



LEA 02	Disclosures	Monetary	Gateway	Principle PRI 1,2,3
<p>By providing investors the most up-to-date and comprehensive information for use in their investment decisions, investors can better understand the risks and opportunities associated with the companies in which they invest. This information can be used to make more informed investment decisions and to engage with companies on their environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance.</p> <p>Investors are encouraged to use this information to make more informed investment decisions and to engage with companies on their ESG performance.</p>	<p>LEA 02</p>	<p>Type of engagement</p> <p>Individual/ internal staff engagements</p> <p>Collaborative engagements</p> <p>Service provider engagements</p>	<p>Reason for interaction</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in &amp; company's material ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency or identify the need for additional information</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage internal staff</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in &amp; company's material ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency or identify the need for additional information</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in &amp; company's material ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency or identify the need for additional information</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in &amp; company's material ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency or identify the need for additional information</p>	

# RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

## 2013/14

Equator, 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 2013-14 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. This results in some Principles not being explicitly highlighted. For instance, Principle 1 and 2 cannot be implemented without implementing Principle 3, but there are cases when Principle 3 is not explicitly 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.

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# 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	✓	n/a							✓
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	✓	Private							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	🔒	n/a							✓
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	✓	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	✓	Private							✓
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	✓	Private							✓
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							✓

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	-	n/a	✓					✓	
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)	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 11	Appointment considerations (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a				✓			
SAM 12	Monitoring processes (non-listed assets)	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 13	Description of RI considerations in 'other' asset classes	✓	Private	✓						✓
SAM 14	Percentage of externally managed assets managed by PRI signatories	✓	Private	✓						✓
SAM 15	Examples of ESG issues in selection, appointment and monitoring processes	✓	Private		✓					
SAM 16	Disclosure of RI considerations	✓	Public							✓

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## Reported Information

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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

Other, specify

Execution and advisory only services

OO 01.2 Additional information. [Optional]

Equator Co-Manages a \$40,000,000 environmental markets fund, with a focus on wetland and endangered species mitigation banks and California compliant offset projects. Value is created by developing carbon or biodiversity credits in accordance with rule sets developed by regulatory bodies, such as the US Army Corps of Engineers for mitigation banking and the Fish& Wildlife Service for conservation banking. Presently, carbon activity is primarily focused on regulations being developed by the California Air Resources Board in line with the California Air Resources Board.

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

3

OO 03	Mandatory	Descriptive	General
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**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
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**OO 04.1** Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2013

**OO 04.2** Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM			40	000	000
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD			40	000	000

**OO 04.3** 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
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**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	0	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	10-50%	10-50%
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	>50%
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 11	Mandatory	Gateway	General
<b>OO 11.1</b>	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.		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commodities <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above		
<b>OO 11.2</b>	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.		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commodities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry <input type="checkbox"/> 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. They are based on the percentages provided in your AUM breakdown and your responses to the gateway indicators. Note, 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. Direct - Fixed Income and Infrastructure are always voluntary.

**Core modules**

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

**RI implementation via external managers**

Indirect - Selection, Appointment and Monitoring of External Managers

- Commodities
- Forestry

**Closing module**

- Closing module

**Note:** Please make sure your response to this indicator is complete and confirmed before you progress. Your response will determine which tailored modules and sections you will be presented with.

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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  
 No

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

- Yes  
 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 type="checkbox"/> Engagement/active ownership policy <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on corporate governance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on environmental issues <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on social issues <input checked="" 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.

- Yes
- 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.

- 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
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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
- 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
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- External managers or service providers
  - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
  - Implementation of responsible investment
  - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other role, specify
- Other role, specify

## Promoting responsible investment

OA 10

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4,5

OA 10.1

Indicate if your organisation is a member of and/or participant in any collaborative organisation or initiatives that promote responsible investment.

Yes

OA 10.2

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**

- 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
- Principles for Responsible Investment

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

- 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

No

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
- No

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#### Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring

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<b>SAM 02</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 4</b>
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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

<b>SAM 03</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Gateway</b>	<b>General</b>
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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
Forestry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commodities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Communication

<b>SAM 16</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Core Assessed</b>	<b>PRI 6</b>
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**SAM 16.1** Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses any information about responsible investment considerations in your indirect investments.

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