

# PRIVATE TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2025

**Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc.** 

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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 private Transparency Reports, which are produced using signatories' reported information, support signatories to have internal discussions about their practices. Signatories can also choose to make these available to clients, beneficiaries, and other stakeholders.

This private Transparency Report is an export of your responses to the PRI Reporting Framework during the 2025 reporting period. It includes all responses (public and private) to core and plus indicators.

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

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

# **Disclaimers**

# **Legal Context**

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# Responsible investment definitions

Within the PRI Reporting Framework Glossary, we provide definitions for key terms to guide reporting on responsible investment practices in the Reporting Framework. These definitions may differ from those used or proposed by other authorities and regulatory bodies due to evolving industry perspectives and changing legislative landscapes. Users of this report should be aware of these variations, as they may impact interpretations of the information provided.

# **Data accuracy**

This document presents information reported directly by signatories in the 2025 reporting cycle. This information has not been audited by the PRI or any other party acting on its behalf. While this information is believed to be reliable, no representations or warranties are made as to the accuracy of the information presented.

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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	PRIVATE	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 investment focuses on issuers that at a minimum operate sustainably and where relevant provide goods and/or services that promote sustainability. These can be hallmarks of well-run companies as much as the efficiency of the allocation of capital or other financial metrics. Boston Partners' investment research process incorporates a sustainability analysis produced by our Sustainability and Engagement Team based on original research looking at primary documents and a comprehensive internet search. This analysis is considered when assessing portfolio investments. Boston Partners' responsible investment process is used for all of our products.

#### 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

Boston Partners has had a well-developed responsible investment process since 2018 that addresses all ESG issues, the relevancy of which only varies based on the type of business conducted by the investee company. Boston Partners had a successful year by engaging with 896 companies regarding sustainability deficiencies. Boston Partners' specific sustainability product, Global Sustainability, had a very good year investing in companies that satisfied both Boston Partners' financial investment criteria and specific approval from the Sustainability and Engagement Team.

#### Section 3. Next steps

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

Boston Partners will continue to apply its sustainability research and engagement process with the same rigorous investment approach it currently uses and take into account new sustainability trends, data, and insights.



#### 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

William G. Butterly, III

Position

General Counsel and Director of Sustainability and Engagement

Organisation's Name

Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc.

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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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# OTHER RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT REPORTING **OBLIGATIONS (ORO)**

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ORO 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PRIVATE	Other Responsible Investment Reporting Obligations	6

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organisation report?
□ (A) Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) [European Union]
□ (B) Directive on AIFM (2011/61/EU) [European Union]
$\square$ (C) Enhancing climate-related disclosures by asset managers, life insurers and FCA-regulated pension providers (PS21/24)
[United Kingdom]
□ (D) EU Taxonomy Regulation [European Union]
$\square$ (E) Improving shareholder engagement and increasing transparency around stewardship (PS19/13) [United Kingdom]
$\square$ (F) IORP II (Directive 2016/2341) [European Union]
$\square$ (G) Law on Energy and Climate (Article 29) [France]
$\square$ (H) MiFID II (2017/565) [European Union]
$\square$ (I) Modern Slavery Act [United Kingdom]
□ (J) PEPP Regulation (2019/1238) [European Union]
$\square$ (K) PRIIPS Regulation (2016/2340 and 2014/286) [European Union]
$\square$ (L) Regulation on the Integration of Sustainability Risks in the Governance of Insurance and Reinsurance Undertakings
(2021/1256) [European Union]
$\square$ (M) SFDR Regulation (2019/2088) [European Union]
□ (N) SRD II (Directive 2017/828) [European Union]
(O) The Occupational Pension Schemes Regulation on Climate Change Governance and Reporting [United Kingdom]
(P) Climate Risk Management (Guideline B-15) [Canada]
(Q) Continuous Disclosure Obligations (National Instrument 51-102) [Canada]
(R) Disposiciones de Carácter General Aplicables a los Fondos de Inversión y a las Personas que les Prestan Servicios
(SIEFORE) [Mexico]
(S) Instrucciones para la Integración de Dactores ASG en Los Mecanismos de Revelación de Información para FIC (External
Circular 005, updated) [Colombia]
☐ (T) Provides for the creation, operation, and disclosure of information of investment funds, as well as the provision of services
for the funds, and revokes the regulations that specifies (CVM Resolution No. 175) [Brazil]
☐ (U) SEC Expansion of the Names Rule [United States of America]
☐ (V) SEC Pay Ratio Disclosure Rule [United States of America]
☐ (W) ASIC RG65 Section 1013DA Disclosure Guidelines [Australia]
(X) Circular to Licensed Corporations: Management and Disclosure of Climate-related Risks by Fund Managers [Hong Kong
SAR]
☐ (Y) Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (FSCMA) [Republic of Korea]
☐ (Z) Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (FIEA) [Japan]
☐ (AA) Financial Markets Conduct Act [New Zealand]
☐ (AB) Guiding Opinions on Regulating the Asset Management Business of Financial Institutions [China]
☐ (AC) Guidelines on Environmental Risk Management for Asset Managers [Singapore]
$\square$ (AD) Guidelines on Sustainable and Responsible Investment Funds [Malaysia]



☐ (AE) Modern Slavery Act (2018) [Australia]

☐ (AF) Stewardship Code for all Mutual Funds and All Categories of AIFs [India]
☐ (AG) ADGM Sustainable Finance Regulatory Framework [United Arab Emirates]
☐ (AH) JSE Limited Listings Requirements [South Africa]
☐ (AI) Other
☐ (AJ) Other
☐ (AK) Other
☐ (AL) Other
☐ (AM) Other
(AN) Not applicable: our organisation did not report to any ESG-related legislation an

nd/or regulation during the reporting year.
Provide context:

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
ORO 2	CORE	N/A	N/A	PRIVATE	Other Responsible Investment Reporting Obligations	6

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During the reporting year, to which voluntary responsible investment/ESG frameworks did your organisation repor
☐ (A) Asset Owners Stewardship Code [Australia] ☐ (B) Código Brasileiro de Stewardship [Brazil]
☐ (C) New Zealand Stewardship Code
☐ (D) Principles for Responsible Institutional Investors (Stewardship Code) [Japan]
☐ (E) Stewardship Code [United Kingdom]
☐ (F) Stewardship Framework for Institutional Investors [United States of America]
☐ (G) CFA Institute ESG Disclosure Standards for Investment Products [Global]
☐ (H) Guidelines on Funds' Names using ESG or Sustainability-related Terms [European Union]
☐ (I) Luxflag ESG Label [Luxembourg]
☐ (J) RIAA Responsible Investment Certification Program [Australia]
☐ (K) SRI Label [France]
☐ (L) ANBIMA Code of Regulation and Best Practices of Investment Funds [Brazil]
☐ (M) Code for Institutional Investors 2022 [Malaysia]
☐ (N) Code for Responsible Investing in South Africa (CRISA 2) [South Africa]
☐ (O) Corporate Governance Guidelines [Canada]
☐ (P) Defined Contribution Code of Practice [United Kingdom]
(Q) European Association for Investors in Non-Listed Real Estate Vehicles (INREV) Guidelines [Global]
☐ (R) Global ESG Benchmark for Real Assets (GRESB) [Global]
☐ (S) Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) Impact Reporting and Investment Standards (IRIS+) [Global]
(T) OECD Guidelines for MNES - Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors [Global]
(U) UN Guiding Principles (UNGP) on Business and Human Rights [Global]
(V) Net Zero Asset Managers (NZAM) Initiative [Global]
(W) Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance (NZAOA) [Global]
<ul> <li>□ (X) Recommendations of the Taskforce for Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) [Global]</li> <li>□ (Y) The Net Zero Investment Framework (NZIF) 2.0 [Global]</li> </ul>
☐ (7) The Net Zero Investment Framework (NZIF) 2.0 [Global] ☐ (Z) Recommendations of the Taskforce for Nature-related Financial Disclosure (TNFD) [Global]
☐ (AA) Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards [Global]
☐ (AB) IFC Performance Standard [Global]
☐ (AC) International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) Standards [Global]
☐ (AD) Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Standards [Global]
☐ (AE) Other
□ (AF) Other
□ (AG) Other
☐ (AH) Other
(Al) Other

□ (Al) Other

(AJ) Not applicable; our organisation did not report to any voluntary responsible investment/ESG frameworks during the reporting year.

Provide context:



# **ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW (00)**

# **ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION**

# **REPORTING YEAR**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 1	CORE	N/A	N/A	PRIVATE	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	2024

# **SUBSIDIARY INFORMATION**

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

Does your organisation have subsidiaries?

o (A) Yes

**⊚** (B) No



# **ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT**

# **ALL ASSET CLASSES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 4	CORE	00 3	N/A	PRIVATE	All asset classes	GENERAL

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

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(A) AUM of your organisation, including subsidiaries not part of row (B), and excluding the AUM US\$ 95,129,849,795.00 subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research advisory only (B) AUM of subsidiaries that are PRI signatories in their own right and excluded from this US\$ 0.00 submission, as indicated in [OO 2.2] (C) AUM subject to execution, advisory, custody, or research US\$ 10,858,398,615.00 advisory only



# **ASSET BREAKDOWN**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5	CORE	OO 3	Multiple indicators	PRIVATE	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	99.8%	0%
(B) Fixed income	0%	0%
(C) Private equity	0%	0%
(D) Real estate	0%	0%
(E) Infrastructure	0%	0%
(F) Hedge funds	0.2%	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 indicato	r Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.3 LE	CORE	00 5	Multiple	PRIVATE	Asset breakdown: Internally managed listed equity	GENERAL
Provide a furth	er breakdown of you	ır internally manage	ed listed equity	AUM.		
(A) Passive e	equity 09	6				
(B) Active – q	juantitative 09	6				
(C) Active – for	undamental 10	00%				
(D) Other stra	ategies 09	6				

# ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED HEDGE FUND

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 5.3 HF	CORE	OO 5	00 11	PRIVATE	Asset breakdown: Internally managed hedge fund	GENERAL
Provide a further	breakdown of your i	nternally managed	l hedge fund as	ssets.		
(A) Multi-strate	ЭУ	0%				
(B) Long/short	equity	100%				
(C) Long/short	credit	0%				
(D) Distressed, and event-drive	special situations In fundamental	0%				
(E) Structured of	credit	0%				
(F) Global macı	ro	0%				
(G) Commodity	trading advisor	0%				



# **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 7	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	N/A	PRIVATE	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	(2) >0 to 10%
(I) Hedge funds	(2) >0 to 10%

# **STEWARDSHIP**

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 8	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PRIVATE	Stewardship	GENERAL

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

	(1) Listed equity - active	(8) Hedge funds
(A) Yes, through internal staff	☑	Ø
(B) Yes, through service providers		
(C) Yes, through external managers		
(D) We do not conduct stewardship	0	0



# STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 9 HF	CORE	OO 5	OO 9	PRIVATE	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

Does your organisation have direct investments in listed equity across your hedge fund strategies?

•	(A)	Yes
0	(B)	No

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 9	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PRIVATE	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	GENERAL

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

	(1) Listed equity - active	(3) Hedge funds
(A) Yes, through internal staff	Ø	
(B) Yes, through service providers		
(C) Yes, through external managers		
(D) We do not conduct (proxy) voting	O	0

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 9.1	CORE	OO 9	PGS 10.1, PGS 31	PRIVATE	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	(8) >60 to 70%
(C) Hedge funds	(12) 100%



# **ESG INCORPORATION**

# **INTERNALLY MANAGED ASSETS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 11	CORE	Multiple, see guidance	Multiple indicators	PRIVATE	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	•	0	
(M) Hedge funds - Long/short equity		0	

# **ESG STRATEGIES**

# **LISTED EQUITY**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 17 LE	CORE	00 11	OO 17.1 LE, LE 12	PRIVATE	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 100% (D) Screening and integration 0% (E) Thematic and integration 0%



(F) Screening and thematic	0%
(G) All three approaches combined	0%
(H) None	0%

# **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	PRIVATE	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 Provide the percentage of total AUM that your ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products or funds represent:

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

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 18.1	CORE	OO 18	OO 18.2	PRIVATE	Labelling and marketing	1

Do any of your ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products and/or funds hold formal ESG and/or RI certification(s) or label(s) awarded by a third party?

- o (A) Yes, our ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products and/or funds hold formal labels or certifications
- (B) No, our ESG and/or sustainability-marketed products and/or funds do not hold formal labels or certifications



# **SUMMARY OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
00 21	CORE	Multiple indicators	Multiple indicators	PRIVATE	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	•	0	0
Confidence Building Measures	•	0	0
(C) Listed equity – active – fundamental	•	0	0
(M) Hedge funds – Long/short equity	0	•	0

# **SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

# REPORT DISCLOSURE

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
OO 32	CORE	00 3, 00 31	N/A	PRIVATE	Report disclosure	GENERAL

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

- (A) Publish as absolute numbers
- o (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	PRIVATE	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
- $\square$  (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
- $\square$  (J) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement
- $\square$  (K) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders
- ☑ (L) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting
- $\square$  (M) Other responsible investment elements not listed here
- o (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	PRIVATE	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 Specify:

Our responsible investment policy includes guidelines on sustainability integration, sustainable products/services, corporate governance, employee relations (diversity, training & safety), environmental effects, supplier oversight, and reputational risks.

o (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	PRIVATE	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.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2022/01/cc374504a94a15e03e02345958ceea5f/boston-partners-esg-policy.pdf

 $\ \square$  (B) Guidelines on environmental factors

Add link:

https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2022/01/cc374504a94a15e03e02345958ceea5f/boston-partners-esg-policy.pdf

☑ (C) Guidelines on social factors

Add link:

https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2022/01/cc374504a94a15e03e02345958ceea5f/boston-partners-esg-policy.pdf

☑ (D) Guidelines on governance factors

Add link:

https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2022/01/cc374504a94a15e03e02345958ceea5f/boston-partners-esg-policy.pdf

☑ (E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes

Add link:

https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2022/01/cc374504a94a15e03e02345958ceea5f/boston-partners-esg-policy.pdf

(F) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors) Add link:

https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2022/01/cc374504a94a15e03e02345958ceea5f/boston-partners-esg-policy.pdf

(G) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors) Add link:

https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2022/01/cc374504a94a15e03e02345958ceea5f/boston-partners-esg-policy.pdf

☑ (H) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues
Add link:

https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2022/01/cc374504a94a15e03e02345958ceea5f/boston-partners-esg-policy.pdf

☑ (J) Guidelines on exclusions

Add link:

https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2022/01/cc374504a94a15e03e02345958ceea5f/boston-partners-esg-policy.pdf

(L) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees Add link:

https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2022/01/cc374504a94a15e03e02345958ceea5f/boston-partners-esg-policy.pdf

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

Add link:

https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2025/03/e699c5997cbf66559f10cd57a8b16d23/2025-proxy-voting-policies-and-procedures.pdf



o (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	PRIVATE	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:

Boston Partners incorporates a sustainability review of holdings into our investment process. A fiduciary must consider all factors that will materially affect the current and future valuation of a holding, including environmental, social, and governance factors. Boston Partners invests in well managed issuers with a catalyst for future growth. Well managed issuers consider sustainability to avoid reputational and regulatory risk, to be a good corporate citizen, and to capitalize on growth opportunities.

o (B) No

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

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

☑ (	A)	Overal	I stewards	ship objectiv	/es
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- ☐ (B) Prioritisation of specific ESG factors to be advanced via stewardship activities
- $\square$  (C) Criteria used by our organisation to prioritise the investees, policy makers, key stakeholders, or other entities on which to focus our stewardship efforts
- $\Box$  (D) How different stewardship tools and activities are used across the organisation
- ☐ (E) Approach to escalation in stewardship
- $\Box$  (F) Approach to collaboration in stewardship
- $\square$  (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

#### Additional context to your response(s): (Voluntary)

B) The Sustainability and Engagement Team is focused on the most material ESG topics for that specific business. Therefore, we are more likely to engage with issuers where ESG is material. However, we will also engage with issuers that initiate engagement as part of a regular shareholder outreach process including to discuss proxy related matters ahead of an issuers' annual general meeting. E) While we don't have a formal escalation policy within the firm, for an engagement that doesn't result in immediate progress, we continue to engage with that company or continue to vote against/withhold votes at the annual meeting if applicable. Furthermore, the information on the engagement is made available to the portfolio managers and fundamental analysts and if we believe the risk materially affects the investment's risk or return thesis, the lack of progress could potentially lead to an effect on our investment decision.



F) Boston Partners does not participate in collaborative engagements. All of Boston Partners' engagements are undertaken individually. During 2024, the Sustainability and Engagement team carried out 1,195 total engagements with 896 unique issuers. 100% of which were through direct engagement. We believe it is more effective. G) See conflicts section of our 2025 Proxy Policy and Procedures. https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2025/07/48908479a0bb67287803779e937c5501/2025-proxy-voting-policies-and-procedures-july-2025.pdf H) The Sustainability and Engagement Team provides to the fundamental analyst team an in-depth review of the sustainability issues for inclusion in the analyst's issuer assessment. These in-depth reviews are available through our internal database.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 6	CORE	PGS 1	N/A	PRIVATE	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
- o (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	00 9	N/A	PRIVATE	Responsible investment policy elements	2

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

- o (A) We have a publicly available policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme
- o (B) We have a policy to address (proxy) voting in our securities lending programme, but it is not publicly available
- o (C) We rely on the policy of our external service provider(s)
- o (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	PRIVATE	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) 1	.00%
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Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 9	CORE	PGS 2	N/A	PRIVATE	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

(A) Specific guidelines on climate change	(1) for all of our AUM
(B) Specific guidelines on human rights	(1) for all of our AUM
(C) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues	(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	PRIVATE	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
  - o (1) >0% to 10%
  - o (2) >10% to 20%
  - o (3) >20% to 30%
  - (4) >30% to 40%
  - o (5) >40% to 50%
  - o (6) >50% to 60%
  - o (7) >60% to 70%
  - (7) > 60% to 70% • (8) > 70% to 80%
  - o (9) >80% to 90%
  - o (10) >90% to <100%
  - **(11) 100%**

#### ☑ (F) Hedge funds

- (1) Percentage of AUM covered
  - o (1) >0% to 10%
  - o (2) >10% to 20%
  - o (3) >20% to 30%
  - o (4) >30% to 40%
  - o (5) >40% to 50%
  - o (6) >50% to 60%
  - (7) >60% to 70%
  - o (8) >70% to 80%
  - (9) >80% to 90%
  - o (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	PRIVATE	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
  - o (1) >0% to 10%
  - o (2) >10% to 20%
  - o (3) >20% to 30%
  - o (4) >30% to 40%
  - o (5) >40% to 50%
  - o (6) >50% to 60%
  - (7) >60% to 70%
  - o (8) >70% to 80%
  - o (9) >80% to 90%



- o (10) >90% to <100%
- o (11) 100%
- (2) If your AUM coverage is below 100%, explain why: (Voluntary)

Certain clients retain their proxy voting authority.

#### ☑ (C) Direct listed equity holdings in hedge fund portfolios

- (1) Percentage of your listed equity holdings over which you have the discretion to vote
  - o (1) >0% to 10%
  - o (2) >10% to 20%
  - o (3) >20% to 30%
  - (4) >30% to 40%
  - o (5) >40% to 50%
  - o (6) >50% to 60%
  - o (7) >60% to 70%
  - o (8) >70% to 80%
  - (8) >70% to 80%(9) >80% to 90%
  - o (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	PRIVATE	Roles and responsibilities	1

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

- $\square$  (A) Board members, trustees, or equivalent
- (B) Senior executive-level staff, or equivalent Specify:

Chief Executive Officer

☑ (C) Investment committee, or equivalent

Specify:

Governance Committee

 $\ \square$  (D) Head of department, or equivalent

Specify department:

Director of Sustainability and Engagement, Director of Research

o (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	PRIVATE	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)?

# (2) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department, or equivalent

(A) Overall approach to responsible investment	
(B) Guidelines on environmental, social and/or governance factors	
(C) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes	
(D) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)	
(E) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)	
(F) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues	
(H) Guidelines on exclusions	
(J) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees	
(M) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting	
(N) This role has no formal oversight over and accountability for any of the above elements covered in our responsible investment policy(ies)	0



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 11.2	CORE	N/A	N/A	PRIVATE	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?

- o (A) Yes
- o (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	PRIVATE	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:

The Sustainability and Engagement Team is responsible for implementing our approach to responsible investment. All responsible investment research is undertaken by the Sustainability and Engagement Team and provided to the Director of Research as well as the applicable fundamental financial analyst. The Director of Research, the Director of Sustainability and Engagement, and the Chief Executive Officer monitor the incorporation of responsible investment research into the investment process.

- ☐ (B) External investment managers, service providers, or other external partners or suppliers
- o (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 14	CORE	PGS 11	N/A	PRIVATE	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)

Indicate whether these responsible investment KPIs are linked to compensation

- **(1)** KPIs are linked to compensation
- o (2) KPIs are not linked to compensation as these roles do not have variable compensation
- o (3) KPIs are not linked to compensation even though these roles have variable compensation

Describe: (Voluntary)

Responsible investment KPIs are linked to compensation for the Director of Sustainability and Engagement and the Sustainability and Engagement Team. The key criteria are: 1) Volume of research and engagement activities undertaken; 2) Clarity and strength of analysis; 3) Oral communication as part of engagements or investment presentations; and 4) Knowledge of essential sustainability elements and trends.

o (B) No, we do not use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our senior executive-level staff (or equivalent)



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 15	PLUS	PGS 11	N/A	PRIVATE	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?

# (2) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department or equivalent

(A) Specific competence in climate change mitigation and adaptation	✓
(B) Specific competence in investors' responsibility to respect human rights	☑
(C) Specific competence in other systematic sustainability issues	☑
(D) The regular training of this senior leadership role does not include any of the above responsible investment competencies	0

# **EXTERNAL REPORTING AND DISCLOSURES**

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

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

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



#### Additional context to your response(s): (Voluntary)

Boston Partners has not updated our ESG policy since 2022. By request, we can share additional information with clients, which could include meeting materials which have ESG/sustainability data points for engagements, votes against management, conducted reviews., etc.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 17	CORE	N/A	N/A	PRIVATE	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?

- $\square$  (A) Yes, including governance-related recommended disclosures
- $\square$  (B) Yes, including strategy-related recommended disclosures
- ☐ (C) Yes, including risk management–related recommended disclosures
- □ (D) Yes, including applicable metrics and targets-related recommended disclosures
- (E) None of the above

Explain why: (Voluntary)

On the strategy level, Boston Partners runs a climate report through ISS every quarter of a representative account for each product which is shared with the CEO and co-CIO, portfolio managers and respective equity analysts. It includes climate scenario analysis, points out the top emitters in the portfolio, includes transition climate risk analysis, and physical climate risk analysis. The report also includes the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio as compared to the benchmark. We are happy to provide the climate report for any fund. On the firm level, Boston Partners collects electricity usage and water consumption data for its offices. Energy consumption is minimal as the majority of electricity use is from our headquarters in Boston where we occupy 2 1/2 floors of a leased LEED certified building. Water consumption is minimal given the office environment.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 19	CORE	N/A	N/A	PRIVATE	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?

- o (A) Yes, we publicly disclosed all of our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement
- o (B) Yes, we publicly disclosed some of our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement
- o (C) 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
- (D) 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	PRIVATE	Capital allocation	1

#### Which elements do your organisation-level exclusions cover?

⊐ (A)	Exclusions based	l on our organisation's	values or beliefs	regarding particular	sectors, p	oroducts oi	r services
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☐ (B) Exclusions based on our organisation's values or beliefs regarding particular regions or countries

 $\Box$  (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

 $\square$  (D) Exclusions based on our organisation's climate change commitments

☑ (E) Other elements

Specify:

Legally required exclusions (e.g. those required by domestic/international law, bans, treaties or embargoes).

o (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	PRIVATE	Capital allocation	1

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

- $\square$  (A) We incorporate ESG factors into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
- $\square$  (B) We incorporate climate change–related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
- ☐ (C) We incorporate human rights—related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
- □ (D) We incorporate risks and opportunities related to other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
- o (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	PRIVATE	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	(6) Hedge funds
(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.	Ο	0
(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 23	PLUS	OO 5, OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PRIVATE	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

How does your organisation, or the external service providers or external managers acting on your behalf, prioritise the investees or other entities on which to focus its stewardship efforts?

The Sustainability and Engagement Team engages regularly with most issuers. The Sustainability and Engagement Team informs each issuer of any sustainability deficiencies uncovered by its research, typically by letter/email and often followed by a conversation. The Sustainability and Engagement Team regularly addresses sustainability concerns with issuers that initiate engagement as part of a regular shareholder outreach process. The Sustainability and Engagement Team also sends a letter to each issuer regarding any proxy vote against a management recommendation. These letters often lead to further communication by the issuer with the Sustainability and Engagement Team. Boston Partners votes proxies for most of its clients and incorporates sustainability considerations into its proxy decisions. This process often leads to an extended dialogue that typically lasts several years with annual or biannual engagements.



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 24	CORE	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PRIVATE	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
- o (B) We collaborate on a case-by-case basis
- o (C) Other
- (D) We do not join collaborative stewardship efforts

#### Additional context to your response(s): (Voluntary)

Boston Partners does not participate in collaborative engagements. All of Boston Partners' engagements are undertaken individually. During 2024, the Sustainability and Engagement team carried out 1,195 total engagements with 896 unique issuers. 100% of which were through direct engagement. We believe direct engagement is more effective.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 24.1	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PRIVATE	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

Elaborate on your organisation's default position on collaborative stewardship, or the position of the external service providers or external investment managers acting on your behalf, including any other details on your overall approach to collaboration.

We don't believe that collaboration is as effective as our own engagement activities directly with the issuers. We have better access and better success acting alone.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 25	PLUS	OO 5, OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PRIVATE	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**
- o 2
- o 3
- 0 4
- o 5
- ☐ (B) External investment managers, third-party operators and/or external property managers, if applicable



☐ (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
☐ (D) Informal or unstructured collaborations with investors or other entities
(E) Formal collaborative engagements, e.g. PRI-coordinated collaborative engagements, Climate Action 100+, or simila
(F) We do not use any of these channels

#### Additional context to your response(s): (Voluntary)

The Sustainability and Engagement Team conducts original, independent ESG/sustainability research reviews on all long holdings across all strategies using primary source documents from the issuer such as annual report/10-K, proxy statement, sustainability report, etc. This includes new holdings and holdings that are due for an annual update.

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

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

Stewardship activities are undertaken by the Sustainability and Engagement Team and by the Governance Committee. Material matters are brought to the attention of the investment analyst responsible for coverage of the issuer.

# STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 29	CORE	OO 9, PGS 1	N/A	PRIVATE	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:

- o (2) in a majority of cases
- o (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:

- o (2) in a majority of cases
- o (3) in a minority of cases
- o (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	PRIVATE	Stewardship: (Proxy) voting	2

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

- o (A) We recall all securities for voting on all ballot items
- o (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
- o (C) Other
- o (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	PRIVATE	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)?

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

#### Additional context to your response(s): (Voluntary)

Our 2025 Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures are disclosed publicly. https://www.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2025/07/48908479a0bb67287803779e937c5501/2025-proxy-voting-policies-and-procedures-july-2025.pdf

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 32	CORE	OO 9	N/A	PRIVATE	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
- $\square$  (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
- $\circ$  (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

Additional context to your response(s): (Voluntary)



While we may privately communicate our voting intentions to investee companies prior to the AGM/EGM, we ensure that these communications are conducted in a manner consistent with the SEC's updated guidance on Schedule 13G eligibility.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 33	CORE	OO 9	PGS 33.1	PRIVATE	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.bostonpartners.com/uploads/2025/02/913b12d0378efff7194d877785358e42/2024-proxy-voting-summary.pdf

- o (B) Yes, for the majority of (proxy) votes
- o (C) Yes, for a minority of (proxy) votes
- o (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	PRIVATE	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?

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



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 34	CORE	00 9	N/A	PRIVATE	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	(1) for all votes	(2) for a majority of votes
(B) Yes, we privately communicated the rationale to the company	(1) for all votes	(2) for a majority of votes
(C) We did not publicly or privately communicate the rationale, or we did not track this information	٥	0
(D) Not applicable; we did not abstain or vote against management recommendations or ESG-related shareholder resolutions during the reporting year	0	0

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

https://www.bostonpartners.com/sustainability-documents/



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

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

We outsource the operations part of proxy voting to ISS. ISS states the following about their process: To explain our voting process as it relates to Boston Partners' accounts, I can confirm that a majority of your accounts are custodied at custodian banks that leverage Broadridge as the ballot provider. ISS utilizes a high degree of automation when it comes to our voting process with Broadridge where we have a consolidated data feed ("CDF") in place that is leveraged to send through the voting instructions submitted on your accounts. ISS does have a process in place that allows for us to confirm that Broadridge has sent ISS the correct ballots and that Broadridge has received the instructions correctly from ISS, which is completed through the CDF. If for any reason votes are not accepted or rejected, that information is also sent back to ISS as well from Broadridge. While there is a high degree of automation with our voting processes, any operational process that requires manual steps will have secondary reviews and/or redundancies built in as a fail-safe to ensure votes are submitted accurately. Lastly, ISS completes weekly calls with Broadridge to ensure seamless operational interactions and upper management dialogues to help ensure the relationship stays strong and every year we receive/review the SSAE 18 audit performed by Broadridge.

# 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	PRIVATE	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	(2) Direct listed equity holdings in hedge fund portfolios
(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		



(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	0	0

#### Additional context to your response(s): (Voluntary)

While we don't have a formal escalation policy within the firm, for an engagement that doesn't result in immediate progress, we continue to engage with that company or continue to vote against/withhold votes at the annual meeting, if applicable. Boston Partners' 2025 Proxy Policy and Procedures is publicly disclosed and provides the standard positions on likely issues for the upcoming proxy season. Furthermore, the information on the engagement is made available to the portfolio managers and fundamental analysts and if we believe the risk materiality affects the investment's risk or return thesis, the lack of progress could potentially lead to an effect on our investment decision.

## 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	PRIVATE	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, w	e endaded	with bolicy	v makers	airectiv
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- $\Box$  (B) Yes, we engaged with policy makers through the leadership of or active participation in working groups or collaborative initiatives, including via the PRI
- $\Box$  (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)



## **STEWARDSHIP: EXAMPLES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 40	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PRIVATE	Stewardship: Examples	2

	ide examples of stewardship activities that you conducted individually or collaboratively during the reporting year contributed to desired changes in the investees, policy makers or other entities with which you interacted.
	A) Example 1: itle of stewardship activity:
	Publication of an ESG/Sustainability report in accordance with GRI or SASB standards
(:	<ul> <li>(1) Internally led</li> <li>(2) External service provider led</li> <li>(3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager</li> <li>(2) Primary focus of stewardship activity</li> <li>(1) Environmental factors</li> <li>(2) Social factors</li> <li>(3) Governance factors</li> <li>(3) Governance factors</li> <li>(4) Listed equity</li> <li>(2) Fixed income</li> <li>(3) Private equity</li> <li>(4) Real estate</li> <li>(5) Infrastructure</li> <li>(6) Hedge funds</li> <li>(7) Forestry</li> <li>(8) Farmland</li> <li>(9) Other</li> <li>4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.</li> </ul>
	We encouraged an issuer to publish a sustainability report in accordance with GRI or SASB standards. Following our engagement, the issuer published its inaugural sustainability report incorporating many of our suggestions.
•	B) Example 2: itle of stewardship activity:
	Classified Board and Gender Diversity on the Board
(2	1) Led by  (1) Internally led (2) External service provider led (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager 2) Primary focus of stewardship activity (1) Environmental factors (2) Social factors (3) Governance factors (3) Asset class(es) (1) Listed equity (2) Fixed income (3) Private equity (4) Real estate (5) Infrastructure



<ul> <li>☐ (6) Hedge funds</li> <li>☐ (7) Forestry</li> <li>☐ (8) Farmland</li> <li>☐ (9) Other</li> <li>(4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution</li> </ul>
The Sustainability and Engagement Team encouraged an issuer to increase Board gender diversity and remove the classified Board structure. Soon after, the issuer declassified its Board and has ample diversity on the Board.
(C) Example 3: Title of stewardship activity:
Independent Board Chair
(1) Led by  (2) External service provider led (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager (2) Primary focus of stewardship activity (1) Environmental factors (2) Social factors (3) Governance factors (3) Asset class(es) (1) Listed equity (2) Fixed income (3) Private equity (4) Real estate (5) Infrastructure (6) Hedge funds (7) Forestry (8) Farmland (9) Other (4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution
The Sustainability and Engagement Team encouraged an issuer to appoint an independent Board Chair. Soon after, the issuer elect an independent Board Chair.
(D) Example 4: Title of stewardship activity:
Engagement focused on SBTi environmental targets and supplier audit data
(1) Led by  ② (1) Internally led  ○ (2) External service provider led  ○ (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager  (2) Primary focus of stewardship activity  ☑ (1) Environmental factors  ☑ (2) Social factors  ☑ (3) Governance factors  (3) Asset class(es)  ☑ (1) Listed equity  ☐ (2) Fixed income  ☐ (3) Private equity  ☐ (4) Real estate  ☐ (5) Infrastructure  ☐ (6) Hedge funds  ☐ (7) Forestry  ☐ (8) Farmland  ☐ (9) Other



(4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

We encouraged an issuer to disclose audit data regarding its supplier oversight program statistics and to create long-term GHG emission goals for 2030 and 2050. The issuer committed to setting SBTi-approved emissions reduction targets. The issuer also disclosed the extent of its supplier audits.

(E) Example 5:

Title of stewardship activity:

ESG oversight at the Board and Management level

- (1) Led by

  - o (2) External service provider led
  - o (3) Led by an external investment manager, real assets third-party operator and/or external property manager
- (2) Primary focus of stewardship activity
  - ☐ (1) Environmental factors
  - ☐ (2) Social factors
  - ☑ (3) Governance factors
- (3) Asset class(es)
  - ☑ (1) Listed equity
  - ☐ (2) Fixed income
  - $\square$  (3) Private equity
  - $\Box$  (4) Real estate
  - ☐ (5) Infrastructure
  - ☐ (6) Hedge funds
  - ☐ (7) Forestry
  - ☐ (8) Farmland
  - ☐ (9) Other
- (4) Description of the activity and what was achieved. For collaborative activities, provide detail on your individual contribution.

We encouraged an issuer to assign ESG oversight at the Board and management level. This is now implemented. The Board oversees the ESG strategy and Executive management approves the ESG strategy and provides the Board and its committees with updates on the ESG strategy, performance, and priorities.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 41	CORE	N/A	PGS 41.1	PRIVATE	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:

Specific financial risks from climate change are applicable to the fossil fuel, utilities, and insurance industries within our standard investment time horizon. Fossil fuel, utilities, and insurance sectors are all exposed to physical climate risk. Our standard investment time horizon is two to four years.

- ☐ (B) Yes, beyond our standard planning horizon
- o (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	PRIVATE	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:

Material climate-related risks and opportunities are considered as part of the financial risk or opportunity of each investment recommendation.

o (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 43	CORE	N/A	N/A	PRIVATE	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 preindustrial 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 Specify:

IEA Sustainable Development Scenario (SDS), Announced Pledges Scenario (APS), and Stated Policies Scenario (STEPS)

o (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	PRIVATE	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

The Sustainability and Engagement Team is responsible for identifying climate-related risks. Material climate-related risks for each investment are considered by investment analysts.

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



Climate-related information is part of our sustainability investment research and is provided to the financial analyst for consideration in investment recommendations. Material climate-related risks and opportunities are considered as part of the financial risk or opportunity of each investment recommendation.

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

(1) Describe your process

On the strategy level, Boston Partners runs a climate report through ISS every quarter of a representative account for each product which is shared with the CEO and co-CIO, portfolio managers and respective equity analysts. It includes climate scenario analysis, points out the top emitters in the portfolio, includes transition climate risk analysis, and physical climate risk analysis. The report also includes the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio as compared to the benchmark. We are happy to provide the climate report for any fund. On the firm level, Boston Partners collects electricity usage and water consumption data for its offices. Energy consumption is minimal as the majority of electricity use is from our headquarters in Boston where we occupy 2 1/2 floors of a leased LEED certified building. Water consumption is minimal given the office environment.

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

The investment team makes a recommendation about an issuer after consideration of all material risks including sustainability risks, of which climate risk is one element.

o (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	PRIVATE	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

- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric or variable used
  - o (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- (B) Exposure to transition risk
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used
    - o (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
    - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- ☐ (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
    - o (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
    - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- ☑ (E) Weighted average carbon intensity
  - (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
    - (1) Metric or variable used
    - o (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
    - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- ☐ (F) Avoided emissions
- **☑** (G) Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)
  - (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
    - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- $\hfill\square$  (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

- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric or variable used
  - o (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - o (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology
- $\square$  (J) Other metrics or variables
- (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	PRIVATE	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

#### Additional context to your response(s): (Voluntary)

On the firm level, Boston Partners collects electricity usage and water consumption data for its offices. Energy consumption is minimal as the majority of electricity use is from our headquarters in Boston where we occupy 2 1/2 floors of a leased LEED certified building. Water consumption is minimal given the office environment.

## SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 47	CORE	N/A	Multiple indicators	PRIVATE	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
- o (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	PRIVATE	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)
<ul> <li>(M) Our organisation did not use any widely recognised frameworks to identify the intended and unintended sustainability</li> </ul>
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	PRIVATE	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?

٦.	<b>(Δ)</b>	Identify	/ sustainability	/ outcomes	that are	closely	linked to	OUR CO	re investmen	t activities
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- $\Box$  (B) Consult with key clients and/or beneficiaries to align with their priorities
- $\square$  (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

Specify:

Our goal is to see improvements in the sustainable operations of each issuer annually.

 $\circ~$  (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	PRIVATE	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
- o (B) No, we have not yet taken action on any specific sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 48.1	PLUS	PGS 48	N/A	PRIVATE	Sustainability outcomes	1, 2

## Why has your organisation taken action on specific sustainability outcomes connected to its investment activities?

- ☑ (A) We believe that taking action on sustainability outcomes is relevant to our financial risks and returns over both short- and long-term horizons
- $\Box$  (B) We believe that taking action on sustainability outcomes, although not yet relevant to our financial risks and returns, will become so over a long-time horizon
- $\square$  (C) We have been requested to do so by our clients and/or beneficiaries
- ☑ (D) We want to prepare for and respond to legal and regulatory developments that are increasingly addressing sustainability outcomes
- ☑ (E) We want to protect our reputation, particularly in the event of negative sustainability outcomes connected to investments
- ☐ (F) We want to enhance our social licence-to-operate (i.e. the trust of beneficiaries, clients, and other stakeholders)
- ☐ (G) We believe that taking action on sustainability outcomes in parallel to financial return goals has merit in its own right
- ☐ (H) Other

## **HUMAN RIGHTS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 49	PLUS	PGS 47	PGS 49.1	PRIVATE	Human rights	1, 2

During the reporting year, what steps did your organisation take to identify and take action on the actual and potential negative outcomes for people connected to your investment activities?

☑ (A) We assessed the country level context of our potential and/or existing investments to understand how this could connect our organisation to negative human rights outcomes

Explain how these activities were conducted:

Our sustainability research includes an assessment of an issuer's supply chain with a focus on human rights. In particular, we ensure that our investee companies do not have a connection to Uighur forced labor in China.

- $\square$  (B) We assessed the sector context of our potential and/or existing investments to understand how this could connect our organisation to negative human rights outcomes
- $\square$  (C) We assessed the human rights performance of our potential and/or existing investments to understand how this could connect our organisation to negative human rights outcomes
- $\Box$  (D) We monitored severe and emerging human rights controversies to understand how this could connect our organisation to negative human rights outcomes
- $\Box$  (E) We took other steps to assess and manage the actual and potentially negative outcomes for people connected to our investment activities
- $\circ$  (F) We did not identify and take action on the actual and potentially negative outcomes for people connected to any of our investment activities during the reporting year



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 49.2	PLUS	PGS 47	N/A	PRIVATE	Human rights	1, 2

During the reporting year, what information sources did your organisation use to identify the actual and potential negative outcomes for people connected to its investment activities?

#### ☑ (A) Corporate disclosures

Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

The Sustainability and Engagement Team analyzes issuer's human rights statement.

#### ☑ (B) Media reports

Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

The Sustainability and Engagement Team searches the internet for articles/reports that identify any potential negative outcomes related to each issuer. Conducting interviews with human rights experts.

#### (C) Reports and other information from NGOs and human rights institutions

Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

The Sustainability and Engagement Team searches the internet for articles and/or reports that identify any potential negative outcomes related to each issuer. Conducting interviews with human rights experts.

#### (D) Country reports, for example, by multilateral institutions, e.g. OECD, World Bank

Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

The Department of Homeland Security's UFLPA Entity List.

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#### ☑ (F) Human rights violation alerts

Provide further detail on how your organisation used these information sources:

Subscribing to email alerts from Sourcing Journal.

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☐ (I) Information provided directly by affected stakeholders or their representatives

🗆 (J) Social media analys	is
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☐ (K) Other

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 50	PLUS	PGS 47	N/A	PRIVATE	Human rights	1, 2

During the reporting year, did your organisation, directly or through influence over investees, enable access to remedy for people affected by negative human rights outcomes connected to your investment activities?

$\square$ (A) Yes, we enabled access to remedy	directly for people affected by	y negative human rights oı	utcomes we caused or
contributed to through our investment act	iivities		



<sup>☑ (</sup>B) Yes, we used our influence to ensure that our investees provided access to remedies for people affected by negative human rights outcomes we were linked to through our investment activities

## Describe:

The Sustainability and Engagement Team has engaged with issuers regarding the alleged connection to Uighur forced labor to ensure that proper remedial actions are taken, as well as preventative measures for the future.

o (C) No, we did not enable access to remedy directly, or through the use of influence over investees, for people affected by negative human rights outcomes connected to our investment activities during the reporting year



# LISTED EQUITY (LE)

## **OVERALL APPROACH**

## **MATERIALITY ANALYSIS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 1	CORE	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	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	0
(E) No, we do not have a formal or informal process to identify and incorporate material ESG factors	0



## MONITORING ESG TRENDS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 2	CORE	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	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	0
(D) We do not monitor and review the implications of changing ESG trends on our listed equity strategies	0

#### (B) Yes, we have a formal process but it does not include scenario analysis - Specify: (Voluntary)

The Sustainability and Engagement Team undertakes original research into issuers looking at all available information including issuer documents such as the annual report, proxy, website, corporate responsibility report and any other disclosures. The Sustainability and Engagement Team informs each issuer of any sustainability deficiencies uncovered by its research, typically by letter/email and often followed by a conversation. The Sustainability and Engagement Team regularly addresses sustainability concerns with issuers that initiate engagement as part of a regular shareholder outreach process. The Sustainability and Engagement Team also sends a letter to each issuer regarding any proxy vote against a management recommendation. These letters often lead to further communication by the issuer with the Sustainability and Engagement Team. Boston Partners votes proxies for most of its clients and incorporates sustainability considerations into its proxy decisions. The Sustainability and Engagement Team monitors issuers for improvement on engagement topics and highlights improvements in our Quarterly Engagement Improvers Reports.



## **PRE-INVESTMENT**

## **ESG INCORPORATION IN RESEARCH**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 3	CORE	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	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	0



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 4	CORE	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	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	Ο



## **ESG INCORPORATION IN PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 5	PLUS	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	ESG incorporation in portfolio construction	1

Provide an example of how you incorporated ESG factors into your equity selection and research process during the reporting year.

1) The investment team declined to invest in an issuer despite favorable fundamental financial analysis because of the risk of future environmental liabilities and reputational risk resulting from the issuer's poor policies and management of its environmental operational risk. 2) The ESG team identified an issuer with ties to Uighur forced labor. The ESG team flagged this to the Portfolio Manager and the Portfolio Manager sold out of the position due to a high likelihood that the issuer used Uighur slave labor.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 6	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PRIVATE	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	
(C) Material ESG factors contribute to the country or region weighting of assets within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM
(D) Other ways material ESG factors contribute to your portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM



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

The holding period of individual assets within our portfolio is influenced by material ESG factors.

## POST-INVESTMENT

#### **ESG RISK MANAGEMENT**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 10	CORE	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	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 $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ 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 $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ 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 $\checkmark$ material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for our stewardship activities



(D) Yes, our formal process includes ad hoc reviews of  $\checkmark$ 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

## PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 11	PLUS	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	Performance monitoring	1

Provide an example of how the incorporation of ESG factors in your listed equity valuation or portfolio construction affected the realised returns of those assets.

Investment in an issuer that provides data center solutions. The issuer offers a liquid cooling technology that yields 50% energy savings at data centers. The issuer benefits from growing market demand for products that improve data center efficiency and reduce costs.



# **HEDGE FUNDS (HF)**

## **POLICY**

## **INVESTMENT GUIDELINES**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
HF 1	CORE	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	Investment guidelines	1, 4, 6

What activities, practices and/or relationships are covered by your organisation's responsible investment policy(ies) for the majority of your hedge fund assets?

- $\square$  (A) Our ESG requirements of prime brokers
- $\square$  (B) Our ESG requirements for administrators and custodians
- ☐ (C) Our ESG requirements regarding (proxy) voting service providers (or other third-party providers), where applicable
- $\Box$  (D) How breaches in our responsible investment policy are communicated to clients
- ☑ (E) How ESG is incorporated into our long and/or short exposures
- ☐ (F) Whether sectors, issuers, equities and/or asset types are excluded from the portfolio due to ESG factors
- ☐ (G) How we engage with underlying investees, issuers or real assets
- o (H) Our responsible investment policy(ies) does not specifically cover activities, practices and/or relationships for our hedge fund assets



## **OVERALL APPROACH**

## **MATERIALITY ANALYSIS**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
HF 2	CORE	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	Materiality analysis	1

Does your organisation have a formal investment process to identify and incorporate material ESG factors across your hedge fund strategies?

	(2) Long/short equity
(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 into risk assessment and the risk profile of the underlying exposures	(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	0
(E) No, we do not have a formal or informal process to identify and incorporate material ESG factors	0



## MONITORING ESG TRENDS

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
HF 3	CORE	OO 21	N/A	PRIVATE	Monitoring ESG trends	1

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

	(2) Long/short equity	
(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 hedge fund strategies; our investment professionals monitor and review the implications of changing ESG trends at their discretion	0	
(D) We do not monitor and review the implications of changing ESG trends on our hedge fund strategies	0	

#### (B) Yes, we have a formal process but it does not include scenario analyses - Specify: (Voluntary)

The Sustainability and Engagement Team undertakes original research into issuers looking at all available information including issuer documents such as the annual report, proxy, website and corporate responsibility report and any other disclosures. The Sustainability and Engagement Team informs each issuer of any sustainability deficiencies uncovered by its research, typically by letter/email and often followed by a conversation. The Sustainability and Engagement Team regularly addresses sustainability concerns with issuers that initiate engagement as part of a regular shareholder outreach process. The Sustainability and Engagement Team also sends a letter to each issuer regarding any proxy vote against a management recommendation. These letters often lead to further communication by the issuer with the Sustainability and Engagement Team. Boston Partners votes proxies for most of its clients and incorporates sustainability considerations into its proxy decisions. The Sustainability and Engagement Team monitors issuers for improvement on engagement topics and highlights improvements in our Quarterly Engagement Improvers Reports.



## PRE-INVESTMENT

## **ESG INCORPORATION IN RESEARCH**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
HF 4	CORE	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	ESG incorporation in research	1

How does your investment research incorporate material ESG risks and opportunities into the selection of listed companies or issuers of corporate debt?

## (2) Long/short equity (A) We incorporate material governance-related risks and opportunities that may affect the (1) in all cases products and services delivered by listed companies or issuers of corporate debt (B) We incorporate material environmental and social risks and opportunities that may affect the (1) in all cases products and services delivered by listed companies or issuers of corporate debt (C) We incorporate material environmental and social risks and opportunities that may arise from (1) in all cases how listed companies or issuers of corporate debt undertake their operations (D) We incorporate material environmental and social risks and opportunities linked to a listed (1) in all cases company or issuer or corporate debt supply chain (E) Other (F) Our investment research does not incorporate material ESG risks and opportunities into the selection 0 of listed companies or issuers of corporate debt



## **ESG INCORPORATION IN PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION**

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

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

	(2) Long/short equity
(A) Material ESG factors contribute to the selection of individual assets and financial instruments 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 and financial instruments within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	
(C) Material ESG factors contribute to the sector, country or regional weighting of assets and financial instruments within our portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM
(D) Material ESG factors contribute to determining the construction of short positions	
(E) Other ways material ESG factors contribute to your portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process	(1) for all of our AUM



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

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(E) Other ways material ESG factors contribute to your portfolio construction and/or benchmark selection process - Specify:

The holding period of individual assets within our portfolio is influenced by material ESG factors.

## POST-INVESTMENT

## **ESG RISK MANAGEMENT**

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
HF 8	CORE	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	ESG risk management	1

What compliance processes do you have in place to ensure that your hedge fund 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
- $\Box$  (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
- o (D) We do not have compliance processes in place to ensure that we meet our stated negative exclusionary screens
- (E) Not applicable; we do not conduct negative exclusionary screening on our hedge fund assets



Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
HF 9	CORE	00 21	N/A	PRIVATE	ESG risk management	1

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

## (2) Long/short equity (A) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ incidents and their implications for individual securities, issuers and financial instruments (B) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG $\checkmark$ incidents and their implications for other securities, issuers and financial instruments exposed to similar risks and/or incidents (C) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on **7** 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 $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ 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 own discretion



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



# **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	PRIVATE	Approach to confidence-building measures	6

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

- $\Box$  (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
- $\Box$  (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) Our responses in selected sections and/or the entirety of our PRI report were internally reviewed before submission to the PRI
- o (F) We did not verify the information submitted in our PRI report this reporting year

#### INTERNAL REVIEW

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
СВМ 6	CORE	CBM 1	N/A	PRIVATE	Internal review	6

#### Who in your organisation reviewed the responses submitted in your PRI report this year?

- $\square$  (A) Board, trustees, or equivalent
- ☑ (B) Senior executive-level staff, investment committee, head of department, or equivalent Sections of PRI report reviewed
  - (1) the entire report
  - o (2) selected sections of the report
- o (C) None of the above internal roles reviewed selected sections or the entirety of the responses submitted in our PRI report this year

