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About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework helps to build a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment activities. **Public RI Reports** provide accountability and transparency on signatories' responsible investment activities and support dialogue within signatories' organisations, as well as with their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders.

This **Public RI Report** is an export of the signatory's responses to the PRI Reporting Framework during the 2021 reporting period. It includes the signatory's responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators that the signatory has agreed to make public.

The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offered a multiple-choice response, all options that were available to select from are included for context. While presenting the information verbatim results in lengthy reports, the approach is informed by signatory feedback that signatories prefer that the PRI does not summarise the information.

Context

In consultation with signatories, between 2018 and 2020 the PRI extensively reviewed the Reporting and Assessment processes and set the ambitious objective of launching in 2021 a completely new investor Reporting Framework, together with a new reporting tool.

We ran the new investor Reporting and Assessment process as a pilot in its first year, and such process included providing additional opportunities for signatories to provide feedback on the Reporting Framework, the online reporting tool and the resulting reports. The feedback from this pilot phase has been, and is continuing to be analysed, in order to identify any improvements that can be included in future reporting cycles.

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Senior Leadership Statement (SLS)

Senior leadership statement

Our commitment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SLS 1 S1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Our commitment	GENERAL

- o **Why does your organisation engage in responsible investment?**
- o **What is your organisation’s overall approach to responsible investment?**
- o **What are the main differences between your organisation’s approach to responsible investment in its ESG practice and in other practices, across asset classes?**

As a specialist impact fixed income manager, responsible investment is integral to everything we do. Our mission is to manage fixed income portfolios that generate both financial returns and meaningful and positive environment and social impacts. We invest for impact, with all investments supporting the Paris Agreement and/or the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We believe in positive selection of securities, integration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards, application of exclusionary criteria and support for allocating capital to issuers transitioning to a low carbon economy and generating positive social impact. **Core Impact Investment Beliefs** We believe in focus, engagement and transparency. **Focus:** We seek to do one thing at a level of excellence rather than many things. We manage fixed income portfolios that seek to generate market returns plus financial alpha that also have a net positive environmental and /or social impact. **Engagement:** We actively engage with potential and current impact bond issuers and intermediaries to promote the development and maintenance of standards that will ensure a high level of transparency and a clear ongoing commitment to positive environmental and/or social impact. Our goal is to work with issuers and intermediaries to encourage ambition, enhance impact reporting and harmonise post issuance disclosure in the impact bond market. We believe positive change is only truly meaningful when it is shared. We actively collaborate with global sustainability experts and initiatives to support collective action. **Transparency:** We expect high levels of transparency from issuers and hold ourselves to the same standards. Our annual Impact Report underpins our commitment to transparency to our clients. **Our Investing Beliefs** We believe we can generate both mainstream investment returns and deliver positive environmental and social impact. We believe countries, organisations and companies with higher ESG standards will have more sustainable business models. Our view generation is underpinned by research, both fundamental macro-economic research and credit research. Portfolio construction, risk management and operational infrastructure are integral to successful fixed income portfolio management. Debt holdings play an important role in investment portfolios and are critical mechanisms for positive change. What differentiates us is our sole focus on impact fixed income. We provide independent verification at both an issuer and issue level, ensuring the integrity of the bond is held to the highest standard. This is a key strength of our process, rather than relying on external screens or the green bond label, which is applied only to the bond but not an issuer. Thus our review of the impact bond framework is combined with an integrated issuer review from a credit and sustainability perspective. We continue to win ESG awards for our funds, our verification process and our impact reporting.

Annual overview

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SLS 1 S2	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Annual overview	GENERAL

- **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. This might involve e.g. outlining your single most important achievement, or describing your general progress, on topics such as the following:**
 - **refinement of ESG analysis and incorporation**
 - **stewardship activities with investees and/or with policy makers**
 - **collaborative engagements**
 - **attainment of responsible investment certifications and/or awards**

We continue to achieve our objective of delivering environmental and social impact for our clients, alongside mainstream returns. Our clients continue to support us in this mission, with AUM increasing by almost 70% over 2020.

We have been recognised as world-leading in the area of investment impact investing and reporting, winning awards for our funds, our process and our impact reporting. In the past year these include 'Impact report of the Year (for investors)' at the Environmental Finance 2021 Bond Awards, 'Best ESG investment fund: specialist fixed income' for the AIM US\$ Liquid Impact Fund at the 2021 ESG Investing Awards, 'Best ESG investment fund: green bonds' for the AIM US\$ Liquid Impact Fund and LO Funds - Global Climate Bond fund (managed by AIM) at the 2020 ESG investing awards, 'Green bond fund of the year' for the LO Funds – Global Climate Bond fund (managed by AIM) at the Environmental Finance Green Bond awards and 'Best sustainability reporting by an asset manager medium and small (fixed income)' at the 2020 Environmental Finance Sustainable Investment awards.

We strive to continue to maintain these high standards.

Key areas of enhancement over the last year include the integration of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations. Last year we began to integrate TCFD recommendations into our annual impact reports, in particular addressing the TCFD recommendations for asset managers on carbon metrics and scenario analysis. In 2021 we seek to further expand our climate analysis and reporting, and we aim to publish a TCFD-aligned climate disclosure report covering all TCFD recommendations.

We also enhanced our in-house ESG analysis by incorporating the S&P Global database into our verification process, having undertaken an extensive due diligence process researching ESG data providers.

We also continue to collaborate with industry peers, believing that industry collaboration and education is critical to grow the impact bond market with integrity. Throughout 2020 we presented at several conferences, such as the SEB conference regarding COVID recovery, the Climate Risk virtual conference organised by ESG investing, the panel debate organised by Swedbank on investing in a 1.5°C world, and the recent conference organised by Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA). We have also provided expertise to the Inter-American Development Bank for the creation of the Green Bond Transparency Platform and contributed to reporting standards, including the early adoption of the Sustainability Reporting Standards for Social Housing

We are committed to continue to collaborate to drive the ongoing development of the market.

Next steps

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SLS 1 S3	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Next steps	GENERAL

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

We continue to be ambitious and set and achieve targets across our four key pillars: our people, our climate, our clients and our community. Our ambition is to be reporting TCFD recommendations at a firm-wide level and be proactive in our response to climate awareness. We are leaders in the impact reporting space and our ambition is to maintain that position, therefore we will continue to look at enhancements we can make to our reporting. We recognise that the impact bond market is growing extensively. We have invested in integrating data providers, which is an important supplement in the ability of our verification team to scale. It is important that we find quality data providers to work with and integrate the technology into our impact database, 'ARCH'.

Endorsement

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SLS 1 S4	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Endorsement	GENERAL

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 Stephen Fitzgerald

Position Managing Partner

Organisation's name Affirmative Investment Management

● This endorsement is for the Senior Leadership Statement only and is not an endorsement of the information reported by Affirmative Investment Management in the various modules of the Reporting Framework. The Senior Leadership Statement is simply provided as a general overview of Affirmative Investment Management'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, judgement 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

Categorisation

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 1	CORE	Signatory category	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Categorisation	GENERAL

Select the type that best describes your organisation or the services you provide.

(O) Fund management

(1) This is our only (or primary) type

Subsidiary information

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

Does your organisation have subsidiaries that are also PRI signatories in their own right?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

Reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 3	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Reporting year	GENERAL

Indicate the year-end date for your reporting year.

	Month	Day	Year
Reporting year end date:	December	31	2020

Assets under management

All asset classes

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 4	CORE	OO 4.1, OO 4.2	N/A	PUBLIC	All asset classes	GENERAL

What were your total assets under management (AUM) at the end of the indicated reporting year? Provide the amount in USD.

(A) AUM of your organisation, including subsidiaries US\$ 1,108,752,952.00

(B) AUM of subsidiaries that are PRI signatories in their own right and excluded from this submission US\$ 0.00

(C) AUM subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research advisory only US\$ 0.00

Asset breakdown

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown	GENERAL

Provide a percentage breakdown of your total assets under management at the end of your indicated reporting year.

Percentage of AUM

(A) Listed equity – internal 0.0%

(B) Listed equity – external 0.0%

(C) Fixed income – internal 100.0%

(D) Fixed income – external 0.0%

(E) Private equity – internal 0.0%

(F) Private equity – external 0.0%

(G) Real estate – internal 0.0%

(H) Real estate – external 0.0%

(I) Infrastructure – internal 0.0%

(J) Infrastructure – external 0.0%

(K) Hedge funds – internal 0.0%

(L) Hedge funds – external 0.0%

(M) Forestry – internal 0.0%

(N) Forestry – external 0.0%

(O) Farmland – internal 0.0%

(P) Farmland – external 0.0%

(Q) Other – internal, please specify: 0.0%

(R) Other – external, please specify: 0.0%

(S) Off-balance sheet – internal 0.0%

(T) Off-balance sheet – external 0.0%

ESG strategies

Fixed income

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 6 FI	CORE	OO 5.2 FI	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Fixed income	1

Which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies do you apply to your internally managed active fixed income?

	(1) Fixed income – SSA	(2) Fixed income – corporate
(A) Screening alone	0.0%	0.0%
(B) Thematic alone	0.0%	0.0%
(C) Integration alone	0.0%	0.0%
(D) Screening and integration	0.0%	0.0%
(E) Thematic and integration	0.0%	0.0%
(F) Screening and thematic	0.0%	0.0%
(G) All three strategies combined	100.0%	100.0%

(H) None 0.0% 0.0%

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 6.1 FI	CORE	OO 6 FI	N/A	PUBLIC	Fixed income	1

What type of screening is applied to your internally managed active fixed income?

	(1) Fixed income – SSA	(2) Fixed income – corporate
(A) Positive/best-in-class screening only	0.0%	0.0%
(B) Negative screening only	0.0%	0.0%
(C) A combination of positive/best-in-class and negative screening	100.0%	100.0%

Stewardship

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9 FI	CORE	OO 5, OO 5.2 FI	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Fixed income	2

Does your organisation conduct stewardship activities for your fixed income assets?

	(4) Active – SSA	(5) Active – corporate
(A) Through service providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) Through internal staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) Collaboratively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(E) We did not conduct this stewardship activity for this strategy/asset type

ESG incorporation

Internally managed assets

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 10	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Internally managed assets	1

For each internally managed asset class, select whether or not you incorporate ESG into your investment decisions.

	(1) ESG incorporated into investment decisions	(2) ESG not incorporated into investment decisions
(F) Fixed income – SSA	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(G) Fixed income – corporate	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Voluntary reporting

Voluntary modules

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 14	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Voluntary modules	GENERAL

The following modules are mandatory to report on as they account for 10% or more of your total AUM or are over USD 10 billion. The ISP (Investment and Stewardship Policy) module is always applicable for reporting.

(1) Yes, report on the module

ISP: Investment and Stewardship Policy



(B) Fixed income – SSA



(C) Fixed income – corporate



ESG/sustainability funds and products

Labelling and marketing

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 16	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Labelling and marketing	GENERAL

What percentage of your assets under management in each asset class are ESG/sustainability marketed funds or products, and/or ESG/RI certified or labelled assets? Percentage figures can be rounded to the nearest 5% and should combine internally and externally managed assets.

Percentage

(D) Fixed income – active

100.0%

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 16.1	CORE	OO 16	ISP 52	PUBLIC	Labelling and marketing	GENERAL

What percentage of your total assets (per asset class) carry a formal ESG/RI certification or label? Percentage figures can be rounded to the nearest 5%.

Coverage of ESG/RI certification or label:

(B) Fixed income

100.0%

Climate investments

Asset breakdown

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 17	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown	GENERAL

What percentage of your assets under management is in targeted low-carbon or climate-resilient investments?

77.0%

Investment and Stewardship Policy (ISP)

Responsible investment policy & governance

Responsible investment policy

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 1	CORE	N/A	ISP 1.1, ISP 1.2	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy	1

Does your organisation have a formal policy or policies covering your approach to responsible investment? Your approach to responsible investment may be set out in a standalone guideline, covered in multiple standalone guidelines or be part of a broader investment policy. Your policy may cover various responsible investment elements such as stewardship, ESG guidelines, sustainability outcomes, specific climate-related guidelines, RI governance and similar.

- (A) Yes, we do have a policy covering our approach to responsible investment
- (B) No, we do not have a policy covering our approach to responsible investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 1.1	CORE	ISP 1	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy	1

What elements does your responsible investment policy cover? The responsible investment elements may be set out in one or multiple standalone guidelines, or they may be part of a broader investment policy.

- (A) Overall approach to responsible investment
- (B) Guidelines on environmental factors
- (C) Guidelines on social factors
- (D) Guidelines on governance factors
- (E) Approach to stewardship
- (F) Approach to sustainability outcomes
- (G) Approach to exclusions
- (H) Asset class-specific guidelines that describe how ESG incorporation is implemented
- (I) Definition of responsible investment and how it relates to our fiduciary duty
- (J) Definition of responsible investment and how it relates to our investment objectives
- (K) Responsible investment governance structure
- (L) Internal reporting and verification related to responsible investment
- (M) External reporting related to responsible investment
- (N) Managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment
- (O) Other responsible investment aspects not listed here, please specify:
 - Approach to engagement as a bondholder.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 2	CORE	ISP 1.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy	6

Indicate which of your responsible investment policy elements are publicly available and provide links.

- (A) Overall approach to responsible investment. Add link(s):
 - <https://affirmativeim.com/policies/>
- (B) Guidelines on environmental factors. Add link(s):
 - <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-ESG-Policy-September-2020-final.pdf>
- (C) Guidelines on social factors. Add link(s):

- <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-ESG-Policy-September-2020-final.pdf>
- (D) Guidelines on governance factors. Add link(s):
 <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-ESG-Policy-September-2020-final.pdf>
- (E) Approach to stewardship. Add link(s):
 <https://affirmativeim.com/engagement/>
- (F) Approach to sustainability outcomes. Add link(s):
 <https://affirmativeim.com/process/>
- (G) Approach to exclusions. Add link(s):
 <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/AIM-Exclusionary-Criteria-December-2020.pdf>
- (H) Asset class-specific guidelines that describe how ESG incorporation is implemented. Add link(s):
 <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-ESG-Policy-September-2020-final.pdf>
- (I) Definition of responsible investment and how it relates to our fiduciary duty. Add link(s):
 <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-Responsible-Investment-Policy-November-2020-final.pdf>
- (J) Definition of responsible investment and how it relates to our investment objectives. Add link(s):
 <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-Responsible-Investment-Policy-November-2020-final.pdf>
- (K) Responsible investment governance structure. Add link(s):
 <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-Responsible-Investment-Policy-November-2020-final.pdf>
- (L) Internal reporting and verification related to responsible investment. Add link(s):
 <https://affirmativeim.com/impact-report/>
- (O) Other responsible investment aspects [as specified] Add link(s):
- (P) Our responsible investment policy elements are not publicly available

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 3	CORE	ISP 1.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy	1

What percentage of your total assets under management are covered by your policy elements on overall approach to responsible investment and/or guidelines on environmental, social and governance factors?

- (A) Overall approach to responsible investment
- (B) Guidelines on environmental factors
- (C) Guidelines on social factors
- (D) Guidelines on governance factors

AUM coverage of all policy elements in total:

100.0%

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 4	CORE	ISP 1.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy	1

Which elements does your exclusion policy include?

- (A) Legally required exclusions (e.g. those required by domestic/international law, bans, treaties or embargoes)
- (B) Exclusions based on our organisation's values or beliefs (e.g. regarding weapons, alcohol, tobacco and/or avoiding other particular sectors, products, services or regions)
- (C) Exclusions based on screening against minimum standards of business practice based on international norms (e.g. OECD guidelines, the UN Human Rights Declaration, Security Council sanctions or the UN Global Compact)

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 5	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy	1

What percentage of your total assets under management are covered by your asset class-specific guidelines that describe how ESG incorporation is implemented?

AUM Coverage:

(B) Fixed Income

100.0%

Governance

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 6	CORE	N/A	ISP 8	PUBLIC	Governance	1

Do your organisation's board, chief-level staff, investment committee and/or head of department have formal oversight and accountability for responsible investment?

- (A) Board and/or trustees
- (B) Chief-level staff (e.g. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO) or Chief Operating Officer (COO))
- (C) Investment committee
- (D) Other chief-level staff, please specify:
 - Head of Sustainability, Head of Client Engagement
- (E) Head of department, please specify department:
 - Head of Credit
- (F) None of the above roles have oversight and accountability for responsible investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 7	CORE	N/A	ISP 8	PUBLIC	Governance	1

In your organisation, which internal or external roles have responsibility for implementing responsible investment?

- (A) Board and/or trustees
- (B) Chief-level staff (e.g. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO) or Chief Operating Officer (COO))
- (C) Investment committee
- (D) Other chief-level staff [as specified]
- (E) Head of department [as specified]
- (F) Portfolio managers
- (G) Investment analysts
- (H) Dedicated responsible investment staff
- (I) Investor relations
- (J) External managers or service providers
- (K) Other role, please specify:
- (L) Other role, please specify:
- (M) We do not have roles with responsibility for implementing responsible investment.

People and capabilities

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 8	CORE	ISP 6, ISP 7	ISP 8.1, ISP 8.2	PUBLIC	People and capabilities	General

What formal objectives for responsible investment do the roles in your organisation have?

	(1) Board and/or trustees	(2) Chief-level staff	(3) Investment committee	(4) Other chief-level staff [as specified]	(5) Head of department [as specified]
(A) Objective for ESG incorporation in investment activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Objective for contributing to the development of the organisation's ESG incorporation approach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) Objective for contributing to the organisation's stewardship activities (e.g. through sharing findings from continuous ESG research or investment decisions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) Objective for ESG performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(E) Other objective related to responsible investment [as specified]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(F) Other objective related to responsible investment [as specified]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(G) No formal objectives for responsible investment exist for this role	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	(6) Portfolio managers	(7) Investment analysts	(8) Dedicated responsible investment staff	(9) Investor relations
(A) Objective for ESG incorporation in investment activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(B) Objective for contributing to the development of the organisation's ESG incorporation approach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) Objective for contributing to the organisation's stewardship activities (e.g. through sharing findings from continuous ESG research or investment decisions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) Objective for ESG performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(E) Other objective related to responsible investment [as specified]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(F) Other objective related to responsible investment [as specified]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(G) No formal objectives for responsible investment exist for this role	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify for "(E) Other objective related to responsible investment".

Objective to evolve responsible investment across all teams to ensure we maintain our position as a recognised world-leading impact bond manager.

Please specify for "(F) Other objective related to responsible investment".

Objective to ensure all business decisions are aligned with our mission to deliver mainstream returns with environmental and social impact for our clients and employees.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 8.2	CORE	ISP 8	N/A	PUBLIC	People and capabilities	General

Which responsible investment objectives are linked to variable compensation for roles in your organisation?

RI objectives linked to variable compensation for roles in your organisation:

(1) Board and/or trustees

(B) Objective for contributing to the development of the organisation's ESG incorporation approach

(F) Other objective related to responsible investment (as specified in ISP 8 option F)

(2) Chief-level staff (e.g. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO) or Chief Operating Officer (COO))

(A) Objective for ESG incorporation in investment activities

(B) Objective for contributing to the development of the organisation's ESG incorporation approach

(C) Objective for contributing to the organisation's stewardship activities (e.g. through sharing findings from continuous ESG research or investment decisions)

(D) Objective for ESG performance

(E) Other objective related to responsible investment (as specified in ISP 8 option E)

(F) Other objective related to responsible investment (as specified in ISP 8 option F)

(3) Investment committee

(A) Objective for ESG incorporation in investment activities

(B) Objective for contributing to the development of the organisation's ESG incorporation approach

(C) Objective for contributing to the organisation's stewardship activities (e.g. through sharing findings from continuous ESG research or investment decisions)

(E) Other objective related to responsible investment (as specified in ISP 8 option E)

(4) Other chief-level staff

(A) Objective for ESG incorporation in investment activities

(B) Objective for contributing to the development of the organisation's ESG incorporation approach

(C) Objective for contributing to the organisation's stewardship activities (e.g. through sharing findings from continuous ESG research or investment decisions)

(D) Objective for ESG performance

(F) Other objective related to responsible investment (as specified in ISP 8 option F)

(5) Head of department

(A) Objective for ESG incorporation in investment activities

(B) Objective for contributing to the development of the organisation's ESG incorporation approach

(C) Objective for contributing to the organisation's stewardship activities (e.g. through sharing findings from continuous ESG research or investment decisions)

(D) Objective for ESG performance

(E) Other objective related to responsible investment (as specified in ISP 8 option E)

(F) Other objective related to responsible investment (as specified in ISP 8 option F)

(6) Portfolio managers

(A) Objective on ESG incorporation in investment activities

(B) Objective for contributing to the development of the organisation's ESG incorporation approach

(7) Investment analysts

(A) Objective for ESG incorporation in investment activities

(B) Objective for contributing to the development of the organisation's ESG incorporation approach

(C) Objective for contributing to the organisation's stewardship activities (e.g. through sharing findings from continuous ESG research or investment decisions)

(8) Dedicated responsible investment staff

(A) Objective for ESG incorporation in investment activities

(B) Objective for contributing to the development of the organisation's ESG incorporation approach

(C) Objective for contributing to the organisation's stewardship activities (e.g. through sharing findings from continuous ESG research or investment decisions)

(D) Objective for ESG performance

(9) Investor relations

(C) Objective for contributing to the organisation's stewardship activities (e.g. through sharing findings from continuous ESG research or investment decisions)

(G) We have not linked any RI objectives to variable compensation

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 9	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	People and capabilities	General

How frequently does your organisation assess the responsible investment capabilities and training needs among your investment professionals?

- (A) Quarterly or more frequently
- (B) Bi-annually
- (C) Annually
- (D) Less frequently than annually
- (E) On an ad hoc basis
- (F) We do not have a process for assessing the responsible investment capabilities and training needs among our investment professionals

Strategic asset allocation

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 10	CORE	N/A	ISP 10.1	PUBLIC	Strategic asset allocation	1

Does your organisation incorporate ESG factors into your strategic asset allocation?

- (A) We incorporate ESG factors into calculations for expected risks and returns of asset classes
- (B) We specifically incorporate physical, transition and regulatory changes related to climate change into calculations for expected risks and returns of asset classes
- (C) No, we do not incorporate ESG considerations into our strategic asset allocation
- (D) Not applicable, we do not have a strategic asset allocation process

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 10.1	CORE	ISP 10	N/A	PUBLIC	Strategic asset allocation	1

For what proportion of assets do you incorporate ESG factors into your strategic asset allocation process?

(A) We incorporate ESG factors into calculations for expected risks and returns of asset classes (1) for all of our assets

(B) We specifically incorporate physical, transition and regulatory changes related to climate change into calculations for expected risks and returns of asset classes (1) for all of our assets

Stewardship

Stewardship policy

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 11	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship policy	2

What percentage of your assets under management does your stewardship policy cover?

(B) Fixed income 100.0%

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 12	CORE	ISP 1.1	ISP 12.1	PUBLIC	Stewardship policy	2

Which elements does your organisation's stewardship policy cover? The policy may be a standalone guideline or part of a wider RI policy.

- (A) Key stewardship objectives
- (B) Prioritisation approach of ESG factors and their link to engagement issues and targets
- (C) Prioritisation approach depending on entity (e.g. company or government)
- (D) Specific approach to climate-related risks and opportunities
- (E) Stewardship tool usage across the organisation, including which, if any, tools are out of scope and when and how different tools are used and by whom (e.g. specialist teams, investment teams, service providers, external investment managers or similar)
- (F) Stewardship tool usage for specific internal teams (e.g. specialist teams, investment teams or similar)
- (G) Stewardship tool usage for specific external teams (e.g. service providers, external investment managers or similar)
- (H) Approach to collaboration on stewardship
- (I) Escalation strategies
- (J) Conflicts of interest
- (K) Details on how the stewardship policy is implemented and which elements are mandatory, including how and when the policy can be overruled
- (L) How stewardship efforts and results should be communicated across the organisation to feed into investment decision-making and vice versa
- (M) None of the above elements are captured in our stewardship policy

Stewardship policy implementation

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 13	CORE	ISP 1.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship policy implementation	2

How is your stewardship policy primarily applied?

- (A) It requires our organisation to take certain actions
- (B) It describes default actions that can be overridden (e.g. by investment teams for certain portfolios)
- (C) It creates permission for taking certain measures that are otherwise exceptional
- (D) We have not developed a uniform approach to applying our stewardship policy

Stewardship objectives

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 15	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship objectives	2

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

(2) Fixed income

- (A) Maximise the risk–return profile of individual investments
- (B) Maximise overall returns across the portfolio
- (C) Maximise overall value to beneficiaries/clients
- (D) Contribute to shaping specific sustainability outcomes (i.e. deliver impact)

Stewardship prioritisation

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 16	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship prioritisation	2

What key criteria does your organisation use to prioritise your engagement targets? For asset classes such as real estate, private equity and infrastructure, you may consider this as key criteria to prioritise actions taken on ESG factors for assets, portfolio companies and/or properties in your portfolio. Select up to 3 options per asset class from the list.

(2) Fixed income

(A) The size of our holdings in the entity or the size of the asset, portfolio company and/or property

(B) The materiality of ESG factors on financial and/or operational performance

(C) Specific ESG factors with systemic influence (e.g. climate or human rights)

(D) The ESG rating of the entity

(E) The adequacy of public disclosure on ESG factors/performance

(F) Specific ESG factors based on input from clients

(G) Specific ESG factors based on input from beneficiaries

(H) Other criteria to prioritise engagement targets, please specify:

(I) We do not prioritise our engagement targets

Please specify for "(H) Other criteria to prioritise engagement targets".

The quality of bond-related impact data provision.

Collaborative stewardship

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 18	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	ISP 18.1	PUBLIC	Collaborative stewardship	2

Which of the following best describes your organisation's default position, or the position of the service providers/external managers acting on your behalf, with regards to collaborative stewardship efforts such as collaborative engagements?

- (A) We recognise that stewardship suffers from a collective action problem, and, as a result, we actively prefer collaborative efforts
- (B) We collaborate when our individual stewardship efforts have been unsuccessful or are likely to be unsuccessful, i.e. as an escalation tool
- (C) We collaborate in situations where doing so would minimise resource cost to our organisation
- (D) We do not have a default position but collaborate on a case-by-case basis
- (E) We generally do not join collaborative stewardship efforts

Escalation strategies

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 20	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Escalation strategies	2

If initial stewardship approaches were deemed unsuccessful, which of the following measures are excluded from the potential escalation actions of your organisation or those of the service providers/external managers acting on your behalf?

(2) Fixed income

(A) Collaboratively engaging the entity with other investors

(B) Filing/co-filing/submitting a shareholder resolution or proposal

(C) Publicly engaging the entity (e.g. open letter)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(D) Voting against the re-election of one or more board directors	<input type="checkbox"/>
(E) Voting against the chair of the board of directors	<input type="checkbox"/>
(F) Voting against the annual financial report	<input type="checkbox"/>
(G) Divesting or implementing an exit strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>
(H) We do not have any restrictions on the escalation measures we can use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Engaging policymakers

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 23	CORE	N/A	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Engaging policymakers	2

How does your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, engage with policymakers for a more sustainable financial system?

- (A) We engage with policymakers directly
- (B) We provide financial support, are members of and/or are in another way affiliated with third-party organisations, including trade associations and non-profit organisations, that engage with policymakers
- (C) We do not engage with policymakers directly or indirectly

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 23.1	CORE	ISP 23	N/A	PUBLIC	Engaging policymakers	2

What methods do you, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use to engage with policymakers for a more sustainable financial system?

- (A) We participate in "sign-on" letters on ESG policy topics. Describe:
For example, we recently signed an investor letter calling on the UK to issue a green gilt.
- (B) We respond to policy consultations on ESG policy topics. Describe:
For example we have responded to public consultations on the EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy.
- (C) We provide technical input on ESG policy change. Describe:
- (D) We proactively engage financial regulators on financial regulatory topics regarding ESG integration, stewardship, disclosure or similar. Describe:
For example, we have proactively discussed the issuance of a green gilt with the UK DMO. The UK Debt Management has a strong reputation for innovation in debt issuance, and was the first country outside the Islamic world to issue a sovereign sukuk in 2014. At an early stage in the DMO's thinking about green bonds AIM and DMO team members met to share ideas and experience about green bonds, the qualities investors look for in sovereign green bonds, the assets appropriate for inclusion, pricing and the potential for a greenium, and impact reporting.
- (E) We proactively engage regulators and policymakers on other policy topics. Describe:
- (F) Other methods used to engage with policymakers. Describe:

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 23.2	CORE	ISP 23	N/A	PUBLIC	Engaging policymakers	2

Do you have governance processes in place (e.g. board accountability and oversight, regular monitoring and review of relationships) that ensure your policy activities, including those through third parties, are aligned with your position on sustainable finance and your commitment to the 6 Principles of the PRI?

- (A) Yes, we have governance processes in place to ensure that our policy activities are aligned with our position on sustainable finance and our commitment to the 6 Principles of the PRI. Describe your governance processes:

All policy activities are conducted by our in-house sustainability and credit teams, who together form our Verification Committee. The Verification Committee is responsible for the design, implementation and review of the verification policies and procedures, which includes our approach to engagement. The Verification Committee meets on a weekly basis and is chaired by Stephen Fitzgerald, Managing Partner. Any policy activities are discussed in this forum. Our Management Committee additionally has oversight of our engagement with policy makers, in how these activities relate to our mission as an impact fixed income manager. Due to the small size of our firm (at 22 as at end of March 2021), we also hold team calls three days a week, to which all employees are invited. During these calls, our policy activities are also discussed. It is the responsibility of all members of the firm to ensure that we uphold our commitment to sustainable finance and the principles of the PRI. Further details of our commitment can be found in our Responsible Investment Policy, here: <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-Responsible-Investment-Policy-November-2020-final.pdf>

- (B) No, we do not have these governance processes in place. Please explain why not:

Engaging policymakers – Policies

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 24	CORE	ISP 23	ISP 24.1	PUBLIC	Engaging policymakers – Policies	2

Do you have policies in place that ensure that your political influence as an organisation is aligned with your position on sustainable finance and your commitment to the 6 Principles of the PRI?

(A) Yes, we have a policy(ies) in place. Describe your policy(ies):

Although our political influence is small, given the size of our firm, all our activities are guided by our responsible investment policy.

- (B) No, we do not have a policy(ies) in place. Please explain why not:

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 24.1	CORE	ISP 24	N/A	PUBLIC	Engaging policymakers – Policies	2

Is your policy that ensures alignment between your political influence and your position on sustainable finance publicly disclosed?

(A) Yes. Add link(s):

<https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-Responsible-Investment-Policy-November-2020-final.pdf>

- (B) No, we do not publicly disclose this policy(ies)

Engaging policymakers – Transparency

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 25	CORE	ISP 23	N/A	PUBLIC	Engaging policymakers – Transparency	2

During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose your policy engagement activities or those conducted on your behalf by external investment managers/service providers?

(A) We publicly disclosed details of our policy engagement activities. Add link(s):

Our engagement activities can be found in our annual impact reports. These are available on our website, here:
<https://affirmativeim.com/impact-report/>

(B) We publicly disclosed a list of our third-party memberships in or support for trade associations, think-tanks or similar that conduct policy engagement activities with our support or endorsement. Add link(s):

(C) No, we did not publicly disclose our policy engagements activities during the reporting year. Explain why:

(D) Not applicable, we did not conduct policy engagement activities

Climate change

Public support

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 26	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Public support	General

Does your organisation publicly support the Paris Agreement?

(A) Yes, we publicly support the Paris Agreement Add link(s) to webpage or other public document/text expressing support for the Paris Agreement:

<https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-ESG-Policy-September-2020-final.pdf>

(B) No, we currently do not publicly support the Paris Agreement

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 27	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Public support	General

Does your organisation publicly support the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)?

(A) Yes, we publicly support the TCFD Add link(s) to webpage or other public document/text expressing support for the TCFD:

Our impact reports, which are made publicly available, contain TCFD aligned metrics: <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/AIM-US-Liquid-Impact-Fund-2019-Impact-Report.pdf>

(B) No, we currently do not publicly support the TCFD

Governance

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 28	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Governance	General

How does the board or the equivalent function exercise oversight over climate-related risks and opportunities?

(A) By establishing internal processes through which the board or the equivalent function are informed about climate-related risks and opportunities. Specify:

At AIM, responsible investment is integral to everything we do and we only invest when we have assessed that there is positive impact aligning with achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals and/or the Paris Agreement. Our Board comprises three individuals: Stephen Fitzgerald and Stuart Kinnersley, co-managing partners, and Hideyuki Omokawa (EO Head of M&A at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation) who has joined on 1 December 2020. All of our policies relating to our investments, including our Responsible Investment Policy and our ESG policy, are approved by the board on an annual basis. Board members also actively participate in working groups and panels to expand knowledge of climate finance, as well as climate-related risks and opportunities.

(B) By articulating internal/external roles and responsibilities related to climate. Specify:

AIM has a designated sustainability team. Two of the key functions of this team are to assess any potential investment for negative or positive climate- and social-related impacts and to then collect impact data on the negative or positive social and climate-related impacts of the investments held.

(C) By engaging with beneficiaries to understand how their preferences are evolving with regard to climate change. Specify:

We engage and educate our clients with regards to climate change on an ongoing basis. We host annual webinars to discuss the themes we are observations in the impact bond market which often include example of how impact projects are combatting climate change. We host regular update call with our clients to discuss the environmental and social impact of clients' portfolios, including impacts of climate change. We publishes quarterly impact report updates along with its our full annual impact report that provide detailed assessment of the mitigation against climate change along with other key impact and financial metrics across all client portfolios. We also publish insight pieces on our website, here: <https://affirmativeim.com/insights/> and take part in a number of industry conferences. Given we are impact bond specialists we are regularly asked to participate in panels and working groups to contribute our specialist impact and climate knowledge.

(D) By incorporating climate change into investment beliefs and policies. Specify:

At AIM, responsible investment is integral to everything we do and we only invest when we have assessed that there is positive impact aligning with achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals and/or the Paris Agreement. Our mission is to manage fixed income portfolios which have an environmental and/or social impact. Delivering positive environmental change is at the heart of our investment philosophy. Climate change is therefore integral to all our investment beliefs and policies. These are reviewed by the board on an annual basis.

(E) **By monitoring progress on climate-related metrics and targets. Specify:**

The Board reviews our annual impact reports for our client portfolios, which includes climate-related metrics; for example potential avoided emissions, carbon footprints, volume of water treated, capacity of renewable energy supported and the effects of four different warming scenarios on projects supported.

(F) **By defining the link between fiduciary duty and climate risks and opportunities. Specify:**

As a firm, we believe that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our generation which has already impacted the world's economic growth and the lives of millions of people. A shift to a low-carbon economy along with a myriad of mitigation efforts are urgently needed to help tackle the effects of climate change. A large funding gap exists and impact fixed income investing is an efficient mechanism to providing much needed investment in these areas. Our strategies invest in bonds whose proceeds are not only committed to projects that help both mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change, but also those whose proceeds help create a positive social and environmental impact. Through proprietary and independent verification of a universe of SPECTRUM Bonds® and SPECTRUM-aligned bonds, we construct a diversified investment grade portfolio that aims to deliver a positive impact and deliver mainstream fixed income returns.

The Board is accountable for AIM meeting its mission to support the Paris COP 21 Agreement and SDGs.

(G) Other measures to exercise oversight, please specify:

(H) The board or the equivalent function does not exercise oversight over climate-related risks and opportunities

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 29	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Governance	General

What is the role of management in assessing and managing climate-related risks and opportunities?

(A) **Management is responsible for identifying climate-related risks/opportunities and reporting them back to the board or the equivalent function. Specify:**

The head of our sustainability and credit teams are responsible for the teams that assess and manage climate-related risks and opportunities as part of our SPECTRUM verification process, including oversight of expert contributions and methodological approaches.

(B) **Management implements the agreed-upon risk management measures. Specify:**

The head of portfolio management is responsible for implementing the agreed-upon risk management measures.

(C) **Management monitors and reports on climate-related risks and opportunities. Specify:**

The head of sustainability is responsible for the annual portfolio impact reports, which include climate-related disclosures. In 2020 we also introduced physical risk analysis into our impact reports, and TCFD-aligned reporting.

(D) **Management ensures adequate resources, including staff, training and budget, are available to assess, implement and monitor climate-related risks/opportunities and measures. Specify:**

The management committee is responsible for the oversight of our sustainability and credit experts, who conduct our verification analysis.

(E) **Other roles management takes on to assess and manage climate-related risks/opportunities, please specify:**

Management is responsible for building engagement and managing assets on behalf of clients globally. This requires extensive discussion about climate related risks and opportunities with clients. Our climate is one of our four corporate sustainability pillars.

(F) Our management does not have responsibility for assessing and managing climate-related risks and opportunities

Strategy

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 30	CORE	N/A	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Strategy	General

Which climate-related risks and opportunities has your organisation identified within its investment time horizon(s)?

(A) Specific financial risks in different asset classes. Specify:

(B) Specific sectors and/or assets that are at risk of being stranded. Specify:

We solely invest in assets which have a positive environmental and/or social impact. We have a zero tolerance exclusion on assets that are involved in coal mining or production, in particular new greenfield sites, as detailed in our exclusion policy. Also through our SPECTRUM assessment process, a company that was involved in the extraction of other fossil fuels would not make it into our investable universe.

(C) Assets with exposure to direct physical climate risk. Specify:

Along with South Pole, we conducted an assessment of the effect of four different warming scenarios of holdings. This highlighted which assets had potential exposure to direct physical climate risk under the four different warming scenarios.

(D) Assets with exposure to indirect physical climate risk. Specify:

(E) Specific sectors and/or assets that are likely to benefit under a range of climate scenarios. Specify:

We have an internal taxonomy of environmental and social projects. For something to be investable for us it must support one of the identified sectors in the AIM Taxonomy. The environmental sectors have been selected based on what is consistent with achieving both the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. We believe these sectors will benefit as the transition to a low carbon economy progresses.

(F) Specific sectors and/or assets that contribute significantly to achieving our climate goals. Specify:

We have an internal taxonomy of environmental and social projects. For something to be investable for us it must support one of the identified sectors in the AIM Taxonomy. The environmental sectors have been selected based on what is consistent with achieving both the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. Social projects selected for investment must not have substantial negative impacts on achieving the Paris Agreement.

(G) Other climate-related risks and opportunities identified. Specify:

(H) We have not identified specific climate-related risks and opportunities within our organisation's investment time horizon

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 30.1	CORE	ISP 30	N/A	PUBLIC	Strategy	General

For each of the identified climate-related risks and opportunities, indicate within which investment time-horizon they were identified.

	(1) 3–5 months	(2) 6 months to 2 years	(3) 2–4 years	(4) 5–10 years
(B) Specific sectors and/or assets that are at risk of being stranded [as specified]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) Assets with exposure to direct physical climate risk [as specified]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(E) Specific sectors and/or assets that are likely to benefit under a range of climate scenarios [as specified]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(F) Specific sectors and/or assets that contribute significantly to achieving our climate goals [as specified]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(5) 11–20 years	(6) 21–30 years	(7) >30 years	
(B) Specific sectors and/or assets that are at risk of being stranded [as specified]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(C) Assets with exposure to direct physical climate risk [as specified]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(E) Specific sectors and/or assets that are likely to benefit under a range of climate scenarios [as specified]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

(F) Specific sectors and/or assets that contribute significantly to achieving our climate goals [as specified]

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 31	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Strategy	General

Which climate-related risks and opportunities has your organisation identified beyond its investment time horizon(s)?

- (A) Specific financial risks in different asset classes. Specify:
- (B) Specific sectors and/or assets that are at risk of being stranded. Specify:**
 We solely invest in assets which have a positive environmental and/or social impact. We have a zero tolerance exclusion on assets that are involved in coal mining or production, in particular new greenfield sites, as detailed in our exclusion policy. Also through our SPECTRUM assessment process, a company that was involved in the extraction of other fossil fuels would not make it into our investable universe. We look at this both from the perspective of our investment time horizon and beyond.
- (C) Assets with exposure to direct physical climate risk. Specify:**
 Along with South Pole, we conducted an assessment of the effect of four different warming scenarios of holdings. This highlighted which assets had potential exposure to direct physical climate risk under the four different warming scenarios. We look at this both from the perspective of our investment time horizon and beyond.
- (D) Assets with exposure to indirect physical climate risk. Specify:
- (E) Specific sectors and/or assets that are likely to benefit under a range of climate scenarios. Specify:**
 We have an internal taxonomy of environmental and social projects. For something to be investable for us it must support one of the identified sectors in the AIM Taxonomy. The environmental sectors have been selected based on what is consistent with achieving both the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. We believe these sectors will benefit as the transition to a low carbon economy progresses. We look at this both from the perspective of our investment time horizon and beyond.
- (F) Specific sectors and/or assets that contribute significantly to achieving our climate goals. Specify:**
 We have an internal taxonomy of environmental and social projects. For something to be investable for us it must support one of the identified sectors in the AIM Taxonomy. The environmental sectors have been selected based on what is consistent with achieving both the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. Social projects selected for investment must not have substantial negative impacts on achieving the Paris Agreement. We look at this both from the perspective of our investment time horizon and beyond.
- (G) Other climate-related risks and opportunities identified, please specify:
- (H) We have not identified specific climate-related risks and opportunities beyond our organisation's investment time horizon

Strategy: Scenario analysis

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 33	CORE	N/A	ISP 33.1	PUBLIC	Strategy: Scenario analysis	General

Does your organisation use scenario analysis to assess climate-related investment risks and opportunities? Select the range of scenarios used.

- (A) An orderly transition to a 2°C or lower scenario
- (B) An abrupt transition consistent with the Inevitable Policy Response
- (C) A failure to transition, based on a 4°C or higher scenario
- (D) Other climate scenario, specify:
 We consider physical risk under four warming scenarios: 1, 2, 3 and 4 degrees C
- (E) We do not use scenario analysis to assess climate-related investment risks and opportunities

Sustainability outcomes

Set policies on sustainability outcomes

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 40	CORE	ISP 1.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Set policies on sustainability outcomes	1, 2

Where is your approach to sustainability outcomes set out? Your policy/guideline may be a standalone document or part of a wider responsible investment policy.

- (A) Our approach to sustainability outcomes is set out in our responsible investment policy
- (B) Our approach to sustainability outcomes is set out in our exclusion policy
- (C) Our approach to sustainability outcomes is set out in our stewardship policy
- (D) Our approach to sustainability outcomes is set out in asset class-specific investment guidelines
- (E) Our approach to sustainability outcomes is set out in separate guidelines on specific outcomes (e.g. the SDGs, climate or human rights)

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 41	CORE	ISP 1.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Set policies on sustainability outcomes	1, 2

Which global or regionally recognised frameworks do your policies and guidelines on sustainability outcomes refer to?

- (A) The SDG goals and targets
- (B) The Paris Agreement
- (C) The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- (D) The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, including guidance on Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors
- (E) Other frameworks, please specify:
- (F) Other frameworks, please specify:

Identify sustainability outcomes

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 43	CORE	N/A	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Identify sustainability outcomes	1

Has your organisation identified the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes from any of its activities?

- (A) No, we have not identified the sustainability outcomes from our activities
- (B) Yes, we have identified one or more sustainability outcomes from some or all of our activities

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 44	CORE	ISP 43	ISP 44.1	PUBLIC	Identify sustainability outcomes	1

What frameworks/tools did your organisation use to identify the sustainability outcomes from its activities? Indicate the tools or frameworks you have used to identify and map some or all of your sustainability outcomes.

- (A) The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets
- (B) The Paris Agreement
- (C) The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)
- (D) The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, including guidance on Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors
- (E) The EU Taxonomy

(F) Other taxonomies (e.g. similar to the EU Taxonomy), please specify:

Climate Bonds Initiative's Taxonomy

(G) Other framework/tool, please specify:

(H) Other framework/tool, please specify:

(I) Other framework/tool, please specify:

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 44.1	CORE	ISP 44	N/A	PUBLIC	Identify sustainability outcomes	1

At what level(s) did your organisation identify the sustainability outcomes from its activities?

(A) At the asset level

(B) At the economic activity level

(C) At the company level

(D) At the sector level

(E) At the country/region level

(F) At the global level

(G) Other level(s), please specify:

(H) We do not track at what level(s) our sustainability outcomes were identified

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 45	CORE	ISP 43	SO 1	PUBLIC	Identify sustainability outcomes	1

How has your organisation determined your most important sustainability outcome objectives?

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

(B) Consulting with key clients and/or beneficiaries to align with their priorities

(C) Assessing the potential severity (e.g. probability and amplitude) of specific negative outcomes over different timeframes

(D) Focusing on the potential for systemic impacts (e.g. due to high level of interconnectedness with other global challenges)

(E) Evaluating the potential for certain outcome objectives to act as a catalyst/enabler to achieve a broad range of goals (e.g. gender or education)

(F) Analysing the input from different stakeholders (e.g. affected communities, civil society or similar)

(G) Understanding the geographical relevance of specific sustainability outcome objectives

(H) Other method, please specify:

(I) We have not yet determined our most important sustainability outcome objectives

Transparency & Confidence-Building Measures

Information disclosed – ESG assets

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 46	CORE	OO 16	N/A	PUBLIC	Information disclosed – ESG assets	6

For the majority of your ESG/sustainability marketed funds or products, and/or your ESG/RI certified or labelled assets, what information about your ESG approach do you (or the external investment managers/service providers acting on your behalf) include in material shared with clients, beneficiaries and/or the public? The material may be marketing material, information targeted towards existing or prospective clients or information for beneficiaries.

- (A) A commitment to responsible investment (e.g. that we are a PRI signatory)
- (B) Industry-specific and asset class-specific standards that we align with (e.g. TCFD, or GRESB for property and infrastructure)
- (C) Our responsible investment policy (at minimum a summary of our high-level approach)
- (D) A description of our investment process and how ESG is considered
- (E) ESG objectives of individual funds
- (F) Information about the ESG benchmark(s) that we use to measure fund performance
- (G) Our stewardship approach
- (H) A description of the ESG criteria applied (e.g. sectors, products, activities, ratings and similar)
- (I) The thresholds for the ESG criteria applied in our investment decisions or universe construction
- (J) A list of our main investments and holdings
- (K) ESG case study/example from existing fund(s)
- (L) We do not include our approach to ESG in material shared with clients/beneficiaries/the public for the majority of our ESG/sustainability marketed funds or products, and/or our ESG/RI certified or labelled assets

Client reporting – ESG assets

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 48	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Client reporting – ESG assets	6

What ESG information is included in your client reporting for the majority of your ESG/sustainability marketed funds or products, and/or your ESG/RI certified or labelled assets?

- (A) Qualitative analysis, descriptive examples or case studies
- (B) Quantitative analysis or key performance indicators (KPIs) related to ESG performance
- (C) Progress on our sustainability outcome objectives
- (D) Stewardship results
- (E) Information on ESG incidents, where applicable
- (F) Analysis of ESG contribution to portfolio financial performance
- (G) We do not include ESG information in client reporting for the majority of our ESG/sustainability marketed funds or products, and/or our ESG/RI certified or labelled assets

Information disclosed – All assets

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 49	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Information disclosed – All assets	6

For the majority of your total assets under management, what information about your ESG approach do you (or the external managers/service providers acting on your behalf) include in material shared with clients, beneficiaries and/or the public? The material may be marketing material, information targeted towards existing or prospective clients or information for beneficiaries.

- (A) A commitment to responsible investment (e.g. that we are a PRI signatory)
- (B) Industry-specific and asset class-specific standards that we align with (e.g. TCFD, or GRESB for property and infrastructure)
- (C) Our responsible investment policy (at minimum a summary of our high-level approach)
- (D) A description of our investment process and how ESG is considered
- (E) ESG objectives of individual funds
- (F) Information about the ESG benchmark(s) that we use to measure fund performance
- (G) Our stewardship approach
- (H) A description of the ESG criteria applied (e.g. sectors, products, activities, ratings and similar)
- (I) The thresholds for the ESG criteria applied in our investment decisions or universe construction
- (J) A list of our main investments and holdings

(K) ESG case study/example from existing fund(s)

(L) We do not include our approach to ESG in material shared with clients/beneficiaries/the public for the majority of our assets under management

Client reporting – All assets

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 50	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Client reporting – All assets	6

What ESG information is included in your client reporting for the majority of your assets under management?

(A) Qualitative ESG analysis, descriptive examples or case studies

(B) Quantitative analysis or key performance indicators (KPIs) related to ESG performance

(C) Progress on our sustainability outcome objectives

(D) Stewardship results

(E) Information on ESG incidents where applicable

(F) Analysis of ESG contribution to portfolio financial performance

(G) We do not include ESG information in client reporting for the majority of our assets under management

Frequency of client reporting – All assets

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 51	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Frequency of client reporting – All assets	6

For the majority of each asset class, how frequently do you report ESG-related information to your clients?

(B) Fixed income

(1) Quarterly

Confidence-building measures

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 52	CORE	OO 16.1	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Confidence-building measures	6

What verification has your organisation had regarding the information you have provided in your PRI Transparency Report this year?

- (A) We received third-party independent assurance of selected processes and/or data related to our responsible investment processes, which resulted in a formal assurance conclusion
- (B) We conducted a third-party readiness review and are making changes to our internal controls/governance or processes to be able to conduct an external assurance next year
- (C) The internal audit function team performed an independent audit of selected processes/and or data related to our responsible investment processes reported in this PRI report
- (D) Our board, CEO, other C-level equivalent and/or investment committee has signed off on our PRI report
- (E) Some or all of our funds have been audited as part of the certification process against a sustainable investment/RI label
- (F) We conducted an external ESG audit of our ESG/sustainability marketed funds or products (excluding ESG/RI certified or labelled assets)
- (G) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings to check that our funds comply with our RI policy (e.g. exclusion list or investee companies in portfolio above certain ESG rating)
- (H) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings as part of risk management, engagement identification or investment decision-making
- (I) Responses related to our RI practices documented in this report have been internally reviewed before submission to the PRI
- (J) None of the above

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 53	CORE	ISP 52, OO 14	N/A	PUBLIC	Confidence-building measures	6

Which responsible investment processes and/or data did your organisation have third-party external assurance on?

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) Investment and stewardship policy | (1) Processes assured |
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| (D) Fixed income | (1) Processes assured |
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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 54	CORE	ISP 52	ISP 54.1	PUBLIC	Confidence-building measures	6

What standard did your third-party external assurance provider use?

- (A) PAS 7341:2020
- (B) ISAE 3000 and national standards based on this
- (C) Dutch Standard 3810N (Assurance engagements regarding sustainability reports)
- (D) RevR6 (Assurance of Sustainability)
- (E) IDW AsS 821 (Assurance Standard for the Audit or Review of Reports on Sustainability Issues)
- (F) Accountability AA1000 Assurance Standard (AA1000AS)
- (G) IFC performance standards
- (H) SSAE 18 and SOC 1
- (I) Other national auditing/assurance standard with guidance on sustainability, please specify:
- (J) Invest Europe Handbook of Professional Standards
- (K) ISAE 3402
- (L) AAF 01/06
- (M) AAF 01/06 Stewardship Supplement
- (N) ISO 26000 Social Responsibility
- (O) ASAE 3410 Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements
- (P) PCAF
- (Q) NGRS audit framework (National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting)
- (R) Auditor's proprietary assurance framework for assuring RI-related information
- (S) Other greenhouse gas emissions assurance standard, please specify:
- (T) None of the above

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 58	CORE	ISP 52	N/A	PUBLIC	Confidence-building measures	6

Who has reviewed/verified the entirety of or selected data from your PRI report?

(A) Board and/or trustees (1) the entire report

(B) Chief-level staff (e.g. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO) or Chief Operating Officer (COO)) (1) the entire report

(C) Investment committee (1) the entire report

(D) Other chief-level staff, please specify:

Head of Sustainability Head of Client Engagement

(1) the entire report

(E) Head of department, please specify:

Head of Credit

(1) the entire report

(F) Compliance/risk management team

(1) the entire report

(G) Legal team

(4) report not reviewed

(H) RI/ ESG team

(1) the entire report

(I) Investment teams

(3) parts of the report

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ISP 59	CORE	ISP 52	N/A	PUBLIC	Confidence-building measures	6

Which of the following ESG/RI certifications or labels do you hold?

- (A) Commodity type label (e.g. BCI)
- (B) GRESB
- (C) Austrian Ecolabel (UZ49)
- (D) B Corporation
- (E) BREEAM
- (F) CBI Climate Bonds Standard
- (G) EU Ecolabel
- (H) EU Green Bond Standard
- (I) Febelfin label (Belgium)
- (J) FNG-Siegel Ecolabel (Germany, Austria and Switzerland)
- (K) Greenfin label (France)
- (L) ICMA Green Bond Principles
- (M) Le label ISR (French government SRI label)
- (N) Luxflag Climate Finance
- (O) Luxflag Environment
- (P) Luxflag ESG
- (Q) Luxflag Green Bond
- (R) Luxflag Microfinance
- (S) National stewardship code (e.g. UK or Japan), please specify:
- (T) Nordic Swan Ecolabel
- (U) Other SRI label based on EUROSIF SRI Transparency Code (e.g. Novethic), please specify:
- (V) People's Bank of China green bond guidelines
- (W) RIAA (Australia)

- (X) Towards Sustainability label (Belgium)
- (Y) Other, please specify:

Fixed Income (FI)

Pre-investment phase

Materiality analysis

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 1	CORE	OO 10	FI 1.1	PUBLIC	Materiality analysis	1

Does your organisation have a formal investment process to identify material ESG factors for its fixed income assets?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) Yes, we have a formal process to identify material ESG factors for all of our assets	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
(B) Yes, we have a formal process to identify material ESG factors for the majority of our assets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(C) Yes, we have a formal process to identify material ESG factors for a minority of our assets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(D) No, we do not have a formal process. Our investment professionals identify material ESG factors at their own discretion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(E) No, we do not have a formal process to identify material ESG factors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 1.1	CORE	FI 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Materiality analysis	1

How does your current investment process incorporate material ESG factors?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) The investment process incorporates material governance factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) The investment process incorporates material environmental and social factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) The investment process incorporates material ESG factors beyond our organisation's typical investment time horizon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) The investment process incorporates the effect of material ESG factors on revenues and business operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ESG risk management

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 2	CORE	OO 10	FI 2.1	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

How are material ESG factors incorporated into your portfolio risk management process?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) Investment committee members, or the equivalent function/group, have a qualitative ESG veto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(B) Companies, sectors, countries and currency are monitored for changes in ESG exposure and for breaches of risk limits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) Overall exposure to specific ESG factors is measured for our portfolio construction, and sizing or hedging adjustments are made depending on individual issuers' sensitivity to these factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) Other method of incorporating ESG factors into risk management process, please specify below:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(E) We do not have a process to incorporate ESG factors into our portfolio risk management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify for "(D) Other method of incorporating ESG factors into risk management process".

ESG factors are incorporated at the outset of our investment process, within our verification analysis, termed 'SPECTRUM analysis'. The output of this analysis is a universe of eligible securities, the SPECTRUM bond universe, from which the portfolio management team manage the portfolios.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 2.1	CORE	FI 2	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

For what proportion of your fixed income assets are material ESG factors incorporated into your portfolio risk management process?

(1) SSA

(A) Investment committee members, or the equivalent function/group, have a qualitative ESG veto	(1) for all of our assets
(B) Companies, sectors, countries and currency are monitored for changes in ESG exposure and for breaches of risk limits	(1) for all of our assets
(C) Overall exposure to specific ESG factors is measured for our portfolio construction, and sizing or hedging adjustments are made depending on individual issuers' sensitivity to these factors	(1) for all of our assets

(D) Other method of incorporating ESG factors into risk management process (1) for all of our assets

(2) Corporate

(A) Investment committee members, or the equivalent function/group, have a qualitative ESG veto (1) for all of our assets

(B) Companies, sectors, countries and currency are monitored for changes in ESG exposure and for breaches of risk limits (1) for all of our assets

(C) Overall exposure to specific ESG factors is measured for our portfolio construction, and sizing or hedging adjustments are made depending on individual issuers' sensitivity to these factors (1) for all of our assets

(D) Other method of incorporating ESG factors into risk management process (1) for all of our assets

ESG incorporation in asset valuation

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 3	CORE	OO 10	FI 3.1	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in asset valuation	1

How do you incorporate the evolution of ESG factors into your fixed income asset valuation process?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) We incorporate it into the forecast of cash flow, revenues and profitability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(B) We anticipate how the evolution of ESG factors may change the ESG profile of the debt issuer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) We do not incorporate the evolution of ESG factors into our fixed income asset valuation process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 3.1	CORE	FI 3	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in asset valuation	1

In what proportion of cases do you incorporate the evolution of ESG factors into your fixed income asset valuation process?

(1) SSA

(B) We anticipate how the evolution of ESG factors may change the ESG profile of the debt issuer (1) in all cases

(2) Corporate

(B) We anticipate how the evolution of ESG factors may change the ESG profile of the debt issuer (1) in all cases

ESG incorporation in portfolio construction

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 5	CORE	OO 10	FI 5.1	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in portfolio construction	1

How do ESG factors influence your portfolio construction?

(1) SSA

(2) Corporate

(A) The selection of individual assets within our portfolio is influenced by ESG factors

(B) The holding period of individual assets within our portfolio is influenced by ESG factors

(C) The portfolio weighting of individual assets within our portfolio or benchmark is influenced by ESG factors

(D) The allocation of assets across multi-asset portfolios is influenced by ESG factors through the strategic asset allocation process

(E) Other expressions of conviction, please specify below:

(F) The portfolio construction or benchmark selection does not explicitly include the incorporation of ESG factors

Please specify "(E) Other expressions of conviction".

At AIM we are a specialist fixed income investor. We solely manage impact fixed income portfolios. We include analysis of ESG factors for all issues and issuers in our portfolios, which includes exclusions at the issuer level. For the issue itself, the bond must have use-of-proceeds which are measurable and have meaningful environmental and/or social outcomes. The issuer must report on those outcomes.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 5.1	CORE	FI 5	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in portfolio construction	1

In what proportion of cases do ESG factors influence your portfolio construction?

(1) SSA

(A) The selection of individual assets within our portfolio is influenced by ESG factors (1) in all cases

(B) The holding period of individual assets within our portfolio is influenced by ESG factors (1) in all cases

(C) The portfolio weighting of individual assets within our portfolio or benchmark is influenced by ESG factors (1) in all cases

(E) Other expressions of conviction (1) in all cases

(2) Corporate

(A) The selection of individual assets within our portfolio is influenced by ESG factors (1) in all cases

(B) The holding period of individual assets within our portfolio is influenced by ESG factors (1) in all cases

(C) The portfolio weighting of individual assets within our portfolio or benchmark is influenced by ESG factors (1) in all cases

(E) Other expressions of conviction (1) in all cases

ESG incorporation in assessment of issuers

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 7	CORE	OO 10	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in assessment of issuers	1

When assessing issuers'/borrowers' credit quality, how does your organisation incorporate material ESG risks in the majority of cases?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) In the majority of cases, we incorporate material governance-related risks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(B) In addition to incorporating governance-related risks, in the majority of cases we also incorporate material environmental and social risks	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
(C) We do not incorporate material ESG risks for the majority of our credit quality assessments of issuers/borrowers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

ESG performance

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 8	CORE	OO 10	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG performance	1

In the majority of cases, how do you assess the relative ESG performance of a borrower within a peer group as part of your investment process?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) We use the relative ESG performance of a borrower to adjust the internal credit assessments of borrowers by modifying forecasted financials and future cash flow estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(B) We use the relative ESG performance of a borrower to make relative sizing decisions in portfolio construction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) We use the relative ESG performance of a borrower to screen for outliers when comparing credit spreads to ESG relative performance within a similar peer group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) We consider the ESG performance of a borrower only on a standalone basis and do not compare it within peer groups of other benchmarks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(E) We do not have an internal ESG performance assessment methodology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ESG risk management

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 9	CORE	OO 10	FI 9.1	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

For your corporate fixed income, does your organisation have a framework that differentiates ESG risks by issuer country and sector?

- (A) Yes, it differentiates ESG risks by country/region (for example, local governance and labour practices)
- (B) Yes, it differentiates ESG risks by sector
- (C) No, we do not have a framework that differentiates ESG risks by issuer country/region and sector

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 9.1	CORE	FI 9	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

For what proportion of your corporate fixed income assets do you apply your framework for differentiating ESG risks by issuer country/sector?

	(1) for all of our corporate fixed income assets	(2) for the majority of our corporate fixed income assets	(3) for a minority of our corporate fixed income assets
(A) We differentiate ESG risks by country/region (for example, local governance and labour practices)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(B) We differentiate ESG risks by sector	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Post-investment phase

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 12	CORE	OO 10	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

Do your regular reviews incorporate ESG risks?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) Our regular reviews include quantitative information on material ESG risks specific to individual fixed income assets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Our regular reviews include aggregated quantitative information on material ESG risks at a fund level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) Our regular reviews only highlight fund holdings where ESG ratings have changed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(D) We do not conduct regular reviews. Risk reviews of ESG factors are conducted at the discretion of the individual fund manager and vary in frequency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(E) We do not conduct reviews that incorporate ESG risks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 13	CORE	OO 10	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

Do you regularly identify and incorporate ESG incidents into the investment process for your fixed income assets?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) Yes, we have a formal process in place for regularly identifying and incorporating ESG incidents into all of our investment decisions	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
(B) Yes, we have a formal process in place for regularly identifying and incorporating ESG incidents into the majority of our investment decisions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(C) Yes, we have a formal process in place for regularly identifying and incorporating ESG incidents into a minority of our investment decisions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(D) Yes, we have an ad hoc process in place for identifying and incorporating ESG incidents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(E) We do not have a process in place for regularly identifying and incorporating ESG incidents into our investment decision-making	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Time horizons

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 14	CORE	OO 10	N/A	PUBLIC	Time horizons	1

In the majority of cases, how does your investment process account for differing time horizons of holdings and how they may affect ESG factors?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) We take into account current risks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) We take into account medium-term risks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) We take into account long-term risks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) We do not take into account differing time horizons of holdings and how they may affect ESG factors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Long-term ESG trend analysis

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 15	CORE	OO 10	N/A	PUBLIC	Long-term ESG trend analysis	1

Do you continuously monitor a list of identified long-term ESG trends related to your fixed income assets?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) We monitor long-term ESG trends for all of our assets	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

(B) We monitor long-term ESG trends for the majority of our assets	○	○
(C) We monitor long-term ESG trends for a minority of our assets	○	○
(D) We do not continuously monitor long-term ESG trends in our investment process	○	○

Thematic bonds

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 19	CORE	OO 6 FI	N/A	PUBLIC	Thematic bonds	1

How do you determine which non-labelled thematic bonds to invest in?

- (A) By reviewing the bond's use of proceeds
- (B) By reviewing companies' ESG targets
- (C) By reviewing companies' progress towards achieving ESG targets
- (D) We do not invest in non-labelled thematic bonds

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 20	CORE	OO 6 FI	N/A	PUBLIC	Thematic bonds	1, 2, 6

What action do you take in the majority of cases where proceeds of a thematic bond issuer are not allocated to the original plan?

- (A) We engage with the issuer
- (B) We alert regulators
- (C) We alert thematic bond certification agencies
- (D) We sell the security
- (E) We publicly disclose the breach
- (F) We blacklist the issuer
- (G) Other action, please specify:

We communicate to our clients examples of issuers who do not meet our expectations and our downgraded from our investable universe and portfolios.
- (H) We do not take any specific actions when proceeds from bond issuers are not allocated in accordance with the original plan

Reporting/Disclosure

ESG screens

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

How do you ensure that clients and/or beneficiaries understand ESG screens and their implications?

(A) We publish a list of ESG screens and share it on a publicly accessible platform such as a website or through fund documentation Voluntary URL link(s) to list of ESG screens:

<https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-ESG-Policy-September-2020-final.pdf> <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/AIM-Exclusionary-Criteria-December-2020.pdf>

(1) for all of our fixed income assets subject to ESG screens

(B) We publish any changes in ESG screens and share it on a publicly accessible platform such as a website or through fund documentation Voluntary URL link(s) to ESG screen changes:

<https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AIM-ESG-Policy-September-2020-final.pdf> <https://affirmativeim.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/AIM-Exclusionary-Criteria-December-2020.pdf>

(1) for all of our fixed income assets subject to ESG screens

(C) We outline any implications of ESG screens, such as deviation from a benchmark or impact on sector weightings, to clients and/or beneficiaries

(1) for all of our fixed income assets subject to ESG screens

Engagement

Engaging with issuers/borrowers

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 22	CORE	OO 9 FI	FI 22.1	PUBLIC	Engaging with issuers/borrowers	2

At which stages does your organisation engage with issuers/borrowers?

	(1) SSA	(2) Corporate
(A) At the pre-issuance/pre-deal stage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) At the pre-investment stage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) During the holding period	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) At the refinancing stage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(E) When issuers/borrowers default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Sovereign bonds

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
FI 23	CORE	OO 9 FI	N/A	PUBLIC	Sovereign bonds	2

For the majority of your sovereign bond engagements, which non-issuer stakeholders do you engage with to promote your engagement objectives?

- (A) Non-ruling parties
- (B) Originators and primary dealers
- (C) Index and ESG data providers
- (D) Multinational companies/state-owned enterprises (SOEs)
- (E) Supranational organisations
- (F) Credit rating agencies (CRAs)
- (G) Business associations
- (H) Media

- (I) NGOs, think tanks and academics
- (J) Other non-issuer stakeholders, please specify:
- (K) We do not engage with any of the above stakeholders for the majority of our sovereign bond engagements