



LEA 02	Disclosure: Mandatory	Reason for Interaction	Principle: PRI 1, 2, 3
<p><b>Type of engagement</b> Individual/ internal staff engagements</p>	<p><b>Reason for Interaction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company relevant ESG areas</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced ESG disclosure</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Type of engagement</b> Collaborative engagements</p>	<p><b>Reason for Interaction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company relevant ESG areas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced ESG disclosure</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Type of engagement</b> Service provider engagements</p>	<p><b>Reason for Interaction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in a company relevant ESG areas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or enhanced ESG disclosure</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers</li> </ul>		

# RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

## 2014/15

Ashmore Group plc

## 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	🔒	n/a							✓
OO 08	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	✓	Private							✓
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	-	n/a							✓
OA 10	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
OA 11	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
OA 12	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				✓	✓	✓	
OA 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Private	✓						
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	✓	Private							✓
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	✓	Private							✓

Direct - Listed Equity Incorporation				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 02	Description of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 03	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 04	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 05	Information from engagement and/or voting used in investment decision-making	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 06	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	⚡	n/a	✓						
LEI 10	Description of ESG integration	-	n/a	✓						
LEI 11	Review ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 12	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 13	Aspects of analysis ESG information is integrated into	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 14	ESG issues in index construction	⚡	n/a	✓						
LEI 15	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	-	n/a	✓						
LEI 16	Incorporation of ESG issues has improved financial/ESG performance and reduced risk	-	n/a	✓						
LEI 17	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	-	n/a	✓						
LEI 18	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	Public		✓					✓

Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEA 01	Description of approach to engagement	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 02	Reasoning for interaction on ESG issues	🔒	n/a	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 03	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 05	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 06	Objectives for engagement activities	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 07	Role in engagement process	🔒	n/a		✓		✓			
LEA 08	Monitor / discuss service provider information	🔒	n/a		✓				✓	
LEA 09	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
LEA 10	Tracking number of engagements	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 11	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 12	Engagements on E, S and/or G issues	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 13	Companies changing practices / behaviour following engagement	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 14	Examples of ESG engagements	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 15	Disclosure of approach to ESG engagements	🔒	n/a		✓				✓	
LEA 16	Description of approach to (proxy) voting	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 17	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 18	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 19	Confirmation of votes	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 20	Securities lending programme	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 21	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 22	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 23	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 24	Shareholder resolutions	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 25	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 26	Disclosing voting activities	✓	Public		✓				✓	

Direct - Fixed Income				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private	✓						
FI 02	Breakdown of investments by credit quality	✓	Private							✓
FI 03	Description of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	✓						
FI 04	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓						
FI 05	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Private	✓						
FI 06	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	✓						
FI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	✓	Public	✓						
FI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	✓	Private	✓						
FI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 10	Description of ESG integration	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 11	Review of ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 12	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 13	Incorporation of ESG issues into analysis and decision making	✓	Public	✓						
FI 14	ESG issues in index construction	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 15	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	-	n/a	✓						
FI 16	Incorporation of ESG issues has improved financial/ESG performance and reduced risk	-	n/a	✓						
FI 17	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	-	n/a	✓						
FI 18	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	Public		✓					✓
FI 19	Engagement with corporate issuers	✓	Private		✓					
FI 20	Engagement with government issuers	✓	Private		✓					

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## Reported Information

### Public version

### 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 Kingdom

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

300

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.

30/06/2014

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		75	000	000	000
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		75	000	000	000

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%	0
Fixed income – corporate	10-50%	0
Fixed income – government	>50%	0
Fixed income – other	0	0
Private debt	<10%	0
Private equity	<10%	0

Property	<10%	0
Infrastructure	<10%	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	<10%	0
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)

### 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
- None of the above

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.

- Fixed income – corporate
- Fixed income – government
- Private debt
- Private equity
- Property
- Infrastructure
- Cash
- None of the above

**OO 12****Mandatory****Gateway****General****OO 12.1**

The modules and sections that you will be required to complete are listed below.

*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 - Fixed Income

- Fixed Income - Corporate
- Fixed Income - Government

## Direct - Other asset classes with dedicated modules

- Private Equity
- Property
- Infrastructure

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

- Yes

**OA 02.2** Provide a URL to your responsible investment policy.

URL

<http://www.ashmoregroup.com/investor-relations/corporate-social-responsibility>

- No

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

- Yes
  - Yes, all
  - Yes, some

**OA 02.4** List these other policies or guidance documents related to responsible investment that are publicly available and their URLs.

Policy or document name	URL
Conflicts of interest statement.	<a href="http://www.ashmoregroup.com/uk-en/investor-relations/corporate-governance">http://www.ashmoregroup.com/uk-en/investor-relations/corporate-governance</a>
UK Stewardship code	<a href="http://www.ashmoregroup.com/uk-en/investor-relations/corporate-governance">http://www.ashmoregroup.com/uk-en/investor-relations/corporate-governance</a>

No

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on corporate governance <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on environmental issues <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on social issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific guidelines <input checked="" 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 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]
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There are various facets to Ashmore's management of potential conflicts of interest in its investment processes, details of which are contained in the Group's conflicts of interest statement. The statement is available in PDF format here:

<http://www.ashmoregroup.com/uk-en/investor-relations/corporate-governance>



No

## Objectives and strategies

<b>OA 05</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Gateway/Core Assessed</b>	<b>General</b>
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**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

<b>OA 08</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Gateway/Core Assessed</b>	<b>General</b>
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**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
- 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

## 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
- 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
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OA 11.1	Indicate if your organisation promotes responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.
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- 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

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Direct - Listed Equity Incorporation

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## ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities


### Implementation processes

LEI 03	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 03.1	Indicate (1) which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed listed equities and (2) the breakdown of your actively managed listed equities by strategy or combination of strategies.
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#### ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply)

- Screening alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Thematic alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Integration alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Screening + Integration strategies

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied - you may (estimate +/- 10%)	 100
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- Thematic + integration strategies
- Screening + thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- No incorporation strategies applied

Total actively managed listed equities
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100%

LEI 03.2	Describe your primary reasons for choosing a particular ESG incorporation strategy.
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Ashmore aims to ensure that investments it makes comply with their own industry standards and best practice, treat their employees fairly, have active community programmes and operate with sensitivity to the environment.

Ashmore's funds and segregated accounts each have a specific investment mandate which sets out the parameters for investment. Within the Equities theme Ashmore is able to screen client portfolios to meet client requirements for geographic, sector and stock specific restrictions, based on (or informed by) client requirements. Stock specific restrictions may include securities which meet clients' own ESG criteria.

At a geographical level, Ashmore also screens across all of its investment themes for countries which are on the United Nations Sanctions and the US Office of Foreign Assets and Control (OFAC) lists.

The investment committee researches, monitors and incorporates ESG factors regarding existing or potential investments into its investment process.

LEI 03.4

Additional information. [Optional]

## (A) Implementation: Screening

LEI 06

Mandatory

Descriptive

PRI 1

LEI 06.1

Indicate and describe the type of screening you apply to your internally managed active listed equities.

### Type of screening

- Negative/exclusionary screening

#### Screened by

- Product  
 Activity  
 Sector  
 Country/geographic region  
 Environmental and social practices and performance  
 Corporate governance

#### Description

Examples of investment areas where Ashmore can offer screening of portfolios based on (or informed by)

client requirements (using recognised investment industry identifiers and coding into portfolio management system) include:-

- Alcohol
- Animal / Food products
- Armaments manufacturers or dealers
- Gambling
- Pornography
- Tobacco

- Positive/best-in-class screening  
 Norms-based screening

#### Screened by

- UN Global Compact Principles
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- International Labour Organization Conventions
- United Nations Convention Against Corruption
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- Other, specify

Ashmore screens across all investment themes for countries on the following lists:

- UN and EU/UK sanctions
- US Office of Foreign Assets and Control (OFAC)

Description
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Ashmore screens across all investment themes for countries on the following lists:

- UN and EU/UK sanctions
- US Office of Foreign Assets and Control (OFAC)

LEI 06.2	Describe how the screening criteria are established, how often the criteria are reviewed and how you notify clients and/or beneficiaries when changes are made.
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LEI 07	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 07.1	Indicate which processes your organisation uses to ensure that screening is based on robust analysis.
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- Comprehensive ESG research is undertaken or sourced to determine companies' activities and products.
  - Companies are given the opportunity by you or your research provider to review ESG research on them and correct inaccuracies
  - External research and data used to identify companies to be excluded/included is subject to internal audit by ESG/RI staff, the internal audit function or similar
  - Company ESG information/ratings are updated regularly to ensure that portfolio holdings comply with fund policies
  - A committee or body with representatives independent of the individuals who conduct company research reviews some or all screening decisions
  - A periodic review of the quality of the research undertaken or provided is carried out
  - Other, specify
- Use of recognised industry identifiers and coding into Ashmore's portfolio management system. Use of UN, EU/UK sanctions and US OFAC country lists.
- None of the above

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG issues			
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LEI 11	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 11.1

Indicate if E, S and G issues are reviewed while researching companies and/or sectors in active strategies.

ESG issues	Coverage/extent of review on these issues
Environmental	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review environmental issues
Social	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review social issues
Corporate Governance	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review corporate governance issues

Communication

LEI 18

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2,6

LEI 18.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in listed equity.

- We disclose it publicly

Provide URL

<http://www.ashmoregroup.com/investor-relations/corporate-social-responsibility>

LEI 18.2

Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

- Yes

LEI 18.3

Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/ beneficiaries and the public regarding your approach to ESG incorporation.

- Broad approach to ESG incorporation
- Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used

**LEI 18.4**

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Between quarterly and annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Other, specify
- No
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only
- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

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Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership

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## (Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions

### Process

LEA 17	Mandatory	Descriptive	PRI 2
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LEA 17.1	Indicate how you typically make your (proxy) voting decisions and what this approach is based on.
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Approach
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We use our own research or voting team and make our own voting decisions without the use of service providers.

Based primarily on
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- our own voting policy
- our clients requests or policy
- other, explain

We hire service provider(s) which make voting recommendations or provide research that we use to inform our voting decisions.

We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf, except for some pre-defined scenarios for which we review and make voting decisions.

We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf.

LEA 21	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 21.1	Indicate if you ensure that companies are informed of the rationale when you and/or the service providers acting on your behalf abstain or vote against management recommendations.
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- Yes, in most cases
- Sometimes, in the following cases:
- No
- Not applicable as we and/or our service providers do not abstain or vote against management recommendations

### Outputs and outcomes

LEA 22	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 22.1	For listed equities where you and/or your service provider has the mandate to issue (proxy) voting instructions, indicate the percentage of votes cast during the reporting year.
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We do track or collect this information

Votes cast (to the nearest 1%)

%

100

Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated

- of the total number of ballot items on which you could have issued instructions
- of the total number of company meetings at which you could have voted
- of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which you could have voted
- We do not track or collect this information

## Communication

LEA 26

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2,6

LEA 26.1 Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your voting activities.

- We disclose it publicly
- We disclose it to clients/beneficiaries only

LEA 26.5 Indicate the voting information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/beneficiaries.

Indicate how much of your voting record you disclose

- All voting decisions
- Some voting decisions
- Only abstentions and opposing vote decisions
- Summary of votes only

Indicate what level of explanation you provide

- Explain all voting decisions
- Explain some voting decisions
- Only explain abstentions and votes against management
- No explanations provided

**LEA 26.6**

Indicate how frequently you typically report voting information.

- Continuously (primarily before meetings)
- Continuously (soon after votes are cast)
- Quarterly or more frequently
- Between quarterly and annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Other, specify

On an ad-hoc basis, determined by clients.

- We do not proactively disclose our voting activities to the public and/or to clients/beneficiaries

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Reported Information

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Direct - Fixed Income

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## ESG incorporation in actively managed fixed income

### Fixed Income - Corporate

#### Implementation processes

FI 04	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 1
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FI 04.1

Indicate (1) which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed corporate fixed income investments; and, (2) the breakdown of your actively managed corporate fixed income investments by incorporation strategy or combination of strategies.

#### ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply)

- Screening alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)

Percentage of active corporate fixed income to which the strategy is applied (estimate +/- 10%)	%
	100

- Thematic alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Integration alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Screening + Integration strategies
- Thematic + integration strategies
- Screening + thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- No incorporation strategies applied

Total actively managed fixed income - corporate

100%

FI 04.2

Describe your primary reasons for choosing a particular incorporation strategy.

Ashmore aims to ensure that investments it makes comply with their own industry standards and best practice, treat their employees fairly, have active community programmes and operate with sensitivity to the environment.

Ashmore's funds and segregated accounts each has a specific investment mandate which sets out the parameters for investment. Within the Corporate Debt theme Ashmore is able to screen client portfolios to meet client requirements for geographic, sector and stock specific restrictions. Stock specific restrictions may include securities which meet clients' own ESG criteria.

At a geographical level, Ashmore also screens across all of our investment themes for countries which are on the United Nations Sanctions and the US Office of Foreign Assets and Control (OFAC) lists.



## (A) Implementation: Screening

FI 06

Mandatory

Descriptive

PRI 1

FI 06.1

Indicate and describe the type of screening you apply to your internally managed active corporate fixed income investments.

### Type of screening

- Negative/exclusionary screening

#### Screened by

- Product  
 Activity  
 Sector  
 Country/geographic region  
 Environmental and social practices and performance  
 Corporate governance

#### Description

Examples of investment areas where Ashmore can offer screening of portfolios based on (or informed by) client requirements (using recognised investment industry identifiers and coding into portfolio management system) include:-

- Alcohol
- Animal / Food products
- Armaments manufacturers or dealers
- Gambling
- Pornography
- Tobacco

- Positive/best-in-class screening  
 Norms-based screening

#### Screened by

- UN Global Compact Principles  
 Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
 International Labour Organization Conventions  
 United Nations Convention Against Corruption  
 OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises  
 Other, specify

Ashmore screens across all investment themes for countries on the following lists:

- UN and EU/UK sanctions
- US Office of Foreign Assets and Control (OFAC)

Description
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Ashmore screens across all investment themes for countries on the following lists:

- UN and EU/UK sanctions
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<b>FI 06.2</b>	Describe how the screening criteria are established, how often the criteria are reviewed and how you notify clients and/or beneficiaries when changes are made.
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<b>FI 07</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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<b>FI 07.1</b>	Indicate which processes your organisation uses to ensure that screening in corporate fixed income is based on robust analysis.
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- Comprehensive research is undertaken or sourced to determine issuers' ESG performance
- Issuers are given the opportunity by you or your research provider to review ESG research on them and correct inaccuracies
- External research and data used to identify issuers to be excluded/included is subject to internal audit by ESG/RI staff, the internal audit function or similar
- Information on ESG issues and/or ratings is updated regularly to ensure that portfolio holdings comply with fund policies
- A committee or body with representatives independent of the individuals who conduct ESG research reviews some or all screening decisions
- A periodic review of the quality of the research undertaken or provided is carried out
- Other, specify  
Use of recognised industry identifiers and coding into Ashmore's portfolio management system. Use of UN, EU/UK sanctions and US OFAC country lists.
- None of the above

## Fixed income - Government

<b>FI 13</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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<b>FI 13.1</b>	Indicate if you incorporate ESG issues in investment analysis and decision making for your government fixed income investments.
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- Yes
- No

FI 13.5	Additional information. [Optional]
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Ashmore believes that ESG factors are taken into account in the pricing and yield of the security at the time of issuance and in secondary markets thereafter. Ashmore's decision making process is simply whether or not to invest.

**Communication**

FI 18	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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FI 18.1	Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in all fixed income investments.
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We disclose it publicly

	Provide URL
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