

## PRI scores for 2020

### *Background*

#### **What is the PRI?**

The PRI is the world's leading proponent of responsible investment. It works:

- ▶ to understand the investment implications of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors;
- ▶ to support its international network of investor signatories in incorporating these factors into their investment and ownership decisions.

*Source: About the PRI | PRI Web Page | PRI (unpri.org)*

Quilter submitted its first report to the UN PRI in 2019.

The UN backed PRI changed its process for evaluating signatories for the 2020 submission. This resulted in delays to the ratings being published and hence Quilter received its rating for 2020 in September 2022.

There have been significant changes and enhancements to the responsible investment approach across Quilter over the last 21 months and therefore the ratings are not reflective of the current position – for example our approach to climate change and particularly our alignment with TCFD.

As ever the outcome of the ratings gives us the opportunity to identify areas where we need to focus our efforts as we continue to progress in our approach to responsible investment.

### *The assessment criteria*

The assessment comprises different aspects of being a responsible investor and signatories are asked to only respond to those elements which apply to them.

#### **The key areas of assessment for Quilter were:**

- ▶ **Investment & Stewardship policy** – this incorporates different elements, not just stewardship, such as TCFD alignment, political influencing activity, incorporating ESG factors into Strategic Asset Allocation, sustainability outcomes, client reporting, funds labelled as 'ESG'.
- ▶ **Voting on listed equities and investment trusts** – this includes the voting policy, disclosure of voting activity and the rationale, as well as pre-declaration of voting.
- ▶ **Incorporating ESG factors for listed equities** – how ESG factors impact portfolio construction, how they are included within financial modelling, and the compliance approach for negative screening.
- ▶ **Indirect holdings** – how we select third party managers and the ongoing monitoring from a responsible investment perspective including voting, stewardship and ESG integration.

### *Outcome*

In line with the UN PRI's guidelines we provide both our assessment and transparency reports below.

[Quilter plc Public Transparency Report 2021](#) ▶

[Quilter plc Assessment Report 2021](#) ▶

### *Next steps*

We look forward to reporting on our progress since 2020 on our responsible investment activities with our next PRI submission which is due in 2023.

### *Important information*

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