

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 2: Voting



Part 3: Collaborative Engagements



Active Ownership Report, Part 1 Engagements



Engagements introduction

We believe that investment manager-driven dialogue with portfolio 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.

As such, the investment teams engage on a regular basis with investee companies on material ESG matters in order to enhance and protect the value of the investments.

In order to ensure a structured engagement process, we log and monitor company dialogue and progress.



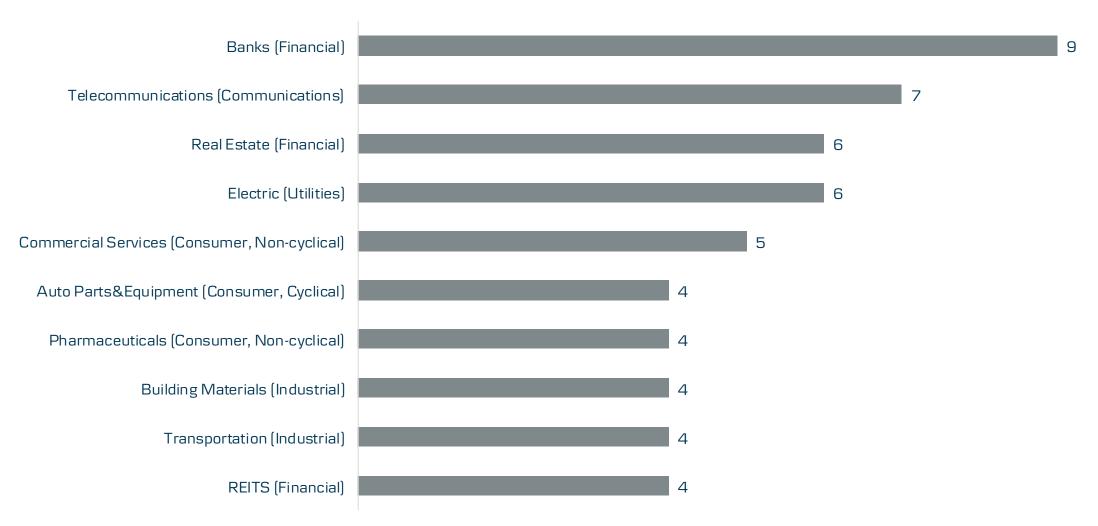


In H1 2022, we have had the following engagement activities





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

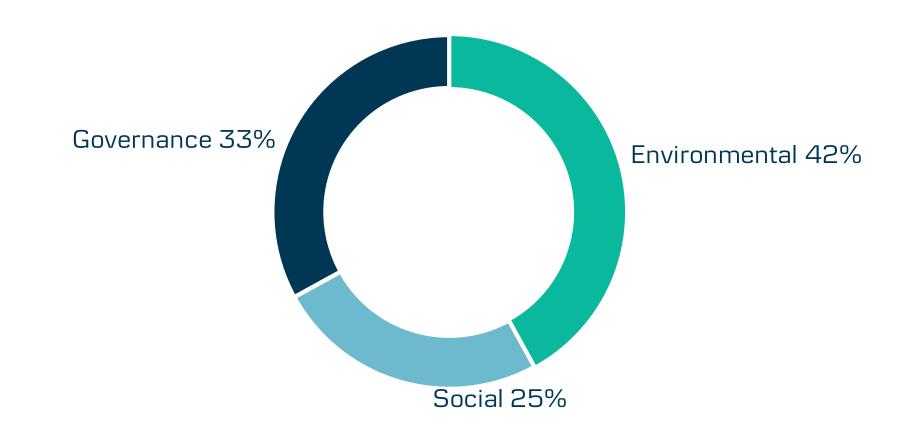








Split between ESG engagement themes











Top 7 ESG engagement subjects discussed across themes

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Rank	Subject	Count	Rank	Subject	Count	Rank	Subject	Count
1	GHG Emissions	55	1	Employee Health & Safety	28	1	Board Compensation	25
2	Energy Transformation	26	2	Human Rights & Community Relations	13	2	Capital Structure	12
3	Climate Neutrality	8	3	Product Development	7	3	Corporate Disclosure	8
4	Energy Management	7	4	Supply Chain Management	4	4	Anti-Corruption Issues & Handling	6
5	Sustainable Products	6	5	Employee Engagement, Diversity & Inclusion	4	5	Dividends	5
6	Circular Economy	5	6	Customer Welfare	4	6	Sustainability Integration & Reporting	4
7	Energy Efficiency	4	7	Selling Practices & Product labelling	3	7	Corporate Behavior	4

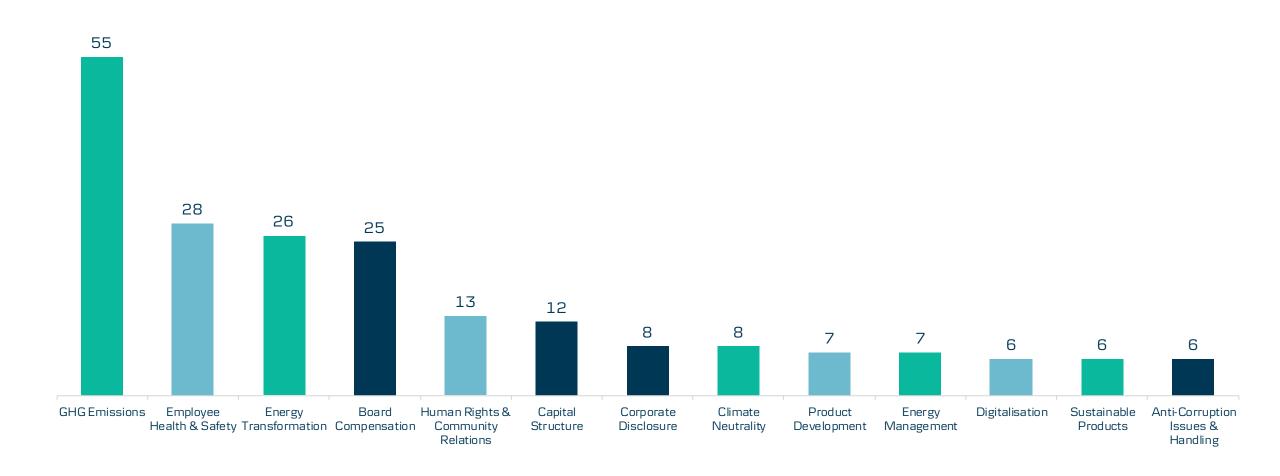








Most frequent ESG engagement subjects discussed

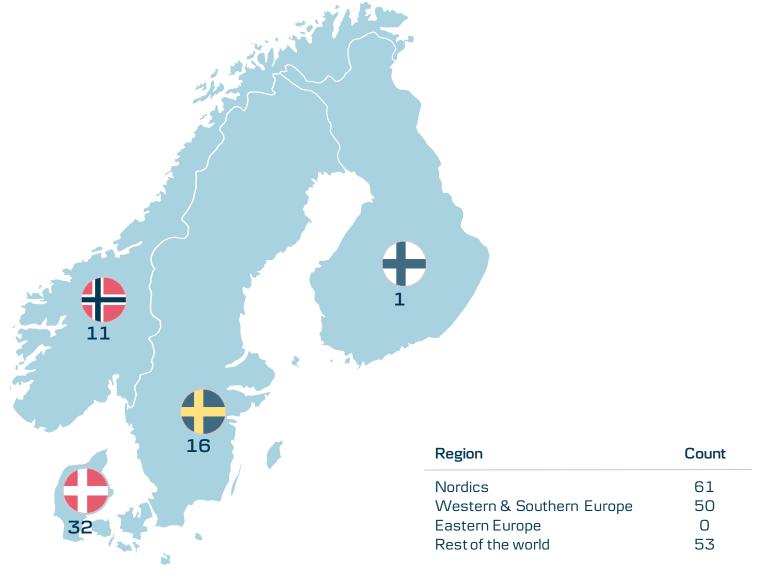






Top 10 and interactions distribution across Nordic countries & regions

Rank	Country	Count
1	Denmark	32
2	United States	31
3	Sweden	16
4	Japan	13
5	Germany	13
6	Norway	11
7	France	11
8	Italy	7
9	Great Britain	6
10	Hong Kong	4



Principal Adverse Impacts (PAIs)

We consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters that our investment decisions for managed assets have or may have. Through the consideration of principal adverse impacts, we are monitoring and reporting on 18 mandatory principal adverse impact indicators and two voluntary indicators defined by the EU Sustainable Finance Regulation. Our aim is to address these impacts at an investment product and entity level in order to reduce the negative footprint our investments have and/or may have on society. How and to what extent we consider and address principal adverse impacts will evolve over time and hence continuously alter this statement. Further, there are differentiations between the investment products that we manufacturer.

Identification of principal adverse impacts

We use external market research providers and other publicly available information, dashboards, tools and frameworks and the expertise of our Responsible Investment team to identify principal adverse impacts on the basis of anytime applicable indicators. The complete methodology for the identification, measurement and reporting on these indicators are under development. Once finalized it will be built into due diligence policies of the investment organizations and this statement updated accordingly.

Prioritization of principal adverse impacts

We address principal adverse impacts through our inclusion, active ownership and exclusion activities. Principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors are prioritized according to their materiality and type, as well as the nature of our investment products. How indicators are taken into account are also specifically dependent on the strategy of the relevant product and how sustainability aspects and sustainable objectives are taken into account.

Engagement policies and references to international standards

In Danske Bank Active Ownership is conducted mainly through: 1) Dialogue; 2) Collaborative engagement, and 3) Voting. Engagement and Voting practices are interrelated and feed into each other and one can be the initiator or the complement of the other. Our approach takes into account internationally recognized corporate governance standards, e.g., the G2O/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance, as well as voluntary principles, such as the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. We also consider local regulation and/or guidelines such as the Danish Stewardship Code, the Finnish Corporate Governance Code, the Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance, and the Swedish Corporate Governance Code, as well as variation in legal and regulatory requirements between countries. There are also country variations as to whether corporate governance is regulated by rules-based legislation or by a comply-or-explain principle that needs to be considered in this context. The Active Ownership approach is based on the belief that it is more sustainable to address challenging issues throughactive ownership and dialogue rather than divesting and thereby refraining from an opportunity to make a positive impact and acting as a responsible investor.

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 investee companies, Sovereigns & Supranational and Real Estate is included in the following slides.

Our principal adverse impact statement can be found here

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 $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$

Rate of accidents

Supplier code of conduct

Unadjusted gender pay gap

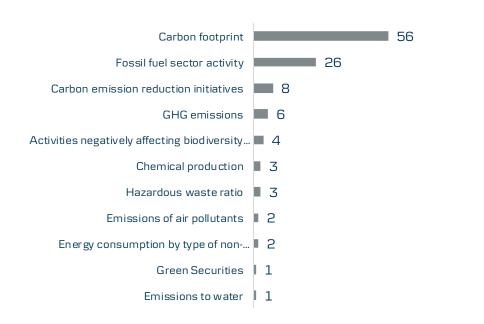
Violations of UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines

Whistle-blower protection

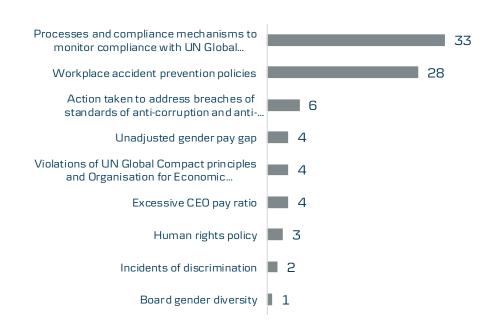
Workplace accident prevention policies

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



Adverse sustainability indicators addressed in sovereigns and real estate



Exposure to fossil fuels through real estate assets

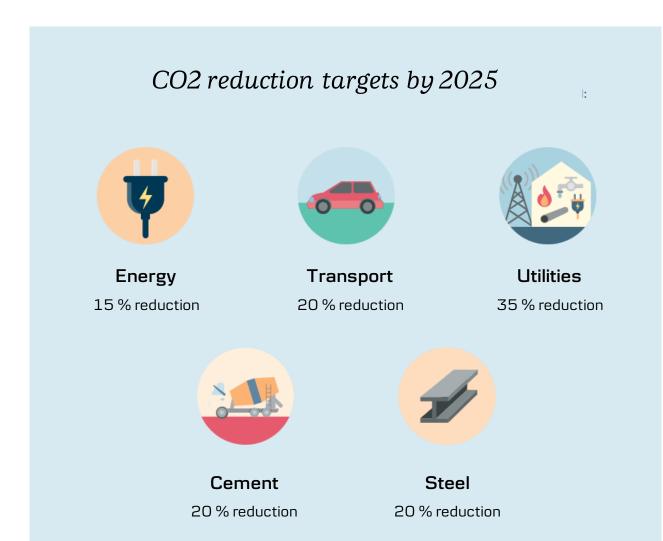
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Exposure to energy-inefficient real estate assets

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Net Zero Engagements in H1 2022



Company engagements

Oil & Gas

Petroleo Brasileiro

Equinor ASA

Shell PLC

Chevron Corp

Repsol

Occidental Petroleum Corp

BP PLC

Valero Energy

Eneos Holding

Eni

Total Energies

Steel

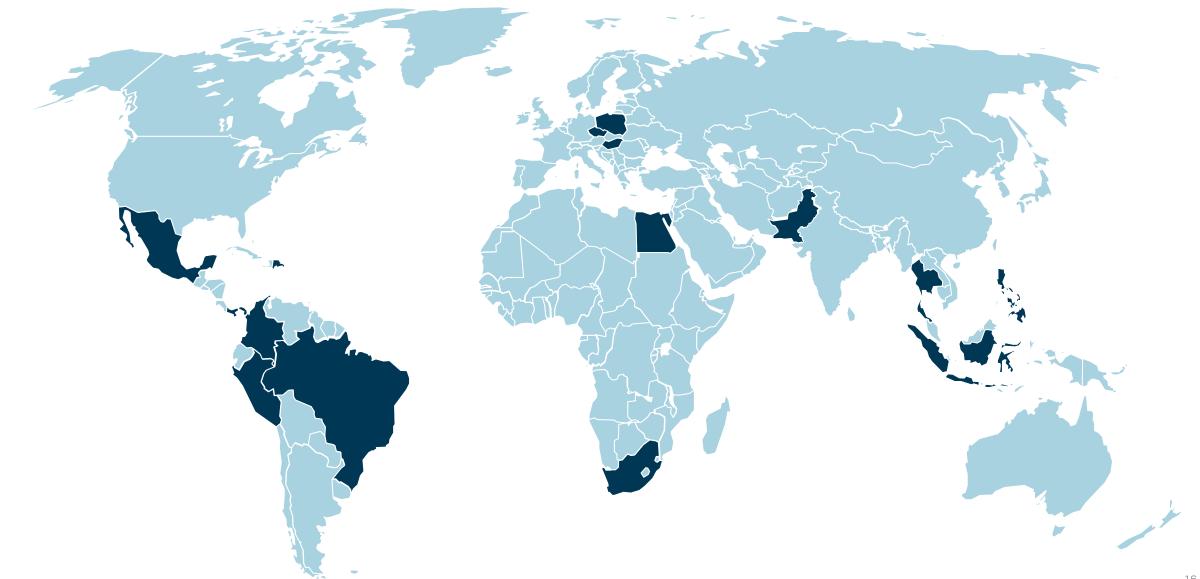
United States Steel Corp Thyssenkrupp AG JFE Holdings Inc

Utilities

RWE AG



Sovereigns: In H1 2022, we have had 32 engagements with 16 governmental entities



Active Ownership Report, Part 2 Voting



Voting introduction

The general meetings of companies are an opportunity to voice our opinion, vote on issues of key importance, and contribute to the good governance of the company. We seek to vote on all shares held, under both passive and active strategies, while taking into account preconditions, resources, and the costs of exercising voting rights.

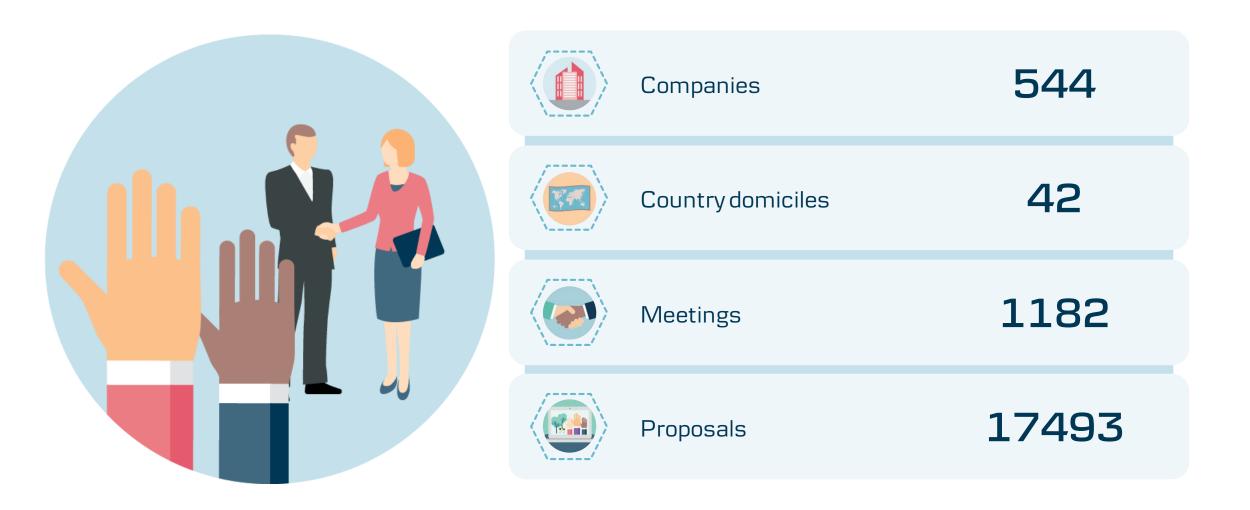
Our Danske Bank Voting Guidelines serve as our default position for all proposals, but our investment teams managing our active portfolios can deviate based on case specific details. As enshrined in our Active Ownership Policy and Instructions, voting must always be carried out for the benefit of the investors.

In order to ensure a structured and transparent process, we log and publish records of the vote that we have conducted either by ourselves or through a service provider.

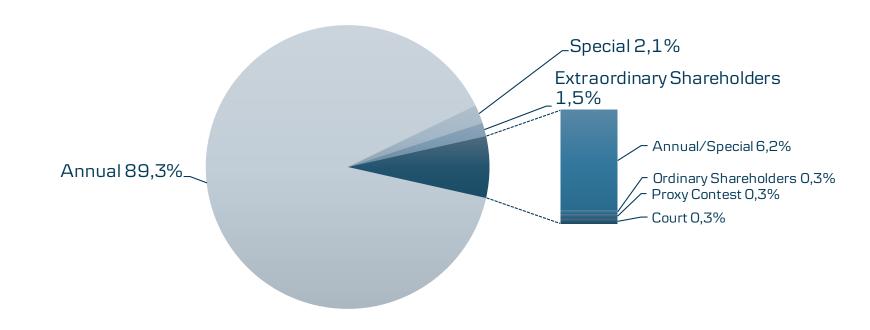




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Split between meeting types







Top 10 and voting distribution across Nordic countries & regions

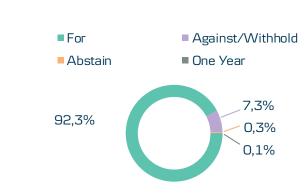
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1	USA	439
2	Japan	163
3	United Kingdom	69
4	Canada	56
5	Germany	50
6	Denmark	46
7	France	44
8	Sweden	40
9	Switzerland	34
10	Netherlands	26



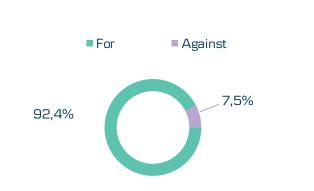


Split between voting instructions and voted proposals





Management proposals



Total	17493
Abstain/One Year	70
Against/Withhold	1272
For	16151

Total	17493
Against	1314
For	16179



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.

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Net Zero Asset Owner Alliance

The UN-convened Net Zero Asset Owner Alliance (NZAOA) is a member-led initiative of institutional investors committed to transitioning their investment portfolios to net-zero GHG emissions by 2050 – consistent with a maximum temperature rise of 1.5°C. The Alliance members are the finance industry's first to set intermediate targets, which include CO2 reduction ranges for 2025 [22 – 32%] and for 2030 [49% – 65%].



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.





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.



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.

Danske Bank Group membership of Investor initiatives and alliances



FAIRR

Established by the Jeremy Coller Foundation, the FAIRR Initiative is a collaborative investor network that raises awareness of the material ESG risks and opportunities in protein supply chains. FAIRR helps investors to identify and prioritise these factors through cutting-edge research that investors can then integrate into their investment decision-making and active stewardship processes.



PBAF

The PBAF standard provides financial institutions with practical guidance on biodiversity impact and dependency assessments and define what is needed in order for these assessments to deliver the right information to financial institutions.

Emerging Markets Investors Alliance (EMIA)

The Emerging Markets Investors Alliance is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that enables institutional emerging market investors to support good governance, promote sustainable development, and improve investment performance in the governments and companies in which they invest. The Alliance seeks to raise awareness and advocate for these issues through collaboration among investors, companies or governments, and public policy experts.

ShareAction - Investor Decarbonisation Initiative

The Investor Decarbonisation Initiative aims to bring together investors to accelerate corporate action on climate change in key battleground sectors. Building on previous success securing corporate commitments across the global economy, it's now focusing its efforts on high-carbon sectors, specifically transport and chemicals.

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Engagement by company

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Adler Pelzer Holding GmbH

Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc

Altice Finco SA Amazon.com Inc

AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc

Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV

AP Moller - Maersk A/S Applied Materials Inc

Atlantia SpA Autoliv Inc

Autostrade per l'Italia SpA

BorgWarner Inc

Brother Industries Ltd

Cable One Inc Carlsberg AS

Cie Generale des Etablissements Michelin SCA

Citigroup Inc

CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd

Coloplast A/S

CTP NV

Daiichi Sankyo Co Ltd Danske Bank A/S Delta Air Lines Inc Deutsche Bank AG

Dfds A/S

Direct Line Insurance Group PLC

DSV A/S

E.ON SE

EDP - Energias de Portugal SA

Enel SpA EQT AB Equinix Inc Equinor ASA ERG SpA Essity AB

Getlink SE

GN Store Nord AS Heimstaden Bostad AB HT Troplast GmbH

International Consolidated Airlines Group SA

Interpublic Group of Cos Inc/The

Intesa Sanpaolo SpA

Intrum AB Islandsbanki HF

ISS A/S

James Hardie Industries PLC

KDDI Corp LANXESS AG LKQ Corp

Lumen Technologies Inc

Marubeni Corp

Medical Properties Trust Inc

National Grid PLC

Nestle SA Netflix Inc

NextEra Energy Inc

NIKEInc

Nippon Shinyaku Co Ltd

NKTA/S

Novo Nordisk A/S Novozymes A/S OHL Operaciones SA

Orsted AS

Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd

Pan American Silver Corp

Peach Property Finance GmbH

PrestigeBidCo GmbH Procter & Gamble Co/The

Roche Holding AG ROCKWOOL A/S S&P Global Inc

Samhallsbyggnadsbolaget i Norden AB

Saudi Arabian Oil Co

SBA Communications Corp

Sea Ltd

Siemens AG

Signa Development Finance SCS Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB

SKFAB

SoftBank Group Corp

Solar A/S Sony Group Corp

SS&C Technologies Holdings Inc

Stellantis NV

Svenska Handelsbanken AB

Swisscom AG

Techtronic Industries Co Ltd

Telenor ASA Teradyne Inc T-Mobile US Inc Tokyo Electron Ltd TOPPAN INC TotalEnergies SE

Toyo Suisan Kaisha Ltd

Tractor Supply Co

Tyler Technologies Inc

UniCredit SpA Unilever PLC

UPM-Kymmene Oyj

Vestas Wind Systems A/S

Victoria PLC Volvo Car AB Vonovia SE Walt Disney Co Xylem Inc