

Responsible Investing Overview

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Philosophy

Our research focuses on identifying, testing, and incorporating investment signals into our quantitative return and risk models. We understand that environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) considerations can impact businesses' profitability and sustainability of earnings, in addition to the risks associated with their securities. As such, we evaluate and selectively incorporate ESG information into our investment process.

In 2016, we became a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment ("PRI") demonstrating our recognition of the importance of these issues.

We have a Responsible Investing Committee, which is comprised of our Chief Investment Officer and senior members of Portfolio Management, Research, Legal, and Client Relationship Management, that meets quarterly to discuss our approach to various ESG-related matters, both in our investment process and in our reporting.

Investment Process

We incorporate what we believe to be the best investment insights into our clients' portfolios with the objective to manage conflicts of interest and deliver sustainable alpha on a risk-controlled basis. Consistent with this objective, all alpha and risk signals, including those associated with ESG information, are evaluated in a systematic and rigorous manner prior to inclusion in our process. We have found that some of our existing expected return signals are correlated with ESG measures. The most conspicuous examples are our quality signals, which tend to be somewhat correlated with the "G" component of ESG. Additionally, we include signals derived from ESG and carbon information in our risk model.

When directed to do so by clients, we can also employ exclusionary screens, group restrictions, continuous penalties, ESG-tilted benchmarks, or a combination of these approaches to accommodate a variety of responsible investment considerations. We believe that we have developed effective tools to allow for the inclusion of these additional considerations with the lowest cost to the other investment considerations, and we manage a number of portfolios that use these approaches to help satisfy clients' ESG-related objectives.

Stewardship

We have retained Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), a leading proxy service provider, to provide proxy voting services. Standard proxy voting policies (which we subscribe to) take into account certain ESG-related matters. In addition, upon request, we can implement enhanced ESG-specific voting procedures with respect to the securities held in a client's account.

Engagement activities are fully outsourced through Sustainalytics, offering an established, standardized and systematic global engagement program. The engagement framework is incident and compliance based, addressing offenses of international norms and standards involving the following issues: labor, environment, business ethics and human rights.



Reporting

We offer customized reporting on overall portfolio-level ESG scores and carbon exposures. In addition, proxy voting results are made available to all clients as part of our standard reporting package.

Continued Commitment to Research

One of our core beliefs is that active management is an intrinsically dynamic activity, and we continually reinvest in research, including research related to ESG concepts and characteristics. To this end, we recognize that the risks and return potential related to ESG issues change and evolve over time. To identify potential return or risk implications associated with ESG information, we are therefore committed to considering ESG-related signals as well as related third-party academic research.



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