



## **PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY REPORT**

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# About this report

PRI reporting is the largest global reporting project on responsible investment. It was developed with investors, for investors.

PRI signatories are required to report publicly on their responsible investment activities each year. In turn, they receive a number of outputs, including a public and private Transparency Report.

The public Transparency Reports, which are produced using signatories' reported information, provide accountability and support signatories to have internal discussions about their practices and to discuss these with their clients, beneficiaries, and other stakeholders.

This public Transparency Report is an export of the signatory's responses to the PRI Reporting Framework during the 2024 reporting period. It includes the signatory's responses to core indicators, as well as responses to plus indicators that the signatory has agreed to make public.

In response to signatory feedback, the PRI has not summarised signatories' responses – the information in this document is presented exactly as it was reported.

For each of the indicators in this document, all options selected by the signatory are presented, including links and qualitative responses. In some indicators, all applicable options are included for additional context.

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# SENIOR LEADERSHIP STATEMENT (SLS)

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SLS 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Senior Leadership Statement	GENERAL

#### Section 1. Our commitment

- Why does your organisation engage in responsible investment?
- What is your organisation's overall approach to responsible investment, and what major responsible investment commitment(s) have you made?

Responsible investing is defined by the UN PRI as “a strategy and practice to incorporate environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in investment decisions and active ownership”. This definition is intentionally broad to allow asset owners and stewards the freedom to invest responsibly and serve the interests of their beneficiaries.

At Seilern Investment Management (SIM), we invest on behalf of others and must do so with a clear sense of fiduciary duty. We believe that investing responsibly, that is, investing in such a way that we can sustainably preserve and enhance investor capital, fulfils this fiduciary duty. In order to do this to the best of our ability, we look for all of the information that we possibly can to help us make decisions. The most important information we can obtain relates to the ability of a business to generate sustainable returns, i.e. to generate consistent returns that can sustain for a long time. Anything that gives us information in this regard is worthwhile. As such, the identification of companies' environmental, social and governance related risks and opportunities is valuable to us.

At SIM, we believe that over the long term, earnings drive share prices. As such, it is an essential component of our investment process to understand the sustainability of the earnings growth for investee companies. The key component of sustainable earnings is of course a sustainable business and as ESG primarily concerns itself with sustainability, it makes sense that we incorporate all environmental, social and governance factors into our analysis and into our investment process. We seek to allocate capital towards these companies that promote sustainability and away from companies that do not.

Sustainable investment has always been part of what we do at SIM, even if it was not always known as such. This is because a fundamental ingredient of investing in a sustainable way is to think like an owner – to think about the strategic decisions of a business and how they impact each point in the value chain. Our focus on sustainability permeates all aspects of our business, from the questions we ask managers to the design of our investment philosophy to the Seilern Universe, the approved buy-list of 50 to 70 securities that are eligible for inclusion in our funds.

Sustainable businesses are rare and they come with a very specific set of characteristics that we believe help them stand out from the crowd. We call these characteristics the Ten Golden Rules and they are the criteria we use to assess whether a business is indeed a Quality Growth one. In order for a stock to win a place in the Seilern Universe, all ten of the rules must be met.

We assess these rules on a fundamental basis, using qualitative and quantitative tools such as assessing the adequacy of manager remuneration against benchmarks or quantitative screens used to screen for growth or debt levels. At their core, these rules are designed to direct analysis toward the factors of a business that will ensure its sustainable development. Analysts are then directed to adhere to both the 'spirit' and the 'letter' of the law in order to test adherence. This is where the rules dovetail with ESG in their shared goal of the sustainable development of a business.

For example, one of the Ten Golden Rules, a sustainable competitive advantage, refers to the importance of a defensible moat to a business. Include in determining the defensibility of the moat is the question of whether a business takes the time and care to respect its stakeholders, including employees, customers, suppliers, partners and investors in order to maintain the quality of tangible drivers of value such as efficient operations or intangible drivers of value such as a brand. Any long-term abuse of any of these parties can spell operational or reputational disaster for a business.

Any breach of the Ten Golden Rules, including any breach of the E,S and G elements that they contain would require Seilern to exit the position in the funds.

## Section 2. Annual overview

- Discuss your organisation's progress during the reporting year on the responsible investment issue you consider most relevant or material to your organisation or its assets.
- Reflect on your performance with respect to your organisation's responsible investment objectives and targets during the reporting year. Details might include, for example, outlining your single most important achievement or describing your general progress on topics such as the following (where applicable):
  - refinement of ESG analysis and incorporation
  - stewardship activities with investees and/or with policymakers
  - collaborative engagements
  - attainment of responsible investment certifications and/or awards

SIM has continued to make progress throughout the year on ESG issues. This progress has included the continuation of data collection through our tracking tool, important stewardship activities and engagements with management and the increase of responsible investment knowledge across the entire team.

### Tracking tool

We have continued to collect information and data through our tool. As a reminder this is a proprietary tool that draws information from proprietary and external (Sustainalytics, ISS, Factset, Bloomberg) sources. It has been instrumental in reviewing the progress that each of our companies has been making.

During the year, we developed and implemented a tool that draws data from a range of proprietary and external (Sustainalytics, ISS, Factset, Bloomberg) sources. This tracks a range of metrics across environmental, social and governance matters and allows us to review these changes and metrics in a systematic way. This tracker has now gone live and has been through two six-month review periods, where the team review and probe the information on each company in the Seilern Universe.

### Stewardship

At SIM, our goal is to vote on each investee company's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) resolutions, including shareholder resolutions and as corporate actions. We do this because it is our duty and fiduciary obligation to exercise the rights that we have as shareholders in the best interests of our clients. As a manager with a concentrated Universe of companies, we take the opportunity to vote seriously as it allows us to encourage boards and management teams to consider and address areas where we have concerns, along with areas that we want to support. SIM has internal voting principles as well as access to proxy voting research, currently from Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) and Glass-Lewis to assist us with the assessment of resolutions and contentious issues. Although we are cognisant of proxy advisers' voting recommendations, we do not delegate or outsource our stewardship activities when deciding how to vote on our clients' shares. We also review local best practices and corporate governance codes when voting and consider companies' explanations for not complying with best practice to ensure that we vote in the best interests of our clients.

In 2023, SIM voted on a range of matters that included overboarding, remuneration, pre-emption rights and disclosure. The details of these votes are included in our annual voting review, found [here](#).

#### Knowledge improvement

The exact way that we investigate, integrate and evaluate ESG factors at SIM varies from company to company. This makes sense as supply chains will be markedly different across companies as will the structures for effective business strategy execution. We do not purely look at emission scores across all companies in a sector and use this as a proxy for strong environmental credentials, instead we look at each relevant characteristic not only relative to the industry but as it relates to that company on its own. Assessing the quality of ESG for each individual company is of course a lot of work but it provides a more complete picture of the risks and opportunities faced by each company. Because of the complexity of this work, responsible investment is the responsibility of the entire research team and not restricted to a single member. Each investigation we conduct and each datapoint we review compounds our knowledge of responsible investment and helps us to improve our overall knowledge and ultimately helps to improve the quality of our product.

### Section 3. Next steps

- What specific steps has your organisation outlined to advance your commitment to responsible investment in the next two years?

The funds we manage are UCITS Article 8 and the firm abides under the UK's SFDR regulations. These ongoing responsible investment commitments are at the heart of our investment criteria.

### Section 4. Endorsement

**'The Senior Leadership Statement has been prepared and/or reviewed by the undersigned and reflects our organisation-wide commitment and approach to responsible investment'.**

Name

Tassilo Seilern

Position

Chief Executive Officer

Organisation's Name

Seilern Investment Management

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**'This endorsement applies only to the Senior Leadership Statement and should not be considered an endorsement of the information reported by the above-mentioned organisation in the various modules of the Reporting Framework. The Senior Leadership Statement serves as a general overview of the above-mentioned organisation's responsible investment approach. The Senior Leadership Statement does not constitute advice and should not be relied upon as such. Further, it is not a substitute for the skill, judgement and experience of any third parties, their management, employees, advisors and/or clients when making investment and other business decisions'.**

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# ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW (OO)

## ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

### REPORTING YEAR

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Reporting year	GENERAL

What is the year-end date of the 12-month period you have chosen to report for PRI reporting purposes?

	Date	Month	Year
Year-end date of the 12-month period for PRI reporting purposes:	31	12	2023

## SUBSIDIARY INFORMATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 2	CORE	N/A	OO 2.1	PUBLIC	Subsidiary information	GENERAL

Does your organisation have subsidiaries?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

# ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

## ALL ASSET CLASSES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 4	CORE	OO 3	N/A	PUBLIC	All asset classes	GENERAL

What are your total assets under management (AUM) at the end of the reporting year, as indicated in [OO 1]?

USD

(A) AUM of your organisation, including subsidiaries, and excluding the AUM subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research advisory only

US\$ 3,101,173,000.00

(B) AUM of subsidiaries that are PRI signatories in their own right and excluded from this submission, as indicated in [OO 2.2]

US\$ 0.00

(C) AUM subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research advisory only

US\$ 0.00



## ASSET BREAKDOWN

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5	CORE	OO 3	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown	GENERAL

Provide a percentage breakdown of your total AUM at the end of the reporting year as indicated in [OO 1].

	(1) Percentage of Internally managed AUM	(2) Percentage of Externally managed AUM
(A) Listed equity	>75%	0%
(B) Fixed income	0%	0%
(C) Private equity	0%	0%
(D) Real estate	0%	0%
(E) Infrastructure	0%	0%
(F) Hedge funds	0%	0%
(G) Forestry	0%	0%
(H) Farmland	0%	0%
(I) Other	0%	0%
(J) Off-balance sheet	0%	0%

## ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED EQUITY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.3 LE	CORE	OO 5	Multiple	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed listed equity	GENERAL

**Provide a further breakdown of your internally managed listed equity AUM.**

(A) Passive equity 0%

(B) Active – quantitative 0%

(C) Active – fundamental >75%

(D) Other strategies 0%

## GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 7	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PUBLIC	Geographical breakdown	GENERAL

**How much of your AUM in each asset class is invested in emerging markets and developing economies?**

### AUM in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies

(A) Listed equity (1) 0%

## STEWARDSHIP

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 8	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Stewardship	GENERAL

Does your organisation conduct stewardship activities, excluding (proxy) voting, for any of your assets?

#### (1) Listed equity - active

- (A) Yes, through internal staff
- (B) Yes, through service providers
- (C) Yes, through external managers
- (D) We do not conduct stewardship

### STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

Does your organisation conduct (proxy) voting activities for any of your listed equity holdings?

#### (1) Listed equity - active

- (A) Yes, through internal staff
- (B) Yes, through service providers
- (C) Yes, through external managers
- (D) We do not conduct (proxy) voting

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9.1	CORE	OO 9	PGS 10.1, PGS 31	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

For each asset class, on what percentage of your listed equity holdings do you have the discretion to vote?

Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote

(A) Listed equity – active (12) 100%

## ESG INCORPORATION

### INTERNALLY MANAGED ASSETS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 11	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Internally managed assets	1

For each internally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors, to some extent, into your investment decisions?

(1) Yes, we incorporate ESG factors into our investment decisions

(2) No, we do not incorporate ESG factors into our investment decisions

(C) Listed equity - active - fundamental

# ESG STRATEGIES

## LISTED EQUITY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 17 LE	CORE	OO 11	OO 17.1 LE, LE 12	PUBLIC	Listed equity	1

**Which ESG incorporation approach and/or combination of approaches does your organisation apply to your internally managed active listed equity?**

### Percentage out of total internally managed active listed equity

(A) Screening alone	0%
(B) Thematic alone	0%
(C) Integration alone	0%
(D) Screening and integration	0%
(E) Thematic and integration	0%
(F) Screening and thematic	0%
(G) All three approaches combined	>75%
(H) None	0%

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 17.1 LE	CORE	OO 17 LE	LE 9	PUBLIC	Listed equity	1

What type of screening does your organisation use for your internally managed active listed equity assets where a screening approach is applied?

Percentage coverage out of your total listed equity assets where a screening approach is applied

(A) Positive/best-in-class screening only	0%
(B) Negative screening only	0%
(C) A combination of screening approaches	>75%

## ESG/SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS AND PRODUCTS

### LABELLING AND MARKETING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 18	CORE	OO 11–14	OO 18.1	PUBLIC	Labelling and marketing	1

Do you explicitly market any of your products and/or funds as ESG and/or sustainable?

- (A) Yes, we market products and/or funds as ESG and/or sustainable
- (B) No, we do not offer products or funds explicitly marketed as ESG and/or sustainable
- (C) Not applicable; we do not offer products or funds

**Additional information: (Voluntary)**

The Funds are listed as Article 8 Funds.

## SUMMARY OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 21	CORE	Multiple indicators	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Summary of reporting requirements	GENERAL

The following table shows which modules are mandatory or voluntary to report on in the separate PRI asset class modules. Where a module is voluntary, indicate if you wish to report on it.

Applicable modules	(1) Mandatory to report (pre-filled based on previous responses)	(2.1) Voluntary to report. Yes, I want to opt-in to reporting on the module	(2.2) Voluntary to report. No, I want to opt-out of reporting on the module
Policy, Governance and Strategy	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Confidence Building Measures	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(C) Listed equity – active – fundamental	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### REPORT DISCLOSURE

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 32	CORE	OO 3, OO 31	N/A	PUBLIC	Report disclosure	GENERAL

How would you like to disclose the detailed percentage figures you reported throughout the Reporting Framework?

- (A) Publish as absolute numbers
- (B) Publish as ranges

# POLICY, GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY (PGS)

## POLICY

### RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY ELEMENTS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 1	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1, 2

Which elements are covered in your formal responsible investment policy(ies)?

- (A) Overall approach to responsible investment
- (B) Guidelines on environmental factors
- (C) Guidelines on social factors
- (D) Guidelines on governance factors
- (E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes
- (F) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold
- (G) Guidelines on exclusions
- (H) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment
- (I) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees
- (J) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement
- (K) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders
- (L) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting
- (M) Other responsible investment elements not listed here
- (N) Our organisation does not have a formal responsible investment policy and/or our policy(ies) do not cover any responsible investment elements

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 2	CORE	PGS 1	Multiple, see guidance	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1

Does your formal responsible investment policy(ies) include specific guidelines on systematic sustainability issues?

- (A) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)
- (B) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)
- (C) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues
- (D) Our formal responsible investment policy(ies) does not include guidelines on systematic sustainability issues



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 3	CORE	PGS 1, PGS 2	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	6

**Which elements of your formal responsible investment policy(ies) are publicly available?**

**(A) Overall approach to responsible investment**

Add link:

<https://www.seilernfunds.com/sustainable-investing/>

**(B) Guidelines on environmental factors**

Add link:

<https://www.seilernfunds.com/sustainable-investing/>

**(C) Guidelines on social factors**

Add link:

<https://www.seilernfunds.com/sustainable-investing/>

**(D) Guidelines on governance factors**

Add link:

<https://www.seilernfunds.com/sustainable-investing/>

**(E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes**

**(G) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)**

Add link:

<https://www.seilernfunds.com/sustainable-investing/#policies>

**(I) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold**

**(J) Guidelines on exclusions**

Add link:

<https://www.seilernfunds.com/sustainable-investing/#policies>

**(K) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment**

**(O) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting**

Add link:

<https://www.seilernfunds.com/sustainable-investing/#voting-and-engagement-records>

**(Q) No elements of our formal responsible investment policy(ies) are publicly available**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 4	PLUS	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	1 – 6

**Does your formal responsible investment policy(ies) identify a link between your responsible investment activities and your fiduciary duties or equivalent obligations?**

**(A) Yes**

Elaborate:

As we invest on behalf of others, we must do so with a clear sense of fiduciary duty. We believe that investing responsibly – that is – investing in such a way that we can sustainably preserve and enhance investor capital, fulfils this fiduciary duty.

Our responsible investing policy clearly lays this link out in the introduction, stating the following:

The highest priority to SIM is the preservation and enhancement of client capital. In order to achieve this, SIM believes that it is critical that as the investment manager it must be a responsible steward of that capital. This Policy aims to establish what responsible investing means for the Funds and how it relates to SIM's values, investment philosophy and investment process. RI means investing in businesses with the mindset of an owner; that is to invest in a business with the long-term sustainable interests of the business at heart. The Policy explains how ESG risks, also known as sustainability risks, are integrated into the investment decision making process.

Sustainability risk is the environmental, social, or governance event or condition that, if it were to occur, could potentially or cause a material negative impact on the value of the investment in question. The Policy is applicable to all the sub-funds within SIF, which are Seilern World Growth, Seilern America and Seilern Europa.

- (B) No

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 5	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

**Which elements are covered in your organisation’s policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship?**

- (A) Overall stewardship objectives
- (B) Prioritisation of specific ESG factors to be advanced via stewardship activities
- (C) Criteria used by our organisation to prioritise the investees, policy makers, key stakeholders, or other entities on which to focus our stewardship efforts
- (D) How different stewardship tools and activities are used across the organisation
- (E) Approach to escalation in stewardship
- (F) Approach to collaboration in stewardship
- (G) Conflicts of interest related to stewardship
- (H) How stewardship efforts and results are communicated across the organisation to feed into investment decision-making and vice versa
- (I) Other
- (J) None of the above elements is captured in our policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 6	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

**Does your policy on (proxy) voting include voting principles and/or guidelines on specific ESG factors?**

- (A) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific environmental factors
- (B) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific social factors
- (C) Yes, it includes voting principles and/or guidelines on specific governance factors
- (D) Our policy on (proxy) voting does not include voting principles or guidelines on specific ESG factors

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 7	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	2

Does your organisation have a policy that states how (proxy) voting is addressed in your securities lending programme?

- (A) We have a publicly available policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme
- (B) We have a policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme, but it is not publicly available
- (C) We rely on the policy of our external service provider(s)
- (D) We do not have a policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme
- (E) Not applicable; we do not have a securities lending programme

## RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY COVERAGE

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 8	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	1

What percentage of your total AUM is covered by the below elements of your responsible investment policy(ies)?

### Combined AUM coverage of all policy elements

(A) Overall approach to responsible investment

(B) Guidelines on environmental factors

(C) Guidelines on social factors

(D) Guidelines on governance factors

(7) 100%

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 9	CORE	PGS 2	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	1

What proportion of your AUM is covered by your formal policies or guidelines on climate change, human rights, or other systematic sustainability issues?

**AUM coverage**

(B) Specific guidelines on human rights

(1) for all of our AUM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 10	CORE	OO 8, OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	2

Per asset class, what percentage of your AUM is covered by your policy(ies) or guidelines on stewardship with investees?

**(A) Listed equity**

(1) Percentage of AUM covered

- (1) >0% to 10%
- (2) >10% to 20%
- (3) >20% to 30%
- (4) >30% to 40%
- (5) >40% to 50%
- (6) >50% to 60%
- (7) >60% to 70%
- (8) >70% to 80%
- (9) >80% to 90%
- (10) >90% to <100%

**(11) 100%**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 10.1	CORE	OO 9.1, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	2

What percentage of your listed equity holdings is covered by your guidelines on (proxy) voting?

**(A) Actively managed listed equity**

(1) Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote

- (1) >0% to 10%
- (2) >10% to 20%
- (3) >20% to 30%
- (4) >30% to 40%

- (5) >40% to 50%
- (6) >50% to 60%
- (7) >60% to 70%
- (8) >70% to 80%
- (9) >80% to 90%
- (10) >90% to <100%
- (11) 100%

## GOVERNANCE

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

**Which senior level body(ies) or role(s) in your organisation have formal oversight over and accountability for responsible investment?**

- (A) Board members, trustees, or equivalent
- (B) Senior executive-level staff, or equivalent

Specify:

Responsible investment is reviewed at Senior Level

- (C) Investment committee, or equivalent

Specify:

Responsible investment is reviewed at Investment Committee level

- (D) Head of department, or equivalent

Specify department:

Responsible investment is reviewed by the Head of Research.

- (E) None of the above bodies and roles have oversight over and accountability for responsible investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11.1	CORE	PGS 1, PGS 2, PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1, 2

Does your organisation's senior level body(ies) or role(s) have formal oversight over and accountability for the elements covered in your responsible investment policy(ies)?

	(1) Board members, trustees, or equivalent	(2) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department, or equivalent
(A) Overall approach to responsible investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Guidelines on environmental, social and/or governance factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(E) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(G) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(H) Guidelines on exclusions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(I) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(M) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(N) This role has no formal oversight over and accountability for any of the above elements covered in our responsible investment policy(ies)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11.2	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1 – 6

**Does your organisation have governance processes or structures to ensure that your overall political engagement is aligned with your commitment to the principles of PRI, including any political engagement conducted by third parties on your behalf?**

**(A) Yes**

Describe how you do this:

We are developing policies with supporting procedures to ensure responsible political engagement. When compiling these we will take into account the PRI paper in relation to this ('The Investor case for responsible political engagement'). Staff engagement will be covered as part of this to ensure they understand and adhere to any requirements.

Please note adherence to all policies are monitored regularly and is part of the compliance framework in place at Seilern.

It should be noted at this time Seilern does not or intend to participate in political engagement activity.

- (B) No
- (C) Not applicable, our organisation does not conduct any form of political engagement directly or through any third parties

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 12	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

**In your organisation, which internal or external roles are responsible for implementing your approach to responsible investment?**

**(A) Internal role(s)**

Specify:

SIM's Board of Directors, the firm's Head of Research and the Research Team, is responsible for overseeing the integration and implementation of responsible investment across the firm.

**(B) External investment managers, service providers, or other external partners or suppliers**

Specify:

To gather and assess ESG information and risks, SIM leverages its in-house research, but also utilises specialised firms to expand their knowledge and understanding of ESG risks. These external partners are Sustainalytics, Morningstar Direct, ISS and Glass Lewis and they have been selected based on the quality of the information provided and scope of coverage.

- (C) We do not have any internal or external roles with responsibility for implementing responsible investment

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 13	CORE	PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

**Does your organisation use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of your board members, trustees, or equivalent?**

- (A) Yes, we use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our board members, trustees, or equivalent
  - (B) No, we do not use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our board members, trustees, or equivalent**
- Explain why: (Voluntary)

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 14	CORE	PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

**Does your organisation use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of your senior executive-level staff (or equivalent), and are these KPIs linked to compensation?**

- (A) Yes, we use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our senior executive-level staff (or equivalent)
  - (B) No, we do not use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our senior executive-level staff (or equivalent)**
- Explain why: (Voluntary)

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 15	PLUS	PGS 11	N/A	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

**What responsible investment competencies do you regularly include in the training of senior-level body(ies) or role(s) in your organisation?**

	(1) Board members, trustees or equivalent	(2) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department or equivalent
(A) Specific competence in climate change mitigation and adaptation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(B) Specific competence in investors' responsibility to respect human rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) Specific competence in other systematic sustainability issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



(D) The regular training of this senior leadership role does not include any of the above responsible investment competencies



## EXTERNAL REPORTING AND DISCLOSURES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 16	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

What elements are included in your regular reporting to clients and/or beneficiaries for the majority of your AUM?

- (A) Any changes in policies related to responsible investment
- (B) Any changes in governance or oversight related to responsible investment
- (C) Stewardship-related commitments
- (D) Progress towards stewardship-related commitments
- (E) Climate-related commitments
- (F) Progress towards climate-related commitments
- (G) Human rights-related commitments
- (H) Progress towards human rights-related commitments
- (I) Commitments to other systematic sustainability issues
- (J) Progress towards commitments on other systematic sustainability issues
- (K) We do not include any of these elements in our regular reporting to clients and/or beneficiaries for the majority of our AUM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 17	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose climate-related information in line with the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures' (TCFD) recommendations?

- (A) Yes, including all governance-related recommended disclosures
- (B) Yes, including all strategy-related recommended disclosures
- (C) Yes, including all risk management-related recommended disclosures
- (D) Yes, including all applicable metrics and targets-related recommended disclosures
- (E) None of the above
  - Explain why: (Voluntary)

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 18	PLUS	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

During the reporting year, to which international responsible investment standards, frameworks, or regulations did your organisation report?

(A) Disclosures against the European Union's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR)

Link to example of public disclosures

<https://www.seilernfunds.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SIM-Entity-Level-Disclosure-EN-2023.pdf>

(B) Disclosures against the European Union's Taxonomy

(C) Disclosures against the CFA's ESG Disclosures Standard

(D) Disclosures against other international standards, frameworks or regulations

(E) Disclosures against other international standards, frameworks or regulations

(F) Disclosures against other international standards, frameworks or regulations

(G) Disclosures against other international standards, frameworks or regulations

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 19	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	External reporting and disclosures	6

During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose its membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement?

(A) Yes, we publicly disclosed our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement

(B) No, we did not publicly disclose our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement

(C) Not applicable, we were not members in or supporters of any trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement during the reporting year

## STRATEGY

## CAPITAL ALLOCATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 20	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Capital allocation	1

Which elements do your organisation-level exclusions cover?

(A) Exclusions based on our organisation's values or beliefs regarding particular sectors, products or services

(B) Exclusions based on our organisation's values or beliefs regarding particular regions or countries

- (C) Exclusions based on minimum standards of business practice aligned with international norms such as the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the International Bill of Human Rights, UN Security Council sanctions or the UN Global Compact
- (D) Exclusions based on our organisation's climate change commitments
- (E) Other elements
- (F) Not applicable; our organisation does not have any organisation-level exclusions

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 21	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Capital allocation	1

**How does your responsible investment approach influence your strategic asset allocation process?**

- (A) We incorporate ESG factors into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
  - Select from dropdown list:
    - (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
    - (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
    - (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- (B) We incorporate climate change-related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
  - Select from dropdown list:
    - (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
    - (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
    - (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- (C) We incorporate human rights-related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
  - Select from dropdown list:
    - (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
    - (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
    - (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- (D) We incorporate risks and opportunities related to other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
  - Select from dropdown list:
    - (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
    - (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
    - (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - Specify: (Voluntary)
  - (E) We do not incorporate ESG factors, climate change, human rights or other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
  - (F) Not applicable; we do not have a strategic asset allocation process

## STEWARDSHIP: OVERALL STEWARDSHIP STRATEGY

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 22	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

For the majority of AUM within each asset class, which of the following best describes your primary stewardship objective?

### (1) Listed equity

(A) Maximise our portfolio-level risk-adjusted returns. In doing so, we seek to address any risks to overall portfolio performance caused by individual investees' contribution to systematic sustainability issues.



(B) Maximise our individual investments' risk-adjusted returns. In doing so, we do not seek to address any risks to overall portfolio performance caused by individual investees' contribution to systematic sustainability issues.



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 24	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

Which of the following best describes your organisation's default position, or the position of the external service providers or external managers acting on your behalf, concerning collaborative stewardship efforts?

- (A) We recognise the value of collective action, and as a result, we prioritise collaborative stewardship efforts wherever possible
- (B) We collaborate on a case-by-case basis
- (C) Other
- (D) We do not join collaborative stewardship efforts

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 25	PLUS	OO 5, OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

**Rank the channels that are most important for your organisation in achieving its stewardship objectives.**

- (A) Internal resources, e.g. stewardship team, investment team, ESG team, or staff**  
Select from the list:  
 1
- (B) External investment managers, third-party operators and/or external property managers, if applicable**  
Select from the list:  
 3
- (C) External paid specialist stewardship services (e.g. engagement overlay services or, in private markets, sustainability consultants) excluding investment managers, real assets third-party operators, or external property managers**  
Select from the list:  
 2
- (D) Informal or unstructured collaborations with investors or other entities**  
Select from the list:  
 4
- (E) Formal collaborative engagements, e.g. PRI-coordinated collaborative engagements, Climate Action 100+, or similar**  
Select from the list:  
 5
- (F) We do not use any of these channels

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 27	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

**How are your organisation's stewardship activities linked to your investment decision making, and vice versa?**

SIM's policy on proxy voting is to vote all shareholder meetings for which we are eligible. In order to do this properly, we must review each and every proposal to assess the degree that they fit in with our views on the overall sustainability of the business. Simply put, when we agree that the proposal is in the best interests of the business and of the stakeholders, we vote with the proposal and when we do not believe this to be so, we vote against it. This allows us to execute our fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of our beneficiaries.

In the event of a disagreement, which is common, we record the disagreement internally and make every effort to engage with the company through their investor relations department, through executive management and through the board of directors. We have also discussed issues with other shareholders at Business Roundtables with a view to improving best practices in the industry. As managers with full discretion over the holdings in each portfolio, we can also 'vote with our feet' if we believe this is in the best interest of our beneficiaries and sell the security.

## STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 29	CORE	OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**When you use external service providers to give recommendations, how do you ensure those recommendations are consistent with your organisation's (proxy) voting policy?**

**(A) Before voting is executed, we review external service providers' voting recommendations for controversial and high-profile votes**

Select from the below list:

- (1) in all cases**
- (2) in a majority of cases
- (3) in a minority of cases

**(B) Before voting is executed, we review external service providers' voting recommendations where the application of our voting policy is unclear**

Select from the below list:

- (1) in all cases**
- (2) in a majority of cases
- (3) in a minority of cases
- (D) We do not review external service providers' voting recommendations
- (E) Not applicable; we do not use external service providers to give voting recommendations

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 30	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**How is voting addressed in your securities lending programme?**

- (A) We recall all securities for voting on all ballot items
- (B) When a vote is deemed important according to pre-established criteria (e.g. high stake in the company), we recall all our securities for voting
- (C) Other
- (D) We do not recall our securities for voting purposes
- (E) Not applicable; we do not have a securities lending programme**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 31	CORE	OO 9.1	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**For the majority of votes cast over which you have discretion to vote, which of the following best describes your decision making approach regarding shareholder resolutions (or that of your external service provider(s) if decision making is delegated to them)?**

- (A) We vote in favour of resolutions expected to advance progress on our stewardship priorities, including affirming a company's good practice or prior commitment**
- (B) We vote in favour of resolutions expected to advance progress on our stewardship priorities, but only if the investee company has not already publicly committed to the action(s) requested in the proposal
- (C) We vote in favour of shareholder resolutions only as an escalation measure

- (D) We vote in favour of the investee company management's recommendations by default
- (E) Not applicable; we do not vote on shareholder resolutions

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 32	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**During the reporting year, how did your organisation, or your external service provider(s), pre-declare voting intentions prior to voting in annual general meetings (AGMs) or extraordinary general meetings (EGMs)?**

- (A) We pre-declared our voting intentions publicly through the PRI's vote declaration system on the Resolution Database
- (B) We pre-declared our voting intentions publicly by other means, e.g. through our website
- (C) We privately communicated our voting decision to investee companies prior to the AGM/EGM
- (D) We did not privately or publicly communicate our voting intentions prior to the AGM/EGM
- (E) Not applicable; we did not cast any (proxy) votes during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 33	CORE	OO 9	PGS 33.1	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**After voting has taken place, do you publicly disclose your (proxy) voting decisions or those made on your behalf by your external service provider(s), company by company and in a central source?**

- (A) Yes, for all (proxy) votes

Add link(s):

<https://www.seilernfunds.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/SIM-Voting-Record-2023.pdf>

- (B) Yes, for the majority of (proxy) votes
- (C) Yes, for a minority of (proxy) votes
- (D) No, we do not publicly report our (proxy) voting decisions company-by-company and in a central source

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 33.1	CORE	PGS 33	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**In the majority of cases, how soon after an investee's annual general meeting (AGM) or extraordinary general meeting (EGM) do you publish your voting decisions?**

- (A) Within one month of the AGM/EGM
- (B) Within three months of the AGM/EGM
- (C) Within six months of the AGM/EGM
- (D) Within one year of the AGM/EGM
- (E) More than one year after the AGM/EGM

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 34	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**After voting has taken place, did your organisation, and/or the external service provider(s) acting on your behalf, communicate the rationale for your voting decisions during the reporting year?**

	(1) In cases where we abstained or voted against management recommendations	(2) In cases where we voted against an ESG-related shareholder resolution
(A) Yes, we publicly disclosed the rationale	(2) for a majority of votes	(3) for a minority of votes
(B) Yes, we privately communicated the rationale to the company	(1) for all votes	
(C) We did not publicly or privately communicate the rationale, or we did not track this information	○	○
(D) Not applicable; we did not abstain or vote against management recommendations or ESG-related shareholder resolutions during the reporting year	○	○

**(A) Yes, we publicly disclosed the rationale - Add link(s):**

<https://www.seilernfunds.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/SIM-Voting-Record-2023.pdf>

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 35	PLUS	OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

**How does your organisation ensure vote confirmation, i.e. that your votes have been cast and counted correctly?**

ISS, our voting platform, provide confirmation statements of votes.



## STEWARDSHIP: ESCALATION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 36	CORE	OO 8, OO 9 HF, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Escalation	2

**For your listed equity holdings, what escalation measures did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use in the past three years?**

### (1) Listed equity

(A) Joining or broadening an existing collaborative engagement or creating a new one

(B) Filing, co-filing, and/or submitting a shareholder resolution or proposal

(C) Publicly engaging the entity, e.g. signing an open letter

(D) Voting against the re-election of one or more board directors

(E) Voting against the chair of the board of directors, or equivalent, e.g. lead independent director

(F) Divesting

(G) Litigation

(H) Other

(I) In the past three years, we did not use any of the above escalation measures for our listed equity holdings

## STEWARDSHIP: ENGAGEMENT WITH POLICY MAKERS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	PGS 39.1, PGS 39.2	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

**Did your organisation, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, engage with policy makers as part of your responsible investment approach during the reporting year?**

- (A) Yes, we engaged with policy makers directly
- (B) Yes, we engaged with policy makers through the leadership of or active participation in working groups or collaborative initiatives, including via the PRI
- (C) Yes, we were members of, supported, or were in another way affiliated with third party organisations, including trade associations and non-profit organisations, that engage with policy makers, excluding the PRI

**(D) We did not engage with policy makers directly or indirectly during the reporting year beyond our membership in the PRI**

Explain why: (Voluntary)

## CLIMATE CHANGE

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 41	CORE	N/A	PGS 41.1	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**Has your organisation identified climate-related risks and opportunities affecting your investments?**

**(A) Yes, within our standard planning horizon**

Specify the risks and opportunities identified and your relevant standard planning horizon:

The exact way that we investigate, integrate and evaluate ESG factors at SIM varies from company to company. This makes sense as supply chains will be markedly different across companies as will the structures for effective business strategy execution companies that damage the environment run the risk of political, or regulatory disciplinary action or significant brand damage. Emission scores are a broad way of to assess the degree to which companies are aligned with international environmental standards but we do not purely look at emission scores across all companies in a sector and use this as a proxy for strong environmental credentials, instead we look at each relevant characteristic not only relative to the industry but as it relates to that company on its own. Assessing the quality of ESG for each individual company is of course a lot of work but it provides a more complete picture of the risks and opportunities faced by each company.

- (B) Yes, beyond our standard planning horizon
- (C) No, we have not identified climate-related risks and/or opportunities affecting our investments

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 41.1	CORE	PGS 41	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**Does your organisation integrate climate-related risks and opportunities affecting your investments in its overall investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products?**

**☉ (A) Yes, our overall investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products integrate climate-related risks and opportunities**

Describe how climate-related risks and opportunities have affected or are expected to affect your investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products:

The exact way that we investigate, integrate and evaluate ESG factors at SIM varies from company to company. This makes sense as supply chains will be markedly different across companies as will the structures for effective business strategy execution companies that damage the environment run the risk of political, or regulatory disciplinary action or significant brand damage. Emission scores are a broad way of to assess the degree to which companies are aligned with international environmental standards but we do not purely look at emission scores across all companies in a sector and use this as a proxy for strong environmental credentials, instead we look at each relevant characteristic not only relative to the industry but as it relates to that company on its own. Assessing the quality of ESG for each individual company is of course a lot of work but it provides a more complete picture of the risks and opportunities faced by each company.

○ (B) No, our organisation has not yet integrated climate-related risks and opportunities into its investment strategy, financial planning and (if relevant) products

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 42	PLUS	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**Which sectors are covered by your organisation’s strategy addressing high-emitting sectors?**

**☑ (A) Coal**

Describe your strategy:

At Seilern, we operate an exclusion-driven investment process – we keep removing companies until we are left with the very best.

ESG exclusions are incorporated throughout each stage.

At the beginning, we filter out non-OECD countries as well as several other countries within the OECD which demonstrate governmental and legal instability, leaving countries, and therefore companies, that enjoy the highest standards of governance.

Our assessment of high governance standards is also based on the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. As such, where a company falls within an OECD country but fails to meet the OECD governance standards screen, they will not progress to the next round.

Next, we apply the following sector and industry exclusions.

- Telecommunications

- Automobiles
- Tobacco
- Energy (including Oil, Gas and Consumable fuels)
- Banks
- Insurance
- Heavy Industrials (including Aerospace & Defence) viii.
- Materials
- Metals & Mining Utilities (including Electric, Gas & Water)

We also screen out companies that engage in controversial weapon production and arms manufacturers. As a result of these exclusions, our exposure to the most environmentally damaging and controversial sectors is minimised from the outset.

**(B) Gas**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

**(C) Oil**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

**(D) Utilities**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

**(E) Cement**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

**(F) Steel**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

**(G) Aviation**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

**(H) Heavy duty road**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

**(I) Light duty road**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

**(J) Shipping**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

**(K) Aluminium**

Describe your strategy

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

**(L) Agriculture, forestry, fishery**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

(M) Chemicals

**(N) Construction and buildings**

Describe your strategy:

Please see above for item (A) for our exclusion policy.

(O) Textile and leather

(P) Water

(Q) Other

(R) We do not have a strategy addressing high-emitting sectors

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 43	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**Has your organisation assessed the resilience of its investment strategy in different climate scenarios, including one in which the average temperature rise is held to below 2 degrees Celsius (preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius) above pre-industrial levels?**

- (A) Yes, using the Inevitable Policy Response Forecast Policy Scenario (FPS) or Required Policy Scenario (RPS)
- (B) Yes, using the One Earth Climate Model scenario
- (C) Yes, using the International Energy Agency (IEA) Net Zero scenario
- (D) Yes, using other scenarios
- (E) No, we have not assessed the resilience of our investment strategy in different climate scenarios, including one that holds temperature rise to below 2 degrees**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 44	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**Does your organisation have a process to identify, assess, and manage the climate-related risks (potentially) affecting your investments?**

- (A) Yes, we have a process to identify and assess climate-related risks**

(1) Describe your process

Environmental metrics are measured across all companies across using company sources as well as third party data aggregation sources. These are assessed at regular intervals across the year to measure whether the companies exposures have changes (improved or deteriorated) along with the underlying rationale.

(2) Describe how this process is integrated into your overall risk management

Environmental concerns are central to each security selection into the Seilern universe. Companies that do not have sustainability at their core are excluded from the investible universe and from the funds.

- (B) Yes, we have a process to manage climate-related risks

- (C) No, we do not have any processes to identify, assess, or manage the climate-related risks affecting our investments

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 45	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**During the reporting year, which of the following climate risk metrics or variables affecting your investments did your organisation use and publicly disclose?**

- (A) Exposure to physical risk
- (B) Exposure to transition risk
- (C) Internal carbon price
- (D) Total carbon emissions**
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used**
      - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
      - (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
  - (E) Weighted average carbon intensity
  - (F) Avoided emissions
  - (G) Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)
  - (H) Non-ITR measure of portfolio alignment with UNFCCC Paris Agreement goals
  - (I) Proportion of assets or other business activities aligned with climate-related opportunities
  - (J) Other metrics or variables**
    - Specify:
      - Exposure to Oil & Gas industry. Major environmental incidents. Water consumption.
- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric or variable used**
    - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
    - (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- (K) Our organisation did not use or publicly disclose any climate risk metrics or variables affecting our investments during the reporting year

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 46	CORE	N/A	N/A	PUBLIC	Climate change	General

**During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose its Scope 1, Scope 2, and/or Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions?**

- (A) Scope 1 emissions
- (B) Scope 2 emissions
- (C) Scope 3 emissions (including financed emissions)
- (D) Our organisation did not publicly disclose its Scope 1, Scope 2, or Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions during the reporting year**

## SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 47	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

**Has your organisation identified the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?**

- (A) Yes, we have identified one or more specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities
- (B) No, we have not yet identified the sustainability outcomes connected to any of our investment activities

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 47.1	CORE	PGS 47	N/A	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

**Which widely recognised frameworks has your organisation used to identify the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?**

- (A) The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets
- (B) The UNFCCC Paris Agreement
- (C) The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)
- (D) OECD frameworks: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Guidance on Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors
- (E) The EU Taxonomy
- (F) Other relevant taxonomies
- (G) The International Bill of Human Rights
- (H) The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the eight core conventions
- (I) The Convention on Biological Diversity
- (J) Other international framework(s)
- (K) Other regional framework(s)
- (L) Other sectoral/issue-specific framework(s)
- (M) Our organisation did not use any widely recognised frameworks to identify the intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 47.2	CORE	PGS 47	PGS 48	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

**What are the primary methods that your organisation has used to determine the most important intended and unintended sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?**

- (A) Identify sustainability outcomes that are closely linked to our core investment activities
- (B) Consult with key clients and/or beneficiaries to align with their priorities
- (C) Assess which actual or potential negative outcomes for people are most severe based on their scale, scope, and irremediable character
- (D) Identify sustainability outcomes that are closely linked to systematic sustainability issues
- (E) Analyse the input from different stakeholders (e.g. affected communities, civil society, trade unions or similar)
- (F) Understand the geographical relevance of specific sustainability outcome objectives

- (G) Other method
- (H) We have not yet determined the most important sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 48	CORE	PGS 47.2	PGS 48.1, SO 1	PUBLIC	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

**Has your organisation taken action on any specific sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities, including to prevent and mitigate actual and potential negative outcomes?**

- (A) Yes, we have taken action on some of the specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities
- (B) No, we have not yet taken action on any specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities



# LISTED EQUITY (LE)

## OVERALL APPROACH

### MATERIALITY ANALYSIS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 1	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Materiality analysis	1

**Does your organisation have a formal investment process to identify and incorporate material ESG factors across your listed equity strategies?**

**(3) Active - fundamental**

(A) Yes, our investment process incorporates material governance factors

(1) for all of our AUM

(B) Yes, our investment process incorporates material environmental and social factors

(1) for all of our AUM

(C) Yes, our investment process incorporates material ESG factors beyond our organisation's average investment holding period

(1) for all of our AUM

(D) No, we do not have a formal process. Our investment professionals identify material ESG factors at their discretion

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(E) No, we do not have a formal or informal process to identify and incorporate material ESG factors

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## MONITORING ESG TRENDS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 2	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Monitoring ESG trends	1

**Does your organisation have a formal process for monitoring and reviewing the implications of changing ESG trends across your listed equity strategies?**

**(3) Active - fundamental**

(A) Yes, we have a formal process that includes scenario analyses

(B) Yes, we have a formal process, but it does not include scenario analyses

(1) for all of our AUM

(C) We do not have a formal process for our listed equity strategies; our investment professionals monitor how ESG trends vary over time at their discretion

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(D) We do not monitor and review the implications of changing ESG trends on our listed equity strategies

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## PRE-INVESTMENT

### ESG INCORPORATION IN RESEARCH

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 3	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1

**How does your financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process incorporate material ESG risks?**

#### (2) Active - fundamental

(A) We incorporate material governance-related risks into our financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process

(1) in all cases

(B) We incorporate material environmental and social risks into our financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process

(1) in all cases

(C) We incorporate material environmental and social risks related to companies' supply chains into our financial analysis and equity valuation or security rating process

(1) in all cases

(D) We do not incorporate material ESG risks into our financial analysis, equity valuation or security rating processes

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 4	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in research	1

**What information do you incorporate when you assess the ESG performance of companies in your financial analysis, benchmark selection and/or portfolio construction process?**

**(3) Active - fundamental**

(A) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on current performance across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(B) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on historical performance across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(C) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on material ESG factors that may impact or influence future corporate revenues and/or profitability	(1) in all cases
(D) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information enabling current, historical and/or future performance comparison within a selected peer group across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(E) We do not incorporate qualitative or quantitative information on material ESG factors when assessing the ESG performance of companies in our financial analysis, equity investment or portfolio construction process	o

## ESG INCORPORATION IN PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 6	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG incorporation in portfolio construction	1

**How do material ESG factors contribute to your stock selection, portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process?**

**(3) Active - fundamental**

(A) Material ESG factors contribute to the selection of individual assets and/or sector weightings within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process

(1) for all of our AUM

(B) Material ESG factors contribute to the portfolio weighting of individual assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process

(1) for all of our AUM

(C) Material ESG factors contribute to the country or region weighting of assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process

(D) Other ways material ESG factors contribute to your portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process

(E) Our stock selection, portfolio construction or benchmark selection process does not include the incorporation of material ESG factors

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# POST-INVESTMENT

## ESG RISK MANAGEMENT

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 9	CORE	OO 17.1 LE, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

**What compliance processes do you have in place to ensure that your listed equity assets subject to negative exclusionary screens meet the screening criteria?**

- (A) We have internal compliance procedures that ensure all funds or portfolios that are subject to negative exclusionary screening have pre-trade checks
- (B) We have an external committee that oversees the screening implementation process for all funds or portfolios that are subject to negative exclusionary screening
- (C) We have an independent internal committee that oversees the screening implementation process for all funds or portfolios that are subject to negative exclusionary screening
- (D) We do not have compliance processes in place to ensure that we meet our stated negative exclusionary screens

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 10	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	ESG risk management	1

**For the majority of your listed equity assets, do you have a formal process to identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents into your risk management process?**

### (2) Active - fundamental

(A) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for individual listed equity holdings

(B) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for other listed equity holdings exposed to similar risks and/or incidents

(C) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for our stewardship activities

(D) Yes, our formal process includes ad hoc reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on severe ESG incidents

(E) We do not have a formal process to identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents into our risk management process; our investment professionals identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents at their discretion

(F) We do not have a formal process to identify and incorporate material ESG risks and ESG incidents into our risk management process

## DISCLOSURE OF ESG SCREENS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 12	CORE	OO 17 LE, OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	Disclosure of ESG screens	6

**For all your listed equity assets subject to ESG screens, how do you ensure that clients understand ESG screens and their implications?**

- (A) We share a list of ESG screens
- (B) We share any changes in ESG screens
- (C) We explain any implications of ESG screens, such as their deviation from a benchmark or impact on sector weightings
- (D) We do not share the above information for all our listed equity assets subject to ESG screens

# CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES (CBM)

## CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

### APPROACH TO CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 1	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PUBLIC	Approach to confidence-building measures	6

#### How did your organisation verify the information submitted in your PRI report this reporting year?

- (A) We conducted independent third-party assurance of selected processes and/or data related to the responsible investment processes reported in our PRI report, which resulted in a formal assurance conclusion
- (B) We conducted a third-party readiness review and are making changes to our internal controls or governance processes to be able to conduct independent third-party assurance next year
- (C) We conducted an internal audit of selected processes and/or data related to the responsible investment processes reported in our PRI report
- (D) Our board, trustees (or equivalent), senior executive-level staff (or equivalent), and/or investment committee (or equivalent) signed off on our PRI report
- (E) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings to verify that our funds comply with our responsible investment policy
- (F) We conducted an external ESG audit of our holdings as part of risk management, engagement identification or investment decision-making
- (G) Our responses in selected sections and/or the entirety of our PRI report were internally reviewed before submission to the PRI
- (H) We did not verify the information submitted in our PRI report this reporting year

## INTERNAL AUDIT

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 4	CORE	OO 21, CBM 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Internal audit	6

#### What responsible investment processes and/or data were audited through your internal audit function?

- (A) Policy, governance and strategy
  - Select from dropdown list:
    - (1) Data internally audited
    - (2) Processes internally audited
    - (3) Processes and data internally audited
- (C) Listed equity
  - Select from dropdown list:
    - (1) Data internally audited
    - (2) Processes internally audited
    - (3) Processes and data internally audited