



LEA 02	Disclosures: Mandatory	Reason for Interaction	Principle: PRI 1, 2, 3
Individual/ internal staff engagements	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company's material ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage corporate partners on identifying the need to address material ESG issues</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 decisionmaking in & company's material ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage corporate partners on identifying the need to address material ESG issues</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 decisionmaking in & company's material ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage corporate partners on identifying the need to address material ESG issues</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 decisionmaking in & company's material ESG areas</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To engage corporate partners on identifying the need to address material ESG issues</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

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

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

Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEA 01	Description of approach to engagement	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 02	Reasoning for interaction on ESG issues	🔒	n/a	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 03	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 05	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 06	Objectives for engagement activities	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 07	Role in engagement process	🔒	n/a		✓		✓			
LEA 08	Monitor / discuss service provider information	🔒	n/a		✓				✓	
LEA 09	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
LEA 10	Tracking number of engagements	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 11	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 12	Engagements on E, S and/or G issues	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 13	Companies changing practices / behaviour following engagement	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 14	Examples of ESG engagements	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 15	Disclosure of approach to ESG engagements	🔒	n/a		✓				✓	
LEA 16	Description of approach to (proxy) voting	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 17	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 18	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 19	Confirmation of votes	✓	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	🔒	n/a	✓						
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	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 11	Review of ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 12	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 13	Incorporation of ESG issues into analysis and decision making	✓	Public	✓						
FI 14	ESG issues in index construction	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 15	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 16	Incorporation of ESG issues has improved financial/ESG performance and reduced risk	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 17	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 18	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	Public		✓					✓
FI 19	Engagement with corporate issuers	✓	Private		✓					
FI 20	Engagement with government issuers	✓	Private		✓					

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Organisational Overview

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Basic Information

OO 01	Mandatory	Gateway/Peering	General
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OO 01.1 Select the services you offer.

Fund management

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

<10%

10-50%

>50%

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

Other, specify

Execution and advisory only services

OO 02	Mandatory	Peering	General
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OO 02.1 Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

South Africa

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

85

OO 02.4 Additional information. [Optional]

Excludes interns and contract workers

OO 03	Mandatory	Descriptive	General
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OO 03.1

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

- Yes
 No

OO 04**Mandatory****Gateway/Peering****General****OO 04.1**

Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/03/2013

OO 04.2

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

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		59	640	130	470
Currency	ZAR				
Assets in USD		5	774	591	384

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 broad ranges

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

'Other (1)' specified

Multi asset Class Mandates

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 10.2 Indicate if your combined internally and externally managed listed equities are 10% or more of your total AUM.

- Yes, our total listed equities are 10% or more of our total AUM
- No, our total listed equities are less than 10% of our total AUM

OO 10.3

Additional information. [Optional]

Prescient Investment Management (Pty) Ltd is a quantitative investment house. This means that our investment decisions are guided by mathematical evaluation, processes and models. This makes it harder to implement RI considerations into our investment analysis and decision making process. As a house practising predominantly quantitative investment management techniques, we do not have an active research interface at the company level for a assessment and incorporation of ESG issues.

We are cognisant of the transparency and disclosure (T&D) rankings/indices on ESG issues that are available. However, there is no evidence to suggest that the T&D ranking approach accurately captures issuer awareness levels of RI issues, as they purport to do. Nor do T&D rankings signal any commitment by companies to deliver on ESG outcomes. Notwithstanding these limitations, we have researched models that apply screens and tilts based on these rankings to quantitative portfolio selections.

Empirical research does not suggest that these approaches necessarily enhance the performance of the resultant portfolios. Nevertheless, we have the technology to apply these overlays, and as such indices become broadly available / credible for the South African universe, these overlays will be made available should our clients wish to select them.

The channels through which we actively incorporate ESG into our process is through voting at General Meetings via the proxy voting process. We believe that being a quantitative investment manager does not exempt us from our responsibility as a shareholder to act and be aware of corporate governance issues, and we actively apply our minds to this process. We are also guided by asset owners who may mandate us to incorporate ESG considerate issues in the daily management of their mandates.

OO 11**Mandatory****Gateway****General****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
- Other (1)
- None of the above

'Other (1)' [as defined in OO 05]

Balanced/Multi-Asset Mandates

OO 11.3 Additional information. [Optional]

Prescient engages with primary issuers on ESG topic and will discuss and question pertinent issues in meetings. There have not been any instances where we wanted to invest and the specific issuers was excluded for ESG reasons.

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 active ownership

- Engagements
- (Proxy) voting

Direct - Fixed Income

- Fixed Income - Corporate
- Fixed Income - Government

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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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]

Prescient Investment Management's decision to commit to Responsible Investing (RI) principles and apply resources to develop our client and issuer engagement models in relation to RI dates back over five years.

At Prescient we believe that our quantitative and passive equity investment approaches do not excuse us from the responsibility to apply our minds to reviewing the conduct of listed companies in which we invest monies on behalf of clients and to find ways to engage on RI issues. We regard it as part of our mandate to actively apply ourselves to the engagement of corporates via the general meeting and proxy voting channels, unless instructed otherwise by our clients.

Furthermore, although the scope and precedent for bondholders to express views and engage with issuers on RI issues are not yet clearly established in South African investment practice, we stand for and seek ways to promote the development of channels of engagement with important bond issuers.

Prescient's approach to Responsible Investing is four-pronged, and incorporates the following:

- Engagements with clients, where we outline the importance and scope of the Responsible Investment paradigm, our commitment to it, and the ways in which we seek to incorporate RI principles into our investment decisions and client reporting.
- Engagements with issuers, comprising the companies in which we hold shares and the issuers in which we own debt, on behalf of clients.
- Engagements at industry level, where we participate in and promote RI and ESG issues in industry forums and bodies, such as ASISA and CRISA.
- Internal research and development into approaches and investment products that deliver ESG-compliant outcomes.

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

Yes

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

URL

<http://www.prescient.co.za>

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
Responsible Investing Policy	http://www.prescient.co.za
Corporate Governance and Proxy Voting	http://www.prescient.co.za

No

OA 02.5 | Additional information. [Optional]

The following policy documents are available on our website:

Corporate Governance and Proxy Voting Policy

Responsible Investing Policy

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

Prescient Investment Management (Pty) Ltd is a quantitative investment house. This means that our investment decisions are guided by mathematical evaluation, processes and models. This makes it harder to implement RI considerations into our investment analysis and decision making process. As a house practising predominantly quantitative investment management techniques, we do not have an active research interface at the company level for assessment and incorporation of ESG issues. This is a limiting factor, but it is nevertheless an issue that affects quantitative practitioners world-wide, that we have flagged in our engagements with UNPRI and CRISA, and is acknowledged by them.

We are cognisant of, and pay close attention to, transparency and disclosure (T&D) rankings/indices on ESG issues that are available, based on audits of public disclosures by companies and issuers conducted by such agencies as MSCI, Thomson-Reuters and others. However, there is limited evidence to suggest that the T&D ranking approach at present accurately captures issuer awareness levels of RI issues, as they purport to do. Nor do T&D rankings necessarily signal any true commitment by companies to deliver on ESG outcomes. In addition, development of T&D databases for the South African universe of issuers is in early stages; the number of issues presently under coverage is limited, as is the history of scores.

Notwithstanding these limitations, we are conducting on-going research into models that apply screens and tilts based on these rankings to quantitative portfolio selections. Empirical research from international markets does not yet conclusively suggest that these approaches necessarily enhance the performance of the resultant portfolios. Nevertheless, we have the technology to apply these overlays, and it is our intention that as such indices become sufficiently broad and credible for the South African universe, investment portfolios incorporating these overlays will be made available should our clients wish to select them.

Currently the only established channel through which we actively incorporate ESG into our process is through voting at General Meetings via the proxy voting process. We believe that being a quantitative investment manager does not exempt us from our responsibility as a shareholder to act and be aware of corporate governance issues, and we actively apply our minds to this process

OA 04	Mandatory	Core Assessed	General
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OA 04.1	Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.
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Yes

OA 04.2	Describe your policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process. [Optional]
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Two areas of potential conflict of interest are monitored and controlled:

1. The potential for portfolio managers to make security or portfolio selections that depart from our RI guidelines is controlled. Our decision makers are not permitted or eligible to receive any incentives from external instances that may give rise to a conflict of interest, and they are accountable for adhering to internal policy guidelines.

2. We engage with our clients on our commitment to RI principles and conduct with respect to the assets which we manage on their behalf. Where our RI choices may be in conflict with client agendas we would in principle seek to persuade them of the merits of an approach incorporating sustainability considerations. However, we have no recorded examples of such conflict in the history of our RI policies. If any of our clients reserve the right to make their own proxy-voting decisions in respect of securities held in their portfolios, we would defer to their wishes and feed through their elections to relevant custodians. However, this represents a negligible minority of mandates. In virtually all cases we apply our minds to and vote, proxies according to our internal policies, on all securities held.

No

Objectives and strategies

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

No

OA 05.4	Additional information. [Optional]
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Governance and human resources

OA 08

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed

General

OA 08.1

Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.

Roles present in your organisation

- Board members or trustees
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Investment Committee
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other Chief-level staff or head of department, specify
 - Head of Portfolio Management**
 - 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
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
- External managers or service providers
- Other role, specify
 - Business Development and Compliance Team**
 - 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

21

OA 08.3

Additional information. [Optional]

The CIO has overall responsibility for maintaining and implementing RI policies.

Promoting responsible investment

OA 10

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4,5

OA 10.1

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

Yes

OA 10.2

Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.

Select all that apply

- Asian Corporate Governance Association
- Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia
- Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- CDP Climate Change
- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- Eumedion
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
- Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
- Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
- Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- Principles for Responsible Investment

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify

Social Investment Forums

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]

- Provided general support for the initiative in various non-public forums.
- Supported to some degree in leadership and / or preparation of documents
- Joined association/initiative and its meetings but not actively involved in its work

- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
- United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
- United Nations Global Compact
- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

CRISA : Code for Responsible Investing in South Africa

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

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

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

- Acted as an active spokesperson
- Initiated Collaboration
- Provided general support for the initiative in various non-public forums.

Other Role:

- The CRISA code has now been incorporated as a standard in the statutory regulations for retirement fund conduct in SA (Regulation 28)

- 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]

We view RI as an area of industry conduct where collaborative outcomes are potentially more effective than individual firm initiatives. Pursuant to this we have sought, and continue to seek, engagements with our peers to bring about co-operative models for monitoring of ESG deficits and engagements with issuers/investees

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Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership

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(Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions

Process

LEA 17	Mandatory	Descriptive	PRI 2
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LEA 17.1 Indicate how you typically make your (proxy) voting decisions and what this approach is based on.

Approach

We use our own research or voting team and make our own voting decisions without the use of service providers.

Based primarily on

- our own voting policy
- our clients requests or policy
- other, explain

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

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

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

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

- Yes, in most cases
- Sometimes, in the following cases:
- No
- Not applicable as we and/or our service providers do not abstain or vote against management recommendations

Outputs and outcomes

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

- We do track or collect this information

Votes cast (to the nearest 1%)

%

1

Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated

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

Communication

LEA 26	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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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
- We do not proactively disclose our voting activities to the public and/or to clients/beneficiaries

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

Percentage of active corporate fixed income to which the strategy is applied (estimate +/- 10%)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #0070C0; margin-right: 5px;"></div>%</div> 100
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Total actively managed fixed income - corporate

100%

FI 04.2

Describe your primary reasons for choosing a particular incorporation strategy.

Our mandates are largely client driven and therefor screens are normally mandated. At this stage we do not have any mandates that strictly require an ESG screen. As a quantitative manager, we use mathematical techniques to determine positions and have not incorporated an ESG screen. We engage with issuers on ESG matter during meetings.

Fixed income - Government

FI 13	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
FI 13.1	Indicate if you incorporate ESG issues in investment analysis and decision making for your government fixed income investments.		
	<input type="radio"/> Yes		
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
FI 13.5	Additional information. [Optional]		

There is no active ESG screen incorporated into the final model. However, ESG is considered and discussed during meetings with issuer and where this affects the ability of an issuer to repay debt, the issuer will be excluded.

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.		
	<input type="radio"/> We disclose it publicly		
	<input type="radio"/> We disclose it to clients/beneficiaries only		
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries		
FI 18.5	Additional information. [Optional]		

ESG information on interest bearing assets are not disclosed on the web as there is not active screen and proxies voting occurs very seldom. When there is a proxy, we will vote on this. We do disclose our position to clients in meetings when asked.