



LEA 02	Disclosures: Mandatory	Reason for Interaction	Principle: PRI 1, 2, 3
Individual/ internal staff engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in a company relevant to ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage corporate practice for identifying the need to address an issue</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage with internal staff</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in a company relevant to ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage corporate practice for identifying the need to address an issue</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage with collaborative engagements</p>	
Collaborative engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in a company relevant to ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage corporate practice for identifying the need to address an issue</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage with collaborative engagements</p>		
Service provider engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making in a company relevant to ESG issues</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage corporate practice for identifying the need to address an issue</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage with service providers</p>		

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2013/14

Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd

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	✓	Public							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
OO 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓

Overarching Approach				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OA 01	RI policy and other guidance documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 02	Publicly available policies / documents	✓	Public						✓	
OA 03	Policy components and coverage	✓	Public	✓	✓					
OA 04	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
OA 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
OA 06	Main goals/objectives this year	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 07	Governance, management structures and RI processes	-	n/a							✓
OA 08	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
OA 09	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	-	n/a							✓
OA 10	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
OA 11	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
OA 12	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	-	n/a				✓	✓	✓	
OA 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	-	n/a	✓						
OA 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	-	n/a	✓						
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	-	n/a							✓
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	-	n/a							✓

Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SAM 01	Description of RI considerations	-	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	✓	Private							✓
SAM 05	ESG incorporation strategies	✓	Public	✓	✓					
SAM 06	Selection processes (listed assets)	✓	Public	✓						✓
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	🔒	n/a	✓						✓
SAM 14	Percentage of externally managed assets managed by PRI signatories	✓	Private	✓						✓
SAM 15	Examples of ESG issues in selection, appointment and monitoring processes	-	n/a		✓					
SAM 16	Disclosure of RI considerations	✓	Public							✓

Direct - 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	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 03	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 04	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	-	n/a	✓						
LEI 05	Information from engagement and/or voting used in investment decision-making	✓	Public	✓						
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	-	n/a	✓						
LEI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	🔒	n/a	✓						
LEI 10	Description of ESG integration	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 11	Review ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 12	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	-	n/a	✓						
LEI 13	Aspects of analysis ESG information is integrated into	✓	Public	✓						
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	✓	Private	✓						
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	✓	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	🔒	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	✓	Private	✓	✓					
LEA 10	Tracking number of engagements	✓	Public		✓					
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	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 15	Disclosure of approach to ESG engagements	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA 16	Description of approach to (proxy) voting	✓	Public		✓					
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	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 24	Shareholder resolutions	-	n/a		✓					
LEA 25	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 26	Disclosing voting activities	✓	Public		✓				✓	

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Organisational Overview

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Basic Information

OO 01

Mandatory

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 01.1 Select the services you offer.

Fund management

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

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

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

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

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

Other, specify

Execution and advisory only services

OO 02

Mandatory

Peering

General

OO 02.1 Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

Canada

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

60

OO 03

Mandatory

Descriptive

General

OO 03.1 Indicate whether you have subsidiaries within your organisation that are also PRI signatories in their own right.

- Yes
- No

OO 04 **Mandatory** **Gateway/Peering** **General**

OO 04.1 Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2013

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

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		15	307	600	000
Currency	CAD				
Assets in USD		14	532	967	282

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**

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	49	28
Fixed income – corporate	11	0
Fixed income – government	10	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	2	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 09	Voluntary	Descriptive	General
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.		

Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd. is an employee-owned firm based in Vancouver, Canada, with an expertise in value investing. Since our inception in 1982, we have grown to a firm of 60 employees with just over \$15 billion in assets under management (as of December 31, 2013). We provide investment management services for pensions, foundations, universities, first nations, corporations, professional organizations and families.

We manage Canadian fixed income and equity assets in house, while our foreign equities are sub-advised by Sprucegrove Investment Management Ltd., based in Toronto. Sprucegrove has a similar approach to selecting equity investments as Leith Wheeler and a long track record of accomplishment in the international arena. They have over 30 employees and \$26 billion in assets under management. They are also 100% independent and employee owned.

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 address ESG incorporation, engagement and/or (proxy) voting in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes
- 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.
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- Fixed income – corporate
- Fixed income – government
- Cash
- 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. 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.
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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
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- Listed Equity incorporation

	Direct - Listed Equity active ownership
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- Engagements
- (Proxy) voting

	Direct - Fixed Income
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- Fixed Income - Corporate
- Fixed Income - Government

RI implementation via external managers

Listed Equities

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

Since we invest in businesses across various sectors and industries, we have found it difficult to create an overarching responsible investment policy that would apply to all investments. Each business is unique and environmental, social, and governance issues will impact them in different ways.

While we do not specifically have a responsible investment policy, we feel that addressing these issues is inherent in our investment process. When we look to invest in a company, we look at a number of factors including (1.) the attractiveness of the business and quality of management (2.) valuation and strength of the balance sheet, and (3.) various risk factors. For example, issues related to corporate governance and employee relations would come into consideration when we are assessing the quality of management. An evaluation of environmental issues would fall under our assessment of the attractiveness of the business and risk factors.

OA 02	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 6
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OA 02.3 Indicate if your other policies or guidance documents related to responsible investment are publicly available.

- Yes
 No

OA 02.5 Additional information. [Optional]

While our policy documents are not publically available, we do make them available to our current and prospective clients.

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 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 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

OA 04.2 Describe your policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process. [Optional]

We have a policy outlining the various conflicts of interest that may arise in the investment process. Our policy addresses issues such as fair allocation, best execution, proxy voting, corporate actions, and personal trading. The policy is made available to all current and prospective 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.

Yes

No

OA 05.4 Additional information. [Optional]

Rather than set a specific responsible investment objective, we set an overall investment objective. Since the inception of the firm, our objective has always been to preserve clients' capital while offering superior investment growth. To achieve that goal we manage our clients' portfolios with the conviction that value can only be added by being different from the market. We take a long term view with our investments and build meaningful positions in companies we admire and trust. We will not invest in a security unless we have a high level of conviction in the business model and management team.

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.		
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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
 - 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
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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

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

We have recently become a signatory of the Principles of Responsible Investment in December 2013.

- Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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

We have been a member of S.H.A.R.E. for several years. Our involvement with the organization has grown over time, and ranged from attending their events and conferences to being speakers on certain topics.

United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)

United Nations Global Compact

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

Canadian Coalition for Good Governance

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

Basic

Moderate

Advanced

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

No

OA 11

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4

OA 11.1

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

Yes

No

OA 11.3

Additional information. [Optional]

Since we are a new signatory to the initiative (December 2013), we haven't had many opportunities to promote responsible investment. So far in 2014, we have spoken at a few conferences to promote the PRI and we hope to further our involvement where we can.

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Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring

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Overview

SAM 02	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 4
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SAM 02.1 Indicate if your organisation uses investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers in the selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external managers.

Yes

- We use investment consultants in our selection and appointment of external managers
- We use investment consultants in our monitoring of external managers
- We use fiduciary managers

SAM 02.3 Indicate if your organisation considers responsible investment in the selection, appointment and/or review processes for investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers.

- Responsible investment is included in the selection process for investment consultants
- Consultants' responsibilities in relation to responsible investment in manager selection, appointment and monitoring processes are included in our contractual agreements with them
- Responsible investment is considered when reviewing investment consultants' advice on manager selection and performance monitoring
- We do not consider responsible investment in the selection, appointment and/or review processes for investment consultants.

No

SAM 03	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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SAM 03.1 Indicate for which of the following externally managed asset classes your organisation, and/or your investment consultants, consider responsible investment factors in investment manager: (a) Selection, (b) Appointment (investment management agreements/contracts), and (c) Monitoring

Select all that apply

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

SAM 03.2	Additional information. [Optional]
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When we were looking to hire our sub-advisor, who manage our foreign equity assets, we took into consideration factors such as their proxy voting guidelines as part of our selection process. We wanted to make sure their process and guidelines aligned well with ours.

Listed equity (LE), fixed income corporate (FIC) and fixed income government (FIG)

Overview

SAM 05	Mandatory	Gateway	PRI 1,2
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SAM 05.1 Indicate which of the following ESG incorporation strategies you encourage or require your external manager(s) to implement on your behalf:

Active investment strategies

Active investment strategies	LE		
Screening	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Thematic	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Integration	<input type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

SAM 05.2 Indicate if - on your externally managed assets - you engage directly, via service providers, or via your external manager.

	LE	
We engage directly or via service providers on our externally managed assets	<input type="checkbox"/>	
We require our external managers to engage on our behalf	<input type="checkbox"/>	
None of the above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SAM 05.3	Indicate if - on your externally managed listed equities - you cast your (proxy) votes directly, via service providers, or via your external manager.
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	LE
We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers on our externally managed assets	<input type="checkbox"/>
We require our external managers to cast our (proxy) votes on our behalf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selection

SAM 06	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1-6
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SAM 06.1	Indicate whether your organisation, and/or your investment consultant, in the manager selection process for listed assets, typically do any of the following:
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General

	LE		
Review the manager's responsible investment policies	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss managers' governance and management of responsible investment activities	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Meet staff with responsible investment responsibilities to assess their skills and competence	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss minimum responsible investment expectations that managers must meet	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss the role managers have played in collaborative initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ask whether the organisation is a signatory to the PRI and/or other relevant organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Review the manager's responsible investment reporting to clients and/or the public, including PRI reporting	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Discuss the type of ESG reporting you expect	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Assign specific weighting to ESG factors in your manager evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other general aspects in your selection process, specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>		

(Proxy) voting

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Discuss the managers' voting processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discuss how information gained through research for (proxy) voting is used in investment-decision making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (proxy) voting issues in your selection process, specify	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

When we were looking to hire a sub-advisor for our foreign equities in 1995, we were looking for a manager with a similar investment philosophy and process to ours.

Communication

SAM 16

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 6

**SAM
16.1**

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

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

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Overview

LEI 01

Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose

Gateway/Peering

PRI 1

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.

Strategies

- Passive
- Active – quantitative (quant)
- Active – fundamental and other active strategies

% of internally managed listed equities

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

ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities

Implementation processes

LEI 03

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed


PRI 1

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)
- Screening + Integration strategies

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied (estimate +/- 10%)	
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- 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 primarily use integration strategies to incorporate ESG issues as it lends well to our overall investment process. Our approach is bottom up, not top down, and security selection is based on fundamental research with a strong "value" bias. Essentially, we pick stocks as though we were buying the whole company. This includes both a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the business and its risks. We recognize that poor environmental, social, and/or governance practices can have an impact on the company's balance sheet and income statement, and can affect the long term performance of our investments. We focus on corporate governance in particular, as we find that companies with strong management teams and good governance structures will lead to good business practices. When we are looking to make an investment we are ultimately asking "does the company operate its business in a manner we are comfortable with?". As a result of this assessment, we do employ some screening strategies. We will not invest in a company if we are not comfortable with their business practices.

LEI 05	Voluntary	Additional Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 05.1 Indicate if your organisation has a process through which information derived from ESG engagement and/or (proxy) voting activities is made available for use in investment decision-making.

- Engagement
 - We have a systematic process to ensure the information is made available.
 - We occasionally make this information available.
 - We do not make this information available.
- (Proxy) voting
 - We have a systematic process to ensure the information is made available.
 - We occasionally make this information available.
 - We do not make this information available.

LEI 05.2	Additional information. [Optional]
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We separate the areas of responsibility and accountability for our professionals between the investment process and client servicing. In this way, the investment professional's focus and primary responsibility is the portfolio itself. The portfolio is built via a team approach. There are six analysts on the team who meet formally on a weekly basis (and informally as needed) to discuss and share new ideas as well as any important issues facing the companies we currently own. Each team member manages his or her section of the portfolio, covering all the companies in their respective universe. In this way, investment decisions are made by the analysts, who are the ones engaging with the companies they follow, as well as making the voting decisions.

(A) Implementation: Screening

LEI 06	Mandatory	Descriptive	PRI 1
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LEI 06.1	Indicate and describe the type of screening you apply to your internally managed active listed equities.
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Type of screening

- Negative/exclusionary screening

Screened by

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

Description

We have used screening strategies to exclude businesses that we have determined operate in a manner we are uncomfortable with. Currently, we have excluded tobacco companies from our investment universe because of their long term track record of poor business practices.

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

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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Our criteria for screening is a by-product of our bottom-up investment process. As mentioned previously, when we look to invest in a company, we look at a number of factors including (1.) the attractiveness of the business and quality of management (2.) valuation and strength of the balance sheet, and (3.) various risk factors. Based on our assessment of these factors, we would decide to screen out companies selling certain products (as is the case for tobacco) or poor corporate governance practices. Our investment process has remained the same since our inception and will continue to do so going forward; as a result, the screening criteria we use would not change.

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

We conduct comprehensive research of all companies in our investment universe, which will include analysis of ESG issues, in addition to other company specific information.
- None of the above

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG issues

LEI 10	Voluntary	Descriptive	PRI 1
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LEI 10.1	Describe how you integrate ESG factors into investment decision making processes.
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Since fundamental analysis is the key to our investment decision making process, integrating ESG issues into this analysis becomes inherent. When we are assessing the quality of management, issues related to corporate governance and employee relations would come into consideration. More specifically, when we look at a company's corporate governance practices, we are looking at the quality and independence of their Board and the separation of the offices of the Chair and CEO. As for management compensation, we have adopted a pay for performance model where we demand actual ROE or similar targets to be met in order for stock options to be used in compensation programs. We expect management's interests to be aligned with those of shareholders, which means exposure to the risks as well as the rewards of the business.

An evaluation of environmental issues would come into consideration when we assess the attractiveness of the business and risk factors. In the Energy sector, we pay particular attention to air emissions (carbon and sulphur), water use, reclamation and the overall "footprint" a company's operations has on the environment. In our valuation models, we account for these issues through additional operating costs as well as capital costs (for example, additional investment into equipment or technology to improve results).

The safety of workers has also been an important issue when we are evaluating the business risks of a company. In the Industrial and Energy sectors, we are seeing this echoed by large national and multi-national companies, who will not hire sub-contractors with poor safety records. It becomes a cost, not only in terms of claims, but also in terms of attracting skilled workers in a competitive environment. We want to see management teams making the safety of their workers a top priority.

Ultimately, we will not invest in a security unless we have a high level of conviction in the business model and management team.

LEI 11	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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

LEI 13	Voluntary	Additional Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 13.1	Indicate into which aspects of investment analysis you integrate ESG information.
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- (Macro) economic analysis
- Industry analysis
- Analysis of company strategy and quality of management
 - Systematically
 - Occasionally
- Idea generation
- Portfolio construction
- Fair value/fundamental analysis
 - Systematically
 - Occasionally

LEI 13.2	Indicate which methods are part of your process to integrate ESG information into fair value/fundamental analysis.
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- Adjustments to income forecasts (sales, earnings, cash flows)
- Adjustments to valuation tools (discount rates, return forecasts, growth rates)
- Other adjustments to fair value projections, specify
- Other, specify

Communication

LEI 18	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEI 18.1

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

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

LEI 18.3

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 18.4

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.

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

LEI 18.5

Additional information. [Optional]

The amount and type of information we present to clients can vary and depends on the specific needs of the client. We will frequently provide more detailed explanations of our process and strategy when we feel it is appropriate.

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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
Individual/Internal staff engagements	<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
Collaborative engagements	<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 type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements
Service provider engagements	<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 type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input checked="" 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
- No

LEA 03.3	Additional information. [Optional]
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Our engagement activities take place on an ad-hoc basis, as an issue arises that we feel is important and warrants a discussion with management.

LEA 04	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 04.1	Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities.
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- Yes
 - Yes, for all engagement activities
 - Yes, for the majority of engagement activities
 - Yes, for a minority of engagement activities
- No

LEA 04.2	Indicate if you monitor the actions that companies take following your engagements.
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- 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.
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On any issue where we have engaged with management, we monitor the actions that the company takes after we first bring the issue to their attention. Ideally, we would like to see that the company is listening to our concerns and taking steps to remedy the issue. Depending on how important we feel it is, we may take further steps to escalate our concerns if we feel appropriate action is not being taken.

- No

General processes for all three groups of engagers			
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LEA 10	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 10.1	Indicate if you track the number of companies you engage with.
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Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<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 type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input checked="" type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements

Communication

LEA 15	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEA 15.1	Indicate whether your organisation proactively discloses information on its engagements.
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- 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.

(Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions

Overview

LEA 16	Voluntary	Descriptive	PRI 2
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LEA 16.1	Provide a brief overview of your organisation's approach to (proxy) voting (including the filing and/or co-filing of shareholder resolutions if applicable).
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We recognize that proxy voting is one of the most effective tools shareholders have at their disposal to ensure good Corporate Governance. Our overriding objectives on voting proxies and taking other actions on Corporate Governance issues, is to ensure on behalf of our clients that (1) the long-term value of our investments are maximized, and (2) all shareholders are treated fairly.

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 17.2	Additional information.[Optional]
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Each industry and company faces a unique set of circumstances and challenges. Accordingly each proxy vote is thoroughly analyzed on its own merit according to our own Proxy Voting Guidelines. The responsibility for this analysis rests with the appropriate member of the Canadian Equity team who follows the particular stock. As part of our analysis, we do review the recommendations made by ISS and SHARE. Ultimately, the analyst is responsible for voting the proxy; however, controversial proposals are reviewed by the Canadian Equity team.

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

LEA 21.2	Additional information. [Optional]
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In most cases, we would communicate our rationale for voting against management recommendations via engagements with the company. In some cases, where the company is large and we are a relatively small shareholder, it is harder to communicate this information effectively.

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%)
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	%
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100

	Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated
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- 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
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LEA 26.1	Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your voting activities.
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- We disclose it publicly
- We disclose it to clients/beneficiaries only

LEA 26.3	Indicate the voting information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/beneficiaries.
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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
26.4**

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