



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



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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.





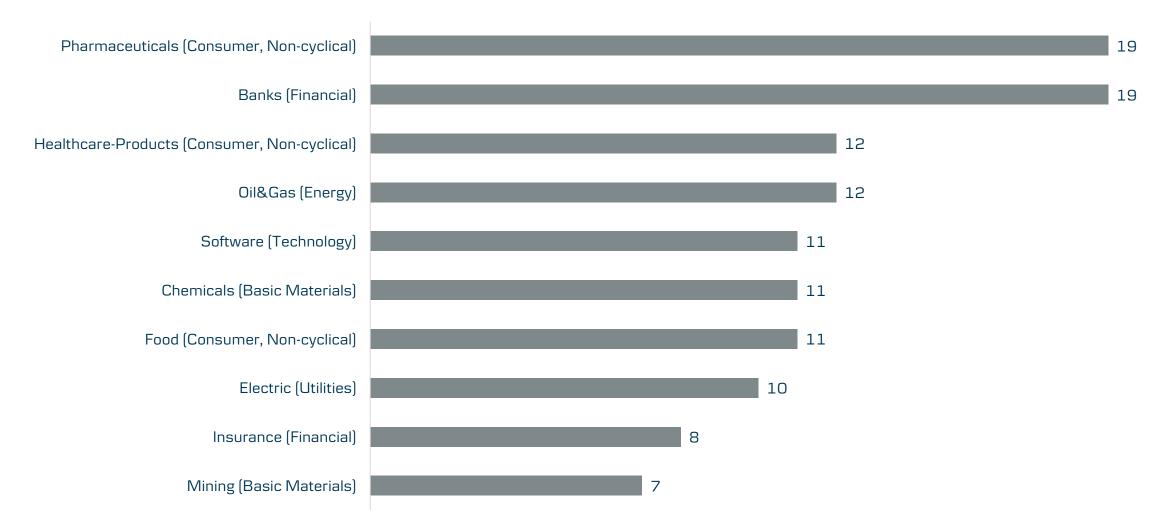
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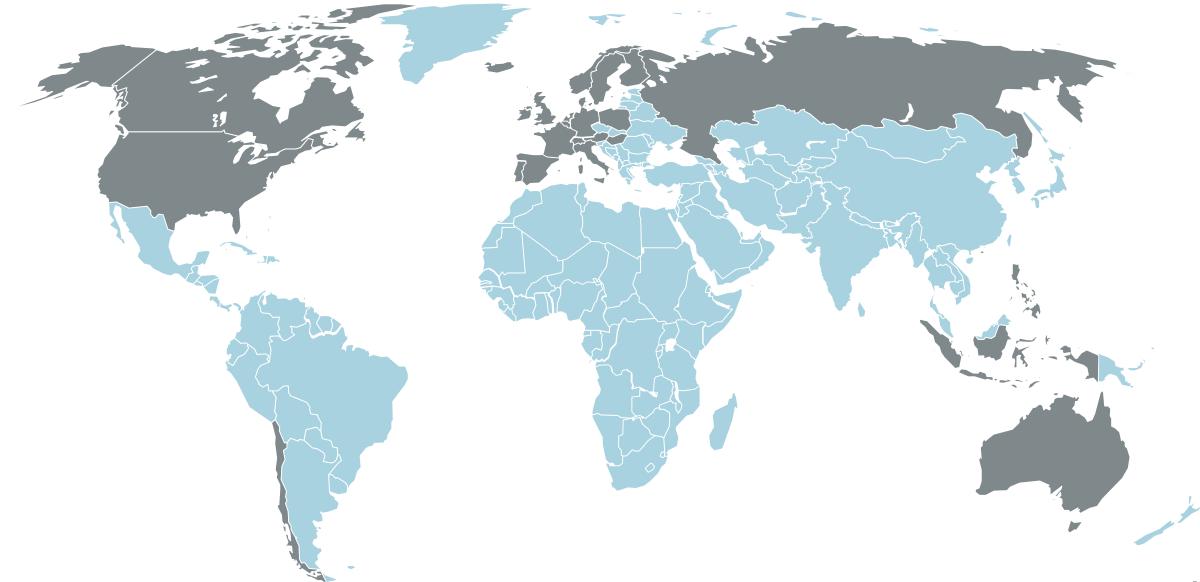
Top 10 industries most engaged with

Number of companies per industry (Sector in bracket)





Engagement with companies domiciled across the world



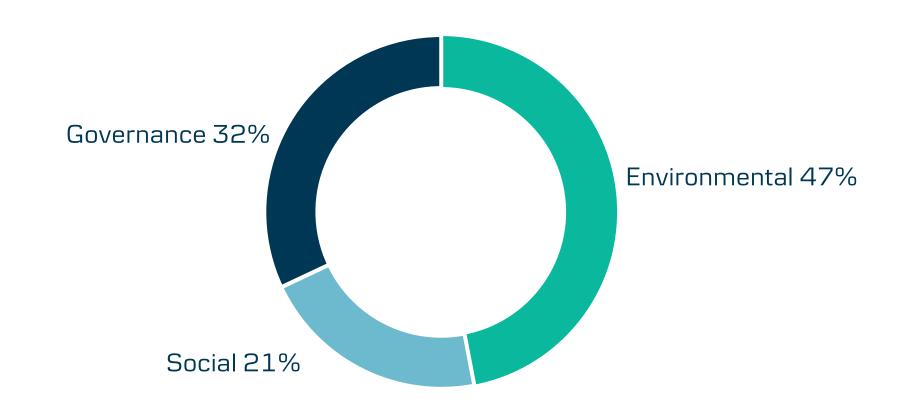








Split between ESG engagement themes



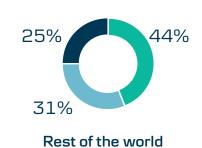


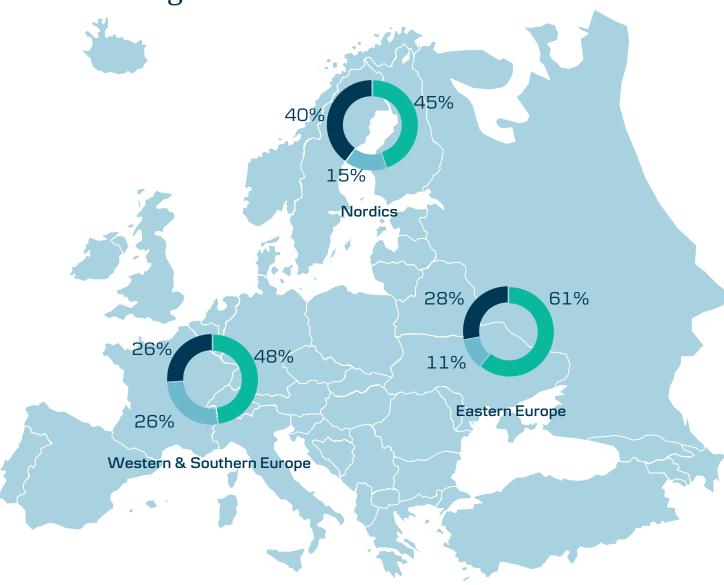






Split between ESG engagement themes across regions













ESG engagements subjects discussed

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









Top 7 ESG engagement subjects discussed across themes

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|------|-----------------------|-------|------|---|-------|------|--|-------|
| Rank | Subject | Count | Rank | Subject | Count | Rank | Subject | Count |
| 1 | GHG Emissions | 76 | 1 | Access & Affordability | 63 | 1 | ESG Integration | 57 |
| 2 | Circular Economy | 59 | 2 | Product Development | 9 | 2 | M&A | 33 |
| 3 | Energy Transformation | 33 | 3 | Employee Engagement, Diversity & Inclusion | 8 | 3 | Capital Structure | 17 |
| 4 | Green Financing | 19 | 4 | Human Rights & Community Relations | 8 | 4 | Dividends | 14 |
| 5 | Climate Neutrality | 16 | 5 | Product Design & Lifecycle Management | 7 | 5 | Sustainability Integration & Reporting | 9 |
| 6 | Energy Efficiency | 16 | 6 | Product Quality & Safety | 7 | 6 | Sustainability Targets | 6 |
| 7 | Green Buildings | 11 | 7 | Selling Practices & Product Labeling | 6 | 7 | AML Issues & Handling | 6 |

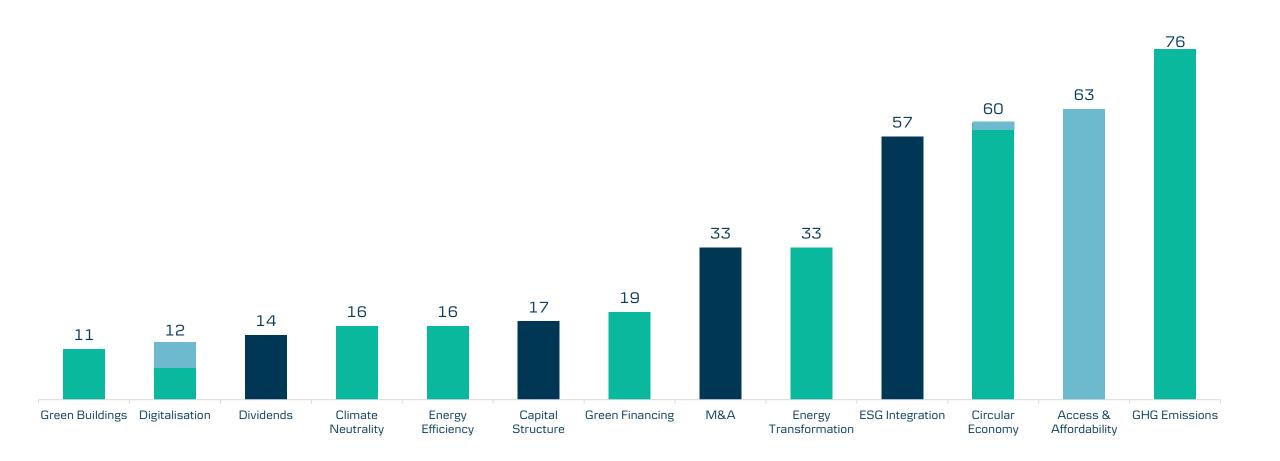








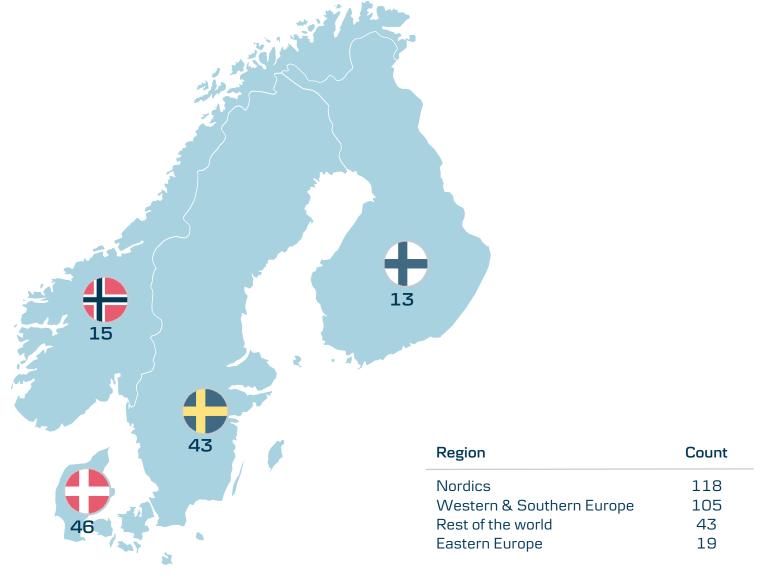
Most frequent ESG engagement subjects discussed





Top 10 and interactions distribution across Nordic countries & regions

| Rank | Country | Count |
|------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | Denmark | 46 |
| 2 | Sweden | 43 |
| 3 | United States | 35 |
| 4 | United Kingdom | 25 |
| 5 | France | 20 |
| 6 | Switzerland | 19 |
| 7 | Russian Federation | 17 |
| 8 | Norway | 15 |
| 9 | Finland | 13 |
| 10 | Germany | 11 |





Most commonly addressed ESG engagement subjects across geography

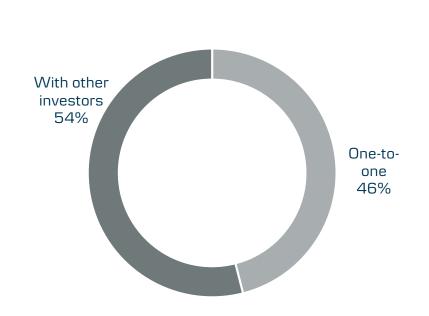




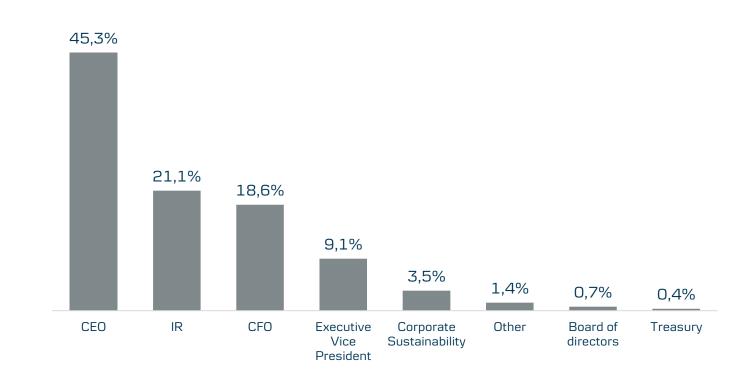


Company interactions by meeting type and participants

Share of meeting types



Share of meetings by participants





Top 3 ESG engagement subjects

GHG Emissions

is the 1st most common subject for our portfolio managers to engage with companies on.

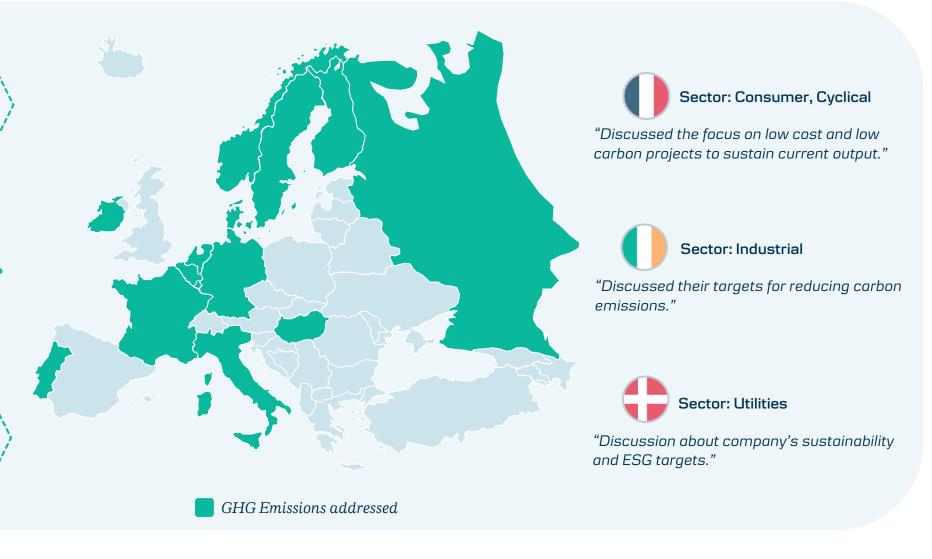
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engagements among the total of

285

GHG Emissions

are emissions into earth's atmosphere of any type of various gases contributing to the greenhouse effect.





Top 3 ESG engagement subjects

Access & Affordability

is the 2nd most common subject for our portfolio managers to engage with companies on.

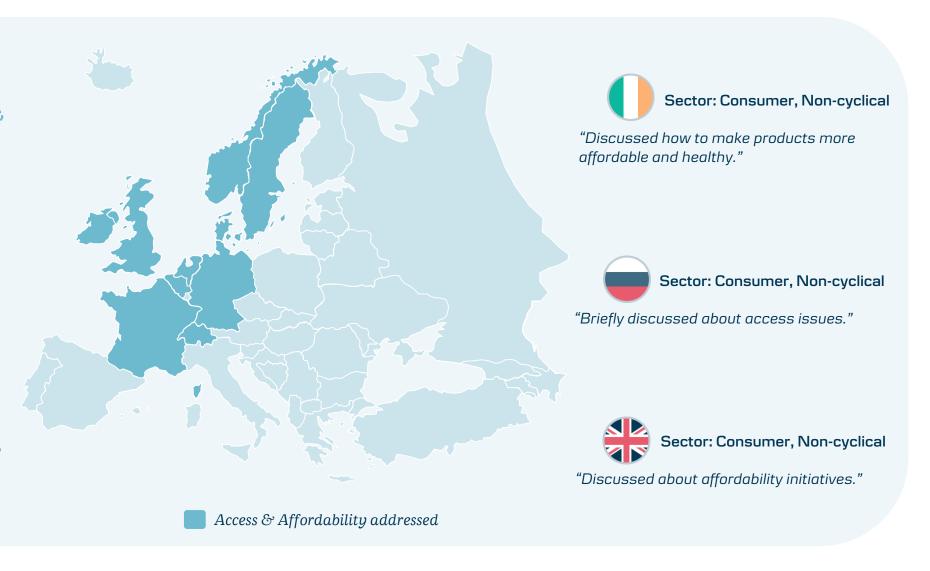
63

engagements among the total of

285

Access & Affordability

is company's ability to ensure broad access to its products and services.





Top 3 ESG engagement subjects

Circular Economy

is the 3rd most common subject for our portfolio managers to engage with companies on.

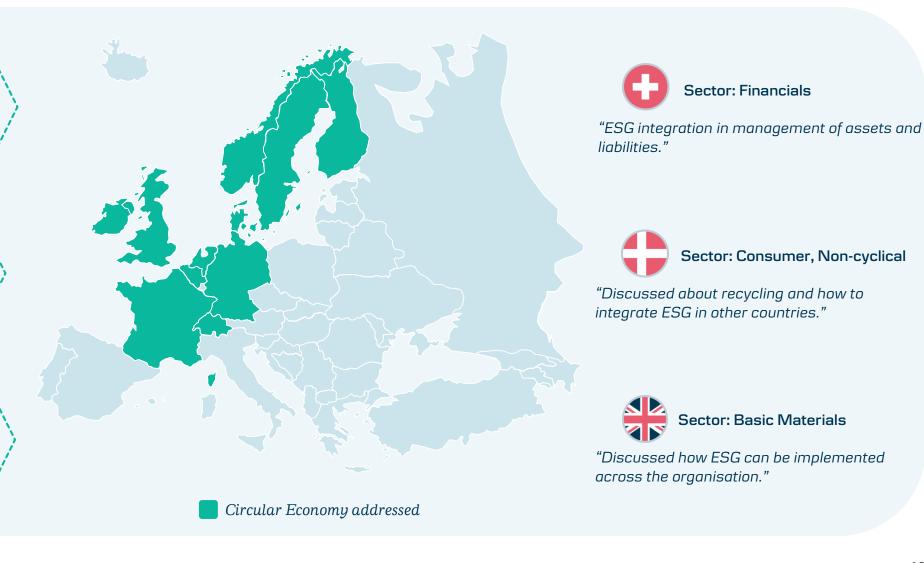
60

engagements among the total of

285

Circular Economy

is an economic system that aims the value of products and materials is maintained for as long as possible.





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

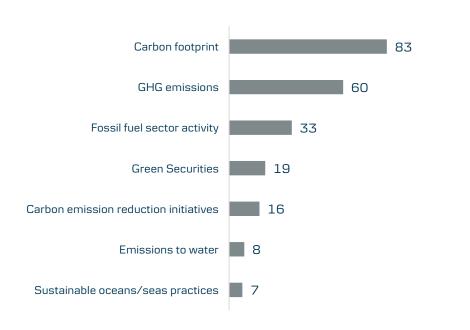
Whistle-blower protection

Workplace accident prevention policies

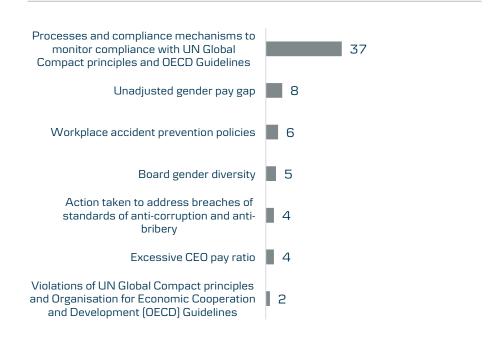


Top 7 Adverse sustainability indicators addressed in company engagements

Climate and other environmental-related indicators*



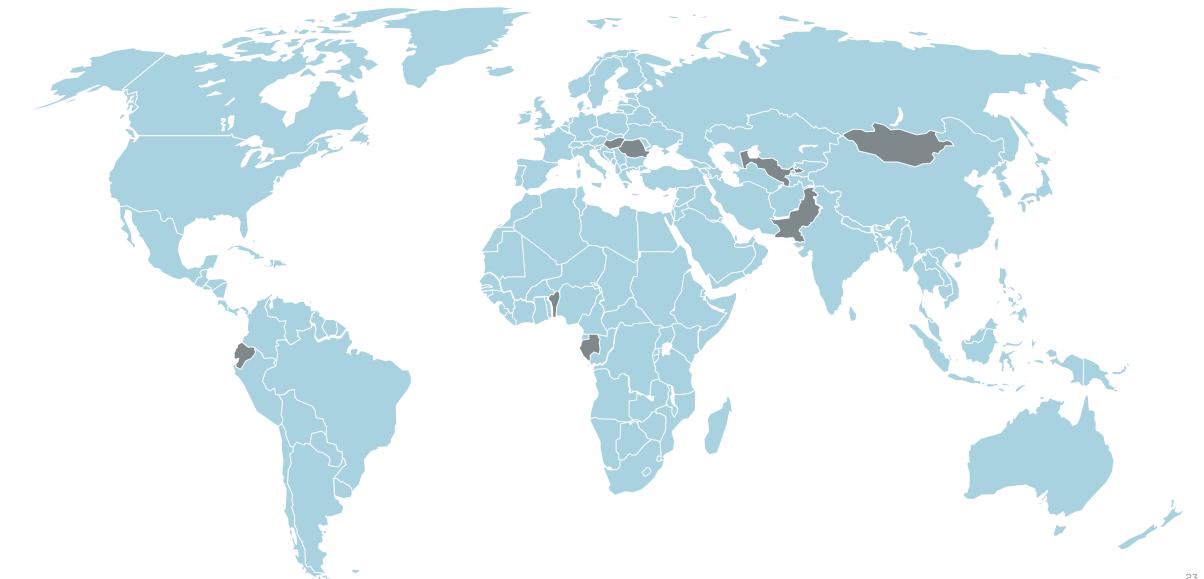
Social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters*



^{*} Adverse sustainability impact indicators may have been engaged within certain broader ESG engagement subjects



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



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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.

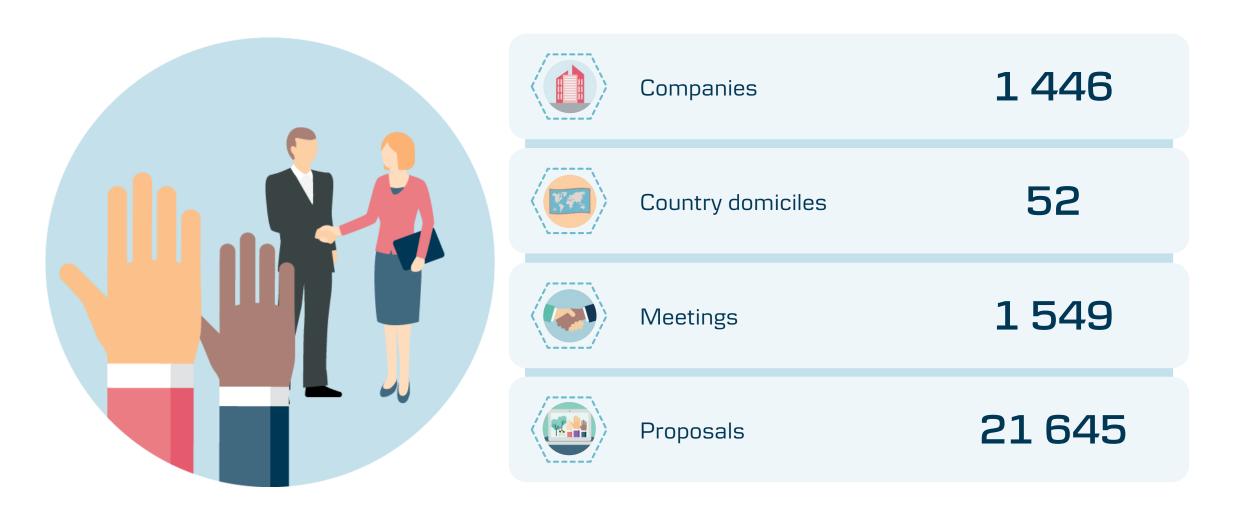
We exercise the right to vote at annual general meetings of Nordic and European companies where we represent relevant holdings. Unless required by special circumstances, holdings in passively managed funds are not subject to voting activities.

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





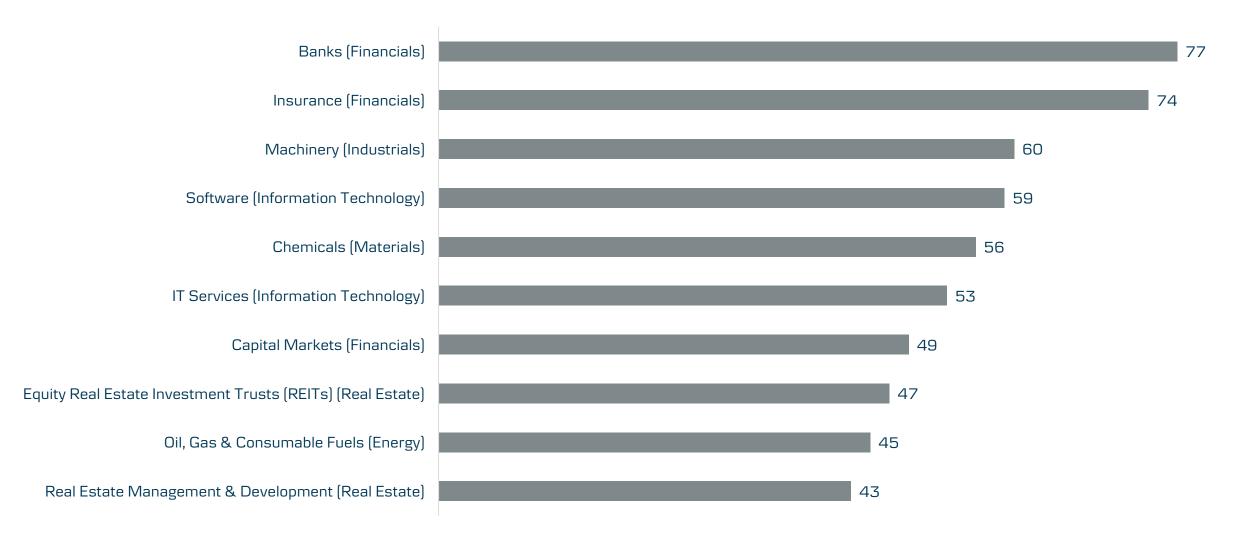
In H1 2021, we have had the following voting activities





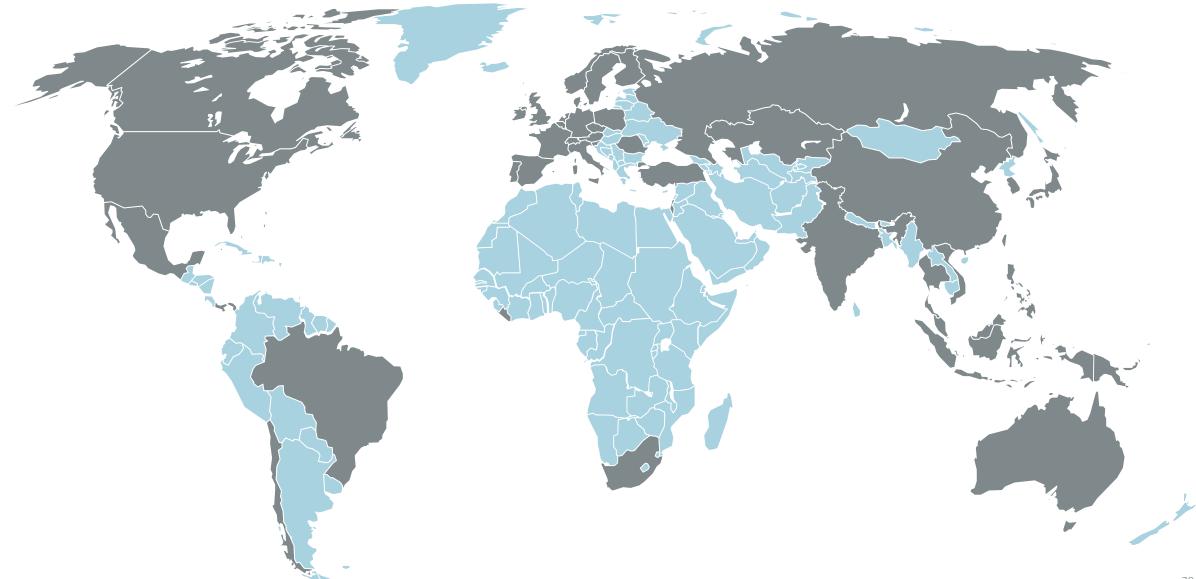
Top 10 industries most voted

Number of companies per industry (Sector in bracket)



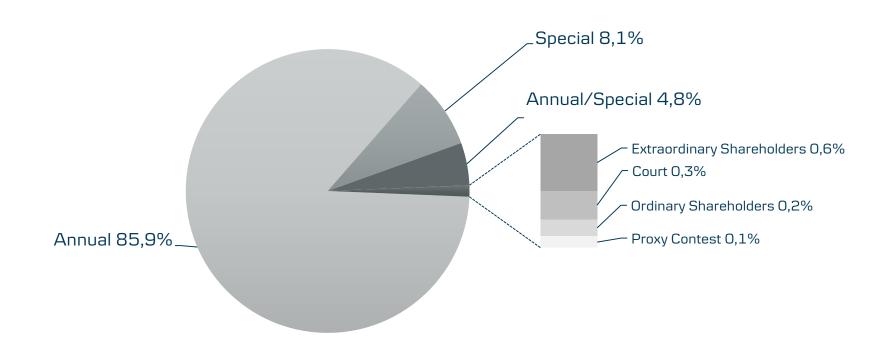


Voting on companies domiciled across the world





Split between meeting types

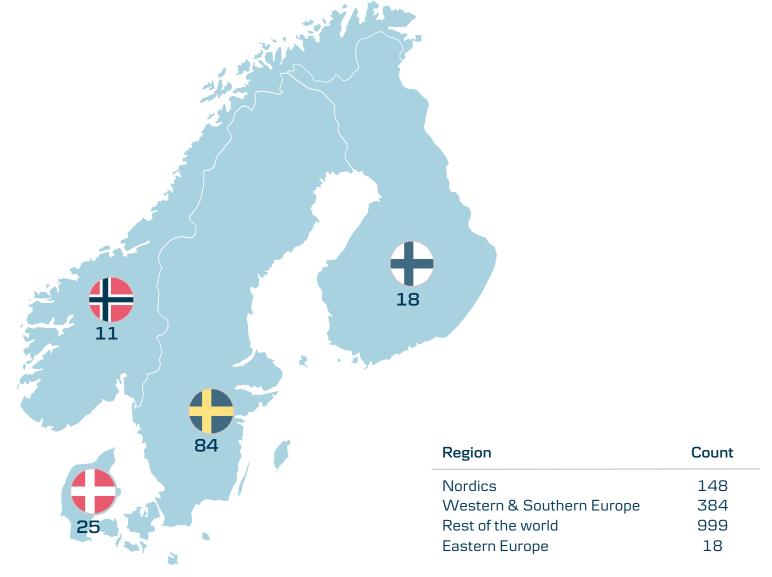






Top 10 and voting distribution across Nordic countries & regions

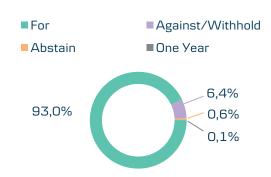
| Rank | Country | Count | |
|------|----------------|-------|--|
| 1 | USA | 492 | |
| 2 | Japan | 246 | |
| 3 | Sweden | 94 | |
| 4 | United Kingdom | 67 | |
| 5 | Canada | 59 | |
| 6 | China | 57 | |
| 7 | France | 51 | |
| 8 | Cayman Islands | 46 | |
| 9 | Germany | 45 | |
| 10 | Switzerland | 35 | |





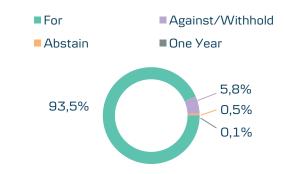
Split between voting instructions and voted proposals

Voted proposals



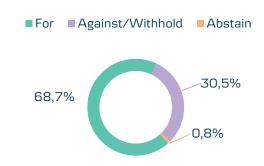
| Total | 21 619 |
|------------------|--------|
| Abstain | 120 |
| Against/Withhold | 1 380 |
| For | 20 119 |

Management proposals



| Against/Withhold Abstain | 1 226 116 |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| | 21 114 |

Shareholder proposals

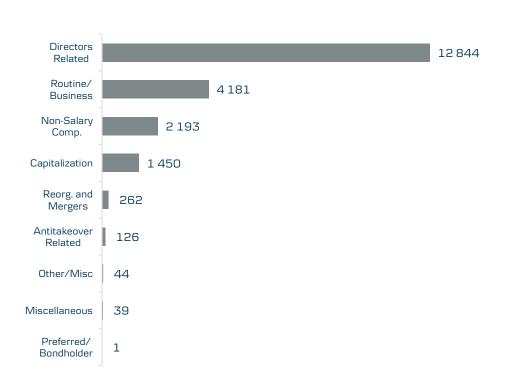


| Total | 505 |
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| Abstain | 4 |
| Against/Withhold | 154 |
| For | 347 |

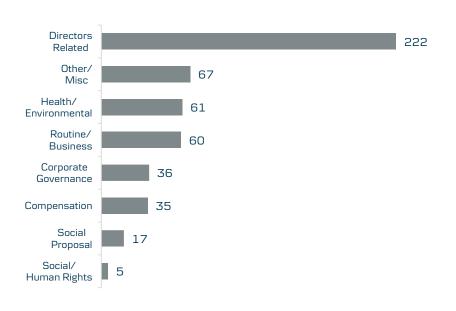


Split between voted proposals categories

Management proposals

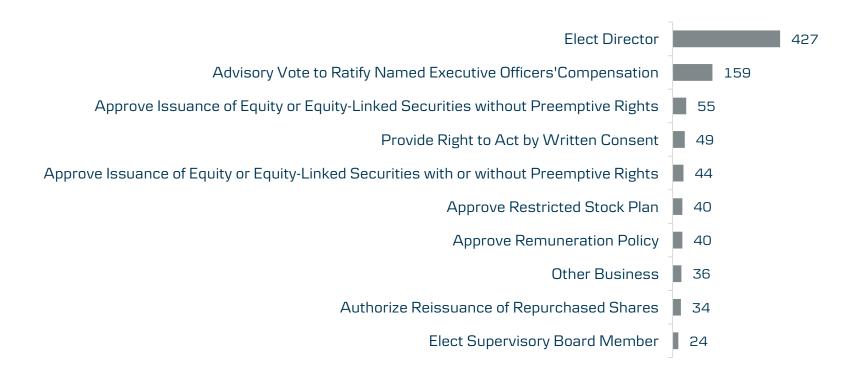


Shareholder proposals





Top 10 voted proposals against Management recommendations



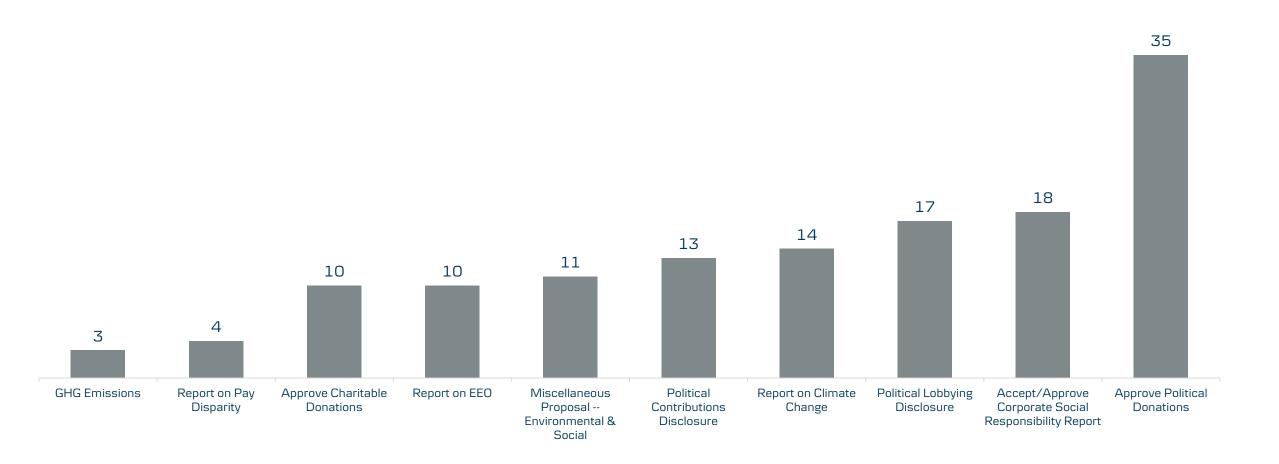


In H1 2021, we have voted 'For' on Environmental & Social proposals on 119 companies in 14 domiciles across the world



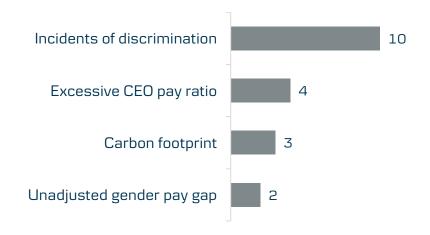


Most common Environmental & Social proposal items voted 'For'





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





Active Ownership Report, Part 3 Collaborative Engagements





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.



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 low-carbon business models and creating real world positive outcomes.



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.



Carbon Disclosure Project

The organisation encourages companies and cities to disclose their climate impact and aims to reduce companies' greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change risk. The organisation collects and shares information on greenhouse gas emissions and climate strategies in order to provide data and tools that enable investors to mitigate climate-related risks in investment decisions.



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.



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.



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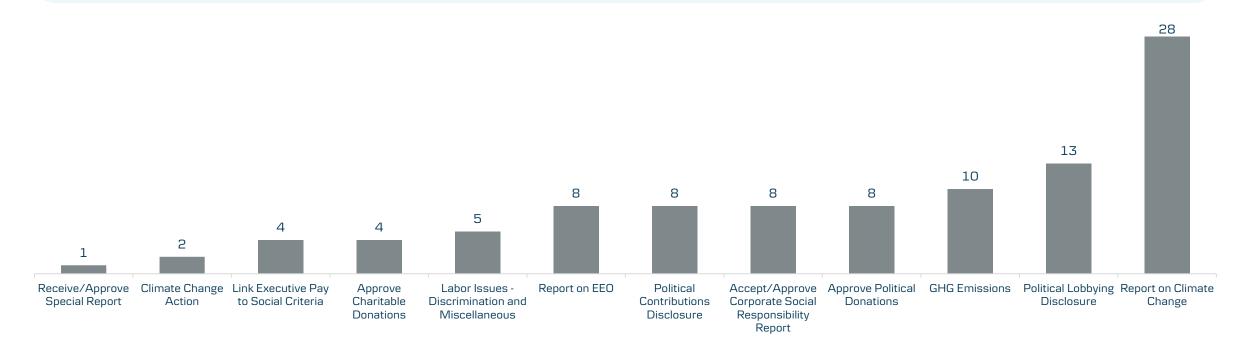
Focus on climate change through Climate Action 100+

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 89 companies and in favour on 99 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

AAK AB AbbVie Inc AddLife AB AddTech AB Adevinta ASA Admicom Ovi **AFRY AB** Agilent Technologies Inc

Air Liquide SA

Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc

Alrosa PJSC Ambu A/S

Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV

Antofagasta PLC

AP Moller - Maersk A/S

Ares Capital Corp

Argenx SE Ario AB

Arla Foods Finance A/S

Assa Abloy AB

Assicurazioni Generali SpA

AstraZeneca PLC Avangrid Inc AVEVA Group PLC

AXA SA

Baloise Holding AG Banco Santander SA

Bank Pembangunan Daerah Jawa

Barat Dan Banten Tbk PT

Barclays PLC Baver AG

Becton Dickinson and Co.

Berlin Hyp AG BHP Group Ltd Biogen Inc

Booking Holdings Inc Boston Scientific Corp

BP PLC **BPCE SA**

Bristol-Myers Squibb Co

Carasent ASA Carlsberg AS Carrefour SA Caterpillar Inc. CD Proiekt SA CFLLINK AB Cerner Corp

Chemometec A/S

Chr Hansen Holding A/S Cie Financiere Richemont SA Cie Generale des Etablissements

Michelin SCA

Cikarang Listrindo Tbk PT

Cint Group AB Citigroup Inc

Colgate-Palmolive Co

Coloplast A/S Concentric AB CRH PLC

Croda International PLC

CVS Health Corp Daimler AG

Danfoss A/S Danone SA Danske Bank A/S

Deere & Co Demant A/S

Deutsche Pfandbriefbank AG

Dexcom Inc Dfds A/S **DNB ASA**

DSV PANALPINA A/S

EDP - Energias de Portugal SA Edwards Lifesciences Corp

Eli Lilly & Co

Embracer Group AB **ENEL RUSSIA PUSC**

Equinix Inc

Erste Group Bank AG

Essity AB Experian PLC

Fasadgruppen Group AB Fastighets AB Balder FLSmidth & Co A/S Galapagos NV Gazprom PJSC

Genmah A/S Genovis AB Giyaudan SA

Gjensidige Forsikring ASA GlaxoSmithKline PLC GN Store Nord AS

H & M Hennes & Mauritz AB Heimstaden Bostad AB

Heineken NV HT Troplast GmbH

Huhtamaki Ovi Iberdrola SA IMI PLC Indutrade AB Instalco AB

Inter RAO UES PJSC International Flavors & Fragrances Inc

Intertek Group PLC

Intesa Sanpaolo SpA

Ionis Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Ipsen SA ISS A/S

Johnson & Johnson Johnson Matthey PLC

Jyske Bank A/S

KBC Group NV Kemira Ovi Kerry Group PLC Kojamo Oyj

Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV

Koninklijke DSM NV Koninklijke Philips NV Lagercrantz Group AB

Landsbankinn HF London Stock Exchange Group PLC

Lonza Group AG

LUKOIL PJSC

Lundin Energy AB Lundin Mining Corp

Magnit PJSC Medicover AB Medtronic PLC Merck KGaA Metso Outotec Ovi

Mettler-Toledo International Inc. Millicom International Cellular SA

MMC Norilsk Nickel PJSC MOL Hungarian Oil & Gas PLC

MSCI Inc

National Grid PLC

Neste Oyi Nestle SA Nolato AB

Nordea Bank Abp Norsk Hydro ASA

Novartis AG Novatek PJSC Novo Nordisk A/S NP3 Fastigheter AB Nvkredit Realkredit AS

Orkla ASA Orsted AS

Pioneer Natural Resources Co

Prudential PLC

Puregold Price Club Inc

Ratos AB



Engagement by company

Redsense Medical AB

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 Rugvista Group AB

RWE AG

S&P Global Inc

Salmar ASA

Sandvik AB

Sanofi

Sanoma Oyj Sberbank of Russia PJSC

Sdiptech AB

Securitas AB

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Spirax-Sarco Engineering PLC

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