Active Ownership Report: H1 2021

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Active Ownership Report

When customers entrust us with their assets and savings, it is our duty to serve their interests by providing investment solutions with the goal to deliver competitive and long-term performance. Our firm commitment to **Responsible Investment** is an integral part of this duty. It is about making better-informed investment decisions – addressing issues of risk, problems, and dilemmas, and influencing portfolio companies through **active ownership** to contribute to a positive outcome.

Active ownership – through direct dialogue, collaborative engagement and voting at the annual general meetings – is an important part of our ability to create long-term value to the companies we invest in and to our investors.

We believe it is more responsible to **address material sustainability matters** as investors rather than refraining from investing when issues of concern arise, leaving the problem to someone else to solve. Our investment teams are the change agents who can impact companies to manage risks and opportunities.

The aim of our Active Ownership Report covering three parts 'Engagements', 'Collaborative Engagements' and 'Voting' is to provide our customers and stakeholders with regular updates on our progress and results.

The three parts of the report



Part 1: Engagements





Part 3: Collaborative Engagements

Where to get additional information











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Active Ownership Report, Part 1 Engagements



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Engagements introduction

We believe that fund-manager-driven dialogue with companies is the most effective as the investment teams are the experts of their respective strategies and portfolios, and tasked with the buy/sell decision.

Our investment teams engage on a regular basis with companies on material sustainability matters to understand their risks and opportunities, and to support their growth and development.

We log and monitor company dialogue and progress to ensure a structured engagement process.

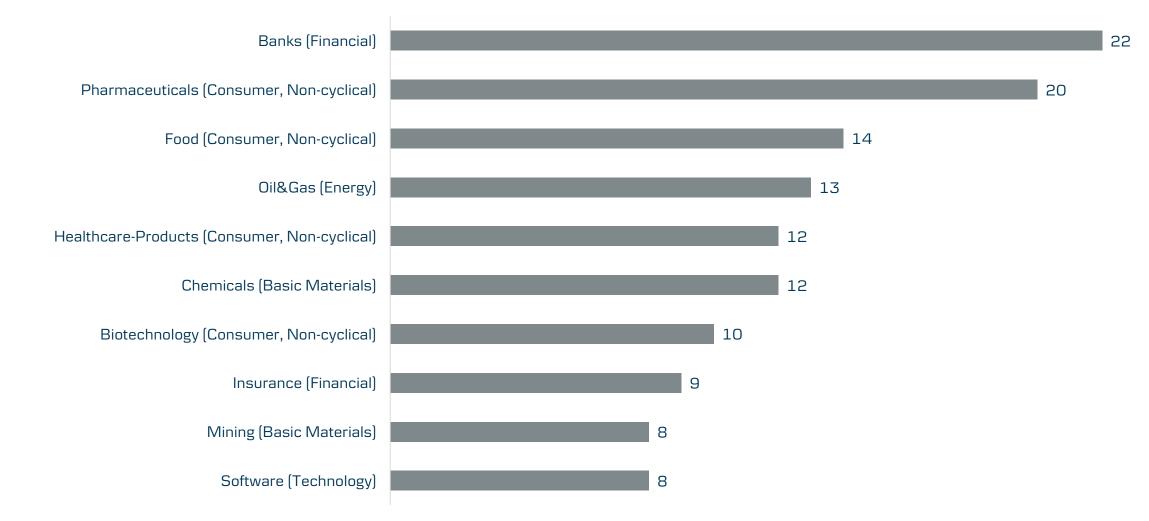


In H1 2021, we have had the following engagement activities





Top 10 industries most engaged with Number of companies per industry (Sector in bracket)



Country domiciles

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Engagement with companies domiciled across the world

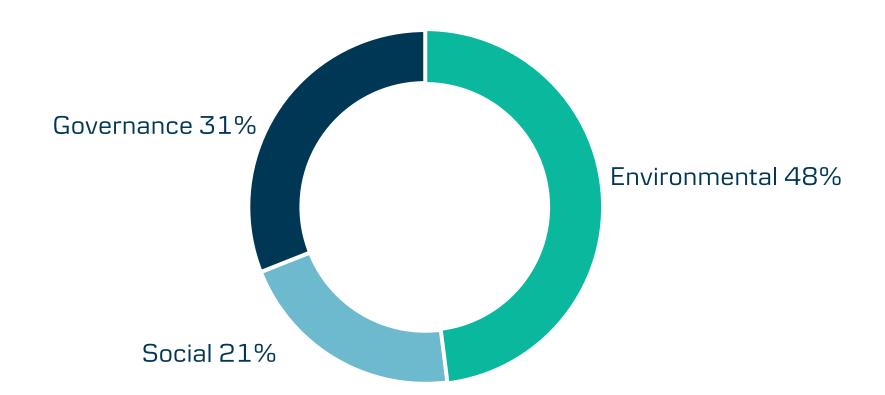




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Split between ESG engagement themes







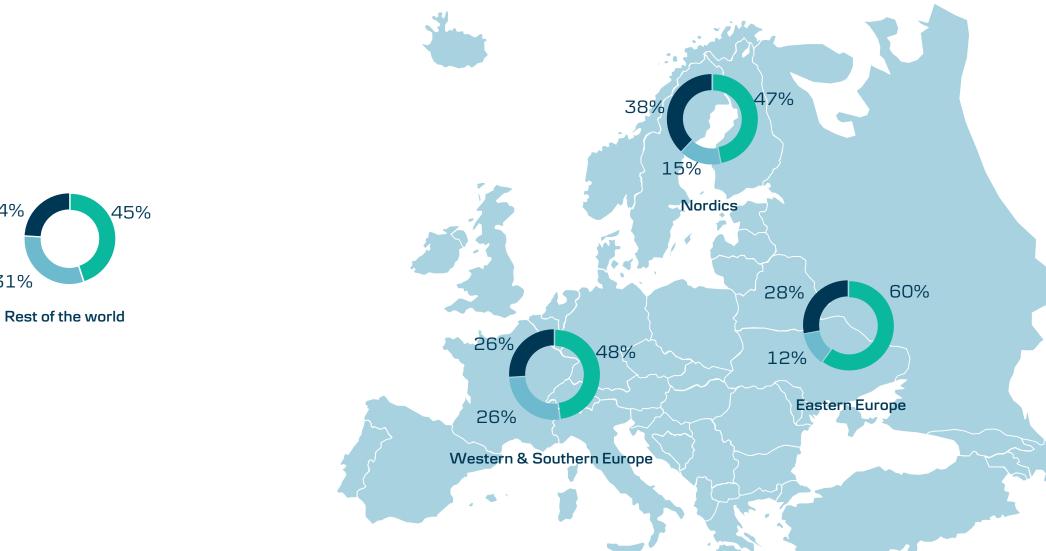
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Split between ESG engagement themes across regions







ESG engagements subjects discussed





Political Risk Military Sales Process Sustainable Transports Food Safety Environmental Incidents Customer Education Physical Impacts Of Climate Change Labor Standards/Practices Sustainability Certificates Share Buybacks Environmental Issues Decent Work & Economic Growth Circular Economy Overboarding Corporate Governance Energy Efficiency Product Design & Lifecycle Management *Research & Development* Indigenous Rights Environmental Regulation SDGs Sustainability Strategy Employee Engagement, Diversity & Inclusion Management of The Legal & Regulatory Environment Water & Wastewater Management M&A Anti-Trust Issues & Competitive Behavior SDGs Environmental Supply Chain Sustainability Integration & Reporting Ecological Impacts Data Security Biodiversity Agriculture Human Rights & Community Relations Anti-Corruption Issues & Handling Plastic/Recycling Products Selling Practices & Product Labeling Future Fit Corporate Disclosure **Business** Ethics Sustainable Shipping ESG Issues In Fish Farming Product Quality & Safety Materials Sourcing & Efficiency Energy Transformation ESG funding Employee Retention Automation Compliance Procedures Customer Welfare Energy Consumption **Business Model Resilience** Digitalisation Regulatory Compliance Green Buildings Bond redemption Employee Health & Safety Sustainable Products Product Development Quality Management Digitalisation Incentive Programs Energy Management Executive Compensation Access & Affordability AML Issues & Handling EU Taxonomy Restructuring Competence Accounting Corporate Behavior Green Financing Climate Neutrality Board Composition Technology Disruption Supply Chain Management Sustainability Targets Waste & Hazardous Materials Management Capital Structure Circular Economy ESG Integration Regulations GHG Emissions Dividends



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Top 7 ESG engagement subjects discussed across themes



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_	Rank	Subject	Count	Rank	Subject	Count	Rank	Subject	Count
	1	GHG Emissions	86	1	Access & Affordability	67	1	ESG Integration	64
	2	Circular Economy	64	2	Employee Health & Safety	10	2	M&A	32
	3	Energy Transformation	34	3	Product Development	10	3	Dividends	19
	4	Green Financing	21	4	Human Rights & Community Relations	9	4	Capital Structure	19
	5	Energy Efficiency	21	5	Employee Engagement, Diversity & Inclusion	8	5	Sustainability Integration & Reporting	10
	6	Climate Neutrality	17	6	Selling Practices & Product Labeling	7	6	Corporate Behavior	6
	7	Green Buildings	13	7	Digitalisation	7	7	Sustainability Targets	6



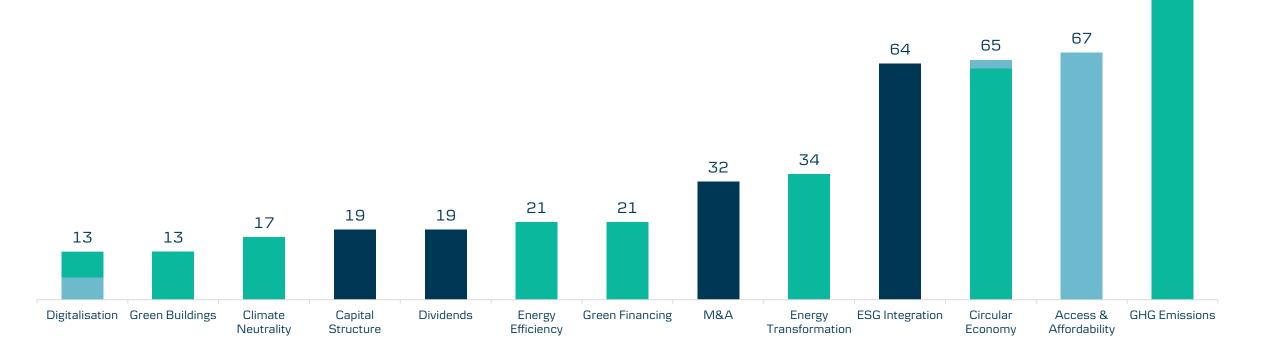
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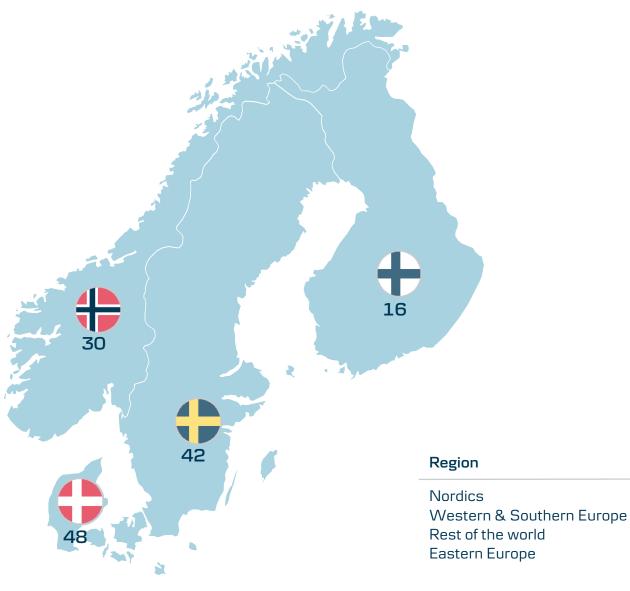
Most frequent ESG engagement subjects discussed





Top 10 and interactions distribution across Nordic countries & regions

Rank	Country	Count
1	Denmark	48
2	Sweden	42
3	United States	39
4	Norway	30
5	United Kingdom	26
6	France	22
7	Switzerland	20
8	Russian Federation	16
9	Finland	16
10	Germany	12



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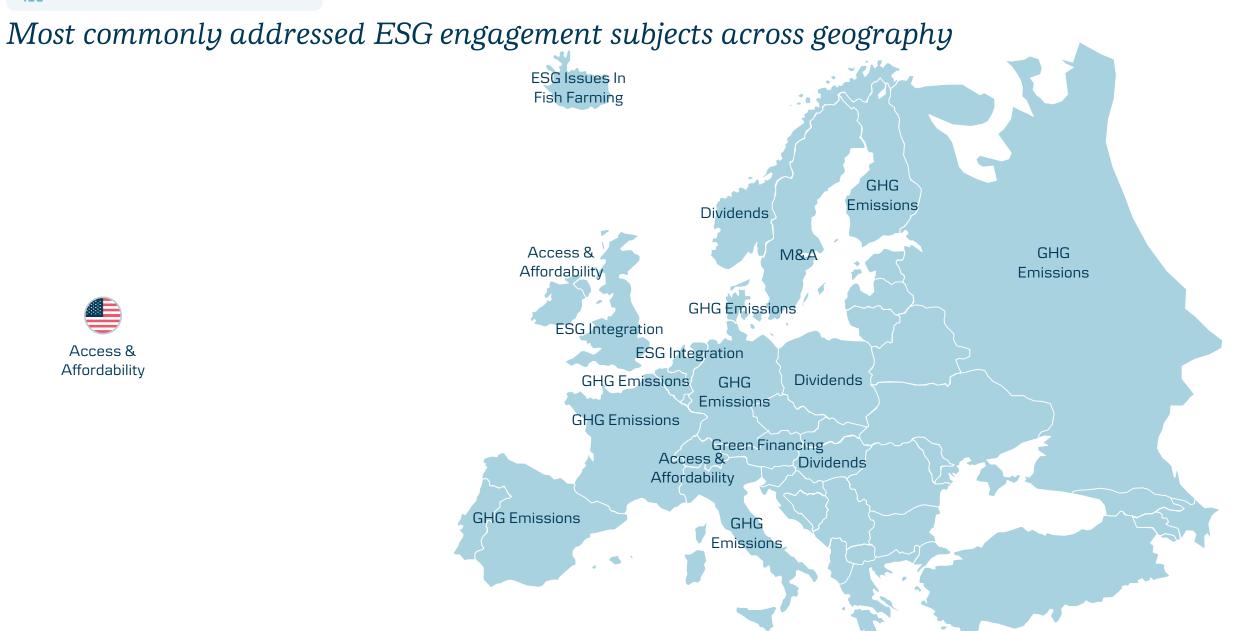
Count

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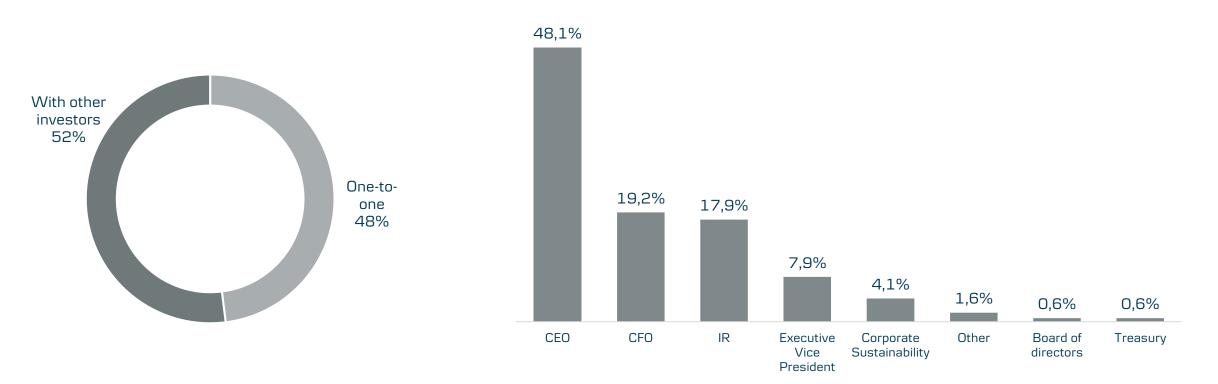




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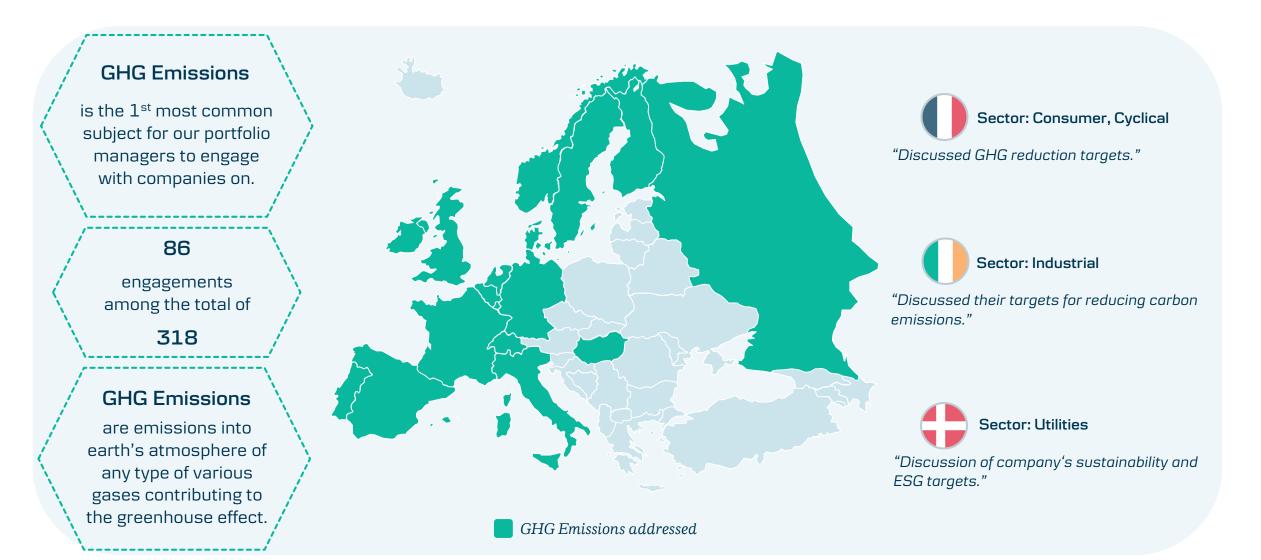
Company interactions by meeting type and participants

Share of meeting types

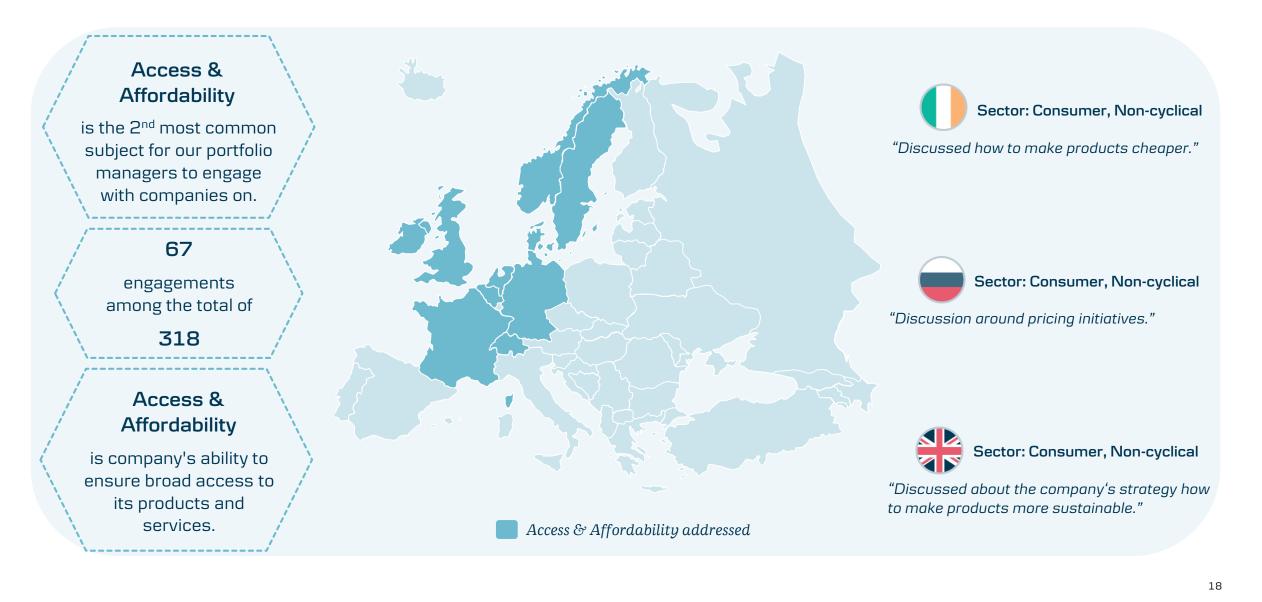


Share of meetings by participants

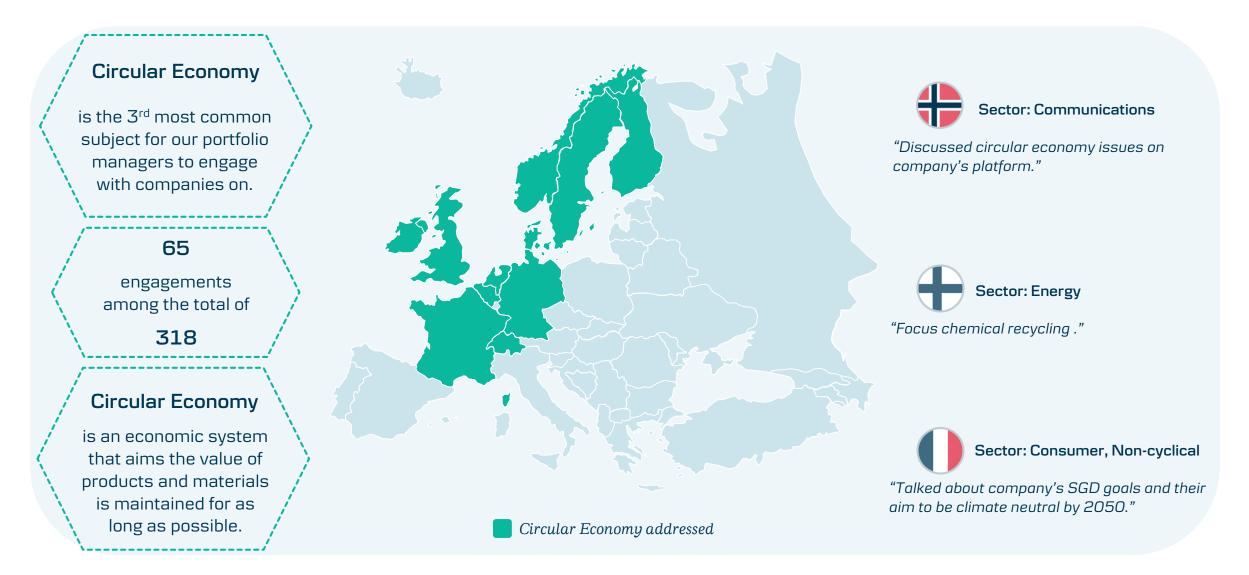
Top 3 ESG engagement subjects



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Top 3 ESG engagement subjects



Principal Adverse Impacts (PAIs)

We consider the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors that our investment decisions have. We address principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors according to their materiality and type.

We use external market research providers and other publicly available information, internal dashboards, tools and frameworks and the expertise of our Investment and Responsible Investment teams to identify the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors. While the considerations relevant to principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors are different from those relating to sustainability risks, we identify principal adverse impacts in the investment decision-making process via utilization of the same framework as the one applied for sustainability risk integration. How sustainability risks are identified is outlined in the Responsible Investment Policy. The consideration and prioritization of identified principal adverse impacts are further defined in the underlying instructions to the Policy.

We address principal adverse impacts through our active ownership and investment restriction activities as described in our Responsible Investment Policy. Active ownership is conducted through voting, dialogue and collaborative activities. In addition, we have incorporated the principal adverse impact indicators into our voting guidelines. Our screenings can result in exclusions related to principal adverse impacts. We exclude companies based on violations in relation to international standards such as the Global Compact and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. For example, certain companies that contribute significantly to climate change, damage biodiversity, water pollution, violate human rights, have insufficient labor rights or are involved in corruption are excluded.

We have mapped the mandatory and voluntary indicators of principal adverse impacts to our ESG subjects that based on them our investment teams engage with the investee companies. The coverage of PAIs indicators by categories for corporate and for Sovereigns, Supranationals include in the following slides.

Adverse sustainability indicators in scope for PAIs

Climate and

other environmental-related indicators

Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas Carbon emission reduction initiatives Carbon footprint Chemical production Deforestation Emissions of air pollutants Emissions of inorganic pollutants Emissions of ozone depletion substances Emissions to water Energy consumption by type of non-renewable sources of energy Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector Exposure to areas of high water stress Fossil fuel sector activity GHG emissions GHG intensity Green securities Hazardous waste ratio Land degradation, desertification, soil sealing Natural species and protected areas Non-recycled waste ratio Non-renewable energy consumption and production Sustainable land/agriculture practices Sustainable oceans/seas practices Water management policies Water usage and recycling

Social and employee, respect for human rights,

anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters

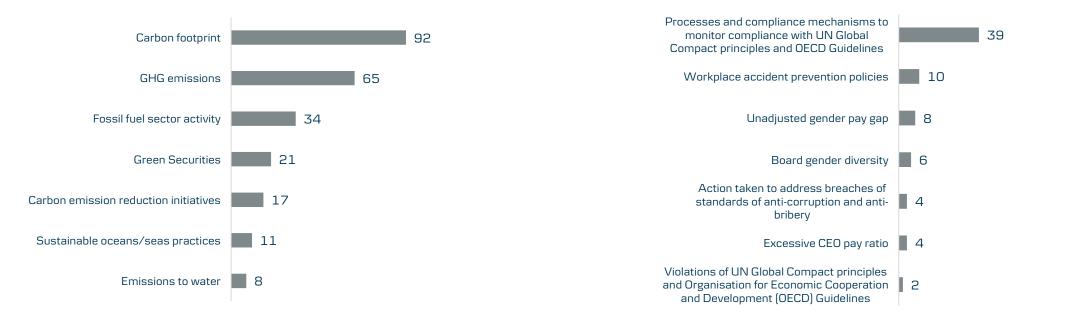
Action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and anti-bribery Anti-corruption and anti-bribery policies Board gender diversity Convictions and fines for violation of anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws Excessive CEO pay ratio Exposure to controversial weapons Grievance/complaints handling mechanism related to employee matters Human rights due diligence Human rights policy Identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents Incidents of discrimination Number of days lost to injuries, accidents, fatalities or illness Operations and suppliers at significant risk of incidents of child labor Operations and suppliers at significant risk of incidents of forced or compulsory labor Processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines Processes and measures for preventing trafficking in human beings Rate of accidents Supplier code of conduct Unadjusted gender pay gap Violations of UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines Whistle-blower protection Workplace accident prevention policies

Top 7 Adverse sustainability indicators addressed in company engagements

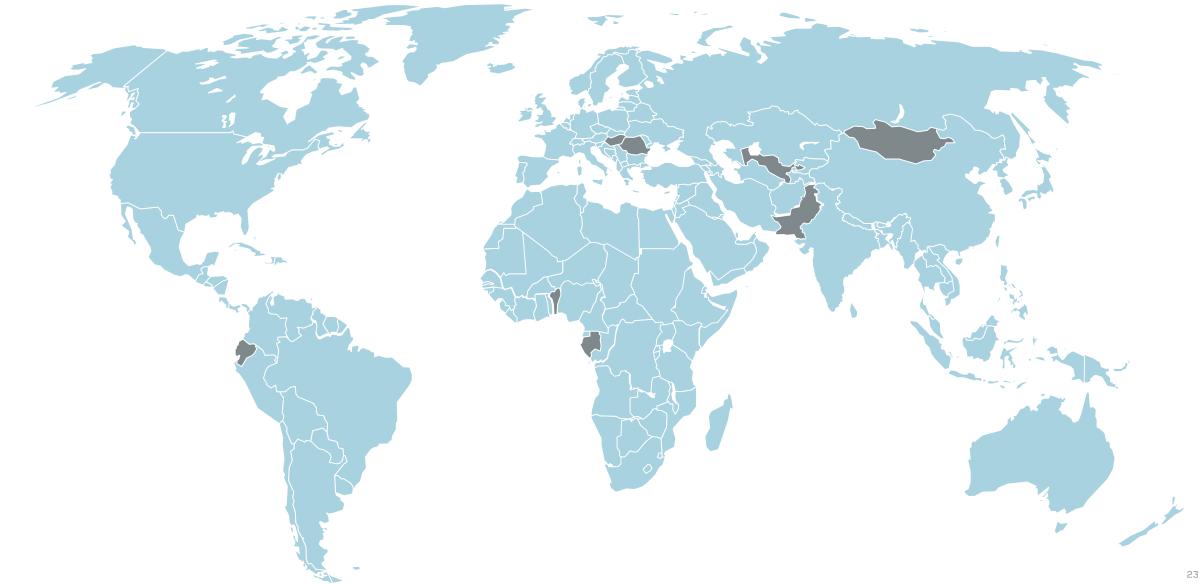
Climate and



Social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters*



Sovereigns: In H1 2021, we have had 8 engagements with 8 governmental entities



Sovereigns: In H1 2021, we have had 13 ESG engagement subjects discussed



Sovereigns: Adverse sustainability indicators in scope for PAIs

Environmental, Social,

Governance and Human Rights Indicators

Average corruption score Average freedom of expression score Average human rights performance Average income inequality score Average political stability score Average rule of law score GHG intensity Investee countries subject to social violations Non-cooperative tax jurisdictions Adverse Sustainability Indicators* in Sovereign Engagements addressed



Active Ownership Report, Part 2 Voting

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Voting introduction

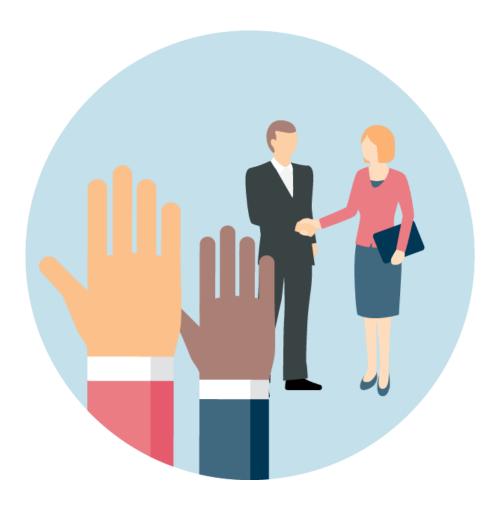
The annual general meeting is an opportunity to voice our opinion, vote on issues of key importance to the running of a company, and contribute to the good governance of the company.

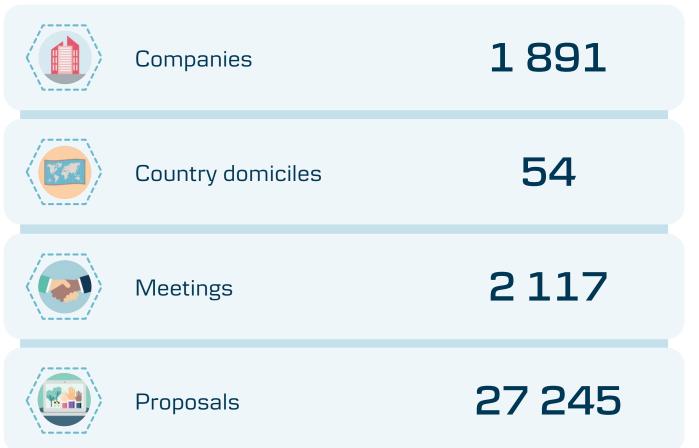
We exercise the right to vote at annual general meetings of Nordic and European companies where we represent relevant holdings. Unless required by special circumstances, holdings in passively managed funds are not subject to voting activities.

We vote either by ourselves or through a service provider. We log and publish our voting records.



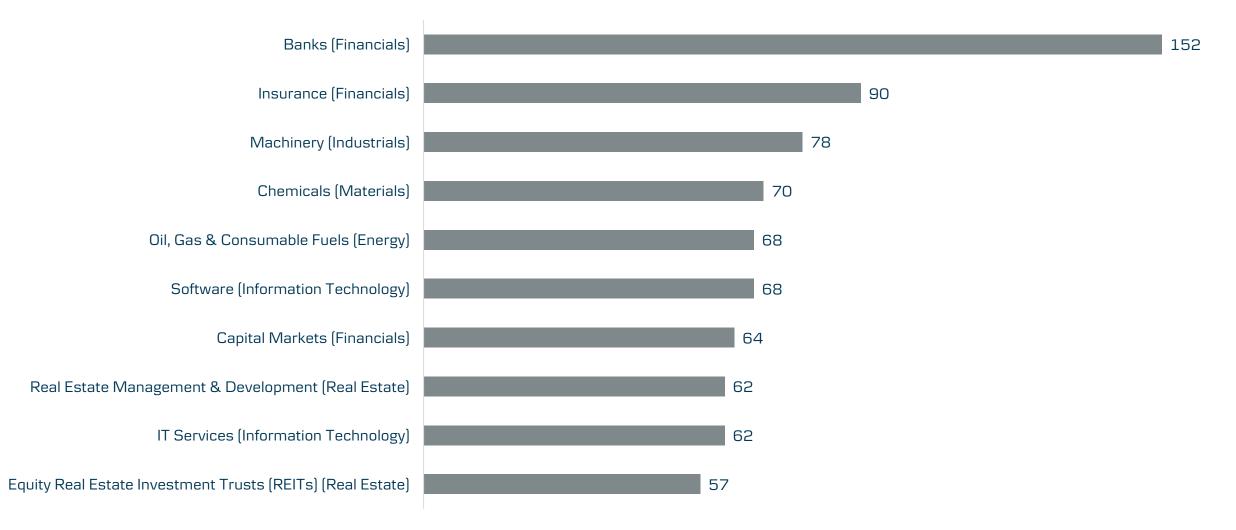
In H1 2021, we have had the following voting activities







Top 10 industries most voted Number of companies per industry (Sector in bracket)

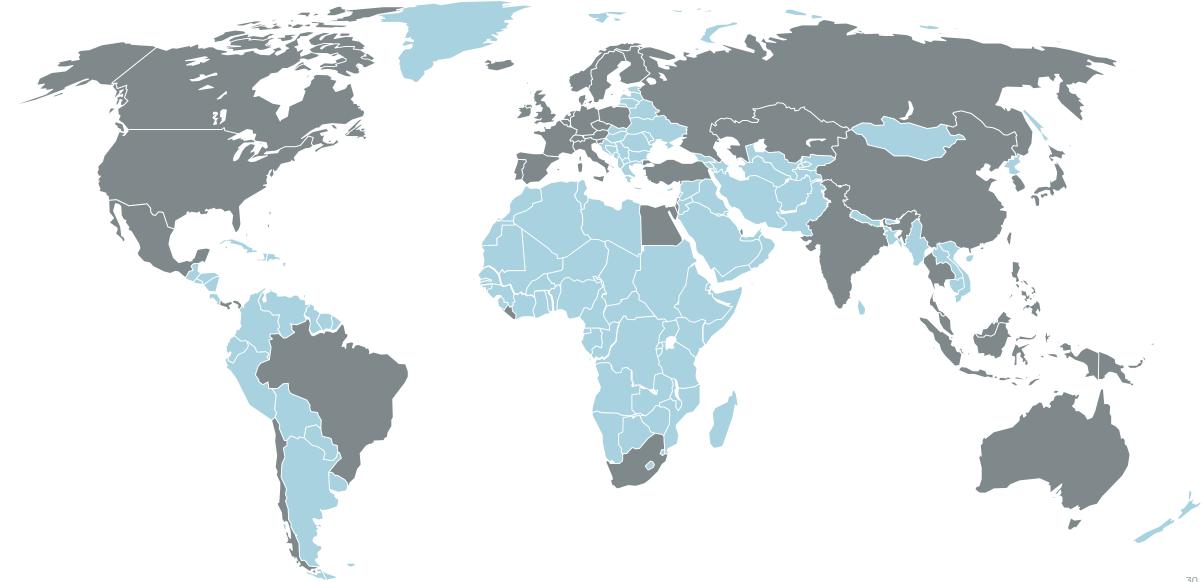


Note1: Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) is used for sector classification Note2: One company lacks GICS data

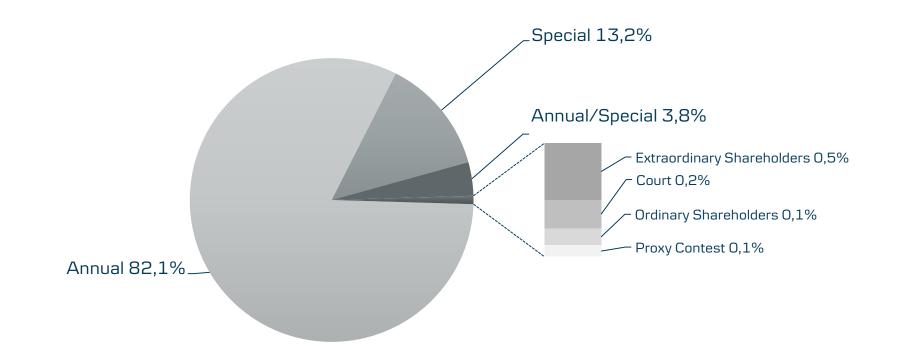
Country domiciles

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Voting on companies domiciled across the world

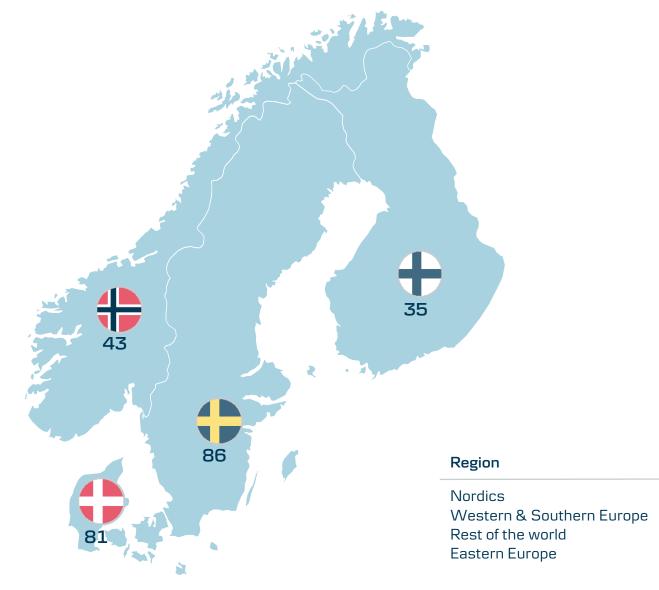


Split between meeting types



Top 10 and voting distribution across Nordic countries & regions

Rank	Country	Count
1	USA	591
2	Japan	247
3	China	206
4	Sweden	86
5	Denmark	81
6	Cayman Islands	76
7	United Kingdom	69
8	Canada	63
9	France	54
10	Germany	51



Count

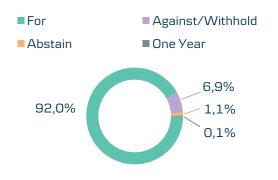
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Split between voting instructions and voted proposals

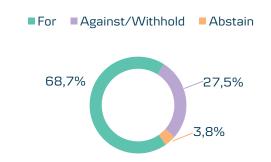


Management proposals



For	24 476
Against/Withhold	1826
Abstain	282
Total	26 584

Shareholder proposals

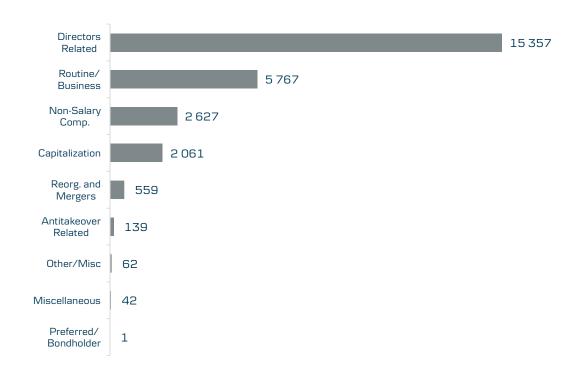


Total	630
Abstain	24
Against/Withhold	173
For	433

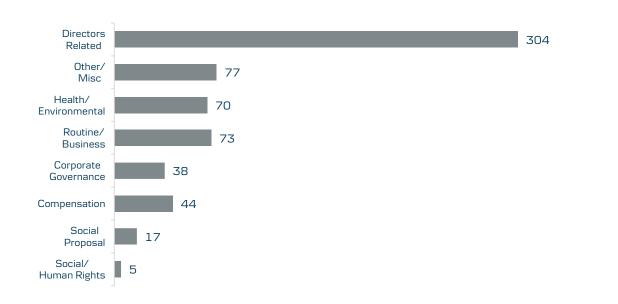
Note 1: Across all voted proposals, 31 proposals with the type of 'Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency' were voted on for one year Note 2: Six proposals were voted in varying ways for the same meeting agenda item

Split between voted proposals categories

Management proposals

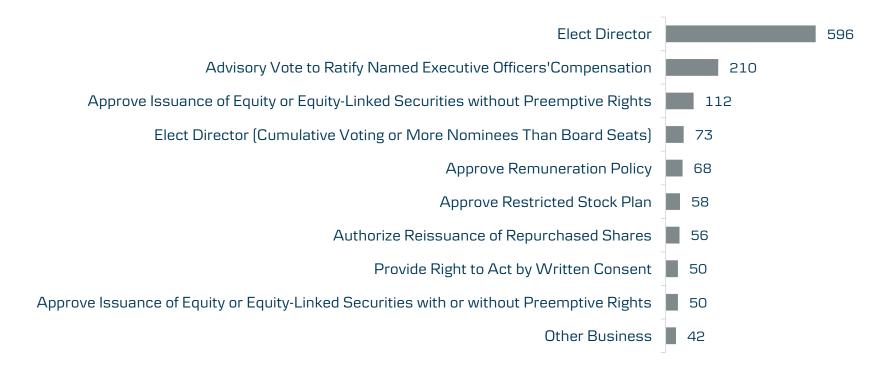


Shareholder proposals



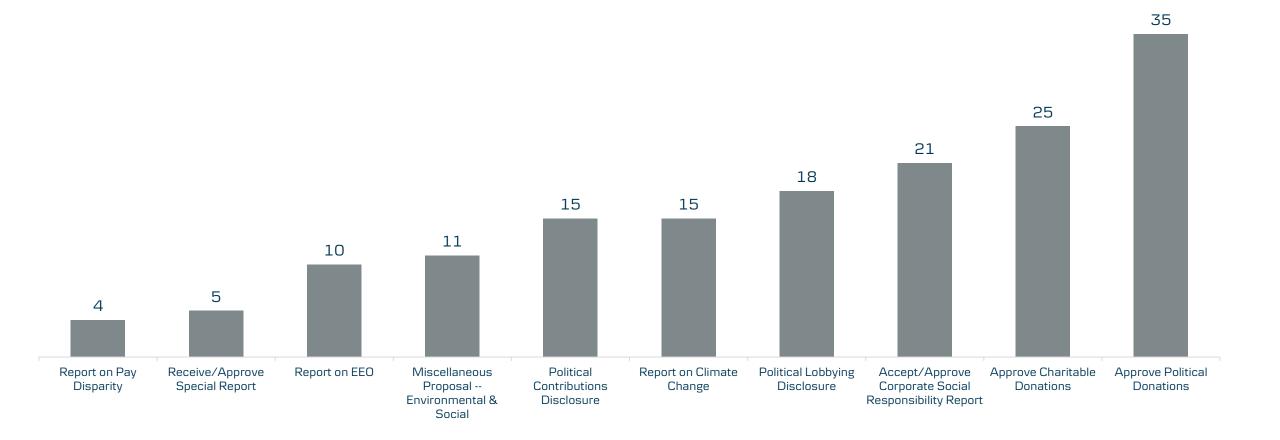
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Top 10 voted proposals against Management recommendations



In H1 2021, we have voted 'For' on Environmental & Social proposals on 134 companies in 18 domiciles across the world

Most common Environmental & Social proposal items voted 'For'



In H1 2021, we have voted 'For' on the following proposals linked to Adverse Sustainability Indicators



Active Ownership Report, Part 3 Collaborative Engagements



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Collaborative Engagements introduction

In addition to our investment teams' direct engagement with companies and our voting activities, we are part of numerous investor initiatives and alliances where we together with other investors influence companies to take action on sustainability issues and contribute to sustainable development.

Through alliances and initiatives, we encourage companies to increase transparency and disclosure of e.g. climate impact and to move towards more sustainable business practices.

Collaborating with others supports and strengthens our ability to influence companies, as it can increase the power of our voice as an investor.



Danske Bank Group membership of Investor initiatives and alliances



Sustainability Accounting Standards Board

We have partnered with the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board to leverage their research and approach to which sustainability issues are business-critical and important for companies to address and manage, including climate related issues. In our engagements, we urge companies to adopt this approach as a way of enhancing their disclosure of which climate issues are critical for their business.

The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change



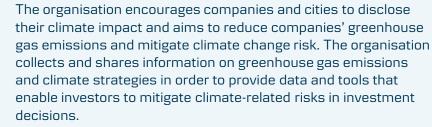
The European investor alliance focuses on mitigating climate change. The group has more than 250 members and its mission is to mobilise capital for the low-carbon transition and to ensure resilience to the effects of a changing climate by collaborating with companies, policymakers and fellow investors. The group works to support and help define the public policies, investment practices and corporate behaviours that address the long-term risks and opportunities associated with climate change.

Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures

TCFD develops voluntary, consistent, climate-related financial risk disclosures for use by companies when providing information to investors, lenders, insurers or other stakeholders. Danske Bank use TCFD recommendations to help structure our engagements with companies as part of our goal of being a change agent supporting companies in the transition to lowcarbon business models and creating real world positive outcomes.

Carbon Disclosure Project

TCFD



Danske Bank Group membership of Investor initiatives and alliances

Net Zero Asset Management Initiative

The Net Zero Asset Managers initiative is a group of international asset managers committed to supporting the goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or sooner, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and to supporting investing aligned with net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner. It is an initiative designed to mobilise action by the asset management industry that demonstrates leading practice in driving the transition to net zero and delivers the ambitious action and investment strategies that will be necessary to achieve the goal of net zero emissions. It also provides a forum to share best practice and overcome barriers to aligning investments to that net zero goal.

Montreal Carbon Pledge

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We are a signatory to the Montreal Carbon Pledge and we publicly disclose the carbon footprint of our equity and bond investment funds. Going forward, we will continue to increase the number of funds where we disclose their carbon footprint.



Climate Action 100+

It is one of the world's largest investor led engagement initiatives. Together with more than 500 global investors we engage with the world's largest corporate greenhouse gas emitters to curb CO2 emissions in line with the Paris Agreement's climate targets and improve carbon emission disclosures. The initiative targets companies in the oil and gas, utilities, mining and metals, transportation, industrials and consumer products sectors.



Partnerships for Carbon Accounting Financials

A global partnership of financial institutions that work together to develop and implement a harmonized approach to assessing and disclosing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with their loans and investments.

Focus on climate change through Climate Action 100+

Targeted engagement with Caterpillar Inc.

We are currently engaging directly with the US construction equipment manufacturer *Caterpillar Inc.* together with other members of Climate Action 100+ and other large shareholders. Main priority is to build trust and a long-term relationship with the company and to be able to help and support them in their climate efforts. One tangible climate objective is to have Caterpillar Inc. commit to setting carbon emission reduction targets aimed at achieving carbon-neutrality by 2050.

Voting for increased climate transparency

We use our voting rights at companies' annual general meetings to influence companies on climate matters. In H1 2021, we voted at general meetings on 103 companies and in favour on 388 proposals. From our perspective it is important that companies are transparent about their climate lobbying activities and that they do not influence lawmakers to drop new regulations aimed at curbing carbon missions and supporting the transition to a cleaner society. Therefore, we have an ambition to vote at the general meetings of all Climate Action 100+ companies where we are owners.



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Engagement by company

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AXA SA

Bakkafrost P/F

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Galapagos NV

Gazprom PJSC Genmab A/S Genovis AB Givaudan SA Gjensidige Forsikring ASA GlaxoSmithKline PLC GN Store Nord AS Grieg Seafood ASA H & M Hennes & Mauritz AB Heimstaden Bostad AB Heineken NV HT Troplast GmbH Huhtamaki Oyj Iberdrola SA IGM Biosciences Inc. IMI PI C Indutrade AB Instalco AB Inter RAO UES PJSC International Flavors & Fragrances Inc Intertek Group PLC Intesa Sanpaolo SpA Ionis Pharmaceuticals Inc. Insen SA ISS A/S Ivanhoe Mines I td Jaguar Land Rover Automotive PLC Johnson & Johnson Johnson Matthey PLC

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MSCI Inc

Engagement by company

National Grid PLC NCAB Group AB Neste Oyj Nestle SA NKT A/S Nolato AB Nordea Bank Abp Norsk Hydro ASA Novartis AG Novartis AG Novatek PJSC Novo Nordisk A/S NP3 Fastigheter AB

Orkla ASA Orsted AS Ossur HF Outokumpu Ovi Pioneer Natural Resources Co Prudential PLC Puregold Price Club Inc Ratos AB Rexel SA **Rio Tinto PLC** Roche Holding AG Rockwell Automation Inc. ROCKWOOL International A/S Rosneft Oil Co PJSC Royal Dutch Shell PLC Royal Unibrew A/S **RWEAG**

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