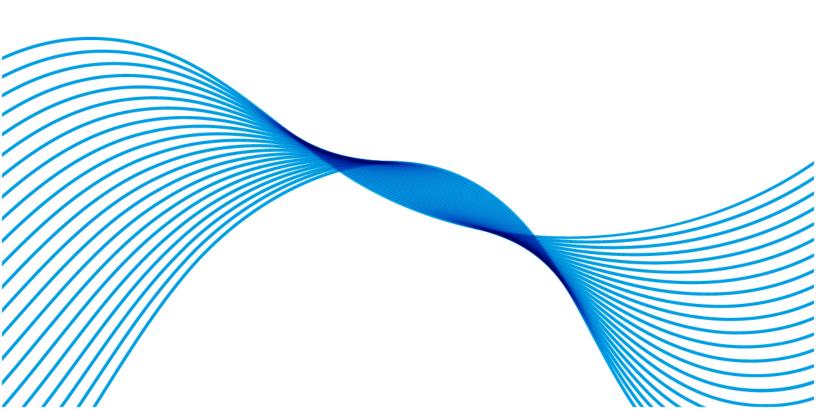
## Principles for Responsible Investment

## PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY REPORT

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# About this report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# **SENIOR LEADERSHIP STATEMENT (SLS)**

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP STATEMENT

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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?

Our investment approach is a fundamental one, with our research providing us with a deep understanding of the companies in which we invest and the industries in which they operate. This level of understanding is critical in support of our longer-term investment horizon.

An evaluation of a company's financial statements can provide much information in terms of the risks, particularly financial, the company is facing. As example, sales growth which persistently lags industry growth or cash flow generation insufficient to support the company's debt burden and borrowing covenants may portend financial struggles and the risk of deterioration in the company's share price.

However, not all material risks are addressed in the financial statements. As example, how the company is preparing for the transition to a lower-carbon economy cannot be found in the financials. Similarly, as it relates to human rights, how the company is managing relationships with its employees and the local communities in which it operates is not found in the financial statements. Nor is the company's approach to monitoring respect for human rights in its supply chain.

In our view, sound business practices - including strong corporate governance and responsible management of material environmental and social issues - are essential for any business to succeed, while poor practices risk hindering the company's financial performance. Well-managed companies will address their material ESG issues through their strategy and are more likely, over the long term, to create value for their shareholders. As a long-term investor, understanding these ESG risks and identifying those companies with strong corporate governance structures in place to address these issues is critically important in evaluating each investment, including the determination of an appropriate price at which to acquire the stock, and thereafter actively managing the risk.

Since our founding in 1987, we have recognized the importance of incorporating material ESG issues into our investment process and ESG incorporation today remains, more than 35 years later, one of our key investment principles. Responsible investing, which includes ESG incorporation, is a key component of our investment approach and we believe responsible investing improves the likelihood of sustainable performance for our clients.

We are stewards of the assets entrusted to us by our clients and, in this role, we firmly believe that it is imperative that we be active stewards. We accomplish this through our engagement program which sees us actively engage with companies, those in our portfolios and those not. These discussions often include ESG-related topics in addition to financial matters and, through these discussions, we seek to influence these companies, often to provide greater disclosure and transparency.



Our responsible investing approach looks for strong corporate governance at our investee companies, including in the areas of the environment and human rights. While our engagement program seeks to reinforce this view, so too does our approach to proxy voting, which we view as one of the most important rights afforded shareholders. Each of our proxies is evaluated internally and voted in accordance with our proxy voting policy.

#### 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

The last year saw us continue to strengthen our approach to responsible investing, with particular focus on climate change and diversity, supported by our ongoing active engagement program.

It is increasingly understood that the impacts of climate change - extreme heat, wildfires, droughts and flooding - are influencing many aspects of life, creating adverse consequences for people, businesses, economies, infrastructure and wildlife. The impacts of climate change will undoubtedly have financial consequences and may very well impact the financial performance of our portfolios and, as a result, the financial well-being of our clients. It is with this in mind that we continue to focus on climate change in the context of the companies in which we invest and the portfolios we build. Our corporate engagement activities have long included the topic of climate change, seeking to understand how each company is adapting to deal with the many consequences of climate change on their business. Not only do these consequences include the potential for negative financial outcomes but may also include opportunities for the business, including in the development of new technologies. More recently, we subscribed to a database of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions data for thousands of companies around the world. Using this database, we have been able to generate portfolio-level carbon analysis. Most recently, we have used this data to model carbon scenarios for our portfolios, including looking at carbon reduction commitments, including net-zero, made by portfolio companies. In addition, with this understanding of portfolio carbon metrics, we now evaluate the portfolio level impacts of potential new additions to the portfolio.



Another focus area over the last year was diversity, particularly gender diversity. We look for our portfolio companies to have a minimum of 30% representation of women on their board of directors. For those companies that do not meet this minimum level, we engage with the company to understand why they are not at this level and what, if any, plan they have in place to get there. The great majority of our portfolio companies already meet or exceed this diversity level and we observed that the number of portfolio companies meeting this minimum level increased in the last year. In accordance with our proxy voting guidelines, we typically cast votes against members of the board's nominating committee when this minimum level of women on the board is not met and the company had no stated plan in place to rectify this. Consistent with our belief that board gender diversity is beneficial to a firm's performance and improves firm reputation, we increased the gender diversity on our board of directors this year.

Training related to responsible investing continues to be a priority. In the last year, we had two new analysts join our investment team. One of these new analysts completed both levels of the Fundamentals of Sustainability Accounting (FSA) program and was awarded the FSA Credential by the IFRS Foundation. The second of these two new analysts has completed Level I of the program and is now working on Level II. We are optimistic that he will be awarded the FSA Credential in the coming months.

Over the last several decades, we have observed a movement by large institutional investors to weigh their public equity portfolios more closely to well-established global indexes, such as the MSCI World index. The consequence of this is that the smaller the country the less it attracts investment, even from its own institutions. This can be seen by looking at Canada, as example. In 1990, Canadian pension funds allocated almost 80% of their equity investments to Canadian public equities and, by 2020, this had fallen to barely 10%. We believe this is a fundamental mistake, one that demonstrates a lack of good governance of Canada's national savings. While one might posit that higher returns can be expected by investing outside of Canada (a premise we dispute), this argument ignores the very real negative implications of investing Canadians' savings outside of Canada. If, in fact, an extra dollar or two can be earned on \$100 invested outside Canada, this does not compensate for the impact on the economy of the absence of \$100 of local investment and its multiplier effect. By depriving the Canadian economy of local investment, these institutions are putting at risk future development, future earnings potential and future ability to generate savings. These negative local effects are not properly considered when analysing global returns. We believe policy change is required to restore healthy management of Canadian's collective pension savings and, in an effort to begin the dialogue, we have been meeting with policymakers in Canada to bring this crucial issue to their attention.

#### Section 3. Next steps

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

As we discuss earlier in this Senior Leadership Statement, responsible investing, which includes ESG incorporation, is a key component of our investment approach and we believe responsible investing improves the likelihood of sustainable performance for our clients. We also recognize that there is more to be done in this area and have identified the following items as key responsible investing goals for our firm over the next two years.

In evaluating a company for potential inclusion in our portfolios, we seek to understand the material ESG risks facing the company and then assess how the company is addressing these risks. In assessing how the company is responding to these ESG risks, our work is supported by the research prepared by a leading independent ESG and corporate governance research, ratings and analytics firm. Over the next two years, we plan to have a third-party ESG research organization evaluate the material ESG risks of our own firm, in other words turning the ESG lens on ourselves. Through this endeavour, we will receive an independent evaluation of how we are managing the material ESG risks we are facing, with the goal of strengthening those areas that may be evaluated to be weak.



Climate change is widely recognized to pose a significant risk in many areas of society, affecting people, businesses and economies. While certain industries contribute to climate change through their greenhouse gas emissions much more than others, even those with smaller carbon footprints can play a role in reducing climate change. In line with this belief, we plan to evaluate the carbon footprint of our own firm to better understand the sources of our GHG emissions. This is intended to be a first step in determining how we might look to reduce our contribution to climate change.

As we set out in Section 2 above, regulatory change is likely to be required to correct the trend that has seen Canada's collective pension funds reduce their Canadian equity investments from almost 80% of their equity investments in 1990 to barely 10% by 2020. Without regulatory change, this situation is unlikely to correct itself and the Canadian economy will suffer, through reduced capital available for investment in Canadian businesses and their employees. We will continue to engage with policymakers in Canada as we seek to reverse this worrying trend of Canadian pension funds being increasingly invested outside of Canada.

#### 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

Peter Letko

Position

Vice President

Organisation's Name

Letko, Brosseau & Associates Inc.

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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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The Senior Leadership Statement has been reviewed by Peter Letko, Senior Vice President, and reflects Letko Brosseau's organizationwide commitment and approach to responsible investment. This endorsement is for the Senior Leadership Statement only and is not an endorsement of the information reported by Letko Brosseau in the various modules of the Reporting Framework. The Senior Leadership Statement is simply provided as a general overview of Letko Brosseau's responsible investment approach. The Senior Leadership Statement does not constitute advice and should not be relied upon as such, and is not a substitute for the skill, judgment and experience of any third parties, their management, employees, advisors and/or clients when making investment and other business decisions.



# **ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW (OO)**

## **ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION**

## **REPORTING YEAR**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Reporting year	GENERAL
What is the year-end date of the 12-month period you have chosen to report for PRI reporting purposes?						
What is the ye	ar-end date of the 12-m	onth period you ha	ve chosen to rej	port for PRI rep	orting purposes?	
What is the ye	ar-end date of the 12-m	onth period you ha Date	ve chosen to rej	Month		Year

## SUBSIDIARY INFORMATION

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

#### Does your organisation have subsidiaries?

○ (A) Yes● (B) No



## **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 t	What are your total assets under management (AUM) at the end of the reporting year, as indicated in [OO 1]?						
		USD					
including sub excluding the	AUM subject to visory, custody, or	US\$ 12,028,000,0	00.00				
PRI signatorie and excluded	ubsidiaries that are es in their own right from this as indicated in [OO	US\$ 0.00					
	ect to execution, cody, or research	US\$ 0.00					

## **ASSET BREAKDOWN**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 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	92%	0%
(B) Fixed income	8%	0%
(C) Private equity	0%	0%
(D) Real estate	0%	0%
(E) Infrastructure	0%	0%
(F) Hedge funds	0%	0%
(G) Forestry	0%	0%
(H) Farmland	0%	0%
(I) Other	0%	0%
(J) Off-balance sheet	0%	0%

## ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED EQUITY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.3 LE	CORE	00 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed listed equity	GENERAL
Provide a further breakdown of your internally managed listed equity ALIM						

Provide a further breakdown of your internally managed listed equity AUM.

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



### ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED FIXED INCOME

Indicator	Type of indicate	or Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.3 FI	CORE	OO 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed fixed income	GENERAL
Provide a furth	er breakdown of yo	ur internally manage	ed fixed income	AUM.		
(A) Passive –	- SSA 0%					
(B) Passive –	- corporate 0%					
(C) Active – S	SSA 79%	)				
(D) Active – c	corporate 21%	)				
(E) Securitise	ed 0%					
(F) Private de	ebt 0%					

## **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN**

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

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

#### AUM in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies

(A) Listed equity	(3) >10 to 20%
(B) Fixed income – SSA	(1) 0%



(1) 0%

## STEWARDSHIP

### STEWARDSHIP

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

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

	(1) Listed equity - active	(3) Fixed income - active
(A) Yes, through internal staff		
(B) Yes, through service providers		
(C) Yes, through external managers		
(D) We do not conduct stewardship	ο	0

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

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 9	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

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



#### (1) Listed equity - active

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

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9.1	CORE	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
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(12) 100%

## **ESG INCORPORATION**

### **INTERNALLY MANAGED ASSETS**

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

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



## (1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors into our investment decisions

## (2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors into our investment decisions

(C) Listed equity - active - fundamental	۲	0
(E) Fixed income - SSA	۲	0
(F) Fixed income - corporate	۲	0

## **ESG STRATEGIES**

## LISTED EQUITY

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

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

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

Percentage out of total internally managed active listed equity



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	0%
(C) A combination of screening approaches	100%

### **FIXED INCOME**

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

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

	(1) Fixed income - SSA	(2) Fixed income - corporate
(A) Screening alone	0%	0%
(B) Thematic alone	0%	0%
(C) Integration alone	0%	0%
(D) Screening and integration	0%	0%



(E) Thematic and integration	0%	0%
(F) Screening and thematic	0%	0%
(G) All three approaches combined	100%	100%
(H) None	0%	0%

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

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

	(1) Fixed income - SSA	(2) Fixed income - corporate
(A) Positive/best-in-class screening only	0%	0%
(B) Negative screening only	0%	0%
(C) A combination of screening approaches	100%	100%

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

## LABELLING AND MARKETING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 18	CORE	00 11–14	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

(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



## **THEMATIC BONDS**

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

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

	Percentage of your total environmental and/or social thematic bonds labelled by the issuers
(A) Green or climate bonds	1%
(B) Social bonds	0%
(C) Sustainability bonds	0%
(D) Sustainability-linked bonds	0%
(E) SDG or SDG-linked bonds	0%
(F) Other	0%
(G) Bonds not labelled by the issuer	99%

SUMMARY OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



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

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

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

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

## **REPORT DISCLOSURE**

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

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

• (A) Publish as absolute numbers

• (B) Publish as ranges



# POLICY, GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY (PGS)

## POLICY

## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY ELEMENTS**

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

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

☑ (A) Overall approach to responsible investment

- (B) Guidelines on environmental factors
- ☑ (C) Guidelines on social factors
- ☑ (D) Guidelines on governance factors

(E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes

 $\Box$  (F) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold

☑ (G) Guidelines on exclusions

(H) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment

☑ (I) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees

□ (J) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement

 $\Box$  (K) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders

☑ (L) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting

 $\Box$  (M) Other responsible investment elements not listed here

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

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

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

(A) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)

(B) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)

(C) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues

Specify:

As we discuss in the Senior Leadership Statement included in this report, our policies require us to examine various sustainability issues through the lens of "who wins". We believe that the best outcome is one where there are multiple winners, not just one group of stakeholders at the expense of others or the business.

• (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?

- $\Box$  (A) Overall approach to responsible investment
- **(B)** Guidelines on environmental factors

Add link:

https://www.lba.ca/investment-responsible-investment/

☑ (C) Guidelines on social factors

Add link:

https://www.lba.ca/investment-responsible-investment/

(D) Guidelines on governance factors Add link:

https://www.lba.ca/investment-responsible-investment/

- □ (E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes
- Image: (F) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors) Add link:

#### https://www.lba.ca/investment-responsible-investment/

- □ (G) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)
- $\Box$  (H) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues
- ☑ (J) Guidelines on exclusions
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☑ (K) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment Add link:

https://www.lba.ca/investment-responsible-investment/

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

https://www.lba.ca/investment-responsible-investment/

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

https://www.lba.ca/investment-responsible-investment/

• (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 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

 $\Box$  (D) How different stewardship tools and activities are used across the organisation

 $\Box$  (E) Approach to escalation in stewardship

☑ (F) Approach to collaboration in stewardship

**☑** (G) Conflicts of interest related to stewardship

(H) How stewardship efforts and results are communicated across the organisation to feed into investment decision-

making and vice versa

□ (I) Other

• (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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY COVERAGE**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 8	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	1
What percenta	age of your total AUM is	covered by the b	elow elements	of your respon	sible investment polic	y(ies)?
			Combined AU	M coverage of	all policy elements	
factors (C) Guidelin				(7) 100%		
Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
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PGS 9	CORE	PGS 2	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	1
What proportion		PGS 2			investment policy coverage	
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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 10	CORE	OO 8, OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	2

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

#### ☑ (A) Listed equity

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

### ☑ (B) Fixed income

- (1) Percentage of AUM covered
  - (1) >0% to 10%
  - (2) >10% to 20%
  - (3) >20% to 30%
  - (4) >30% to 40%
  - (5) >40% to 50%
  - (6) >50% to 60%
  - (7) >60% to 70%

  - (8) >70% to 80%
  - (9) >80% to 90%
  - (10) >90% to <100%
  - (11) 100%

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



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

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

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

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

## **GOVERNANCE**

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

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

Specify:

Investment Council

□ (C) Investment committee, or equivalent

 $\Box$  (D) Head of department, or equivalent

• (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)?



(2) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department, or
equivalent

(A) Overall approach to responsible investment	
(B) Guidelines on environmental, social and/or governance factors	
(C) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes	
(D) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)	
(E) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)	
(F) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues	
(H) Guidelines on exclusions	
(I) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment	
(J) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees	
(M) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting	
(N) This role has no formal oversight over and accountability for any of the above elements covered in our responsible investment policy(ies)	0



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 policy regarding political influence states that we will not join an industry group that is contrary to our principles and we will not make public statements on proposed transactions in companies that we own that are contrary to the public interest.

• (B) No

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

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

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

#### ☑ (A) Internal role(s)

Specify:

#### **Investment Committee**

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

• (C) We do not have any internal or external roles with responsibility for implementing responsible investment

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

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



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

Indicate whether these responsible investment KPIs are linked to compensation

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

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

Describe: (Voluntary)

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

## **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
- $\Box$  (D) Progress towards stewardship-related commitments
- (E) Climate-related commitments
- □ (F) Progress towards climate–related commitments
- G (G) Human rights-related commitments
- $\Box$  (H) Progress towards human rights–related commitments
- ☑ (I) Commitments to other systematic sustainability issues
- $\Box$  (J) Progress towards commitments on other systematic sustainability issues

• (K) We do not include any of these elements in our regular reporting to clients and/or beneficiaries for the majority of our AUM

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

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

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

 $\hfill\square$  (B) Yes, including all strategy-related recommended disclosures

 $\Box$  (C) Yes, including all risk management–related recommended disclosures

 $\Box$  (D) Yes, including all applicable metrics and targets-related recommended disclosures

• (E) None of the above



#### Explain why: (Voluntary)

While we publicly support the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures, we have not provided public disclosure of the items above.

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

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

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

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

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

## **STRATEGY**

### **CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

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

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

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

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

□ (C) Exclusions based on minimum standards of business practice aligned with international norms such as the OECD

Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the International Bill of Human Rights, UN Security Council sanctions or the UN Global Compact

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

 $\Box$  (E) Other elements

• (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:

(1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation

- (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- $\circ$  (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:

(1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation

- $\circ$  (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:

(1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation

- (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

Select from dropdown list:

● (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation

 $\circ~$  (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation

 $\circ~$  (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation

Specify: (Voluntary)

• (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

(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 major objective?	ity of AUM within each a	asset class, which	of the followin	g best describ	es your primary stewar	dship
(1) Listed equity				(2) Fixed incom	ie	
(A) Maximise our portfolio-level risk-adjusted returns. In doing so, we seek to address any risks to overall portfolio performance caused by individual investees' contribution to systematic sustainability issues.			۲		۲	
investments In doing so, address any portfolio per individual in	e our individual s' risk-adjusted returns. we do not seek to y risks to overall formance caused by vestees' contribution to sustainability issues.		0		0	

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

- (B) We collaborate on a case-by-case basis
- (C) Other
- $\circ~$  (D) We do not join collaborative stewardship efforts



## **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?

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

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

 $\Box$  (C) We ensure consistency with our voting policy by reviewing external service providers' voting recommendations only after voting has been executed

 $\circ$  (D) We do not review external service providers' voting recommendations

(E) Not applicable; we do not use external service providers to give voting recommendations

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

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

 $\circ~$  (A) We recall all securities for voting on all ballot items

• (B) When a vote is deemed important according to pre-established criteria (e.g. high stake in the company), we recall all our

securities for voting

• (C) Other

 $\circ~$  (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	00 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

 $\circ~$  (C) We vote in favour of shareholder resolutions only as an escalation measure

• (D) We vote in favour of the investee company management's recommendations by default

• (E) Not applicable; we do not vote on shareholder resolutions

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 32	CORE	00 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

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

Add link(s) to public disclosure:

https://www.lba.ca/publication/letko-brosseau-reasserts-its-intention-to-vote-against-11-75-offer-for-cominar-real-estate-investment-trust-units/

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

- (D) We did not privately or publicly communicate our voting intentions prior to the AGM/EGM
- (E) Not applicable; we did not cast any (proxy) votes during the reporting year

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

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

#### (A) Yes, for all (proxy) votes

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• (B) Yes, for the majority of (proxy) votes

• (C) Yes, for a minority of (proxy) votes

• (D) No, we do not publicly report our (proxy) voting decisions company-by-company and in a central source



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

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

- (A) Within one month of the AGM/EGM
- (B) Within three months of the AGM/EGM
- (C) Within six months of the AGM/EGM
- (D) Within one year of the AGM/EGM
- $\circ~$  (E) More than one year after the AGM/EGM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 34	CORE	00 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 resolution
(A) Yes, we publicly disclosed the rationale	(1) for all votes	(1) for all votes
(B) Yes, we privately communicated the rationale to the company		
(C) We did not publicly or privately communicate the rationale, or we did not track this information	0	o



(A) Yes, we publicly disclosed the rationale - Add link(s):

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## **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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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



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

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

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

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

☑ (A) We participated in 'sign-on' letters

**(B)** We responded to policy consultations

 $\Box$  (C) We provided technical input via government- or regulator-backed working groups

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

Describe:

As discussed in the Senior Leadership Statement earlier in this report, we have engaged with policymakers in connection with our Invest in Canada initiative.

□ (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

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

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 $\circ$  (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



## **CLIMATE CHANGE**

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

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

#### ☑ (A) Yes, within our standard planning horizon

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

Supported by the work of our Climate Change Committee, we have examined the risks and opportunities presented by climate change and the ongoing global energy transition to many industries, including transportation (including airlines), autos, energy, utilities, mining, cement and coking coal. Factors that were assessed included direct physical changes caused by climate change, the pace of adoption of new technologies, changes in demand for key commodities and the effect of government subsidies and regulatory changes. While there may be risks within our usual investment horizon of five years, the most material impact to a particular industry is often likely to fall beyond our five-year horizon.

□ (B) Yes, beyond our standard planning horizon

• (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:

In our view, climate change and the ongoing global energy transition are likely to affect the global economy for decades to come. Therefore, the constant and ongoing evaluation of risks and opportunities and subsequent adaptation of investment strategy as the energy transition unfolds is necessary. The key pillars of our investment philosophy will remain consistent but our ongoing in-house research and industry expertise allows us to be informed and avoid areas of excessive risk or participate in areas of opportunity. We also actively engage with portfolio companies and encourage them to reduce emissions in line with the Paris Agreement in a meaningful and sustainable way.

• (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 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)

 $\Box$  (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

Specify:

We conduct scenario analysis at an industry level. These scenarios are modeled around a range of likely pathways towards a netzero world. These scenarios include, but are not limited to, direct physical changes caused by climate change, the pace of adoption of new technologies (such as electric vehicles), changes in demand for key commodities (such as copper and oil) and the effect of government subsidies and regulatory changes (such as carbon taxation).

• (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

We identify and assess climate-related risks at multiple points in our investment process:

• Our Climate Change Committee, comprised of a cross-section of our firm's portfolio managers and investment professionals, conducts climate change research. This entails examining potential global physical changes and how they may impact the macroeconomic environment, government policy, regulation, sector and industry dynamics. These findings are shared across our investment team.

• Our Investment analysts and portfolio managers, experts in their respective industries, also identify industry-level and company-level risks through their ongoing research, supplemented by conversations with companies.

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

The findings of the research conducted by our Climate Change Committee and our investment analysts are regularly communicated to the investment team and portfolio managers.

The risk assessment is directly integrated into the investment research process and informs our investment recommendations and portfolio construction.

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

(1) Describe your process

Climate-related risks are managed by conducting scenario analysis to identify areas of potential excess risk. As with any risk, we ensure there is adequate diversification within the portfolio to limit exposure to the particular risk. Through our active engagement with companies, we seek to understand their risk management strategies and energy transition plans and assess their viability and sustainability.

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

The process is integrated through the close collaboration of our Climate Change Committee, investment analysts and portfolio managers in constructing and constantly evaluating our diversified portfolios.

• (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?

 $\Box$  (A) Exposure to physical risk

 $\Box$  (B) Exposure to transition risk

 $\Box$  (C) Internal carbon price

 $\Box$  (D) Total carbon emissions

- (E) Weighted average carbon intensity
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - $\circ$  (1) Metric or variable used
    - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
    - $\circ$  (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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- $\Box$  (F) Avoided emissions
- □ (G) Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)
- $\Box$  (H) Non-ITR measure of portfolio alignment with UNFCCC Paris Agreement goals
- $\Box$  (I) Proportion of assets or other business activities aligned with climate-related opportunities
- $\Box$  (J) Other metrics or variables

• (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

□ (B) Scope 2 emissions

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



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

## SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### ☑ (A) The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets

□ (B) The UNFCCC Paris Agreement

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

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

 $\Box$  (E) The EU Taxonomy

 $\Box$  (F) Other relevant taxonomies

 $\Box$  (G) The International Bill of Human Rights

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

 $\Box$  (I) The Convention on Biological Diversity

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

 $\Box$  (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

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

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

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

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

□ (G) Other method

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

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

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

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

 $\circ~$  (B) No, we have not yet taken action on any specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities



# LISTED EQUITY (LE)

## **OVERALL APPROACH**

## **MATERIALITY ANALYSIS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle			
LE 1	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Materiality analysis	1			
Does your org listed equity s	anisation have a forma trategies?	investment proce	ess to identify a	and incorporate	e material ESG factors	across your			
		(3) Active - fundamental							
	investment process material governance		(	1) for all of our .	AUM				
incorporates	investment process material al and social factors	(1) for all of our AUM							
incorporates beyond our o	investment process material ESG factors organisation's average holding period	(1) for all of our AUM							
process. Ou	s identify material ESG	O							
informal prod	lo not have a formal or cess to identify and material ESG factors			o					



## **MONITORING ESG TRENDS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle			
LE 2	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Monitoring ESG trends	1			
	Does your organisation have a formal process for monitoring and reviewing the implications of changing ESG trends across your listed equity strategies?								
		(3) Active - fundamental							
	ave a formal process scenario analyses								
• •	ave a formal process, t include scenario	(1) for all of our AUM							
process for ou strategies; ou professionals	t have a formal ur listed equity r investment monitor how ESG ver time at their			O					
. ,	t monitor and review ns of changing ESG listed equity			0					



## **PRE-INVESTMENT**

## **ESG INCORPORATION IN RESEARCH**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle	
LE 3	CORE	00 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1	
How does your financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process incorporate material ESG risks?							
			(2	) Active - funda	amental		
<ul> <li>(A) We incorporate material governance-related risks into our financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process</li> <li>(1) in all cases</li> </ul>							
environment our financial	porate material al and social risks into analysis and equity security rating process	(1) In all cases					
environment related to co chains into o and equity va	(C) We incorporate material environmental and social risks related to companies' supply chains into our financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process (1) in all cases						
ESG risks in	ot incorporate material to our financial uity valuation or ng processes			0			



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

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

	(3) Active - fundamental
(A) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on current performance across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(B) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on historical performance across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(C) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on material ESG factors that may impact or influence future corporate revenues and/or profitability	(1) in all cases
(D) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information enabling current, historical and/or future performance comparison within a selected peer group across a range of material ESG factors	



(E) We do not incorporate qualitative or quantitative information on material ESG factors when assessing the ESG performance of companies in our financial analysis, equity investment or portfolio construction process

## ESG INCORPORATION IN PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

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

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

	(3) Active - fundamental
(A) Material ESG factors contribute to the selection of individual assets and/or sector weightings within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM
(B) Material ESG factors contribute to the portfolio weighting of individual assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) Material ESG factors contribute to the country or region weighting of assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM
(D) Other ways material ESG factors contribute to your portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	



## **POST-INVESTMENT**

## ESG RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

## **DISCLOSURE OF ESG SCREENS**

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

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

☑ (A) We share a list of ESG screens

☑ (B) We share any changes in ESG screens

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

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

# **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

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

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

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



 $\Box$  (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

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

## **INTERNAL AUDIT**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 4	CORE	OO 21, CBM 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Internal audit	6

What responsible investment processes and/or data were audited through your internal audit function?

#### ☑ (A) Policy, governance and strategy

Select from dropdown list:

- (1) Data internally audited
- (2) Processes internally audited
- (3) Processes and data internally audited

#### ☑ (C) Listed equity

Select from dropdown list:

- (1) Data internally audited
- (2) Processes internally audited
- (3) Processes and data internally audited

#### **INTERNAL REVIEW**

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

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

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

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

Sections of PRI report reviewed

#### (1) the entire report

• (2) selected sections of the report

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

