



# RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT 2018

Sydinvest





An investor initiative in partnership with UNEP Finance Initiative and UN Global Compact

### 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 <u>PRI website</u>, 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 2018 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 <u>Principles for Responsible Investment</u>. It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
×	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
Ø	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
۵	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
ß	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**

Organis	Organisational Overview								Principle				
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6				
OO TG		-	n/a										
OO 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓			
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	1	Public							✓			
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	1	Public							~			
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	1	Public							✓			
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	~	Asset mix disclosed in OO 06							✓			
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	1	Public							<b>√</b>			
00 07	Fixed income AUM breakdown	✓	Private							✓			
80 00	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	ê	n/a							✓			
OO 09	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓			
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	1	Public							✓			
00 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓			
00 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓			
OO LE 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	1	Private							✓			
OO LE 02	Reporting on strategies that are <10% of actively managed listed equities	₿	n/a							✓			
OO FI 01	Breakdown by passive, active strategies	✓	Private							✓			
OO FI 02	Option to report on <10% assets	٨	n/a							✓			
OO FI 03	Breakdown by market and credit quality	✓	Private							✓			
OO SAM 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	₿	n/a							~			
OO PE 01	Breakdown of investments by strategy	8	n/a							✓			
OO PE 02	Typical level of ownership	₿	n/a							✓			
OO PR 01	Breakdown of investments	₽	n/a							✓			
OO PR 02	Breakdown of assets by management	₿	n/a							✓			
OO PR 03	Largest property types	₿	n/a							✓			
OO INF 01	Breakdown of investments	₿	n/a							✓			
OO INF 02	Breakdown of assets by management	₿	n/a							✓			
OO INF 03	Largest infrastructure	•	n/a							✓			
OO End	Module confirmation page	1	-										



Strategy	Strategy and Governance									General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SG 01	RI policy and coverage	1	Public							✓
SG 02	Publicly available RI policy or guidance documents	✓	Public						~	
SG 03	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
SG 04	Identifying incidents occurring within portfolios	~	Private							~
SG 05	RI goals and objectives	-	Public							✓
SG 06	Main goals/objectives this year	-	n/a							✓
SG 07	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
SG 07 CC	Climate-issues roles and responsibilities	₿	n/a							✓
SG 08	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							$\checkmark$
SG 09	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	1	Public				<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>		
SG 09.2	Assets managed by PRI signatories	8	n/a	✓						
SG 10	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>			
SG 11	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	-	n/a				~	~	~	
SG 12	Role of investment consultants/fiduciary managers	✓	Public				~			
SG 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Public	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>						
SG 14	Long term investment risks and opportunity	✓	Private	~						
SG 15	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	~	Private	~						
SG 16	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	₿	n/a							$\checkmark$
SG 17	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	₿	n/a							✓
SG 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓ Private								✓
SG 19	Communication	✓ Public							<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	
SG End	Module confirmation page	1	-							



Direct - I	Direct - Listed Equity Incorporation									General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEI 01	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	1	Public	~						
LEI 02	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Private	~						
LEI 03	Information from engagement and/or voting used in investment decision- making	~	Private	~						
LEI 04	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>						
LEI 05	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	~	Public	~						
LEI 06	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	~	Private	~						
LEI 07	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	₿	n/a	~						
LEI 08	Review ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	1	Public	~						
LEI 09	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	~	Private	~						
LEI 10	Aspects of analysis ESG information is integrated into	1	Private	~						
LEI 11	ESG issues in index construction	8	n/a	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>						
LEI 12	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	~	Private	~						
LEI 13	Measurement of financial and ESG outcomes of ESG incorporation	-	n/a	~						
LEI 14	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	-	n/a	~						
LEI End	Module confirmation page	1	-							



Direct - I	Listed Equity Active Ownership			Ρ	rin	сір	le		General	
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEA 01	Description of approach to engagement	✓	Public		✓					
EA 02	Reasoning for interaction on ESG issues	✓	Public	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	~	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>				
EA 03	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	8	n/a		~					
.EA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	8	n/a		✓					
EA 05	Process for identifying and prioritising collaborative engagement	✓	Public		~					
EA 06	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
EA 07	Role in engagement process	1	Public		✓		<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>			
.EA 08	Monitor / discuss service provider information	✓	Public		~				~	
EA 09	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	1	Public	~	~					
EA 10	Tracking number of engagements	✓	Public		✓					
EA 11	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	✓	Private		~					
EA 12	Engagement methods	✓	Private		✓					
EA 13	Companies changing practices / behaviour following engagement	✓	Private		~					
EA 14	Examples of ESG engagements	-	n/a		✓					
EA 15	Voting policy & approach	1	Public	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>				
EA 16	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	~	Public		~					
EA 17	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	8	n/a		~					
EA 18	Confirmation of votes	-	n/a		✓					
EA 19	Securities lending programme	1	Private		✓					
EA 20	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	1	Public		~					
EA 21	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	1	Public		✓					
EA 22	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	1	Public		~					
EA 23	Shareholder resolutions	✓	Private		✓					
EA 24	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	-	n/a		✓					
EA End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							



Direct -	Direct - Fixed Income									General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FI 01	Incorporation strategies applied	✓	Public	✓						
FI 02	ESG issues and issuer research	1	Private	✓						
FI 03	Processes to ensure analysis is robust	✓	Public	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>						
FI 04	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>						
FI 05	Negative screening - overview and rationale	1	Public	~						
FI 06	Examples of ESG factors in screening process	1	Private	~						
FI 07	Screening - ensuring criteria are met	✓	Public	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>						
FI 08	Thematic investing - overview	8	n/a	✓						
FI 09	Thematic investing - themed bond processes	₿	n/a	~						
FI 10	Thematic investing - assessing impact	8	n/a	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>						
FI 11	Integration overview	✓	Public	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>						
FI 12	Integration - ESG information in investment processes	1	Public	~						
FI 13	Integration - E,S and G issues reviewed	✓	Public	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>						
FI 14	ESG incorporation in passive funds	8	n/a	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>						
FI 15	Engagement overview and coverage	✓	Private		✓					
FI 16	Engagement method	1	Private	✓	✓					
FI 17	Engagement policy disclosure	✓	Private	✓	✓					
FI 18	Financial/ESG performance	✓	Private							✓
FI 19	Examples - ESG incorporation or engagement	1	Private	~	~					
FI End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Assuran	Assurance									General
Indicator	Short description	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6		
CM 1 01.1	Assurance, verification, or review	~	Public							~
CM 1 01.2 & 01.8	Assurance of this year's PRI data 🖌 Public		Public							
CM 1 01.3 & 01.9	Assurance of last year's PRI data		Public							✓
CM 1 01.4, 10- 12	Other confidence building measures	~	Public							~
CM 1 01.5	External assurance	•	n/a							~
CM 1 01.6	Assurance or internal audit	€	n/a							~
CM 1 01.7	Internal verification		n/a							×
CM 1 01 End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							



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### **Reported Information**

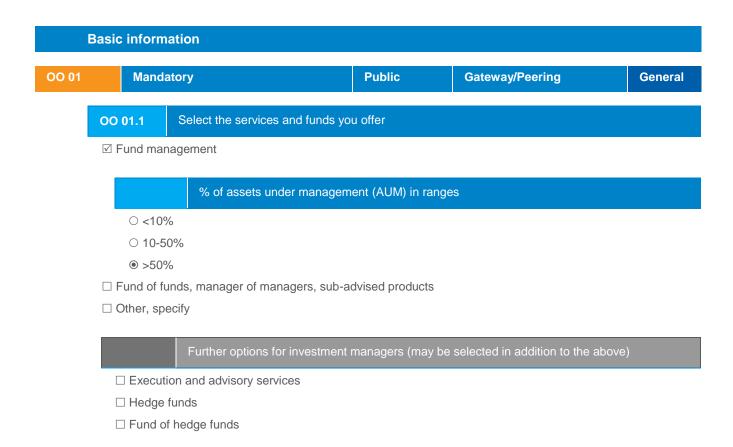
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Organisational Overview

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00 02		Mandatory		Public	Peering	General
C	00 02.	1 Select the loc	ation of your organisa	ation's headquarters	5.	
C	Denma	rk				
C	00 02.	2 Indicate the n	umber of countries in	which you have off	ices (including your headquarter	s).
(	01					
C	2-5					
C	6-10					
C	) >10					
o	0 02.	3 Indicate the a	pproximate number o	f staff in your organ	isation in full-time equivalents (F	TE).
2	20					
OO 03		Mandatory		Public	Descriptive	General
				8		



	OO 03	.1	Indicate whether y their own right.	ou have s	ubsidiari	es within yc	ur org	anisati	on that are a	lso PRI signa	tories in
	⊖ Yes										
	● No										
00 04	4	Man	datory			Public		Gate	way/Peering	g	General
	00 04	.1	Indicate the year e	end date fo	or your re	eporting yea	r.				
	31/12/2	2017									
	00 04	.2	Indicate your total not to report on an	AUM at th d any adv	e end of isory/exe	your report	ing ye asset	ar, Exc s.	lude subsidi	aries you hav	e chosen
				trillions	billions	millions	thous	sands	hundreds		
			Total AUM		56	143	700		000		
			Currency	DKK							
			Assets in USD		8	951	311		468		
00 00	6	Man	datory			Public		Desc	riptive		General

### New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

### **OO 06.1** Select how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	35	0
Fixed income	65	0
Private equity	0	0
Property	0	0
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	0
		9

• as percentage breakdown



Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	0	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

 $\bigcirc$  as broad ranges

OO 06.2

Publish asset class mix as per attached image [Optional].

	Asset	clas	s implementation gateway indic	ators		
00 1	0	Man	ndatory	Public	Gateway	General
	00 10	.1	Select the active ownership activitie	es your organisatior	n implemented in the reporting ye	ear.
			Listed equity – engagement			
	J V	lo onc	rade with companies on ESC factors	via our staff, collab	arations or carviso providers	

 $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$  We engage with companies on ESG factors via our staff, collaborations or service providers.

□ We do not engage directly and do not require external managers to engage with companies on ESG factors.

### Listed equity - voting

I We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via dedicated voting providers

□ We do not cast our (proxy) votes directly and do not require external managers to vote on our behalf

### Fixed income SSA – engagement

 $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$  We engage with companies on ESG factors via our staff, collaborations or service providers.

 $\Box$  We do not engage directly and do not require external managers to engage with companies on ESG factors. Please explain why you do not.

### Fixed income Corporate (non-financial) – engagement

 $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$  We engage with companies on ESG factors via our staff, collaborations or service providers.

 $\Box$  We do not engage directly and do not require external managers to engage with companies on ESG factors. Please explain why you do not.



### Fixed income Corporate (securitised) - engagement

☑ We engage with companies on ESG factors via our staff, collaborations or service providers.

 $\Box$  We do not engage directly and do not require external managers to engage with companies on ESG factors. Please explain why you do not.

00 11	Man	datory	Public	Gateway	General
00	11.1	Select the internally managed asset investment decisions and/or your ad			
		Listed equity			
	● We add	ress ESG incorporation.			
(	⊖ We do r	not do ESG incorporation.			
		Fixed income - SSA			
	● We add	ress ESG incorporation.			
(	⊖ We do r	not do ESG incorporation.			
		Fixed income - corporate (non-fin-	ancial)		
	● We add	ress ESG incorporation.			
(	⊖ We do r	not do ESG incorporation.			

#### Fixed income - securitised

• We address ESG incorporation.

 $\odot$  We do not do ESG incorporation.

00 12		Mandatory	Public	Gateway	General		
	00 12.1	report (asset classes representi	Below are all applicable modules or sections you may report on. Those which are mandatory to report (asset classes representing 10% or more of your AUM) are already ticked and read-only. Those which are voluntary to report on can be opted into by ticking the box.				
		Core modules					
	⊠ Org	anisational Overview					
	⊠ Stra	ategy and Governance					
	RI implementation directly or via service providers						
		Direct - Listed Equity incorp	oration				
	☑ Listed Equity incorporation						



#### Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- ☑ Engagements
- ☑ (Proxy) voting

#### Direct - Fixed Income

- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$  Fixed income SSA
- ☑ Fixed income Corporate (non-financial)
- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$  Fixed income Securitised

### RI implementation via external managers

Closing module

☑ Closing module



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Strategy and Governance

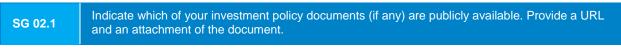
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☑ Policy setting out your overall approach



□ Attachment (will be made public)

Screening / exclusions policy



□ Attachment (will be made public)

□ We do not publicly disclose our investment policy documents

### **SG 02.2** Indicate if any of your investment policy components are publicly available. Provide URL and an attachment of the document.

□ Your organisation's definition of ESG and/or responsible investment and it's relation to investments

- □ Governance structure of organisational ESG responsibilities
- □ ESG incorporation approaches
- Active ownership approaches

URL/Attachment

☑ URL



URL

https://www.sydinvest.com/Files/Filer/0\_Sydinvest/Download/PDF/Materiale/Active-ownership-policy.pdf

□ Attachment

□ Reporting

 $\hfill\square$  Climate-related issues

 $\Box$  We do not publicly disclose any investment policy components

S	G 02.3	Indicate if your organisation's inves available	tment principles, a	nd overall investment strategy is	publicly		
۲	Yes						
		URL					
	https://ww	w.sydinvest.com/about-us/investment	t-philosophy.aspx				
0	No						
3	Mar	ndatory	Public	Core Assessed	General		
	Mar 9 03.1	ndatory Indicate if your organisation has a p investment process.					
S		Indicate if your organisation has a p					
S	G 03.1	Indicate if your organisation has a p investment process.	policy on managing		ne		

 $\bigcirc$  No

SG

Objectives and strategies						
SG 05	Mandatory	Public	Gateway/Core Assessed	General		



# SG 05.1 Indicate if and how frequently your organisation sets and reviews objectives for its responsible investment activities. O Quarterly or more frequently

- BiannuallyAnnually
- O Less frequently than annually
- Ad-hoc basis
- It is not set/reviewed

## Promoting responsible investment SG 09 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 4,5

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

**SG 09.1** Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.

### Select all that apply

Principles for Responsible Investment



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

- ☑ Basic
- □ Moderate
- $\Box$  Advanced
- $\hfill\square$  Asian Corporate Governance Association
- $\hfill\square$  Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
- □ AFIC La Commission ESG
- □ BVCA Responsible Investment Advisory Board
- □ CDP Climate Change
- □ CDP Forests
- □ CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- □ Code for Responsible Investment in SA (CRISA)
- $\hfill\square$  Code for Responsible Finance in the 21st Century
- □ Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- $\Box$  Eumedion
- □ Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- □ ESG Research Australia
- □ EVCA Responsible Investment Roundtable
- □ Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- □ Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)
- □ Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- □ Green Bond Principles
- □ 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)
- □ International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)
- □ Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
- □ Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- $\hfill\square$  Principles for Sustainable Insurance
- $\boxtimes$  Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify

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

- □ Basic
- ☑ Moderate
- □ Advanced

□ Responsible Finance Principles in Inclusive Finance

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

Is a member of a group working with responsible investments under the Danish Investment Fund Association.

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]

Has contributed to various papers on subjects related to responsible investments.

- □ Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- □ Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
- $\Box$  Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

SG 10	0	Mar	ndatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 4
	SG 1	10.1	Indicate if your organisation promot initiatives.	es responsible inve	estment, independently of collabo	rative
	ΘY	es				
		SG 10.2	independently of collaborative i	initiatives. Provide a	o promote responsible investmen a description of your role in contri al frequency of your	
	Provided or supported education or training programmes (this includes peer to peer RI support) Your education or training may be for clients, investment managers, actuaries, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers etc.)					
			Description			
			nually our investment managers meet et funds and educate them in the field			emerging



### Frequency of contribution

- Quarterly or more frequently
- Biannually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually
- $\odot$  Ad hoc
- Other

□ Provided financial support for academic or industry research on responsible investment

Provided input and/or collaborated with academia on RI related work

 $\Box$  Encouraged better transparency and disclosure of responsible investment practices across the investment industry

☑ Spoke publicly at events and conferences to promote responsible investment

### Description

In October we made a presentation and participated in a panel debate on the subject of active ownership. The seminar was arranged by GES Copenhagen together with Nykredit.

#### Frequency of contribution

- $\bigcirc$  Quarterly or more frequently
- Biannually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Ad hoc
- $\bigcirc$  Other
- □ Wrote and published in-house research papers on responsible investment
- □ Encouraged the adoption of the PRI
- □ Responded to RI related consultations by non-governmental organisations (OECD, FSB etc.)
- □ Wrote and published articles on responsible investment in the media
- A member of PRI advisory committees/ working groups, specify

#### Description

We participate in a working group in The Danish Investment Association handling issues in responsible Investments.



### Frequency of contribution

- Quarterly or more frequently
- $\bigcirc$  Biannually
- Annually
- Less frequently than annually
- $\odot$  Ad hoc
- $\bigcirc$  Other

□ On the Board of, or officially advising, other RI organisations (e.g. local SIFs)

□ Other, specify

 $\bigcirc$  No

Outsourcing to fiduciary managers and investment consultants						
SG 12	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 4		

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

 $\Box$  Yes, we use investment consultants

☑ No, we do not use investment consultants.

ESG issues in asset allocation							
SG 13	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1			

#### New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SG 13.1	Indicate if your organisation executes scenario analysis and/or modelling in which the risk profile of future ESG trends at portfolio level is calculated.

 $\Box$  We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future environmental trends

 $\Box$  We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future social trends

 $\Box$  We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future governance trends

 $\Box$  We consider scenario analysis that includes factors representing the investment impacts of future climate-related risks and opportunities

□ We execute other scenario analysis, specify

 $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$  We do not execute such scenario analysis and/or modelling

### Communication



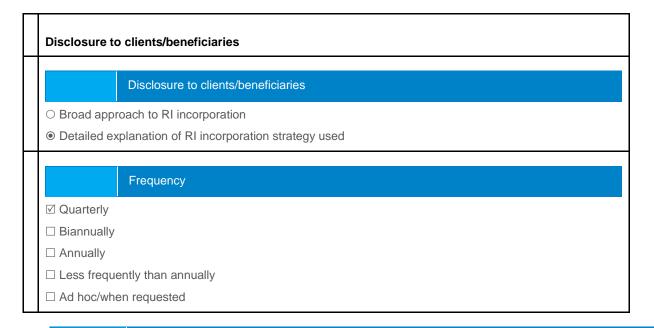
SG 19	SG 19 Mai		ndatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 6
	SG 19.	1	Indicate whether your organisation frequency of the disclosure to client information.			
			Fired in case			

Fixed income

 $\odot$  We do not disclose to either clients/beneficiaries or the public.

 $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}}$  We disclose to clients/beneficiaries only.

 $\odot$  We disclose to the public



### Listed equity - Engagement

• We do not disclose to either clients/beneficiaries or the public.

- $\bigcirc$  We disclose to clients/beneficiaries only.
- $\bigcirc$  We disclose to the public

### Listed equity – (Proxy) Voting

- $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}}$  We do not disclose to either clients/beneficiaries or the public.
- $\bigcirc$  We disclose to clients/beneficiaries only.
- $\bigcirc$  We disclose to the public

### Listed equity - Incorporation

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



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**Direct - Listed Equity Incorporation** 

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### ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities

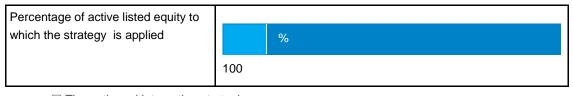
Implementation processes						
LEI 01	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1		

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### 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 and integration strategies



- $\hfill\square$  Thematic and integration strategies
- $\hfill\square$  Screening and thematic strategies
- $\hfill\square$  All three strategies combined
- $\Box$  We do not apply incorporation strategies

### Total actively managed listed equities

100%



Describe your organisation's approach to incorporation and the reasons for choosing the particular ESG incorporation strategy/strategies.

Being a mutual fund we believe that the combination of screening and integration is the best way of taking care of the interests of our investors.

### (A) Implementation: Screening



LEI 04	Mandatory		Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
	LEI 04.1	Indicate and describe the type equities.	of screening you a	pply to your internally managed a	ctive listed

### Type of screening

☑ Negative/exclusionary screening

#### Screened by

- ☑ Product
- ☑ Activity
- ✓ Sector
- □ Country/geographic region
- I Environmental and social practices and performance
- ☑ Corporate governance

#### Description

lin all our equity funds we screen for nuclear products, cluster ammunition and land mines. We have launched a global equity fund with an ethical profile. In this fund we screen for weapons, tobacco, alcohol, adult entertainment, gambling and fossil fuels.

□ Positive/best-in-class screening

☑ Norms-based screening

#### Screened by

- ☑ UN Global Compact Principles
- I The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- International Labour Organization Conventions
- ☑ United Nations Convention Against Corruption
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- □ Other, specify

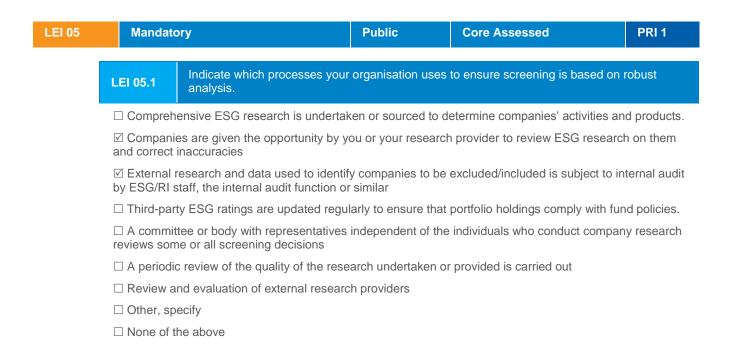
#### Description

Our service provider screens for breaches of international conventions and norms. In the case of a proved breach the process is engagement with the company. If the engagement process is unsatisfactory we might exclude the company from our investment universe.



**LEI 04.2** 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.

The criteria for the equity funds are established a couple of years ago and has not been changed since. They are known to our investors through our policy statements on our web site.



(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG issues						
LEI 08	Mandate	Mandatory		Core Assessed	PRI 1	
		Indicate which ESG factors you and the proportion of actively n				



ESG issues	Proportion impacted by analysis
Environmental	Environmental
	● <10%
	○ 10-50%
	○ 51-90%
	○ >90%
Social	Social
	● <10%
	○ 10-50%
	○ 51-90%
	○ >90%
Corporate Governance	Corporate Governance
Covernance	● <10%
	○ 10-50%
	○ 51-90%
	○ >90%



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**Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership** 

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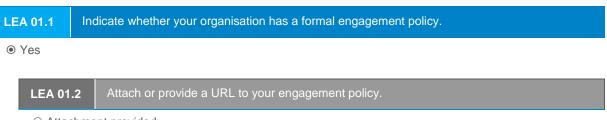
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### Engagement

Overview Core Assessed LEA 01 Mandatory Public PRI 2

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 $\bigcirc$  Attachment provided:

• URL provided:

URL

https://www.sydinvest.com/Files/Filer/0\_Sydinvest/Download/PDF/Materiale/Active-ownership-policy.pdf

### **LEA 01.3** Indicate what your engagement policy covers:

- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$  Conflicts of interest
- □ Insider information
- I Alignment with national stewardship code requirements
- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$  Due diligence and monitoring process
- □ Prioritisation of engagements
- □ Transparency of engagement activities
- I Environmental factors
- ☑ Social factors
- ☑ Governance factors
- □ Other, describe
- $\hfill\square$  None of the above

### LEA 01.4 Provide a brief overview of your organization's approach to engagement

When we experience breaches of broad internationally accepted norms and conventions we engage with companies on the mature markets.

On the emerging markets we have an extended setup where we engage with companies with low preparedness regarding ESG issues within challenged industries.



#### $\bigcirc$ No

LEA 02	Mandatory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1,2,3

LEA 02.1

Indicate the method of engagement, giving reasons for the interaction.

Type of engagement	Reason for interaction					
Individual/Internal staff	□ To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues					
engagements	□ To encourage improved/increased ESG disclosure					
	□ Other, specify					
	☑ We do not engage via internal staff					
	Please specify why your organisation does not engage via internal staff.					
	We engage through our service provider.					
Collaborative engagements	$\ensuremath{\boxdot}$ To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues					
	☑ To encourage improved/inreased ESG disclosure					
	□ Other, specify					
	$\Box$ We do not engage via collaborative engagements					
Service provider	☑ To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues					
engagements	☑ To encourage improved/increased ESG disclosure					
	□ Other, specify					
	$\Box$ We do not engage via service providers					

### Process

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

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.



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### LEA 05.1

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

#### Yes

#### LEA 05.2 Describe the criteria used to identify and prioritise collaborative engagements.

- □ Potential to learn from other investors
- □ Ability to add value to the collaboration
- Geography / market of the companies targeted by the collaboration
- ☑ Materiality of ESG factors addressed by the collaboration
- □ Systemic risks to global portfolios addressed by the collaboration
- □ Exposure (holdings) to companies targeted by the collaboration
- □ In reaction to ESG impacts addressed by the collaboration that have already occurred.
- □ As a response to divestment pressure
- □ As a follow-up from a voting decision
- □ Consultation with clients/beneficiaries
- Consultation with other stakeholders (i.e. NGOs, trade unions etc.)
- □ Other, describe

#### $\bigcirc$ No

	LEA 06	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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#### New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

LEA 06.1	Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities carried out collaboratively.
$\bigcirc$ Yes	

• We do not define specific objectives for engagement activities carried out collaboratively.

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

O Yes

• We do not monitor the actions that companies take following engagement activities carried out collaboratively



### **LEA 06.3** Indicate if you do any of the following to monitor and evaluate the progress of your collaborative engagement activities.

- $\hfill\square$  Define timelines for your objectives
- □ Tracking and/or monitoring progress against defined objectives
- $\Box$  Tracking and or monitoring progress of actions taken when original objectives are not met
- $\hfill\square$  Revisit and, if necessary, revise objectives on continuous basis
- $\hfill\square$  Other, please specify
- I We do not monitor and evaluate progress of engagement activities carried out by internal staff

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



### New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

LEA 0	EA 07.1 Indicate if you play a role in the engagement process that your service provider conducts your behalf.					
` ۱	Yes					
	LEA	07.2	Indicate the role(s) you play in engagements that your service provider conducts on your behalf.			
	☑ Discuss the topic (or ESG issue(s)) of engagement					
	☑ Discuss the rationale for engagement					
	☑ Discuss the objectives of the engagement					
	$\Box$ Select the companies to be engaged with					
	$\Box$ Discuss the frequency/intensity of interactions with companies					
	Discuss next steps for engagement activity					
	Participate directly in certain engagements with your service provider					
	□ Other, specify					
	$\Box$ We play no role in engagements that our service provider conducts.					
01	No					

LEA 08	Mandato	ory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
	LEA 08.1	Do you monitor and review the service providers on your beha		ngagement activities undertaken	by your

Please select all that apply



- ☑ Yes, periodically
- $\hfill\square$  Yes, ad hoc basis
- $\Box$  We do not monitor or review them

General proce	esses for all three groups of	engagers			
LEA 09 Mandatory		Public	Additiona	l Assessed	PRI 1,2
LEA 09.1	Indicate if insights gained from investment managers.	your engager	nents are shared v	with your internal	or external
	Type of engagement	Insig	hts shared	]	
	Collaborative engagemer	nte	es, systematically es, occasionally o		
	Service provider engager	ments	es, systematically es, occasionally		
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<b>\ 10</b>	Mandatory		Public	Gateway	PRI 2
	LEA 10.1 Indicate if you trad	k the number	of your engagen	nent activities.	·
	Type of engagement	Tracking	engagements		
	Collaborative engagements	⊖ Yes, we	partially track th	er of our engagements in full ne number of our engagemen not estimate our engagemer	
	Service provider engagement	S O Yes, we	partially track th	er of our engagements in full ne number of our engagemen not estimate our engagemer	

(Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions

Overview



15 Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1,2,3
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A 15.1	Indicate whether your organisation has a formal voting policy.						
Yes							
LEA 15	.2 Indicate what your voting policy covers:						
☑ Conflicts of interest							
□ Share blocking							
Securities lending process							
□ Prioritisation of voting activities							
🗹 Deci	sion making processes						
☑ Environmental factors							
☑ Social factors							
⊠ Gove	ernance factors						
□ Filing/co-filing resolutions							
Extraordinary meetings							
□ Regional voting practices							
☑ Transparency of proxy voting activities							
Company dialogue pre/post vote							
□ Other, describe							
□ None of the above							
LEA 15	Provide a brief overview of your organization's approach to (proxy) voting.						

To facilitate the process of voting at general meetings Sydinvest has partnered with Manifest, a company that specializes in proxy voting. Manifest monitors General Meetings and ensures that voting rights be exercised in accordance with the objectives and strategies that the association has developed to Manifest. Sydinvest has thus overview of the agenda items to be voted on, and manages the voting itself.

 $\bigcirc$  No





### Approach

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

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

### Based on

 $\odot$  the service provider voting policy signed off by us

- our own voting policy
- $\bigcirc$  our clients' requests or policy
- $\bigcirc$  other, explain

 $\bigcirc$  We hire service provider(s) that 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) that make voting decisions on our behalf.

**LEA 16.2** Provide an overview of how you ensure your voting policy is adhered to, giving details of your approach when exceptions to the policy are made (if applicable).

We have the final word on the votings.

LEA 20	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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### New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

- **LEA 20.1** Indicate whether you or the service providers acting on your behalf raise any concerns with companies ahead of voting
- Yes, in most cases
- Sometimes, in the following cases:
- Neither we nor our service provider raise concerns with companies ahead of voting

**LEA 20.2** Indicate whether you and/or the service provider(s) acting on your behalf, communicate the rationale to companies, when , you abstain or vote against management recommendations.

- Yes, in most cases
- $\odot$  Sometimes, in the following cases.
- We do not communicate the rationale to companies

 $\odot$  Not applicable because we and/or our service providers do not abstain or vote against management recommendations

#### **Outputs and outcomes**







Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated

 $\odot$  of the total number of ballot items on which you could have issued instructions

- If the total number of company meetings at which you could have voted
- $\odot$  of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which you could have voted

### **LEA 21.2** Explain your reason(s) for not voting certain holdings

- □ Shares were blocked
- $\hfill\square$  Notice, ballots or materials not received in time
- □ Missed deadline
- □ Geographical restrictions (non-home market)
- ✓ Cost

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- □ Conflicts of interest
- ☑ Holdings deemed too small

 $\Box$  Administrative impediments (e.g., power of attorney requirements, ineligibility due to participation in share placement)

- $\Box$  On request by clients
- □ Other
- $\bigcirc$  We do not track or collect this information

LEA 22 Manda		Manda	atory	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 2
	LEA 22	2.1	Indicate if you track the voting ins have issued.	structions that you a	and/or your service provider on yo	our behalf
	⊖ Yes	s, we tr	ack this information			

• No, we do not track this information



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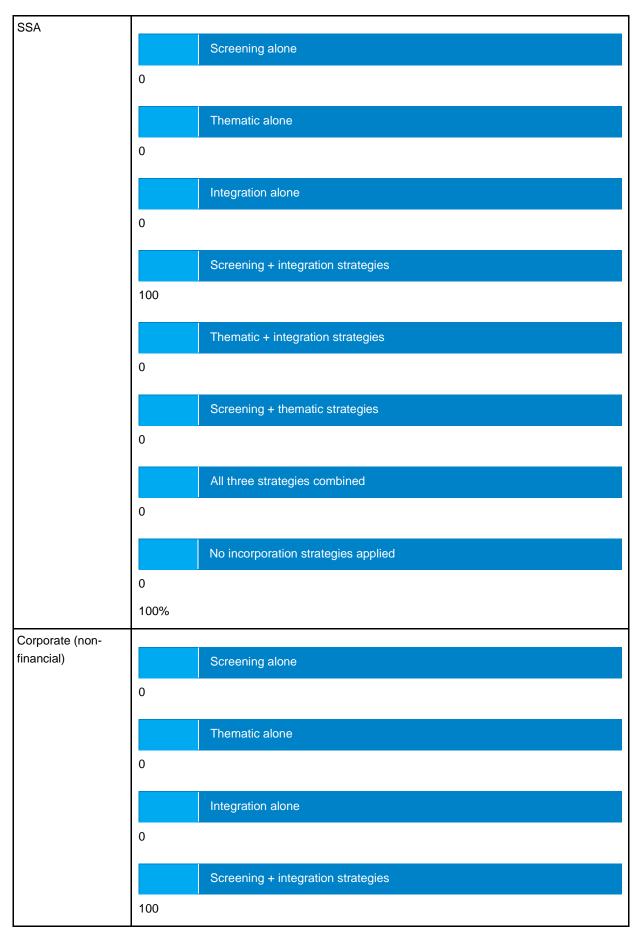
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## ESG incorporation in actively managed fixed income

	Imple	mentat	ion processes			
FI 01		Manda	atory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1
	FI 0	1.1	Indicate 1) Which ESG incorpora actively managed fixed income in managed fixed income investmen	vestments; and 2)	The proportion (+/- 5%) of your t	pply to your otal actively

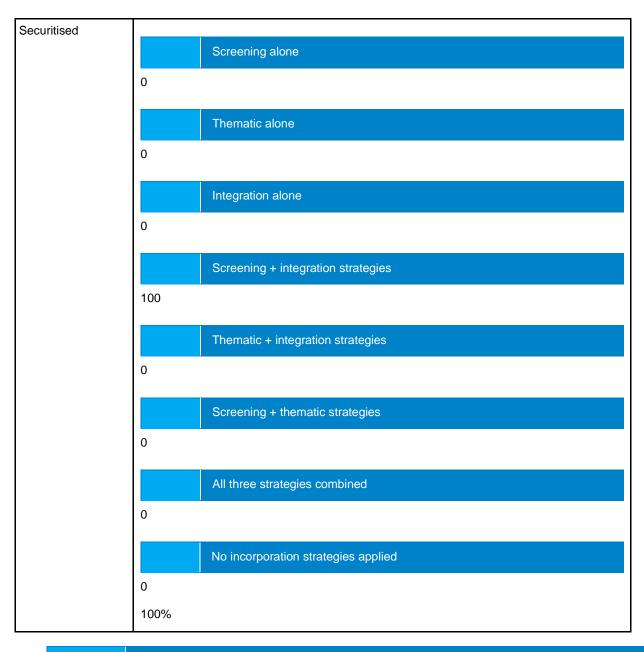






	Thematic + integration strategies
0	
	Screening + thematic strategies
0	
	All three strategies combined
0	
	No incorporation strategies applied
0 100%	
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## FI 01.2

Describe your reasons for choosing a particular ESG incorporation strategy and how combinations of strategies are used.

### ESG Philosophy & Investment Integration

In general, we consider investments as a discipline that involves identification and pricing of risk. We therefore regard ESG as any other investment risk. By including ESG analysis into our investment process, we gain a deeper understanding of factors that potentially can reveal hidden risks to the expected financial gain on the investment strategy. This can be strengthen through our role as responsible investors who engage in active ownership.

For fixed income the approach most suitable for this purpose is a combination of screening for ESG indicators across issues as well as an integration into the investment process. ESG analysis is an important source of knowledge that can identify investments that potentially could cause reputational risks to our investors and ourselves as investment managers. As responsible investors we seek to influence companies through dialogue.

For the consideration of sovereign fixed income, the option to act as engaging investors is very limited if not impossible; however, our approach for this asset class is still to regard ESG as a risk factor as far as possible.



Analysis and screening of states typically involves a number of proprietary score criteria, international sanctions and exclusion of certain countries.

	Manda	atory	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 1
FI	03.1	Indicate how you ensure that you	r ESG research pro	ocess is robust:	
	Issuers an	re given the opportunity by you or yo curacies	our research provid	ler to review ESG research on the	em and
$\checkmark$	Issuer info	ormation and/or ESG ratings are up	dated regularly to e	ensure ESG research is accurate	
	Internal a	udits of ESG research are undertak	en in a systematic	way	
$\checkmark$	ESG anal	lysis is benchmarked for quality aga	inst other providers	5	
$\checkmark$	Other, sp	ecify			
	We have None of t	specify description a quarterly assessment of our propr he above	rietary model for Sc	overeigns.	
FI	03.2	Describe how your ESG information	ion or analysis is sł	nared among your investment tea	ım.
$\checkmark$	ESG infor	mation is held within a centralised o	database and is ac	cessible to all investment staff	
	ESG infor	mation is a standard item on all ind	ividual issuer sumn	naries, 'tear sheets', 'dashboards	' or similar
	Investme mmittee n	nt staff are required to discuss ESG neetings	information on issu	uers as a standard item during in	vestment
$\checkmark$	Records	capture how ESG information and re	esearch was incorp	orated into investment decisions	

- □ Other, specify
- $\hfill\square$  None of the above

### FI 03.3

#### Additional information. [Optional]

Sydinvest regularly conducts review of the methodology of the ESG screening and analysis. For corporate bonds the majority of research is conducted with a third party research and engagement provider with whom we hold regular assessment meetings. For sovereign bonds, the internal ESG research team regularly benchmark their analysis to outside parties' research and public research. For example, Sydinvest has one ESG fixed income fund where the ESG framework is a combination of both an external consultant's as well as the in-house team's research output. Another example is comparisons of sovereign ESG scores towards those of the UN Sustainability Goal Index.

(A) Implementation: Screening						
datory	Public	Gateway	PRI 1			



### FI 04.1

#### Indicate the type of screening you conduct.

#### Select all that apply

	SSA	Corporate (non-financial)	Securitised
	$\checkmark$	$\overline{\checkmark}$	
Negative/exclusionary screening			
	$\checkmark$		
Positive/best-in-class screening			
	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Norms-based screening			

#### FI 04.2

### Describe your approach to screening for internally managed active fixed income

For corporates our service provider manage a bi-annual screening for breaches of international norms and conventions. The result of these screenings forms the basis for the content of our exclusion list.

For sovereigns, Sydinvest has a proprietary research and screening model that involves a systematical screening of all countries for the strength in their short term and long term political and institutional development, their level of corruption as well as their environmental performance on level and progress. ). In addition, the team screens all EM countries for international sanctions and make a final analysis and judgement of inclusion or exclusion from the investment universe.

The score represents a percentage score of 0 - 100, where 100 is the best. Leaving outright sanctioned countries aside, the model defines the threshold for exclusion to be the average score of the JP Morgan EMBI GD Index countries minus 2 times their standard deviation. This relative term approach ensures that the ESG analysis as well as the country exclusion is conducted from both a "best in class" and a normative perspective. The 64 EMBI countries are also a very broad and relevant set of EM countries to use as reference for EM bond strategies.



 Corporate (non-fin)

 □ For legal reasons

 ☑ For non-legal reasons



## **FI 05.2** Describe your approach to ESG-based negative screening of issuers from your investable universe.

Regarding corporates we have the same approach as for equities. I.e. we exclude companies involved in controversial weapons and breaches of EU sanctions. We incorporate ESG-factors in the analysis of companies. If companies breach international conventions and norms and engagement activities are unsatisfactory we exclude companies from the investment universe.

For SSA, Sydinvest takes an active and critical stand on the dilemmas naturally arising in connection with investments in very poorly developed countries which cannot be expected to live up to the same standards as developed countries. However, a very low score due to e.g. curruption is typically a red flag, often amplified with significantly weak public institutions, and this can be cause for exclusion from the universe. In addition, we screen all EM countries for international sanctions and make a final analysis and judgement of inclusion or exclusion from the investment universe. Not all sanctions are relevant and meaningful for bond investors per se. Theay are also not always in line and updated to the current situation in the country. This analysis and assessment is an important part of the 'negative' screening and exclusion.

FI 07		Manda	atory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
	FI 07.		Indicate which systems your orga breached in fixed income investm		sure that fund screening criteria a	re not



Type of screening	Checks			
	☑ Checks are performed to ensure that issuers meet screening criteria			
Negative/exclusionary screening?	$\boxdot$ We ensure that data used for the screening criteria is updated at least every 2 years.			
	☑ Automated IT systems prevent our portfolio managers from investing in excluded issuers or bonds that do not meet screening criteria			
	Audits of fund holdings are undertaken regularly by internal audit or compliance functions			
	□ Other, specify			
	□ None of the above			
	Checks are performed to ensure that issuers meet screening criteria			
Positive/best-in-class screening	$\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ We ensure that data used for the screening criteria is updated at least every 2 years.			
	☑ Automated IT systems prevent our portfolio managers from investing in excluded issuers or bonds that do not meet screening criteria			
	☑ Audits of fund holdings are undertaken regularly by internal audit or compliance functions			
	□ Other, specify			
	□ None of the above			
	☑ Checks are performed to ensure that issuers meet screening criteria			
Norms-based screening	$\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ We ensure that data used for the screening criteria is updated at least every 2 years.			
	☑ Automated IT systems prevent our portfolio managers from investing in excluded issuers or bonds that do not meet screening criteria			
	☑ Audits of fund holdings are undertaken regularly by internal audit or compliance functions			
	□ Other, specify			
	□ None of the above			

### FI 07.2

Additional information. [Optional]

The ESG screening process is well documented in Sydinvest, and for some particular funds, e.g. the Sydinvest EM Sustainable Blended Debt Fund, the process is explicitly documented in the prospectus.

The process for ensuring compliance with the ESG screening is built into the compliance monito module of the manager's portfolio system (SimCorp). It ensures that a warning is issued if the portfolio holdings show issues from an excluded country (or company in the case of corporate bonds and equities).

As an integrated part of the quarterly reporting the countries are tracked for their ESG score and they are labeled "Sydinvest country" and/or "Benchmark Country" if Sydinvest have bond positions in a county and/or the country is a member of the JP Morgan EMBI index. This reporting is reviewed by the ESG Committee as part of the quarterly assessment of the overall ESG outlook for countries and the exclusion list / framework.

## (C) Implementation: Integration



FI 11	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1

### FI 11.1 Describe your approach to integrating ESG into traditional financial analysis.

ESG integration is conducted through the interaction of the ESG and macro analysis in the Sydbank EM Debt Team who are advisors to Sydinvest funds. They include the global ESG screening and exclusion of EM countries to ensure the research is conducted within the "investable universe" while still observing ESG trends in the universe of countries close to the exclusion level. ESG excluded benchmark and/or off-benchmark countries are included into the risk analysis as the team will discuss alternative investment candidates and their target risk properties to be included into the Research Agenda.

The Sydbank Sovereign ESG research process runs independently from the traditional country analysis conducted by portfolio managers and it is brought into the investment process through the initial global risk allocation as well as the deeper country analysis. Using the detailed evidence on the ESG score model as well as the views of in-house as well as external ESG researchers the portfolio managers can take relevant developments (positive or negative) into account from a risk/return perspective as well as analysing the ESG attributes of those countries who should be used as substitute investments for excluded countries.

The ESG research data comes from a number of sources. The in-house Sovereign ESG model, which has a detailed quantitative feature of both short and long term ESG/political developments are from Business Monitor International (BMI) who also provides a large pool of independent country research reports and direct access to local analyst and political experts. In addition the Team follows ongoing ESG research uch as e.g. the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and the Sustainable Developmen Goal Index.

In association with the new EM Sustainable Blended Debt Fund a cooperation with the Swiss consultant Inrate has been established. Inrate's role is to monitor and verify Sydbank's existing screening on international sanctions as well as provide a proposed exclusion list for the new fund (this is ONLY valid for this particular fund). In addition to this, Sydbank has access to Inrate's consultants and ESG experts for sparring and questions. The relationship is very new and is gradually being built up.

Sydbank's approach to the ESG inclusion to investment is active, genuine and completely in line with our Danish values of building responsible and sustainable investment solutions for our clients.

The process at Sydbank is in line with and complies with the guidelines set out by the Danish Business Authority's Council for Society Responsibility.

## FI 11.2

Describe how your ESG integration approach is adapted to each of the different types of fixed income you invest in.

## SSA

As described above, thhe ESG integration is a mix of a quantitative model and qualitative analysis.

The Sydbank Sovereign ESG screening model and the Sydbank Country Score Model (COSMO) are structured upon more than 200 underlying data points taken from external sources such as Business Monitor International (BMI), Transparency International, World Bank, Yale Environmental Performance Index and multiple market data feeds from Bloomberg. Typically, the models use aggregation of the underlying data into meaningful sub-categories or indices and then apply this to proprietary weighting schemes and calculations to arrive at final scores. The scores are typically normalized to 0 - 100 and serve as tools in the decision making process.

When the Team consider ESG and ESG impact on soverign bond investments thay focus in particular on distinguishing between what is an indirect ESG impact effect of the manager's research and investment decision and what is actually an intended ESG effect from the manager's side. For a consideration of e.g. the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals, it is important to consider what data is actually being reviewed and how that compare to the data indicators included in the SDG Index? If, for example, the investment research does not consider data that explains the depletion of fish stocks in the sea, then it is fair to argue that it has little or no value to the manager and hence the impact on SDG 14 "Life under Water" is null.

Following this methodology Sydbank has identified 4 out of the 17 SDGs with data indicators where there is an overlap (or similar types of data) and a connection with the description of the investment research conducted by the Sydbank team.

The overlaps are:



SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SDG 9: Industry Innovation and Infrastructure

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Please see www.sydinvest-em.com for a description of the EM debt investment process.

#### Corporate (non-financial)

We use the same approach for fixed income as we use for equities. We don't distinguish between financials and non-financials regarding ESG-issues.

		Securitised		
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We use the same approach for securitised assets as we use for equities.

FI 12	Mandatory		Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
FI	12.1	Indicate how ESG information is	typically used as pa	art of your investment process.	

Select all that apply



	SSA	Corporate (non- financial)	Securitised
ESG analysis is integrated into fundamental analysis	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
ESG analysis is integrated into security weighting decisions	$\checkmark$		
ESG analysis is integrated into portfolio construction decisions	$\checkmark$		
ESG analysis is a standard part of internal credit ratings or assessment			
ESG analysis for issuers is a standard agenda item at investment committee meetings	$\checkmark$		
ESG analysis is regularly featured in internal research notes or similar	$\checkmark$		
ESG analysis is a standard feature of ongoing portfolio monitoring			
ESG analysis features in all internal issuer summaries or similar documents			
Other, specify			

FI 12.2

Additional information [OPTIONAL]

Sydinvest has developed the ESG framework to work well with less developed emerging cointries. This is the area where the analysis has most value and where the assets under management supports it (2.8 bn USD as of Dec 2017).

For EM sovereign bond investors the case for making a direct ESG impact through their investments is somewhat indirect. However, our analysis have identified that for the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals the 2017 version of the SDG Index is a valid benchmark and Sydbank's Sovereign ESG Screening model is an appropriate tool to use for investment and ESG research. Specifically, the model provide basis for impact in at least four areas: SDG no. 3, 8, 9 and 16. All of them capture the role played by the state when setting norms and enforcing rules as well as allocating government funds in a fair and sustainable manner. All are relevant for the analysis of the states' willingness and capacity to honor its debt obligations. Lastly, they all directly or indirectly contribute to the risk analysis of the country.

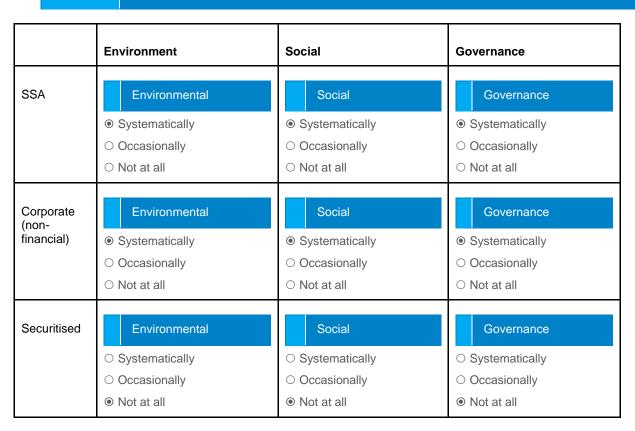
The data used in the Sydbank Sovereign ESG as well as the COSMO model does a good job in capturing the elements from the SDG Index. Despite being derived from independent sources it ends up with closely correlated and relatively equal rankings of countries across the four SDGs individually as well as on the average across all four.

The Sydbank EM debt investment process therefore do make an impact on the sustainability of the final portfolios through a well-founded and through research model.

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Indicate the extent to which ESG issues are reviewed in your integration process.



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Please provide more detail on how you review E, S and G factors in your integration process.

## SSA

Explanation for methodology and data used in ESG integration:

## The ESG model is based upon research and data into the Environmental, Social and Governance indicators.

#### Environment:

The area is covered by the Yale Environmental Performance Index that weights 10% of the combined score. In order to capture some element of a time dimension, the Environmental Performance Index is not included as the standard score, it is augmented by the 10-year change in the score subtracted by the average improvement for all countries. This enhancement gives extra credit to countries were the score has risen more than average and punishes countries where there is no improvement in the environmental score.

The EPI is a very comprehensive index with deep transparency into country data and methodology disclosures. The significant value feature of the EPI is the attempt to account for efficiency of countries environmental initiatives and behavior. For example, it is not only the absolute level of nitrogen used in agriculture that matters. It is the efficiency of fertilizing, i.e. the amount NOT washed out into rivers and the sea that is relevant for "E" performance. The EPI have data measures that account for both level, efficiency and progress which makes it a relevant data set to use in the research.

### Social:

The Sydbank Sovereign ESG and the COSMO model capturing the social factor through a number of data indicators from Business Monitor International. For example, a Security Risk Index takes the threat from crime and terrorism into account.

A fundamental element of the credit analysis on EM bonds is the analysis of economic growth and the expected future drivers of the economy. Hence, there is a very strong relationship between the social component and EM debt investments per se. Also, states have an active role in creating a foundation for



society. Some states are more directly involved than others, but there is typically a strong correlation between the funding of the state and the development of e.g. infrastructure, critical industry sectors and education.

Beyond the narrow definitions of economic growth the "S" factor includes data that captures the element of labor and the conditions under which economic growth takes place. The COSMO model use two sets of short-term risk indices, one for the labor market and one for economic growth (derived from a range of private sector statistics and GDP numbers). The COSMO model further use three sub-indices derived from multiple underlying sources that cover logistical, operational and investment risk elements.

#### Governance:

The Sydbank Sovereign ESG and the COSMO model capturing the governance factor through indicators associated with the country's political stability and institutional strength that is crucial for its expected willingness to repay its debt. In this component, the Transparency International Index also enters directly with an independent weight of 15%.

The SDG Index contains nine different data indicators covering public efficiency and institutions, rule of law, security and social rights. The COSMO model has a set of five short and long-term political risk indicators as well as social stability indicators that also cover the rule of law.

#### Corporate (non-financial)

The ESG integration is based on inputs from our service provider. We have access to ESG data through the website of our service provider.

### Securitised

Our securitised fixed income investments are primarily in Danish mortgage bonds and it is not meaningful to us to integrate ESG in the investment process.



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□ Internal audit conducted by internal auditors of the implementation of RI processes and/or RI data that have been reported to the PRI this year)						
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# **CM 1 01.4** We undertake confidence building measures that are unspecific to the data contained in our PRI Transparency Report:

 $\hfill\square$  We adhere to an RI certification or labelling scheme

 $\Box$  We carry out independent/third party assurance over a whole public report (such as a sustainability report) extracts of which are included in this year's PRI Transparency Report

 $\hfill\square$  ESG audit of holdings

 $\Box$  Other, specify

 $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$  None of the above

