



LEA 02	Disclosures Monetary	Reason for interaction	Principle PRI 1,2,3
Individual/ internal staff engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in &amp; company's material ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage corporate transition or identify the need for additional or different investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in &amp; company's material ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage corporate transition or identify the need for additional or different investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements</p>	
Collaborative engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in &amp; company's material ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage corporate transition or identify the need for additional or different investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements</p>		
Service provider engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in &amp; company's material ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage corporate transition or identify the need for additional or different investments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers</p>		

# RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

## 2014/15

Plato Investment Management

## 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	✓	Public							✓
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	✓	Public							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
OO 11	RI activities in other asset classes	🔒	n/a							✓
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	✓	Private							✓
OA 07	Governance, management structures and RI processes	✓	Private							✓
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	✓	Public	✓						
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	✓	Public							✓
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	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 02	Description of ESG incorporation	✓	Public	✓						
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	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 10	Description of ESG integration	✓	Private	✓						
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	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 16	Incorporation of ESG issues has improved financial/ESG performance and reduced risk	✓	Private	✓						
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	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 02	Reasoning for interaction on ESG issues	✓	Public	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 03	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 05	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 06	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 07	Role in engagement process	✓	Public		✓		✓			
LEA 08	Monitor / discuss service provider information	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA 09	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	✓	Private	✓	✓					
LEA 10	Tracking number of engagements	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 11	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 12	Engagements on E, S and/or G issues	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 13	Companies changing practices / behaviour following engagement	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 14	Examples of ESG engagements	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 15	Disclosure of approach to ESG engagements	✓	Public		✓				✓	
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	✓	Private		✓					
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	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 25	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 26	Disclosing voting activities	✓	Public		✓				✓	

# Plato Investment Management

## 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

Other, specify

Execution and advisory services

OO 01.2

Additional information. [Optional]

Plato invests in Australian equities. We offer a number of strategies to clients.

Plato has the capability to include ESG tilts as well as Carbon/Green House Gas reduction in all of our strategies. We have developed a capability of introducing either Carbon reduction or ESG exposure management effectively and pragmatically such that the investment objectives remain unchanged. We currently run a strategy that targets a 20% minimum reduction in carbon intensity.

Enhanced Index - Benchmark aware active product with low tracking error and low fee characteristics. The realised IR of this strategy is around 1.6.

Equity Income - Benchmark aware equity income fund delivering around 9pct income as well as full market exposure.

Low volatility equity - A lower volatility strategy that combines both low volatility approaches with equity valuation and alpha aware characteristics. The target risk reduction is at least 15% lower than the benchmark, and return target is benchmark plus 3% p.a.

OO 02

Mandatory

Peering

General

OO 02.1

Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

Australia

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

6

**OO 02.4** Additional information. [Optional]

Plato is a boutique equity manager under the umbrella of Pinnacle Investments. Pinnacle provide marketing, middle and back office functions to Plato, as well as IT, HR legal and all other non-investment functions.

This leaves Plato staff free to focus on investment related activities alone.

Total FTE including the Pinnacle team would increase to >20.

**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.

30/06/2015

**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		1	360	000	000
Currency	AUD				
Assets in USD		1	263	848	926

**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 percentage breakdown

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	100	0
Fixed income – corporate	0	0
Fixed income – government	0	0
Fixed income – other	0	0
Private debt	0	0
Private equity	0	0
Property	0	0
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	0	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

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

**OO 08**

**Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose**

**Peering**

**General**

**OO 08.1**

Indicate the breakdown of your organisation’s AUM by market.

Market breakdown	% of AUM
Developed Markets	<input type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input checked="" type="radio"/> >50 %
Emerging, Frontier and Other Markets	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0% <input type="radio"/> <10% <input type="radio"/> 10-50% <input type="radio"/> >50 %

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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Plato is a quantitative investor specialising in Australia equities. We have developed considerable in house expertise in analysing Carbon and ESG data and researched the best ways in which these criteria can be successfully incorporated in to a quantitative investment process in a value accretive way.

## 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.
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- 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 12	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 12.1	The modules and sections that you will be required to complete are listed below.
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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

- Engagements
- (Proxy) voting

**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.plato.com.au>

- 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.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on environmental issues <input checked="" 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 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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A conflict of interest arises in circumstances where the interests of clients to whom Plato provides financial services are inconsistent with or diverge from the interests of Plato or its representatives. This includes actual, apparent and potential conflicts of interest. Plato's conflict of interest policy manages conflicts between the interests of various clients (existing or potential clients) as well as conflicts between its own interests and those of their clients.

No

## Objectives and strategies

OA 05	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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OA 05.1	Indicate if your organisation sets objectives for its responsible investment activities.
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Yes

OA 05.2	Indicate how frequently your organisation sets or revises objectives for responsible investment.
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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

**OA 05.4**

Additional information. [Optional]

For mandates that have a specific objective, objectives are selectively set in consultation with the underlying client. Performance is reviewed against those specific objectives on at least an annual basis.

## 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
- Portfolio managers
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Investment analysts
- 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

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced
- 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

ESGRA  
Montreal Pledge

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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

Plato is a founding member of ESG Research Australia (ESG RA), which aims to encourage the development and provision of ESG research on listed companies by brokers within Australia. Plato actively contributes to the running of ESG RA with Plato's Managing Director Don Hamson being the Deputy Chair of ESG RA representing fund managers. Plato personnel also actively contribute to a number of ESG RA working groups, with Don Hamson Chair of the Marketing/Events working group.

Plato is a leader in the implementation of Carbon reduction in Australian equity portfolios. We have produced a white paper looking into the impact of carbon reduction into equity strategies and produced empirical evidence for how much carbon reduction is possible whilst maintaining core investment objectives.

Plato includes ESG research as an explicit category in our broker panel allocation process, clearly rewarding brokers for undertaking ESG research. This directly links brokerage revenue with ESG research efforts by the executing broker firms. Plato receives broker analyst earnings revisions which form an integral part of the Plato investment process. Due in part to the success of the ESG RA aims, and increased interest in the topic, we find

that the underlying earnings forecasts largely already include some consideration of ESG risks and exposures, either explicitly or implicitly in the forward estimates of earnings.

Plato's membership of ESG RA is the main collaborative mechanism we use to enhance our effectiveness in working together to implement the UNPRI principals. This group collectively address relevant emerging issues by focusing the attention of a broad collection of firms onto local ESG issues. An annual award night promotes and highlights the leading, most impactful research and recognises the individuals and firms responsible for the contributing work.

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

ESGRA

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

Montreal Pledge

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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.

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

## ESG issues in asset allocation

<b>OA 14</b>	<b>Voluntary</b>	<b>Descriptive</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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<b>OA 14.1</b>	Indicate if your organisation allocates assets to, or manages, funds based on specific environmental and social themed areas.
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Yes

<b>OA 14.2</b>	Indicate the percentage of your total AUM invested in environmental and social themed areas.
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	% of total AUM
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6.1

<b>OA 14.3</b>	Please specify which thematic area(s) you invest in and provide a brief description.
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	Area
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- Clean technology (including renewable energy)
- Green buildings
- Sustainable forestry
- Sustainable agriculture
- Microfinance
- SME financing
- Social enterprise / community investing
- Affordable housing
- Education
- Global health
- Water
- Other area, specify

Carbon / green house gas emission reduction

	Asset class invested
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- Listed equity

	Brief description of investment
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Carbon intensity target of a 20% reduction relative to the benchmark carbon intensity.

No

## Innovation

<b>OA 18</b>	<b>Voluntary</b>	<b>Descriptive</b>	<b>General</b>
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OA 18.1

Indicate whether any specific features of your approach to responsible investment are particularly innovative.

Yes

OA 18.2

Describe any specific features of your approach to responsible investment that you believe are particularly innovative.

Plato has led innovation is quantitatively assessing best practices in incorporating Carbon intensity and/or ESG scores into active investment processes in such a way that clients returns are improved in risk adjusted returns. We observe that a number of responsible investment strategies have failed to deliver acceptable returns, or have delivered too much risk to the end investors. Plato believe that a well thought out, pragmatic implementation offers the best solution to incorporating responsible investment principles into investment strategies such that RI goals, as well as investment goals are mutually satisfied in a long term, sustainable fashion. ESG tilt research was nominated for a responsible investing award.

In Australia, Plato has produced detailed emperical evidence on implementing carbon reduction targets into an equity investment strategy. This has formed the basis of a carbon reduction target of 20% in an enhanced index strategy that delivers the same expected risk and return as a strategy that doesn't incorporate any target.

Plato has also conducted research into CEO remuneration in 2012 and 2014. The research looks at what explains CEO remuneration across firms, finding that firm size, not performance, explains most of the variation in remuneration across large listed Australian companies. The research can also be used to help in identifying where CEO compensation is overly generous, and is used for proxy voting on remuneration reports.

No

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### Direct - Listed Equity Incorporation

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## Overview

LEI 01	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Gateway/Peering	PRI 1
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LEI 01.1	Provide a breakdown of your internally managed listed equities by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies. For strategies that account for less than 10% of your internally managed listed equities, indicate if you would still like to report your activities.
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### Strategies

- Passive
- Active – quantitative (quant)

	% of internally managed listed equities
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- <10%
- 10-50%
- >50%

- Active – fundamental and other active strategies

LEI 01.2	Additional information. [Optional]
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Plato is an active quantitative manager that uses largely fundamental data to create advanced factor models. Plato had invested significant R&D into integrating carbon, green house gasses or ESG objectives into it's strategies in a scientific and pragmatic manner that seeks to balance investment and non-investment related objectives, delivering a strong complimentary combination of the two in a single strategy.

LEI 02	Voluntary	Descriptive	PRI 1
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LEI 02.1	Provide a brief overview of how you incorporate ESG issues into listed equity investments.
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Plato is an active quantitative manager that uses largely fundamental data to create advanced factor models. Plato had invested significant R&D into integrating carbon, green house gasses or ESG objectives into it's strategies in a scientific and pragmatic manner that seeks to balance investment and non-investment related objectives, delivering a strong complimentary combination of the two in a single strategy.

We achieve this by scientifically testing the impact of the non financial objective and determine how much of that objective can be achieved without giving up any expected returns or adding additional risk.

## 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.

**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)

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied - you may (estimate +/- 10%)	%
	100

- Screening + Integration strategies
- Thematic + integration strategies
- Screening + thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- No incorporation strategies applied

Total actively managed listed equities

100%

**LEI 03.2** Describe your primary reasons for choosing a particular ESG incorporation strategy.

We use ESG and carbon data from third party vendors to construct portfolios that have a net portfolio tilt towards selected ESG or carbon exposures in our portfolio construction process.

**(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG issues**

<b>LEI 11</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 1</b>
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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 type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" 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.plato.com.au>

LEI 18.2

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

- Yes  
 No

LEI 18.3

Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to 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 to the public.

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Between quarterly and annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Other, specify

**LEI 18.5**

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

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

**LEI 18.6**

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information to clients/beneficiaries.

- Quarterly or more frequently
  - Between quarterly and annually
  - Less frequently than annually
  - Other, specify
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only
  - We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

# Plato Investment Management

## Reported Information

### Public version

#### Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership

## PRI disclaimer

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## Engagement

### Overview

LEA 02	Mandatory	Gateway	PRI 1,2,3
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LEA 02.1	Indicate your reasons for interacting with companies on ESG issues and indicate who carries out these interactions.
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Type of engagement	Reason for interaction
<b>Individual/Internal staff engagements</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff
<b>Collaborative engagements</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements
<b>Service provider engagements</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers

## Process

### Process for engagements run internally

LEA 03	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 03.1	Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities carried out by internal staff.
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☉ Yes

**LEA 03.2**

Describe how you identify and prioritise engagements.

Engagement priority is contained within our proxy voting policy.

Other engagements are managed on a case by case basis depending on the specifics of each case.

No

**LEA 03.3**

Additional information. [Optional]

Plato engages directly on a case by case basis. With the size of our investment universe all engagement can be successfully completed without formal identification or prioritisation processes.

**LEA 04****Mandatory****Core Assessed****PRI 2****LEA 04.1**

Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities.

Yes

No

**LEA 04.2**

Indicate if you monitor the actions that companies take following your engagements.

Yes

Yes, in all cases

Yes, in the majority of cases

Yes, in the minority of cases

**LEA 04.3**

Describe how you monitor and evaluate the progress of your engagement activities.

Plato monitors the outcomes of the issues we have engaged with by either directly receiving responses from companies, or by observing corporate information that becomes publically available. For example, and changes to remuneration policy at AGM's.

No

**Process for engagements conducted via collaborations****LEA 05****Mandatory****Core Assessed****PRI 2****LEA 05.1**

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising collaborative engagements.

Yes

No

**LEA 06****Mandatory****Core Assessed****PRI 2**

**LEA 06.1** Indicate if the collaborative engagements in which you are involved have defined objectives.

- Yes
  - Yes, for all collaborative engagement activities
  - Yes, for the majority of collaborative engagement activities
  - Yes, for a minority of collaborative engagement activities
- No

**LEA 06.2** Indicate if you monitor the actions companies take following your collaborative engagements.

- Yes
- No

### Process for engagements conducted with/on your behalf by service providers

<b>LEA 07</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 2,4</b>
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**LEA 07.1** Indicate if you play a role in the engagement process that your service provider conducts on your behalf.

- Yes
- No

<b>LEA 08</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 2,6</b>
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**LEA 08.1** Indicate whether you monitor and/or discuss the following information provided to you by your service provider

Please select all that apply

- The subject (or ESG issue(s)) of engagement
- The objectives of the engagement
- The rationale for engagement
- The frequency/intensity of interactions with companies
- Progress towards achieving engagement goals
- Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement
- Next steps for engagement activity
- Other, specify
- None of the above

### General processes for all three groups of engagers

<b>LEA 10</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Gateway/Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 2</b>
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**LEA 10.1**

Indicate if you track the number of engagements your organisation participates in.

Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
<b>Individual / Internal staff engagements</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements
<b>Collaborative engagements</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements
<b>Service provider engagements</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input checked="" type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements

**Communication**

**LEA 15**

**Mandatory**

**Core Assessed**

**PRI 2,6**

**LEA 15.1**

Indicate whether your organisation proactively discloses information on its engagements.

- We disclose it publicly
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only
- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries.

**LEA 15.8**

Additional information. [Optional]

We disclose to a number of asset consultants who seek information on ESG related activities by responding to their surveys, and to clients upon request.

**(Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions**

**Process**

**LEA 17**

**Mandatory**

**Descriptive**

**PRI 2**

<b>LEA 17.1</b>	Indicate how you typically make your (proxy) voting decisions and what this approach is based on.
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<b>Approach</b>
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We use our own research or voting team and make our own voting decisions without the use of service providers.

<b>Based primarily on</b>
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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.

<b>LEA 21</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 2</b>
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<b>LEA 21.1</b>	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:
  - votes in selected markets
  - votes on certain issues (all markets)
  - votes for significant shareholdings (all markets)
  - other, explain
- No
- Not applicable as we and/or our service providers do not abstain or vote against management recommendations

<b>Outputs and outcomes</b>
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<b>LEA 22</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 2</b>
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<b>LEA 22.1</b>	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
- We do not track or collect this information

<b>Communication</b>
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## 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
- We do not proactively disclose our voting activities to the public and/or to clients/beneficiaries