



## **PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY REPORT**

**2023**

**Axiom Investors**

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# About this report

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

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

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

This public Transparency Report is an export of the signatory's responses to the PRI Reporting Framework during the 2023 reporting period. It includes the signatory's responses to core indicators, as well as responses to plus indicators that the signatory has agreed to make public.

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

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

## Disclaimers

### 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.

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This document presents information reported directly by signatories in the 2023 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	PUBLIC	Senior Leadership Statement	GENERAL

#### Section 1. Our commitment

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

Axiom is an investor led, performance driven partnership implementing a differentiated fundamental, bottom-up, dynamic growth investment philosophy across the entire organization. We have integrated ESG analysis into our consistent, firmwide philosophy and process since the firm's inception. Axiom's motivation for integrating responsible investment into our process and corporate culture lies in our belief that strong ESG investment policies are a critical consideration for optimizing investment outcomes, for social and environmental well-being and for the creation of sustainable financial value in a company. Incorporating responsible investment into our holistic approach to stock selection, including the analysis and review of relevant ESG factors from both a risk and return perspective, gives us the ability to not only fulfill our duty to act in the best interest of our clients, as well as for advancing a more sustainable world.

Regarding our approach to responsible investment, Axiom considers environmental, social and governance (ESG) information when assessing the return potential and riskiness of an investment opportunity. Unique to Axiom is our use of Axware, our proprietary research database, to track and monitor data points, inclusive of ESG related information. We are an ESG positive change manager incorporating ESG analysis into our understanding of a company's alpha potential, particularly the company's potential for positive changes in ESG. From a risk perspective, we conduct a full evaluation of the environmental, social, and governance risk factors. While we are not exclusionary in our approach, a company's overall risk rating will be significantly affected by the ESG risk associated with the investment.

Should a company receive a poor ESG risk score, we seek to actively engage through management meetings, proxy voting, and other methods to ensure the ESG issues we have outlined are being addressed and improved upon. We evaluate progress on an ongoing basis and incorporate those developments into our proprietary risk and return rating, which influences our position sizing and proxy voting. The main difference with our approach is our belief that positive changes in the ESG attributes of a company influence relative share price performance in a way that is directly correlated with our dynamic growth philosophy and approach. Our structured, transparent and repeatable framework ensures that we consistently account for a variety of ESG factors as part of our duty to act in the best interests of our clients.

#### 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

Axiom's ESG Committee reviews responsible investment objectives and initiatives at each meeting. The following topics are areas we focused on during the past reporting year: 1. Responsible investment process - From a data perspective, Axiom contracted with MSCI to onboard their MSCI SDG Alignment and PAI reporting tools. We also continued to build out our client ESG reporting process and enhanced and standardized the process for cataloging and categorizing engagements. 2. Engagements - Axiom continued to focus on quality engagements with holding companies to advance positive change. 3. Collaboration - Axiom continued to engage collaboratively across a number of platforms, including ShareAction, ClimateAction 100+, and Ceres. 4. Responsible investment certifications - Axiom's UCITS funds were classified as Article 8 compliant under SFDR regulation.

### Section 3. Next steps

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

On an annual basis, we review new ways in which we can engage collaboratively, continue to work with clients on custom reporting, and work towards medium and long-term net zero goals.

### 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

Lindsay Chamberlain

Position

Managing Director of Client Partnerships

Organisation's Name

Axiom Investors

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

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# ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW (OO)

## ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

### REPORTING YEAR

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

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

	Date	Month	Year
Year-end date of the 12-month period for PRI reporting purposes:	31	12	2022

## SUBSIDIARY INFORMATION

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

Does your organisation have subsidiaries?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

## ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

### ALL ASSET CLASSES

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

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

USD

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

US\$ 16,580,902,547.00

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

US\$ 0.00

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

US\$ 580,021,780.00

### ASSET BREAKDOWN

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

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

	(1) Percentage of Internally managed AUM	(2) Percentage of Externally managed AUM
(A) Listed equity	98.56%	0%
(B) Fixed income	0%	0%
(C) Private equity	0%	0%
(D) Real estate	0%	0%
(E) Infrastructure	0%	0%
(F) Hedge funds	1.44%	0%
(G) Forestry	0%	0%
(H) Farmland	0%	0%
(I) Other	0%	0%
(J) Off-balance sheet	0%	0%

## ASSET BREAKDOWN: INTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED EQUITY

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

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

(A) Passive equity	0%
(B) Active – quantitative	0%
(C) Active – fundamental	100%



(D) Other strategies 0%

## 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	OO 11	PUBLIC	Asset breakdown: Internally managed hedge fund	GENERAL

**Provide a further breakdown of your internally managed hedge fund assets.**

(A) Multi-strategy 0%

(B) Long/short equity 100%

(C) Long/short credit 0%

(D) Distressed, special situations  
and event-driven fundamental 0%

(E) Structured credit 0%

(F) Global macro 0%

(G) Commodity trading advisor 0%

(H) Other strategies 0%

## GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

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

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

### AUM in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies

(A) Listed equity	(6) >40 to 50%
(I) Hedge funds	(2) >0 to 10%

## STEWARDSHIP

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

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

	(1) Listed equity - active	(8) Hedge funds
(A) Yes, through internal staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Yes, through service providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(C) Yes, through external managers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(D) We do not conduct  
stewardship

## STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING

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

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

(A) Yes

(B) No

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

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

(1) Listed equity - active

(3) Hedge funds

(A) Yes, through internal staff

(B) Yes, through service providers

(C) Yes, through external  
managers

(D) We do not conduct (proxy)  
voting

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

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

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

(A) Listed equity – active	(12) 100%
(C) Hedge funds	(12) 100%

## ESG INCORPORATION

### INTERNALLY MANAGED ASSETS

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

For each internally managed asset class, does your organisation incorporate ESG factors 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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(M) Hedge funds - Long/short equity	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# ESG STRATEGIES

## LISTED EQUITY

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

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

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

(A) Screening alone 0%

(B) Thematic alone 0%

(C) Integration alone 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	PUBLIC	Labelling and marketing	1

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

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

## SUMMARY OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

(M) Hedge funds – Long/short equity

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### REPORT DISCLOSURE

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

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

(A) Publish as absolute numbers

(B) Publish as ranges

## POLICY, GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY (PGS)

### POLICY

#### RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY ELEMENTS

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

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

(A) Overall approach to responsible investment

(B) Guidelines on environmental factors

(C) Guidelines on social factors

(D) Guidelines on governance factors

(E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes

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

(G) Guidelines on exclusions

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

(I) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with investees

(J) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement

(K) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders

(L) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting

(M) Other responsible investment elements not listed here

(N) Our organisation does not have a formal responsible investment policy and/or our policy(ies) do not cover any responsible investment elements

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

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

- (A) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)
- (B) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)
- (C) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues

Specify:

Evaluation and Measurement – Environmental & Social

In order to assess and measure the environmental and social characteristics of a company, Axiom will use a combination of:

Axiom's internal assessment of the environmental and social characteristics that are qualitatively analyzed as part of Axiom's fundamental investment process

Axiom's assessment of the models provided by the SFDR's mandatory principal adverse indicators ("PAIs")

Axiom's use of third-party ESG ratings providers, such as MSCI, to measure and monitor the Environmental and Social Pillar scores assessed at the company level as well as compliance with the UN Global Compact

Axiom may use additional third party ESG indicators such as RepRisk and Bloomberg, amongst others. Fluctuations in sustainability indicators may reflect the evolution of the composition of individual strategies.

- 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	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy elements	6

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

- (A) Overall approach to responsible investment

Add link:

<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-ESG-Policy-2023.pdf>

- (B) Guidelines on environmental factors

Add link:

<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-ESG-Policy-2023.pdf>

- (C) Guidelines on social factors

Add link:



<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-ESG-Policy-2023.pdf>

**(D) Guidelines on governance factors**

Add link:

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**(E) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes**

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**(F) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)**

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<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-ESG-Policy-2023.pdf>

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

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<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-ESG-Policy-2023.pdf>

**(H) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues**

Add link:

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

Add link:

<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-ESG-Policy-2023.pdf>

**(J) Guidelines on exclusions**

Add link:

<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-ESG-Policy-2023.pdf>

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

Add link:

<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-Proxy-Voting-Policy-.docx.pdf>

**(M) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement**

Add link:

<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-Engagement-Policy-2021.pdf>

**(N) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders**

Add link:

<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-Engagement-Policy-2021.pdf>

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

Add link:

<https://axiominvestors.com/wp-content/uploads/Axiom-Investors-Proxy-Voting-Policy-.docx.pdf>

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

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

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

(A) Yes

Elaborate:

In our role as fiduciary of our clients' assets, we exercise active ownership by engaging with management and, when appropriate, using proxy votes as an additional mechanism for communicating our views to companies. To advance favorable outcomes, all portfolio managers and analysts are involved in the integration and incorporation of ESG considerations throughout our investment process, including regular engagement with and ongoing monitoring of portfolio companies.

(B) No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY COVERAGE

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

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

### Combined AUM coverage of all policy elements

(A) Overall approach to responsible investment  
 (B) Guidelines on environmental factors (7) 100%  
 (C) Guidelines on social factors  
 (D) Guidelines on governance factors

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

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

#### AUM coverage

(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	PUBLIC	Responsible investment policy coverage	2

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

(A) Listed equity

(1) Percentage of AUM covered

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

(11) 100%

(F) Hedge funds

(1) Percentage of AUM covered

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

(11) 100%

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

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

(A) Actively managed listed equity

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

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

(11) 100%

(C) Direct listed equity holdings in hedge fund portfolios

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

- (1) >0% to 10%
- (2) >10% to 20%
- (3) >20% to 30%
- (4) >30% to 40%
- (5) >40% to 50%
- (6) >50% to 60%
- (7) >60% to 70%

- (8) >70% to 80%
- (9) >80% to 90%
- (10) >90% to <100%
- (11) 100%

## GOVERNANCE

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Axiom's ESG committee has formal oversight over and accountability for responsible investment. The committee has representation from senior executive-level staff from the investment team, compliance, operations, CEO, and investor relations.

- (C) Investment committee, or equivalent
- (D) Head of department, or equivalent
- (E) None of the above bodies and roles have oversight over and accountability for responsible investment

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

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

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

(A) Overall approach to responsible investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Guidelines on environmental, social and/or governance factors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) Guidelines on sustainability outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) Specific guidelines on climate change (may be part of guidelines on environmental factors)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(E) Specific guidelines on human rights (may be part of guidelines on social factors)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(F) Specific guidelines on other systematic sustainability issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(G) Guidelines tailored to the specific asset class(es) we hold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(H) Guidelines on exclusions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(I) Guidelines on managing conflicts of interest related to responsible investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(K) Stewardship: Guidelines on overall political engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(L) Stewardship: Guidelines on engagement with other key stakeholders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(M) Stewardship: Guidelines on (proxy) voting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(N) This role has no formal oversight over and accountability for any of the above elements covered in our responsible investment policy(ies)

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

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

(A) Yes

Describe how you do this:

Axiom's Engagement Policy notes that Axiom's ESG Committee reviews all potential policy engagements, memberships in industry groups, potential public statements/disclosures, participation in public debates, and commentary to ensure alignment, including with our position on sustainable finance.

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

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

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

(A) Internal role(s)

Specify:

The responsibility of implementing our firm's approach to responsible investment is shared across functional areas of the firm, including chief-level staff, portfolio managers, investment analysts, and investor relations.

- (B) External investment managers, service providers, or other external partners or suppliers
- (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	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

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

**● (A) Yes, we use responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of our senior executive-level staff (or equivalent)**

Indicate whether these responsible investment KPIs are linked to compensation

**● (1) KPIs are linked to compensation**

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

Describe: (Voluntary)

Axiom uses responsible investment KPIs to evaluate the performance of senior executive-level staff and equivalent. Depending on the role of the senior-level executive staff member, there are a variety of responsible investment KPIs linked to the discretionary portion of compensation.

- (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	PUBLIC	Roles and responsibilities	1

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

**(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

## EXTERNAL REPORTING AND DISCLOSURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Link to example of public disclosures

<https://axiominvestors.com/sfdr-sustainable-risk-policy-disclosure/>

- (B) Disclosures against the European Union's Taxonomy
- (C) Disclosures against the CFA's ESG Disclosures Standard
- (D) Disclosures against other international standards, frameworks or regulations
- (E) Disclosures against other international standards, frameworks or regulations
- (F) Disclosures against other international standards, frameworks or regulations
- (G) Disclosures against other international standards, frameworks or regulations

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

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

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

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- (B) No, we did not publicly disclose our membership in and support for trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement
- (C) Not applicable, we were not members in or supporters of any trade associations, think tanks, or similar bodies that conduct any form of political engagement during the reporting year

# STRATEGY

## CAPITAL ALLOCATION

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

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

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

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

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

- (A) We incorporate ESG factors into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns  
Select from dropdown list:
  - (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- (B) We incorporate climate change-related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns  
Select from dropdown list:
  - (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- (C) We incorporate human rights-related risks and opportunities into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns  
Select from dropdown list:
  - (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
- (D) We incorporate risks and opportunities related to other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns  
Select from dropdown list:
  - (1) for all of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - (2) for a majority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation
  - (3) for a minority of our AUM subject to strategic asset allocation

Specify: (Voluntary)

- (E) We do not incorporate ESG factors, climate change, human rights or other systematic sustainability issues into our assessment of expected asset class risks and returns
- (F) Not applicable; we do not have a strategic asset allocation process

## STEWARDSHIP: OVERALL STEWARDSHIP STRATEGY

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

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

### (1) Listed equity

### (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.



(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	PUBLIC	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?**

Prioritization is based on the combination of perceived organizational impact possible and the probability of success against the stated milestones.

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

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

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

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 24.1	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	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.**

Axiom collaborates closely with our external service providers on the content and appropriate approach for engaging with companies and continue to partner together throughout the engagement process to enhance the probability of successful outcomes. Axiom also actively seeks other opportunities to collaborate on engagement initiatives that pertain to our existing investments and actively collaborates with external subject matter experts through our Axiom Speaker Series.

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

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

**(A) Internal resources, e.g. stewardship team, investment team, ESG team, or staff**

Select from the list:

- 1
- 3
- 4
- 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 similar**

Select from the list:

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

- (F) We do not use any of these channels

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

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

Axiom defines specific objectives for our stewardship activities. Regarding engagement, our communications with management teams depend on the risk/return analysis conducted by our investment team. We seek to discuss ESG risks as well as opportunities via management engagements which can include communications with investor relations personnel, management teams, and Board representatives. Our discussions may occur during all stages of our investment process. Our interactions focus on a variety of issues, including but not limited to, business strategy, management compensation, internal risk controls, financial disclosure, and environmental and social factors. If we have identified a specific issue or practice that causes concern or requires more information to properly evaluate, we raise our concern through direct engagement and then actively monitor any actions taken in response. Any developments are documented via Axware, our research database, and are incorporated into our proprietary risk and return rating for each holding, which influences our buy-sell decisions, position sizing, and proxy voting.

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 28	PLUS	OO 8, OO 9	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Overall stewardship strategy	2

**If relevant, provide any further details on your organisation's overall stewardship strategy.**

Axiom was founded in 1998. Our sole line of business is to provide investment management services to our global institutional client base across 11 equity strategies. As institutional investors focused on achieving our client's objectives, we strive to build long-term strategic partnerships through transparency, collaboration, and responsible stewardship. Stewardship at Axiom is implemented through meaningful engagement in the companies we invest in, active proxy voting, the filing of shareholder resolutions, and monitoring real-time ESG data using our proprietary research database and ratings framework. We are 100% employee owned, with partner representation in every facet of our business ensuring that each of Axiom's employees are dedicated to holistically integrating our stewardship objectives and helping our clients achieve their investment objectives. We pride ourselves on creating and maintaining a culture of excellence and accountability in service of our clients' assets and in accordance with our fiduciary duty.

**STEWARDSHIP: (PROXY) VOTING**

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

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

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

Select from the below list:

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

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

Select from the below list:

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

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

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

- (A) We recall all securities for voting on all ballot items



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Yes, for all (proxy) votes

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

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

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

(A) Within one month of the AGM/EGM

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

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

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

**(1) In cases where we abstained or voted against management recommendations**

**(2) In cases where we voted against an ESG-related shareholder resolution**

(A) Yes, we publicly disclosed the rationale	(1) for all votes	(1) for all votes
(B) Yes, we privately communicated the rationale to the company		
(C) We did not publicly or privately communicate the rationale, or we did not track this information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(D) Not applicable; we did not abstain or vote against management recommendations or ESG-related shareholder resolutions during the reporting year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

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

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

Axiom has adopted proxy voting policies and guidelines with respect to securities owned by clients for which Axiom serves as investment adviser and has the power to vote proxies. The policies are designed to reasonably ensure that Axiom votes proxies in the best interest of clients for which it has voting authority and describe how Axiom addresses material conflicts between its interests and those of its clients. Axiom considers, but is not required to adhere to, the proxy voting guidelines established by ISS's Sustainability Policy, our service provider, when casting proxy votes on behalf of clients. ISS's Sustainability

Policy guidelines can be found at the link below:

<https://www.issgovernance.com/file/policy/active/specialty/Sustainability-US-Voting-Guidelines.pdf>

Our independent third-party service provider, ISS, specializes in providing a variety of fiduciary-level proxy related services to institutional investment managers, included sustainability specific policies. They provide us with in-depth research, voting recommendations, vote execution and recordkeeping. However, Axiom recognizes that there are certain types of proposals that may result in different voting positions being taken with respect to the different issuers. Some items that otherwise would be acceptable will be voted against the proponent when it is seeking extremely broad flexibility without offering adequate justification.

In order to ensure adherence to the agreed-upon voting policy, Axiom's compliance department conducts quarterly reviews of all proxy voting activities relative to ISS's Sustainability Policy guidelines.

In instances where the investment team has identified a potential exception to the policy and would like to vote in a different manner, a detailed rationale is compiled and then goes for approval by the investment team and compliance team. Upon approval, Axiom's operations team logs into the service-providers portal and manually overrides the particular vote. All exceptions are logged and maintained by Axiom's compliance team.

## STEWARDSHIP: ESCALATION

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

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

	(1) Listed equity	(2) Direct listed equity holdings in hedge fund portfolios
(A) Joining or broadening an existing collaborative engagement or creating a new one	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Filing, co-filing, and/or submitting a shareholder resolution or proposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) Publicly engaging the entity, e.g. signing an open letter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) Voting against the re-election of one or more board directors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(E) Voting against the chair of the board of directors, or equivalent, e.g. lead independent director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(F) Divesting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(G) Litigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(H) Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(I) In the past three years, we did not use any of the above escalation measures for our listed equity holdings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## STEWARDSHIP: ENGAGEMENT WITH POLICY MAKERS

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

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

- (A) Yes, we engaged with policy makers directly
- (B) Yes, we engaged with policy makers through the leadership of or active participation in working groups or collaborative initiatives, including via the PRI**
- (C) Yes, we were members of, supported, or were in another way affiliated with third party organisations, including trade associations and non-profit organisations, that engage with policy makers, excluding the PRI
- (D) We did not engage with policy makers directly or indirectly during the reporting year beyond our membership in the PRI

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39.1	CORE	PGS 39	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

During the reporting year, what methods did you, or the external investment managers or service providers acting on your behalf, use to engage with policy makers as part of your responsible investment approach?

- (A) We participated in 'sign-on' letters**
- (B) We responded to policy consultations**
- (C) We provided technical input via government- or regulator-backed working groups**

Describe:

Axiom worked with ShareAction to provide technical input to facilitate advancements in the Health Star Rating system.

- (D) We engaged policy makers on our own initiative
- (E) Other methods

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 39.2	CORE	PGS 39	N/A	PUBLIC	Stewardship: Engagement with policy makers	2

During the reporting year, did your organisation publicly disclose details of your engagement with policy makers conducted as part of your responsible investment approach, including through external investment managers or service providers?

- (A) We publicly disclosed all our policy positions

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- (B) We publicly disclosed details of our engagements with policy makers

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- (C) No, we did not publicly disclose details of our engagement with policy makers conducted as part of our responsible investment approach during the reporting year

## CLIMATE CHANGE

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

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

- (A) Yes, within our standard planning horizon

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

Axiom thinks about climate risk in the context of our standard investment horizon and the risks and opportunities associated with our portfolio companies.

- (B) Yes, beyond our standard planning horizon

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

Axiom considers climate related risk and commitment to TCFD, including carbon neutrality by 2050. Axiom considers company opportunities through the lens of that time frame as well.

- (C) No, we have not identified climate-related risks and/or opportunities affecting our investments

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

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

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

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

We consider climate related risks as we do all potential financial and enterprise level risks in thinking about portfolio composition and overall strategy positioning.

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

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

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

- (A) Coal
- (B) Gas
- (C) Oil
- (D) Utilities
- (E) Cement
- (F) Steel
- (G) Aviation
- (H) Heavy duty road
- (I) Light duty road
- (J) Shipping
- (K) Aluminium
- (L) Agriculture, forestry, fishery
- (M) Chemicals
- (N) Construction and buildings
- (O) Textile and leather
- (P) Water
- (Q) Other

Specify:

With the exception of monitoring companies for UNGC Compliance, Axiom reviews all companies from a bottom-up perspective regardless of sector.

Describe your strategy:

Axiom conducts a holistic analysis to take into account the risk and return potential of any given company from an ESG perspective.

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

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

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

- (A) Yes, using the Inevitable Policy Response Forecast Policy Scenario (FPS) or Required Policy Scenario (RPS)
- (B) Yes, using the One Earth Climate Model scenario
- (C) Yes, using the International Energy Agency (IEA) Net Zero scenario
- (D) Yes, using other scenarios**  
Specify:

Axiom uses the MSCI Climate Value at Risk metric to assess the resilience of our investment strategy in different climate scenarios.

- (E) No, we have not assessed the resilience of our investment strategy in different climate scenarios, including one that holds temperature rise to below 2 degrees

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

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

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

Axiom assesses climate risk exposure at the security level as part of our ESG environmental impact assessment. Axiom believes that the transition associated with shifting to a low-carbon economy present both risks and opportunities for companies and sectors that could impact cost of capital as well as competitive positioning.

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

Axiom's investment team's strategy to identify and manage material climate-related risks and opportunities is embedded in our ESG policy. We primarily focus on tracking and monitoring real-time and forward-looking ESG related data rather than an exclusive focus on historic ESG ratings and scores. All relevant and material ESG considerations are systematically evaluated and expressed within Axiom's ratings worksheet which is prepared for every portfolio owned security. This fundamental rating directly informs our buy and sell decisions, as well as our position sizing, ensuring we uniformly account for these factors without compromising our fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of our clients.

- (B) Yes, we have a process to manage climate-related risks**  
(1) Describe your process



The investment team is committed to identifying companies that can sustain world class governance and to remain attentive to potential environmental or social risks, particularly where those risks could create liabilities for shareholders. Moreover, we view thematic exposure to sustainability trends as a potential tailwind to shareholder's returns and where appropriate, seek out such investments. As our consideration of ESG factors is deeply integrated into our investment process, Axiom does not silo responsibility of research and analysis of such factors. Rather, Axiom's investment team shares in the responsibility of identifying ESG risks as part of our risk/return assessment of potential investments as well as reporting on ESG specific engagement and/or data points in Axware.

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

The physical climate-related risks are explicitly reflected in our proprietary rating for securities and the resulting weighting in portfolios. As those risks evolve (either due to policy or commercial reasons) and influence the cost of capital as well as competitive positioning, the return or risk rating within our framework can be adjusted to more accurately reflect the changing dynamics. Any ratings adjustment directly impacts security weightings and portfolio composition across our investment strategies.

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

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

**During the reporting year, which of the following climate risk metrics or variables affecting your investments did your organisation use and 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
  - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - **(3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology**
- (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable

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**(B) Exposure to transition risk**

- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric or variable used
  - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - **(3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology**
- (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable

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(C) Internal carbon price

**(D) Total carbon emissions**

- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric or variable used
  - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - **(3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology**
- (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable

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**(E) Weighted average carbon intensity**

- (1) Indicate whether this metric or variable was used and disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric or variable used
  - (2) Metric or variable used and disclosed
  - (3) Metric or variable used and disclosed, including methodology**
- (2) Provide link to the disclosed metric or variable, including the methodology followed, as applicable

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- (F) Avoided emissions
- (G) Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)
- (H) Non-ITR measure of portfolio alignment with UNFCCC Paris Agreement goals
- (I) Proportion of assets or other business activities aligned with climate-related opportunities
- (J) Other metrics or variables
- (K) Our organisation did not use or disclose any climate risk metrics or variables affecting our investments during the reporting year

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

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

**(A) Scope 1 emissions**

- (1) Indicate whether this metric was disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric disclosed
  - (2) Metric and methodology disclosed**
- (2) Provide links to the disclosed metric and methodology, as applicable

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**(B) Scope 2 emissions**

- (1) Indicate whether this metric was disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric disclosed
  - (2) Metric and methodology disclosed**
- (2) Provide links to the disclosed metric and methodology, as applicable

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**(C) Scope 3 emissions (including financed emissions)**

- (1) Indicate whether this metric was disclosed, including the methodology
  - (1) Metric disclosed
  - (2) Metric and methodology disclosed**
- (2) Provide links to the disclosed metric and methodology, as applicable

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- (D) Our organisation did not disclose its Scope 1, Scope 2, or Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions during the reporting year

## SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (A) Identify sustainability outcomes that are closely linked to our core investment activities
- (B) Consult with key clients and/or beneficiaries to align with their priorities
- (C) Assess which actual or potential negative outcomes for people are most severe based on their scale, scope, and irremediable character
- (D) Identify sustainability outcomes that are closely linked to systematic sustainability issues
- (E) Analyse the input from different stakeholders (e.g. affected communities, civil society, trade unions or similar)
- (F) Understand the geographical relevance of specific sustainability outcome objectives
- (G) Other method
- (H) We have not yet determined the most important sustainability outcomes connected to our investment activities

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

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

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

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
PGS 48.1	PLUS	PGS 48	N/A	PUBLIC	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
- (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
- (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	PUBLIC	Human rights	1, 2

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

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

Explain how these activities were conducted:

Axiom uses MSCI ESG Manager to identify the UNGC compliance of holding companies as well as our own fundamental analysis to determine the human rights impact of our investment decisions.

(B) We assessed whether individuals at risk or already affected might be at heightened risk of harm

(C) We consulted with individuals and groups who were at risk or already affected, their representatives and/or other relevant stakeholders such as human rights experts

(D) We took other steps to assess and manage the actual and potentially negative outcomes for people connected to our investment activities

(E) 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	PUBLIC	Human rights	1, 2

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

**(A) Corporate disclosures**

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

The content was incorporated into our fundamental analysis of the relevant company.

**(B) Media reports**

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

The content was incorporated into our fundamental analysis of the relevant company.

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

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

The content was incorporated into our fundamental analysis of the relevant company.

**(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 content was incorporated into our fundamental analysis of the relevant company.

**(E) Data provider scores or benchmarks**

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

The content was incorporated into our fundamental analysis of the relevant company.

**(F) Human rights violation alerts**

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

The content was incorporated into our fundamental analysis of the relevant company.

**(G) Sell-side research**

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

The content was incorporated into our fundamental analysis of the relevant company.

(H) Investor networks or other investors

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

(J) Social media analysis

(K) Other

## LISTED EQUITY (LE)

### OVERALL APPROACH

### MATERIALITY ANALYSIS

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

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

**(3) Active - fundamental**

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

(1) for all of our AUM

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

(1) for all of our AUM

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

(1) for all of our AUM

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

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

## MONITORING ESG TRENDS

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

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

**(3) Active - fundamental**

(A) Yes, we have a formal process that includes scenario analyses (1) for all of our AUM

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

(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 ○

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

**(A) Yes, we have a formal process that includes scenario analysis - Specify: (Voluntary)**

We utilize scenario analysis to identify changes or inflections in a company's carbon footprint. For Axiom, this analysis begins at the individual security level, aggregating up to the strategy level, and ultimately, the firm level.

## PRE-INVESTMENT

### ESG INCORPORATION IN RESEARCH

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

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

#### (2) Active - fundamental

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

(1) in all cases

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

(1) in all cases

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

(1) in all cases

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

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

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

**(3) Active - fundamental**

(A) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on current performance across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(B) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on historical performance across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases
(C) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information on material ESG factors that may impact or influence future corporate revenues and/or profitability	(1) in all cases
(D) We incorporate qualitative and/or quantitative information enabling current, historical and/or future performance comparison within a selected peer group across a range of material ESG factors	(1) in all cases

(E) We do not incorporate qualitative or quantitative information on material ESG factors when assessing the ESG performance of companies in our financial analysis, equity investment or portfolio construction process

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## ESG INCORPORATION IN PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 5	PLUS	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	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.**

Axiom considers ESG information when assessing the return potential and riskiness of an investment opportunity. All relevant and material ESG considerations are systematically evaluated and expressed within Axiom's Rating Grid with a particular focus on the change in a company's ESG alignment as a gauge of potential financial outperformance. As an example, the Axiom Rating Grid directly informs our buy and sell decisions, as well as our position sizing, ensuring we uniformly account for these factors without compromising our fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of our clients.

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

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

### (3) Active - fundamental

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(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

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

(1) for all of our AUM

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(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

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

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

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# POST-INVESTMENT

## ESG RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

**(2) Active - fundamental**

(A) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for individual listed equity holdings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for other listed equity holdings exposed to similar risks and/or incidents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(C) Yes, our formal process includes reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on material ESG risks and ESG incidents and their implications for our stewardship activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(D) Yes, our formal process includes ad hoc reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative information on severe ESG incidents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(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

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

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## PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
LE 11	PLUS	OO 21	N/A	PUBLIC	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.**

Axiom incorporates ESG factors on both the risk and return side, which then ties into our holistic company rating which informs position sizing. We believe that positive changes in the ESG alignment of a company can influence relative share price performance in a way that is directly correlated with our dynamic growth philosophy and approach.

# SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES (SO)

## SETTING TARGETS AND TRACKING PROGRESS

### SETTING TARGETS ON SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
SO 1	PLUS	PGS 48	SO 2, SO 2.1, SO 3	PUBLIC	Setting targets on sustainability outcomes	1, 2

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

**(A) Sustainability outcome #1**

(1) Widely recognised frameworks used to guide action on this sustainability outcome

**(1) The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets**

(2) The UNFCCC Paris Agreement

(3) The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)

(4) OECD frameworks: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Guidance on Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors

(5) The EU Taxonomy

(6) Other relevant taxonomies

(7) The International Bill of Human Rights

(8) The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the eight core conventions

(9) The Convention on Biological Diversity

(10) Other international, regional, sector-based or issue-specific framework(s)

(2) Classification of sustainability outcome

(1) Environmental

**(2) Social**

**(3) Governance-related**

(4) Other

(3) Sustainability outcome name

SDG 5: Gender Equality

(4) Number of targets set for this outcome

**(1) No target**

(2) One target

(3) Two or more targets

**(B) Sustainability outcome #2**

(1) Widely recognised frameworks used to guide action on this sustainability outcome

**(1) The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets**

(2) The UNFCCC Paris Agreement

(3) The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)

(4) OECD frameworks: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Guidance on Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors

(5) The EU Taxonomy

(6) Other relevant taxonomies

(7) The International Bill of Human Rights

- (8) The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the eight core conventions
- (9) The Convention on Biological Diversity
- (10) Other international, regional, sector-based or issue-specific framework(s)

(2) Classification of sustainability outcome

- (1) **Environmental**
- (2) Social
- (3) Governance-related
- (4) Other

(3) Sustainability outcome name

SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

(4) Number of targets set for this outcome

- (1) **No target**
- (2) One target
- (3) Two or more targets

(C) **Sustainability outcome #3**

(1) Widely recognised frameworks used to guide action on this sustainability outcome

- (1) **The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets**
- (2) The UNFCCC Paris Agreement
- (3) The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)
- (4) OECD frameworks: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Guidance on Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors
- (5) The EU Taxonomy
- (6) Other relevant taxonomies
- (7) The International Bill of Human Rights
- (8) The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the eight core conventions
- (9) The Convention on Biological Diversity
- (10) Other international, regional, sector-based or issue-specific framework(s)

(2) Classification of sustainability outcome

- (1) Environmental
- (2) **Social**
- (3) **Governance-related**
- (4) Other

(3) Sustainability outcome name

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

(4) Number of targets set for this outcome

- (1) **No target**
- (2) One target
- (3) Two or more targets

(D) **Sustainability outcome #4**

(1) Widely recognised frameworks used to guide action on this sustainability outcome

- (1) **The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets**
- (2) The UNFCCC Paris Agreement
- (3) The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)
- (4) OECD frameworks: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Guidance on Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors
- (5) The EU Taxonomy
- (6) Other relevant taxonomies
- (7) The International Bill of Human Rights

- (8) The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the eight core conventions
- (9) The Convention on Biological Diversity
- (10) Other international, regional, sector-based or issue-specific framework(s)

(2) Classification of sustainability outcome

(1) **Environmental**

(2) **Social**

(3) Governance-related

(4) Other

(3) Sustainability outcome name

SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

(4) Number of targets set for this outcome

(1) **No target**

(2) One target

(3) Two or more targets

(E) **Sustainability outcome #5**

(1) Widely recognised frameworks used to guide action on this sustainability outcome

(1) **The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets**

(2) The UNFCCC Paris Agreement

(3) The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)

(4) OECD frameworks: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Guidance on Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors

(5) The EU Taxonomy

(6) Other relevant taxonomies

(7) The International Bill of Human Rights

(8) The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the eight core conventions

(9) The Convention on Biological Diversity

(10) Other international, regional, sector-based or issue-specific framework(s)

(2) Classification of sustainability outcome

(1) **Environmental**

(2) Social

(3) Governance-related

(4) Other

(3) Sustainability outcome name

SDG 13: Climate Action

(4) Number of targets set for this outcome

(1) **No target**

(2) One target

(3) Two or more targets

(F) Sustainability outcome #6

(G) Sustainability outcome #7

(H) Sustainability outcome #8

(I) Sustainability outcome #9

(J) Sustainability outcome #10



# CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES (CBM)

## CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

### APPROACH TO CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

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

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

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

## INTERNAL AUDIT

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

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

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

Indicator	Type of indicator	Dependent on	Gateway to	Disclosure	Subsection	PRI Principle
CBM 5	PLUS	CBM 1	N/A	PUBLIC	Internal audit	6

**Provide details of the internal audit process regarding the information submitted in your PRI report.**

Axiom conducted an internal audit of the processes and data related to the responsible investment process outlined in our PRI report as well as the entirety of the report itself. Axiom's Management and ESG committee internally audits the responsible investment processes and Axiom's Performance and Risk Analytics team is responsible for providing third-party data. A member and/or members of Axiom's Management and ESG committee reviewed the entirety of the report prior to submission to ensure consistency and accuracy, and the entire committee signed off on the content of the report.

## INTERNAL REVIEW

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

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

- (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**
    - (2) selected sections of the report
  - (C) None of the above internal roles reviewed selected sections or the entirety of the responses submitted in our PRI report this year