies?

(1) Listed equity (passive)	(2) Fixed income (passive)
☑	✓
	☑
☑	☑
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O	0

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 11	PLUS	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	1



Describe an innovative practice you adopted as part of monitoring your external investment managers' responsible investment practices in a specific asset class during the reporting year.

In 2022, we added €450 million to our first beta/passive investment in ESG/climate via UBS (global equities, emerging market debt, and inflation linked bonds). These mandates are index-tracking, and the indices we selected to track are climate specific. The climate indices are constructed using a tilting methodology that adjusts broad index weights according to a company or issuer's relative exposure to climate risk. High level, this means that the indices apply an overweight to companies/issuers demonstrating less exposure to climate risk and apply an underweight to those demonstrating more exposure to climate risk. Each index provider utilises robust monitoring tools, ratings systems, and specific methodology to construct these climate specific indices.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 12	CORE	00 14, 00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment practices	1

For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, how often does your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, monitor your external investment managers' responsible investment practices?

	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(4) Fixed income (passive)
(A) At least annually	Ø	Ø	Ø	V
(B) Less than once a year				
(C) On an ad hoc basis	Ø	Ø	Ø	V
	(5) Private equity	(6) Real estate	(7) Infrastructure	(8) Hedge funds
(A) At least annually	(5) Private equity	(6) Real estate  ☑	(7) Infrastructure  ☑	(8) Hedge funds ☑
(A) At least annually (B) Less than once a year				



# **ENGAGEMENT AND ESCALATION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 16	CORE	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Engagement and escalation	4

What actions does your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, include in its formal escalation process to address concerns raised during monitoring of your external investment managers' responsible investment practices?

	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(4) Fixed income (passive)
(A) Engagement with their investment professionals, investment committee or other representatives	V	Ø	Ø	Ø
(B) Notification about their placement on a watch list or relationship coming under review	Ø	☑	☑	Ø
(C) Reduction of capital allocation to the external investment managers until any concerns have been rectified	V	Ø	Ø	Ø
(D) Termination of the contract if failings persist over a (notified) period, including an explanation of the reasons for termination	☑	Ø	Ø	Ø
(E) Holding off selecting the external investment managers for new mandates or allocating additional capital until any concerns have been rectified	☑	☑	☑	☑
(F) Other				



(G) Our organisation does not have a formal escalation process to address concerns raised during monitoring

monitoring				
	(5) Private equity	(6) Real estate	(7) Infrastructure	(8) Hedge funds
(A) Engagement with their				

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(A) Engagement with their investment professionals, investment committee or other representatives	Ø	Ø	Ø	☑
(B) Notification about their placement on a watch list or relationship coming under review	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
(C) Reduction of capital allocation to the external investment managers until any concerns have been rectified	Ø	Ø	✓	Ø
(D) Termination of the contract if failings persist over a (notified) period, including an explanation of the reasons for termination	Ø	Ø	✓	Ø
(E) Holding off selecting the external investment managers for new mandates or allocating additional capital until any concerns have been rectified	☑	Ø	Ø	Ø
(F) Other				



(G) Our organisation does not have a formal escalation process to address concerns raised during monitoring

# **VERIFICATION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SAM 17	CORE	OO 14, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Verification	1

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For the majority of your externally managed AUM in each asset class, how did your organisation, or the service provider acting on your behalf, verify that the information reported by external investment managers on their responsible investment practices was correct during the reporting year?

	(1) Listed equity (active)	(2) Listed equity (passive)	(3) Fixed income (active)	(4) Fixed income (passive)	
(A) We checked that the information reported was verified through a third-party assurance process	orted was verified		Ø	☑	
(B) We checked that the information reported was verified by an independent third party	Ø	<b>Z</b>		☑	
(C) We checked for evidence of internal monitoring or compliance	Ø	Z Z		Ø	
(D) Other					
(E) We did not verify the information reported by external investment managers on their responsible investment practices during the reporting year	0	O	O	0	



	(5) Private equity	(6) Real estate	(7) Infrastructure	(8) Hedge funds
(A) We checked that the information reported was verified through a third-party assurance process	☑			☑
(B) We checked that the information reported was verified by an independent third party	V	Ø	Ø	V
(C) We checked for evidence of internal monitoring or compliance	Ø	Ø	Z	Ø
(D) Other				
(E) We did not verify the information reported by external investment managers on their responsible investment practices during the reporting year	0	0	0 0	



# **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?

- $\Box$  (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
- $\Box$  (D) Our board, trustees (or equivalent), senior executive-level staff (or equivalent), and/or investment committee (or equivalent) signed off on our PRI report
- $\Box$  (E) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings to verify that our funds comply with our responsible investment policy  $\Box$  (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
- o (H) We did not verify the information submitted in our PRI report this reporting year

## INTERNAL REVIEW

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

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

- $\square$  (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
  - o (2) selected sections of the report
- $\circ$  (C) None of the above internal roles reviewed selected sections or the entirety of the responses submitted in our PRI report this year

