



LEA 02	Disclosures	Monetary	Principles
<p>By providing investors the most up-to-date and reliable information on the status of the company's ESG performance, we enable them to make more informed investment decisions. We also ensure that our disclosures are consistent with the requirements of the relevant regulatory framework.</p>	<p>LEA 02</p>	<p>Monetary</p>	<p>Principles PRI 1, 2, 3</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 & 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 & 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"/> Other: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in internal staff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in collaborative engagements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage in service provider engagements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To enhance corporate transparency or identify the need for additional information</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify</p>		

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2013/14

MFS 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 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	🔒	n/a							✓
OO 08	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	-	n/a							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
OO 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓

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

Direct - Listed Equity Incorporation				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 02	Description of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 03	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 04	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 05	Information from engagement and/or voting used in investment decision-making	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 06	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	-	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	-	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	✓	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	🔒	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	✓	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	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 26	Disclosing voting activities	✓	Public		✓				✓	

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

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Organisational Overview

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Basic Information

OO 01

Mandatory

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 01.1

Select the services you offer.

Fund management

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

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

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

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

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

Other, specify

Execution and advisory only services

OO 02

Mandatory

Peering

General

OO 02.1

Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

United States

OO 02.2

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

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

OO 02.3

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

FTE

1772

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		412	715	024	767
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		412	715	024	767

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
- Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	>50%	0
Fixed income – corporate	<10%	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	<10%	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

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

Gateway asset class implementation indicators

OO 10	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 10.1 Select the responsible investment activities your organisation implemented, directly and/or indirectly, for listed equities in the reporting year.

- We incorporate ESG issues into investment decisions on our internally managed assets
- We engage with companies on ESG issues via our staff, collaborations or service providers
- We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers
- None of the above

OO 11	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 11.1 Indicate if in the reporting year you incorporated ESG issues into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices in the following internally managed asset classes.

- Fixed income – corporate
- Fixed income – government
- 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.

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

Direct - Fixed Income

- Fixed Income - Corporate

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]

Our clients appoint us as fiduciaries to help them achieve their investment objectives over the long term. Generally, our clients' objective is to maximize the financial return of their portfolio within appropriate risk parameters. To help our clients achieve this objective, we employ an investment approach that generally focuses on companies with sustainable, long-term competitive advantages. We believe that certain environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) issues may impact the sustainable value of businesses. Therefore, we integrate ESG factors into our investment process and our ownership practices to the extent that the integration of such factors is consistent with our fiduciary duty to help our clients achieve their investment objectives and protect their economic interests.

To oversee the integration of ESG issues into our investment process and our ownership practices, we established the MFS Responsible Investing Committee, and the Committee has adopted a Responsible Investing Policy. The Committee includes members of our investment and proxy voting teams. It is also responsible for overseeing our engagement activities with respect to ESG issues, and has adopted an engagement policy. The Committee also adopted a brochure that describes our approach to responsible investing and our engagement activities. This brochure also includes how we incorporate the principles set forth in certain stewardship codes into our approach to responsible investing.

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

<https://frc.org.uk/FRC-Documents/Corporate-Governance/Stewardship-Code/MFS-Investment-Management.pdf>

No

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

Yes

Yes, all

Yes, some

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

Policy or document name	URL
MFS Proxy Voting Policies & Procedures	http://www.mfs.com
MFS Proxy Voting & Engagement Report	http://www.mfs.com
MFS Responsible Investing Brochure	https://www.frc.org.uk/FRC-Documents/Corporate-Governance/Stewardship-Code/MFS-Investment-Management.pdf

No

OA 02.5 Additional information. [Optional]

Please see the proxy voting section of www.mfs.com for these documents.

Our responsible investing brochure includes our response to the U.K. Stewardship Code and a description of our responsible investing approach and our engagement activities.

OA 03 Mandatory Core Assessed PRI 1,2

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement/active ownership policy <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on corporate governance <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on environmental issues <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on social issues <input type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Screening/exclusion policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify	<input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover all AUM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM

OA 03.2 Comment on any variations or exceptions in the coverage of your responsible investment policy. [Optional]

Our proxy voting and engagement reports include details about our proxy engagement philosophy and activities. Our equity and fixed income engagement are not currently tracked on a systematic basis.

In general, the integration of ESG factors into our investment analysis relates to investments in equity and fixed income securities.

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]

MFS internal policies require all MFS employees to avoid actual and potential conflicts of interests between personal activities and MFS' client activities. From time to time, employees and principals of the MFS or any related person(s) may invest or otherwise have an interest in securities owned by or recommended to the clients. Additionally, such persons may invest or otherwise have an interest, either directly or indirectly, in private funds, which, in turn, may invest in securities held in other client accounts. As these situations may represent a potential conflict of interest, MFS has implemented policies and procedures relating to, among other things, portfolio management and trading practices, personal securities transactions and insider trading that are designed to prevent actual conflicts of interest. MFS' policies and procedures are intended to avoid conflicts of interests with clients and resolve such conflicts appropriately if they do occur.

Our proxy voting policies and procedures include a description of how we manage potential, material conflicts of interest in regards to proxy voting at portfolio companies. Our policy is that proxy voting decisions are made in what we believe to be in the best long-term economic interests of our clients, and not in the interests of any other party or in our corporate interests. If a member of the Proxy Voting Committee or any other employee involved in a voting decision identifies a personal interest with respect to such voting decision, then he or she must recuse himself or herself from participating in the voting process. Further, the Proxy Voting Committee does not include individuals whose job responsibilities primarily include client relationship management, marketing or sales. Additionally, in cases where we (i) consider overriding a specific guideline in our proxy voting policies or procedures, (ii) consider a matter that is not governed by a specific guideline in our policies, (iii) evaluate an excessive executive compensation issue related to the election of directors, or (iv) consider a matter that requires consultation with our investment team, we will check to see whether the matter involves an issuer that has a significant relationship with MFS. Where we identify a potential conflict, the MFS Proxy Voting Committee will carefully evaluate the proposed vote to ensure that the proxy is ultimately voted in what we believe to be the best long-term economic interests of our clients and not in our corporate interests and then report the matter to the MFS Conflicts Officer.

No

Objectives and strategies

OA 05

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed

General

OA 05.1

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

Yes

No

While MFS does not formally set objectives for its responsible investing activities, the MFS investment and proxy voting teams regularly assess their activities in the context of responsible investing, and report on their activities to the Responsible Investing Committee.

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
- 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
 - 2 Management Committee members**
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Portfolio managers
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Investment analysts
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- External managers or service providers
- Other role, specify
 - MFS Proxy Voting Committee**

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

OA 08.2 Indicate the number of dedicated responsible investment staff your organisation has. [Optional]

Number

2

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

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)

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced
- 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

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced
- 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

OA 11.2

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

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

No

OA 11.3

Additional information. [Optional]

MFS offers training opportunities to clients regarding our approach to responsible investing. In addition, we have encouraged better transparency and disclosure across the industry by responding to information requests regarding potential sustainability listing requirements on exchanges like Nasdaq OMX. We have also provided support to organizations like Ceres, which produces research on responsible investment. Additionally, we often accept the opportunity to speak at events and conferences when requested (most recently in December 2013). Furthermore, with the addition of our dedicated ESG analyst in 2013, we have written and internally published research related to responsible investment topics. Finally, MFS has encouraged the adoption of the PRI, most recently through the attendance at and financial support of a UN PRI signatory recognition event held in Boston, MA USA.

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ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities

Implementation processes

LEI 03	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 03.1

Indicate (1) which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed listed equities and (2) the breakdown of your actively managed listed equities by strategy or combination of strategies.

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 (estimate +/- 10%)	
	86

- Screening + Integration strategies

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied (estimate +/- 10%)	
	14

- 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 integrate ESG factors into our investment analysis to the extent we believe they are material to shareholder value. In particular, we find that well-managed companies often achieve higher returns with less volatility over the years than other companies. We will only introduce specific restrictions, including those related to ESG issues, into a client's portfolio if directed by such client or to comply with applicable law.

(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.

Type of screening

Negative/exclusionary screening

Screened by

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

Description

We will only introduce specific restrictions, including those related to ESG issues, into a client's portfolio if directed by such client or to comply with applicable law.

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.

We will only introduce specific restrictions, including those related to ESG issues, into a client's portfolio if directed by such client or to comply with applicable law.

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.

- 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

Per client instruction

- None of the above

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG issues

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 type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" 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

LEI 11.2 Additional information. [Optional]

MFS' investment team is focused on deep fundamental analysis. Analysts and portfolio managers integrate a company's ESG risks and opportunities into their overall security analysis to the extent they believe that such factors are material to and have an economic impact on shareholder value.

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

Provide URL

<http://www.frc.org.uk/FRC-Documents/Corporate-Governance/Stewardship-Code/MFS-Investment-Management.pdf>

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 clients/ beneficiaries and/or the public regarding your approach to ESG incorporation.

Reporting to public	Reporting to clients/beneficiaries
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Broad approach to ESG incorporation <input type="radio"/> Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used	<input type="radio"/> Broad approach to ESG incorporation <input checked="" type="radio"/> Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used

LEI 18.4 Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.

Reporting to public	Reporting to clients/beneficiaries
<input type="radio"/> Quarterly or more frequently <input checked="" type="radio"/> Between quarterly and annually <input type="radio"/> Less frequently than annually <input type="radio"/> Other, specify	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Quarterly or more frequently <input type="radio"/> Between quarterly and annually <input type="radio"/> Less frequently than annually <input type="radio"/> Other, specify

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

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Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership

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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 checked="" 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 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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For engagements related to proxy voting issues, we monitor annually how the company has responded to any concerns that we have expressed. For investment-led engagements, we monitor company responses and follow up as appropriate on a periodic basis.

- No

General processes for all three groups of engagers

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 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

LEA 10.2	Additional information. [Optional]
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All engagements relating to proxy voting are tracked. Engagements by the investment team are tracked on an ad-hoc basis. Therefore, the totals below only represent proxy voting engagement.

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

	please provide URL
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<http://www.mfs.com>

LEA 15.2	Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.
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- Yes
 No

LEA 15.3	Indicate what engagement information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/beneficiaries and/or the public.
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Reporting to the public	Reporting to clients/beneficiaries
Engagement information disclosed	Engagement information disclosed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details of the selections, priorities and specific goals of engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of engagements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by type/topic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by region <input type="checkbox"/> An assessment of the current status of the engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Other information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details of the selections, priorities and specific goals of engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of engagements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by type/topic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of engagements by region <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assessment of the current status of the engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Other information

LEA 15.4 Indicate how frequently you typically report engagements information.

Reporting to the public	Reporting to clients/beneficiaries
<input type="radio"/> Disclosed continuously (prior and post engagements) <input type="radio"/> Disclosed quarterly <input checked="" type="radio"/> Disclosed annually <input type="radio"/> Disclosed every two years or less <input type="radio"/> Other, specify	<input type="radio"/> Disclosed continuously (prior and post engagements) <input type="radio"/> Disclosed quarterly <input type="radio"/> Disclosed annually <input type="radio"/> Disclosed every two years or less <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other, specify Disclosed periodically

- 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

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.

Approach

- We use our own research or voting team and make our own voting decisions without the use of service providers.
- We hire service provider(s) which make voting recommendations or provide research that we use to inform our voting decisions.

Based primarily on

- the service provider voting policy signed off by us
- our own voting policy
- our clients requests or policy
- other, explain
- We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf, except for some pre-defined scenarios for which we review and make voting decisions.
- We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf.

LEA 21	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 21.1 Indicate if you ensure that companies are informed of the rationale when you and/or the service providers acting on your behalf abstain or vote against management recommendations.

- 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

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.

- We do track or collect this information

Votes cast (to the nearest 1%)

%

98.5

Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated

- of the total number of ballot items on which you could have issued instructions
- of the total number of company meetings at which you could have voted
- of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which you could have voted

LEA 22.2 If there are specific reasons why you did not vote certain holdings, explain these, and if possible, indicate the percentage of holdings affected by these factors. [Optional]

1.4% were not voted due to shareblocking concerns, and the remainder was not voted due to voting impediments/operational issues.

- 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.

- We disclose it publicly

provide URL

<http://www.mfs.com>

LEA 26.2 Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

- Yes
- No

LEA 26.3 Indicate the voting information your organisation proactively discloses to the public and/or to clients/beneficiaries.

Reporting to the public	Reporting to clients/beneficiaries
<p>Indicate how much of your voting record you disclose</p> <p><input type="radio"/> All voting decisions</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Some voting decisions</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Only abstentions and opposing vote decisions</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Summary of votes only</p>	<p>Indicate how much of your voting record you disclose</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> All voting decisions</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Some voting decisions</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Only abstentions and opposing vote decisions</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Summary of votes only</p>
<p>Indicate what level of explanation you provide</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Explain all voting decisions</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Explain some voting decisions</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Only explain abstentions and votes against management</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> No explanations provided</p>	<p>Indicate what level of explanation you provide</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Explain all voting decisions</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Explain some voting decisions</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Only explain abstentions and votes against management</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No explanations provided</p>

LEA 26.4 Indicate how frequently you typically report voting information.

Reporting to the public	Reporting to clients/beneficiaries
<p><input type="radio"/> Continuously (primarily before meetings)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Continuously (soon after votes are cast)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Quarterly or more frequently</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Between quarterly and annually</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Less frequently than annually</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other, specify</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Continuously (primarily before meetings)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Continuously (soon after votes are cast)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Quarterly or more frequently</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Between quarterly and annually</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Less frequently than annually</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other, specify</p>

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

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Direct - Fixed Income

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ESG incorporation in actively managed fixed income

Fixed Income - Corporate

Implementation processes


FI 04	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 1
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FI 04.1

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

ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply)

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

Percentage of active corporate fixed income to which the strategy is applied (estimate +/- 10%)	 100
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- Screening + Integration strategies
- Thematic + integration strategies
- Screening + thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- No incorporation strategies applied

Total actively managed fixed income - corporate

100%

FI 04.2

Describe your primary reasons for choosing a particular incorporation strategy.

Our fixed-income investment team implements a comprehensive research process that attempts to recognize all factors, including ESG issues, that could have a material impact on security valuation. We are currently engaged in seeking to understand how to best incorporate ESG-related factors in our investment analysis and portfolio decision making process for the fixed-income portfolios that we manage. From our perspective, the evolution of an explicit and systematic framework for consideration of ESG issues in fixed-income investing (e.g., formal guidelines and procedures) is still at an early stage across the global investment management industry, and we feel our current process reflects that trend.

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG factors

FI 11

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 1

FI 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 type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" 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 type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" 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

FI 18

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2,6

FI 18.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in all fixed income investments.

We disclose it publicly

Provide URL

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FI 18.2

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

Yes

FI 18.3

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

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

FI 18.4

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.

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

No

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