



RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2014/15

Adams Street Partners LLC

About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework is a key step in the journey towards building a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment (RI) activities. This RI Transparency Report is one of the key outputs of this Framework. Its primary objective is to enable signatory transparency on RI activities and facilitate dialogue between investors and their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders. A copy of this report will be publicly disclosed for all reporting signatories on the [PRI website](#), ensuring accountability of the PRI Initiative and its signatories.

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2014-15 reporting cycle. It includes their responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators the signatory has agreed to make public. The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory to select are presented in this report. Presenting the information exactly as reported is a result of signatory feedback which suggested the PRI not summarise the information. As a result, the reports can be extensive. However, to help easily locate information, there is a **Principles index** which highlights where the information can be found and summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose.

Understanding the Principles Index

The Principles Index summarises the response status for the individual indicators and modules and shows how these relate to the six [Principles for Responsible Investment](#). It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
☑	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
🔒	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
Ⓜ	The signatory has flagged this indicator for internal review

Within the table, indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.

Principles Index

Organisational Overview				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OO 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	✓	Public							✓
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	✓	Public							✓
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	✓	Public							✓
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	✓	Asset mix disclosed in OO 06							✓
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	✓	Public							✓
OO 07	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	✓	Private							✓
OO 08	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	✓	Public							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
OO 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓

Overarching Approach				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OA 01	RI policy and other guidance documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 02	Publicly available policies / documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 03	Policy components and coverage	✓	Public	✓	✓					
OA 04	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
OA 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
OA 06	Main goals/objectives this year	-	n/a							✓
OA 07	Governance, management structures and RI processes	-	n/a							✓
OA 08	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
OA 09	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							✓
OA 10	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
OA 11	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
OA 12	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	-	n/a				✓	✓	✓	
OA 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	-	n/a	✓						
OA 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	✓						
OA 15	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	-	n/a							✓
OA 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	-	n/a							✓
OA 17	RI/ESG in execution and/or advisory services	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
OA 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	-	n/a							✓
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	-	n/a							✓

Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SAM 01	Description of RI considerations	✓	Private	✓					✓	
SAM 02	Role of investment consultants	✓	Public				✓			
SAM 03	RI factors in selection, appointment and monitoring across asset classes	✓	Public							✓
SAM 04	Breakdown of passive, active quant and active fundamental	🔒	n/a							✓
SAM 05	ESG incorporation strategies	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
SAM 06	Selection processes (listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 07	Appointment considerations (listed assets)	🔒	n/a				✓			
SAM 08	Monitoring processes (listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						
SAM 09	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	🔒	n/a		✓					
SAM 10	Selection processes (non-listed assets)	✓	Public	✓						✓
SAM 11	Appointment considerations (non-listed assets)	✓	Private				✓			
SAM 12	Monitoring processes (non-listed assets)	✓	Public	✓						✓
SAM 13	Description of RI considerations in 'other' asset classes	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 14	Percentage of externally managed assets managed by PRI signatories	✓	Private	✓						✓
SAM 15	Examples of ESG issues in selection, appointment and monitoring processes	-	n/a		✓					
SAM 16	Disclosure of RI considerations	✓	Public							✓

Direct – Private Equity				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
PE 01	Breakdown of investments by strategy	✓	Private							✓
PE 02	Typical level of ownership	✓	Private							✓
PE 03	Description of approach to RI	✓	Private	✓						✓
PE 04	Investment guidelines and RI	✓	Public		✓					
PE 05	Fund placement documents and RI	✓	Public	✓			✓		✓	
PE 06	Formal commitments to RI	✓	Private				✓			
PE 07	Incorporating ESG issues when selecting investments	✓	Public	✓						
PE 08	ESG advice and research when selecting investments	-	n/a	✓						
PE 09	ESG issues in investment selection process	✓	Public	✓		✓				
PE 10	Types of ESG information considered in investment selection	✓	Private	✓		✓				
PE 11	Encouraging improvements in investees	-	n/a	✓	✓					
PE 12	ESG issues impact in selection process	-	n/a	✓						
PE 13	Proportion of companies monitored on their ESG performance	✓	Public		✓					
PE 14	Proportion of portfolio companies with sustainability policy	✓	Public		✓					
PE 15	Actions taken by portfolio companies to incorporate ESG issues into operations	-	n/a		✓					
PE 16	Type and frequency of reports received from portfolio companies	-	n/a		✓	✓				
PE 17	Disclosure of ESG issues in pre-exit	-	n/a		✓					
PE 18	ESG issues affected financial/ESG performance	-	n/a	✓	✓					
PE 19	Examples of ESG issues that affected your PE investments	-	n/a	✓		✓				
PE 20	Disclosure of ESG information to public and clients/beneficiaries	✓	Public							✓
PE 21	Approach to disclosing ESG incidents	-	n/a							✓

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Organisational Overview

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Basic Information

OO 01

Mandatory

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 01.1

Select the services you offer.

Fund management

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

- <10%
- 10-50%
- >50%

Fund of funds, manager of managers, sub-advised products

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

- <10%
- 10-50%
- >50%

Other, specify

Execution and advisory services

OO 02

Mandatory

Peering

General

OO 02.1

Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

United States

OO 02.2

Indicate the number of countries in which you have offices (including your headquarters).

- 1
- 2-5
- 6-10
- >10

OO 02.3

Indicate the approximate number of staff in your organisation in full-time equivalents (FTE).

FTE

133

OO 03

Mandatory

Descriptive

General

OO 03.1

Indicate whether you have subsidiaries within your organisation that are also PRI signatories in their own right.

- Yes
- No

OO 04

Mandatory

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 04.1

Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2014

OO 04.2

Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year, excluding subsidiaries you have chosen not to report on, and advisory/execution only assets.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		26	830	597	144
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		26	830	597	144

OO 04.5

Indicate the level of detail you would like to provide about your asset class mix.

- Approximate percentage breakdown to the nearest 5% (e.g. 45%)
- Broad ranges breakdown (i.e. <10%; 10-50%; >50%)

OO 06

Mandatory

Descriptive

General

OO 06.1

To contextualise your responses to the public, indicate how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

- Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	<10%	<10%
Fixed income – corporate	0	0
Fixed income – government	0	0
Fixed income – other	0	0
Private debt	<10%	<10%
Private equity	>50%	>50%

Property	0	0
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	<10%	<10%
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

○ Publish our asset class mix as per attached file (the following image formats can be uploaded: .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .bmp and .gif)

OO 09	Voluntary	Descriptive	General
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OO 09.1	Provide any additional information about your organisation, its mission, strategies, activities or investments which are important to contextualise your responsible investment activities.
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Adams Street Partners, LLC ("Adams Street Partners") is a leading private equity investment firm, providing primary and secondary partnership, co-investment and direct investment management services to institutional clients. Adams Street Partners has offices in Chicago, London, Menlo Park, Singapore, Beijing and Tokyo. Adams Street Partners is one of the largest managers of private equity investments in the world and has one of the longest histories. Together with its predecessor organizations, Adams Street Partners has been investing in private equity partnerships since 1979, and managing direct private equity investments since 1972. Adams Street Partners established the first private equity fund of funds for institutional investors and has been a pioneer in the development of the secondary market, completing its first secondary investment in 1986. Adams Street Partners is well-known internationally for its continuous commitment to, and deep understanding of, the private equity industry.

Adams Street Partners believes that environmental, social and governance ("ESG") considerations are an integral part of an investment decision-making process aimed at maximizing returns for investors. As part of its investment diligence process, Adams Street Partners considers such factors as a fund's or portfolio company's governance practices, the quality, sustainability and transparency of the operations of the fund or portfolio company, and the geographic scope, industry focus, and other impacts of the fund's investments or the portfolio company's business. In furtherance of its objective to formalize the various ESG considerations that factor into Adams Street Partners' investment process, Adams Street Partners adopted an Environmental, Social, and Governance Policy (the "ESG Policy"). Pursuant to the ESG Policy, Adams Street Partners commits to integrate ESG factors into its analysis of current and potential investments. Where consistent with its fiduciary responsibilities to its clients, Adams Street Partners will, for example:

- Consider general ESG factors associated with particular industry sectors and use this information to evaluate potential investments;
- Evaluate specific ESG factors associated with particular general partners and portfolio companies and integrate these considerations into its investment decision-making process;

- Seek opportunities to raise general partner and portfolio company awareness of the ESG Policy and promote dialogue with them regarding the investment risks associated with ESG factors; and
- Evaluate Adams Street Partners' integration of ESG factors into its investment decision-making and the ESG performance of general partners and portfolio companies.

Gateway asset class implementation indicators

OO 10	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 10.1

Select the responsible investment activities your organisation implemented, directly and/or indirectly, for listed equities in the reporting year.

- We incorporate ESG issues into investment decisions on our internally managed assets
- We engage with companies on ESG issues via our staff, collaborations or service providers
- We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers
- We address ESG incorporation, engagement and/or (proxy) voting in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes
- None of the above

OO 10.2

Indicate if your combined internally and externally managed listed equities are 10% or more of your total AUM.

- Yes, our total listed equities are 10% or more of our total AUM
- No, our total listed equities are less than 10% of our total AUM

OO 11	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 11.1

Indicate if in the reporting year you incorporated ESG issues into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices in the following internally managed asset classes.

- Private debt
- Private equity
- Cash
- None of the above

OO 11.2

Indicate if in the reporting year you addressed ESG incorporation and/or active ownership in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes in the following externally managed asset classes.

- Private debt
- Private equity
- Cash
- None of the above

OO 12	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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This list is based on the percentages provided in your AUM breakdown and your responses to the gateway indicators. You are only required to report on asset classes that represent 10% or more of your AUM. You may report voluntarily on any applicable modules or sections by selecting them from the list. Fixed Income and Infrastructure are voluntary.

Core modules

- Organisational Overview
- Overarching Approach (including assets which do not have a separate module)

RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity incorporation

- Listed Equity incorporation

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- (Proxy) voting

Direct - Other asset classes with dedicated modules

- Private Equity

RI implementation via external managers

Indirect - Selection, Appointment and Monitoring of External Managers

- Listed Equities
- Private Equity

Closing module

- Closing module

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Overarching Approach

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Responsible investment policy

OA 01	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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OA 01.1 Indicate if you have a responsible investment policy.

- Yes
 No

OA 01.2 Indicate if you have other guidance documents or more specific policies related to responsible investment.

- Yes
 No

OA 01.3 Provide a brief description of the key elements of your responsible investment policy or, if you do not have a policy, of your overall approach to responsible investment. [Optional]

Under its ESG Policy, Adams Street Partners commits to undertaking the following activities where consistent with its fiduciary responsibilities:

- To consider general ESG factors associated with particular industry sectors and specific ESG factors associated with particular general partners and portfolio companies as part of Adams Street Partners' investment decision-making process; and
- Post-investment, to monitor ESG performance of general partners and portfolio companies and, where appropriate, to engage with general partners and portfolio companies to promote the integration of ESG factors into their investment decision-making and business activities.

To assist Adams Street Partners' investment teams in integrating ESG factors into their pre-investment diligence and their post-investment monitoring, Adams Street Partners implemented an ESG checklist for each of its investment teams tailored to each team's investment focus (i.e., primary investments, secondary investments, direct investments, and co-investments).

OA 02	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 6
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OA 02.1 Indicate if your responsible investment policy is publicly available.

- Yes
 No

OA 02.3 Indicate if your other policies or guidance documents related to responsible investment are publicly available.

- Yes
 No

OA 02.5	Additional information. [Optional]
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Adams Street Partners makes its ESG Policy, as well as other information regarding its approach to responsible investment, available to current and prospective investors upon request.

OA 03	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1,2
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OA 03.1	Indicate the components/types and coverage of your responsible investment policy and guidance documents.
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Select all that apply

Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy setting out your overall approach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Proxy) voting policy <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement/active ownership policy <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on corporate governance <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on environmental issues <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on social issues <input type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Screening/exclusion policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover all AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM

OA 03.2	Comment on any variations or exceptions in the coverage of your responsible investment policy. [Optional]
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Adams Street Partners' ESG Policy applies across its private equity management business. Adams Street Partners seeks to invest in private equity funds and portfolio companies that have high quality management teams and typically maintains close relationships with these management teams post-investment. As a limited partner in a private equity fund, however, Adams Street Partners' ability to affect a fund's approach to ESG issues is constrained by the fact that limited partners do not have management rights. Similarly, where Adams Street Partners holds a minority stake in a portfolio company, it may lack the management rights necessary to influence the way in which the portfolio company addresses any ESG issues that arise.

OA 04	Mandatory	Core Assessed	General
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OA 04.1	Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.
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Yes

OA 04.2

Describe your policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process. [Optional]

Two key policies that govern Adams Street Partners' management of potential conflicts of interest are its Integrity Policy (code of ethics) and its Investment Allocation Policy. The Integrity Policy is intended to ensure that Adams Street Partners professionals give precedence to the interests of Adams Street Partners' clients and fund investors and treat all clients and fund investors fairly. The Integrity Policy is designed to minimize the potential for conflicts of interest and includes policies and procedures that, among other things, require all Adams Street Partners employees to report their personal securities holdings and transactions and to obtain pre-approval before engaging in certain types of securities transactions (including transactions in "restricted list" securities, securities in an initial public offering, and securities in a limited offering), prohibits certain investments and other transactions that could create a conflict of interest, and prohibits unlawful or otherwise inappropriate use of confidential information. Adams Street Partners' Investment Allocation Policy is intended to ensure that Adams Street Partners allocates investment purchases and sales on a fair and equitable basis among its clients.

No

Objectives and strategies

OA 05

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed

General

OA 05.1

Indicate if your organisation sets objectives for its responsible investment activities.

Yes

OA 05.2

Indicate how frequently your organisation sets or revises objectives for responsible investment.

- At least once per year
- Less than once per year

OA 05.3

Indicate how frequently your organisation formally reviews performance against its objectives for responsible investment.

- Quarterly
 - Biannually
 - Annually
 - Every two years or less
 - It is not reviewed
- No

Governance and human resources

OA 08

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed

General

OA 08.1

Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.

Roles present in your organisation

- Board members or trustees
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Investment Committee
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other Chief-level staff or head of department, specify
 - Chief Compliance Officer**
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Portfolio managers
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Investment analysts
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
- External managers or service providers
- Other role, specify
- Other role, specify

OA 08.3

Additional information. [Optional]

Adams Street Partners has established a seven-person ESG Committee, comprised of Adams Street Partners investment professionals (who collectively cover the United States, Europe and other non-US geographies) and business development, client service, and legal professionals. Adams Street Partners' General Counsel/Chief Compliance Officer and Senior Compliance Officer are members of the ESG Committee and oversee Adams Street Partners' approach to ESG considerations. They have significant experience providing advice regarding ESG and other responsible investment considerations, including environmental concerns, human rights and labor standards, and transparency initiatives. They work with Adams Street Partners' Chief Investment Officer to facilitate and enhance the ongoing integration of ESG factors into Adams Street Partners' investment process.

Promoting responsible investment

OA 10

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4,5

OA 10.1

Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.

Select all that apply

Principles for Responsible Investment

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative.
[Optional]

Adams Street Partners' Senior Compliance Officer, Sara Robinson, was a member of the PRI GP Guide Working Group, which produced a guide for private equity general partners regarding the integration of ESG factors in private equity. In addition, she spoke on a panel regarding ESG/responsible investment at a conference. Ms. Robinson and other Adams Street Partners employees have communicated with limited partners, general partners, and other interested parties regarding ESG generally and regarding the PRI.

- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- CDP Climate Change
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- Eumedion
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
- Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
- Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
- Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
- United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
- United Nations Global Compact
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

OA 11

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4

OA 11.1

Indicate if your organisation promotes responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

- Yes

OA 11.2

Indicate which of the following actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

- Provided or supported education or training programmes for clients, investment managers, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers or other investment organisations
- Provided financial support for academic or industry research on responsible investment
- Encouraged better transparency and disclosure of responsible investment practices across the investment industry
- Spoke publicly at events and conferences to promote responsible investment
- Wrote and published in-house research papers on responsible investment
- Encouraged the adoption of the PRI
- Other, specify

No

OA 11.3

Additional information. [Optional]

As noted above, Adams Street Partners' Senior Compliance Officer spoke on a panel regarding ESG/responsible investment at a conference. In addition, she and other Adams Street Partners employees have communicated with both limited partners and general partners who were seeking information regarding ESG considerations in the private equity context and regarding the PRI initiative.

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Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring

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Overview

SAM 02	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 4
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SAM 02.1

Indicate if your organisation uses investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external managers.

- Yes
 No

SAM 03	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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SAM 03.1

Indicate for which of the following externally managed asset classes your organisation, and/or your investment consultants, consider responsible investment factors in investment manager: (a) Selection, (b) Appointment (investment management agreements/contracts), and (c) Monitoring

Select all that apply

Asset classes	(a) Selection	(b) Appointment	(c) Monitoring
Private equity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Private equity (PE), property (PR) and infrastructure (INF) - non-listed assets

Selection

SAM 10	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1-6
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SAM 10.1

Indicate whether your organisation, and/or your investment consultant, in the dialogue and monitoring of your external manager typically do any of the following:

General

	PE		
Review the manager's/general partner's responsible investment policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss the manager's governance and management of responsible investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Meet staff with responsible investment responsibilities to assess their skills and competence	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss minimum responsible investment expectations that managers must meet	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss the role managers have played in collaborative initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ask whether the organisation is a signatory to the PRI and/or other relevant organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Assess the external manager's reporting and how it will help you to monitor that it is acting consistent with the agreed-upon ESG-related policies and practices during the life of the fund	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Review the manager's responsible investment disclosure, including PRI reporting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Assign specific weighting to ESG factors in your manager evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other general aspects in your selection process, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Investment selection (pre-investment) of underlying holding

	PE		
Assess the manager's policies, processes and systems for identifying ESG-related value drivers and managing material ESG-related risks pre-investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other pre-investment aspects reviewed in your selection process, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Investment monitoring (post-investment) of underlying holding

	PE		
Understand if and how the manager influences and supports its portfolio companies'/assets' management of ESG-related risks and pursuit of ESG-related opportunities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss examples of how managers have previously identified and addressed ESG issues in their portfolios on an ongoing basis	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Assess the manager's/general partner's approach to managing and disclosing material incidents at the manager / General Partner and underlying holdings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other post-investment aspects reviewed in your selection process, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

If you select any 'Other' option(s), specify

In conducting diligence regarding private equity fund investments, Adams Street Partners considers among other things whether the funds' target investments are in geographies or industry sectors that raise particular ESG risks. It also considers whether the manager of a prospective fund investment has previously addressed ESG issues in its portfolio, and if so, how it the manager addressed these issues.

Monitoring

SAM 12

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 1-6

SAM 12.1

Indicate whether your organisation, and/or your investment consultant, in the dialogue and monitoring of your external manager, typically do any of the following:

General

	PE		
Include responsible investment as a standard agenda item at performance review meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Highlight examples of good responsible investment practice by other managers	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Review manager's responsible investment reporting, for example PRI-generated responsible investment reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Encourage your managers to consider joining responsible investment initiatives or organisations or participate in collaborative projects with other investors	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Include responsible investment criteria as a formal component of overall manager performance evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted financial performance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted ESG performance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other general aspects of your monitoring, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Investment selection (pre-investment) of underlying holding

	PE		
Discuss how the analysis of ESG issues affected investment decisions during the reporting period	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other ways ESG issues are incorporated in the pre-investment process, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Investment monitoring (post-investment) of underlying holding

	PE		
Request reports on the ESG characteristics of the manager's underlying holdings and discuss related developments that may impact holdings in the fund	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request examples of ESG issues identified within the portfolio and action taken in response	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Request details of how ESG factors were considered when preparing to exit from investments	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other ways ESG issues are monitored in the post-investment process, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

If you select any 'Other' option(s), specify

As noted above, Adams Street Partners manages funds of funds (the "ASP Funds") that invest in private equity funds managed by general partners. As a limited partner in private equity funds, Adams Street Partners does not have the ability to exercise discretion regarding any underlying portfolio company investments made by the private equity funds in which the ASP funds invest. Adams Street Partners does, however, conduct pre-investment diligence on prospective fund investments (including the funds' general partners) and post-investment monitoring that include consideration of ESG factors. As described above, Adams Street Partners investment professionals generally consider the following when evaluating private equity fund investments:

- Whether the general partner has an ESG or other responsible investment policy;
- Whether the general partner includes ESG considerations in its diligence on prospective portfolio companies; and
- Whether ESG risks should be anticipated in the portfolio (e.g., risks related to investments targeted in specific industries or geographies).

Adams Street Partners' post-investment monitoring generally includes review of the private equity funds for ESG risks and any general partner actions related to ESG matters, as well as raising ESG matters with general partners as appropriate.

Communication

SAM 16

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 6

SAM 16.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses any information about responsible investment considerations in your indirect investments.

- Yes, we disclose information publicly

provide URL

<http://www.adamsstreetpartners.com/responsible-investing/>

SAM 16.2

Indicate if the level of information you disclose to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients and/or beneficiaries.

- Yes
 No

SAM 16.3

Indicate what type of information your organisation proactively discloses to the public and clients and/or beneficiaries about your indirect investments.

Information	Public	Clients/beneficiaries
How responsible investment considerations are included in manager selection, appointment and monitoring processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details of the responsible investment activities carried out by managers on your behalf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E, S and/or G impacts and outcomes that have resulted from your managers' investments and active ownership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, specify below	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Yes, we disclose information to clients/beneficiaries only
 We do not proactively disclose information to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

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Overview

PE 04	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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PE 04.1 Indicate if your organisation's investment guidelines for private equity refer to responsible investment.

- Our investment guidelines do refer to responsible investment
- Our investment guidelines do not refer to responsible investment
- We do not have investment guidelines

PE 04.3 Additional information. [Optional]

The investment guidelines contained in Adams Street Partners' fund documents do not address responsible investment. However, Adams Street Partners has ESG checklists tailored to direct investments and co-investments that are intended to aid its investment professionals in considering ESG factors as part of their due diligence of prospective direct investments and co-investments and in post-investment monitoring of portfolio companies. Also, Adams Street Partners has adopted an ESG Policy.

Fundraising of private equity funds

PE 05	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1,4,6
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PE 05.1 Indicate if your fund placement documents (private placement memorandums (PPMs) or similar) refer to responsible investment aspects of your organisation.

- Yes

PE 05.2 Indicate how your fund placement documents (PPMs or similar) refer to the following responsible investment aspects of your organisation:

- Policy and commitment to responsible investment
- Approach to ESG issues in pre-investment processes
 - Always
 - In a majority of cases
 - In a minority of cases
- Approach to ESG issues in post-investment processes
 - Always
 - In a majority of cases
 - In a minority of cases

PE 05.3

Describe how your organisation refers to responsible investment in fund placement documents (PPMs or similar). [Optional]

Adams Street Partners' private offering memoranda describe Adams Street Partners' pre-investment diligence process and approach to post-investment monitoring.

- No
- Not applicable as our organisation does not fundraise

Pre-investment (selection)

PE 07

Mandatory

Gateway

PRI 1

PE 07.1

Indicate if your organisation typically incorporates ESG issues when selecting private equity investments.

- Yes
- No

PE 09

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 1,3

PE 09.1

Indicate which E, S and/or G issues are typically considered by your organisation in the investment selection process and list up to three typical examples per issue.

ESG issues

- Environmental

List up to three typical examples of environmental issues

Clean technology
Any possibility of environmental damage and/or liability
Any applicable regulatory considerations

- Social

List up to three typical examples of social issues

Employment issues
Sustainability of business
Immigration issues

- Governance

List up to three typical examples of governance issues

Transparency of company's operations
Reputation of company's management team members
Reputation of other investors in the company

Post-investment (monitoring and active ownership)

PE 13

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed

PRI 2

PE 13.1

Indicate whether your organisation incorporates ESG issues in investment monitoring of portfolio companies.

Yes

PE 13.2

Indicate the proportion of portfolio companies where your organisation included ESG performance in investment monitoring during the reporting year.

- >90% of portfolio companies
- 51-90% of portfolio companies
- 10-50% of portfolio companies
- <10% of portfolio companies

(in terms of total number of portfolio companies)

PE 13.3

Indicate ESG issues for which your organisation typically sets and monitors targets (KPIs or similar) and provide examples per issue.

ESG issues

- Environmental
- Social
- Governance
- We do not set and/or monitor against targets

No

PE 14

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2

PE 14.1

Indicate if your organisation tracks the proportion of your portfolio companies that have an ESG/sustainability-related policy (or similar guidelines).

- Yes
- No

Communication

PE 20

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 6

PE 20.1

Indicate whether your organisation proactively discloses ESG information on your private equity investments.

Disclose publicly

provide URL

<http://www.adamsstreetpartners.com/responsible-investing/>

PE 20.2

Indicate whether the type of ESG information you proactively provide to the public is the same as that you provide to your clients (LPs)/beneficiaries.

- Yes
- No

PE 20.3

Indicate the type of ESG information that your organisation proactively discloses to the public.

- ESG information in relation to our pre-investment activities
- ESG information in relation to our post-investment monitoring and ownership activities
- Information on our portfolio companies' ESG performance
- Other, specify

PE 20.4

Indicate your organisation's typical frequency of disclosing ESG information to the public.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Semi annually
- Annually
- Every two years or less frequently
- Ad-hoc, specify

Adams Street Partners provides general information on its website.

PE 20.5

Indicate the type of ESG information that your organisation proactively discloses to your clients (LPs)/beneficiaries.

- ESG information in relation to our pre-investment activities
- ESG information in relation to our post-investment monitoring and ownership activities
- Information on our portfolio companies' ESG performance
- Other, specify

PE 20.6

Indicate your organisation's typical frequency of disclosing ESG information to your clients (LPs)/beneficiaries.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Semi annually
- Annually
- Every two years or less frequently
- Ad-hoc, specify

Adams Street Partners provides more specific information on an as-requested basis to current and prospective investors.

- Disclose to investor clients (LPs)/beneficiaries only
- No proactive disclosure to the public or to clients (LPs)/beneficiaries