

# Statement on principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors

Reference period: 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Table 1

**Financial market participant** Ecofin Advisors Limited (549300Z2ET89XOQWMV67)

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## Summary

Ecofin Advisors Limited (549300Z2ET89XOQWMV67) considers principal adverse impacts of its investment decisions on sustainability factors for its SFDR-classified funds that invest in liquid equities. The present statement is the statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors of Ecofin Advisors Limited (“Ecofin”).

This statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors covers the reference period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Ecofin considers principal adverse impacts on an entity level by measuring and monitoring the aggregated negative impact on sustainability factors of our SFDR-classified funds. The negative impact of investments on sustainability factors is taken into consideration as an integrated part of Ecofin’s SFDR-classified investment process. Ecofin uses a due diligence and monitoring process for all investments made in SFDR-classified funds when considering principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors.

Please note whenever Ecofin refers to “funds” or “fund” within this statement, we are referring to our SFDR-classified funds.

*[Summary referred to in Article 5 provided in the languages referred to in paragraph 1 thereof]*

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## Description of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors

In addition to the mandatory indicators for adverse impact on sustainability factors, Ecofin selected one environmental optional PAI indicator from Table 2 and one social optional PAI indicator from Table 3 of Annex I of the SFDR Delegated Regulation; in particular no. 4. *Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives*, and no. 9. *Lack of a human rights policy*, respectively. Ecofin considers both the mandatory and selected optional indicators, subject to data availability and quality.

The mandatory indicators defined by the SFDR are set out in Table 1 below. These indicators must be considered to ensure that adverse impact on key sustainability factors is taken into consideration. For each of these indicators, we have included information to describe the actions that we have taken and actions that we may take / targets set, to avoid or reduce the principal adverse impacts identified. Information on the impact of our funds’ investments on these indicators will be published continuously on an annual basis, subject to data availability and quality.

This information will cover the period of 1 January until 31 December of the preceding year. Information on impact compared to the previous year is now included, and will be reported continuously on an annual basis, subject to data availability and quality.

*[Information referred to in Article 7 in the format set out below]*

| Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies  |                  |                       |                        |             |   |  |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|---|--|
| Adverse sustainability indicator  | Metric           | Impact 2023 [year n]  | Impact 2022 [year n-1] | Explanation | Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period  |  |
| <b>CLIMATE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT-RELATED INDICATORS</b><br><i>Please see linked MSCI report for <a href="#">2023</a> indicator values</i><br><i>Please see linked MSCI report for <a href="#">2022</a> indicator values</i> |                  |                       |                        |             |   |  |
| Greenhouse gas emissions  | 1. GHG emissions | Scope 1 GHG emissions | 8,796.73               | 9,913.44    | Sum of portfolio companies' Carbon Emissions - Scope 1 (tCO2e) weighted by the portfolio's value of investment in a company and by the company's most recently available enterprise value including cash. | <p>Ecofin supports a rapid transition to a low-carbon economy and is a proud signatory of the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative. Ecofin has elected to utilise the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) Portfolio Coverage Approach for financial institutions to quantify this initiative, whereby Ecofin will set engagement targets to have a portion of its investees set their own SBTi-approved science-based targets (SBTs) such that Ecofin is on a linear path to 100% portfolio coverage by 2040. Ecofin is committed to 75% SBT portfolio coverage by 2030, a pace that should put it on track towards 100% SBT portfolio coverage well before SBTi's financial institution coverage deadline of 2040.</p> <p>Ecofin does not intend to invest in a company that has a significant amount of revenues from selling fossil fuel reserves or whose principal business is extracting, processing, or refining coal, tar sands, oil, or natural gas, as these</p> |
|   |                  | Scope 2 GHG emissions | 1,134.21               | 1,008.66    | Sum of portfolio companies' Carbon Emissions - Scope 2 (tCO2e) weighted by the portfolio's value of investment in a company and by the company's most recently available enterprise value including cash. |  |
|   |                  | Scope 3 GHG emissions | 16,490.37              | 15,378.03   | Sum of portfolio companies' Scope 3 - Total Emission Estimated (tCO2e)  |  |

**Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies**

| Adverse sustainability indicator | Metric              | Impact 2023 [year n] | Impact 2022 [year n-1] | Explanation   | Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---|---|
|                                  |                     |                      |                        | weighted by the portfolio's value of investment in a company and by the company's most recently available enterprise value including cash.  | <p>businesses are not currently aligned with Ecofin's sustainability themes or its view of the long-term trends in energy demand. For companies with exposure to fossil fuels, Ecofin generally seeks to identify and invest in companies which are de-emphasizing fossil fuel technologies and contributing to a low-carbon transition.</p> <p>For further detail please see Ecofin's Fossil Fuel Policy and Net Zero Disclosure.</p> <p>In our funds, we consider these indicators using an internally developed monitoring system, subject to data availability and quality. Issuers identified as outliers by Ecofin or which exhibit high adverse impact across several indicators may be subject to further analysis and the process described below.</p> |
|                                  | Total GHG emissions | 26,421.30            | 26,453.36              | The total annual Scope 1, Scope 2, and estimated Scope 3 GHG emissions associated with the market value of the portfolio. Companies' carbon emissions are apportioned across all outstanding shares and bonds (based on the most recently available enterprise value including cash). |   |
| 2. Carbon footprint              | Carbon footprint    | 450.73               | 431.81                 | The total annual Scope 1, Scope 2, and estimated Scope 3 GHG emissions associated with 1 million EUR invested in the portfolio. Companies' carbon emissions are   |   |

**Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies**

| Adverse sustainability indicator | Metric  | Impact 2023 [year n]   | Impact 2022 [year n-1] | Explanation   | Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period   |
|----------------------------------|---|--|------------------------|---|--|
|                                  |   |  |                        | apportioned across all outstanding shares and bonds (based on the most recently available enterprise value including cash). |  |
|                                  | 3. GHG intensity of investee companies                      | GHG intensity of investee companies                                | 1,317.97               | 1,378.40  | The portfolio's weighted average of its holding issuers' GHG Intensity (Scope 1, Scope 2 and estimated Scope 3 GHG emissions/EUR million revenue).   |
|                                  | 4. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector   | Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector | 29.37%                 | 31.00%  | The percentage of the portfolio's market value exposed to issuers with fossil fuels related activities, including extraction, processing, storage and transportation of petroleum products, natural gas, and thermal and metallurgical coal. |
|                                  | 5. Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production | Share of non-renewable energy consumption and non-                 | 76.50%                 | 68.38%  | The portfolio's weighted average of issuers' energy consumption and/or production from non-  |

**Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies**

| Adverse sustainability indicator                               | Metric  | Impact 2023 [year n]  | Impact 2022 [year n-1]  | Explanation  | Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|
|  | renewable energy production of investee companies from non-renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources, expressed as a percentage of total energy sources |   |   | renewable sources as a percentage of total energy used and/or generated.   |  |
| 6. Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector | Energy consumption in GWh per million EUR of revenue of investee companies, per high impact climate sector  | NACE Code A: N/A<br>NACE Code B: N/A<br>NACE Code C: 0.18<br>NACE Code D: 3.02<br>NACE Code E: 1.01 | NACE Code A: N/A<br>NACE Code B: N/A<br>NACE Code C: 0.16<br>NACE Code D: 8.80<br>NACE Code E: 1.44 | The portfolio's weighted average of Energy Consumption Intensity (Gwh/million EUR revenue) for issuers classified within NACE Code A (Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing) NACE Code B (Mining and Quarrying) NACE Code C (Manufacturing) NACE Code D (Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply) NACE Code E (Water |  |

**Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies**

| Adverse sustainability indicator | Metric  | Impact 2023 [year n]   | Impact 2022 [year n-1]   | Explanation  | Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period  |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
|                                  |   | NACE Code F: 0.20<br><br>NACE Code G: N/A<br><br>NACE Code H: 2.78<br><br>NACE Code L: N/A | NACE Code F: 0.15<br><br>NACE Code G: N/A<br><br>NACE Code H: 3.09<br><br>NACE Code L: N/A | Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities)<br>NACE Code F (Construction)<br>NACE Code G (Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles)<br>NACE Code H (Transportation and Storage)<br>NACE Code L (Real Estate Activities) |   |
| Biodiversity                     | 7. Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas | 12.12%   | 0.00%  | The percentage of the portfolio's market value exposed to issuers' that reported having operations in or near biodiversity sensitive areas and have been implicated in controversies with severe or very severe impacts on the environment.                            | In our funds, we commit to take potential negative effects on biodiversity into consideration in our investment decisions. The SFDR-classified investment due diligence process considers potential impacts on biodiversity-sensitive areas and may, where appropriate, engage with investments and potential investments to understand policies related to protecting biodiversity.<br><br>In our funds, we consider this indicator using an internally developed monitoring system, subject to data availability and quality. Issuers identified as outliers by Ecofin or |

**Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies**

| Adverse sustainability indicator | Metric   | Impact 2023 [year n]   | Impact 2022 [year n-1] | Explanation | Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|-------------|---|
|                                  |  |  |                        |             | which exhibit high adverse impact across several indicators may be subject to further analysis and the process described below.   |
| Water                            | 8. Emissions to water                          | Tonnes of emissions to water generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average   | N/A                    | N/A         | <p>The total annual Wastewater discharged (metric tons reported) into surface waters as a result of industrial or manufacturing activities associated with 1 million EUR invested in the portfolio. Companies' water emissions are apportioned across all outstanding shares and bonds (based on the most recently available enterprise value including cash).</p> <p>The investment due diligence process considers emissions to water.</p> <p>In our funds, we consider this indicator using an internally developed monitoring system, subject to data availability and quality. Issuers identified as outliers by Ecofin or which exhibit high adverse impact across several indicators may be subject to further analysis and the process described below.</p> |
| Waste                            | 9. Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio | Tonnes of hazardous waste and radioactive waste generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a | 0.73                   | 0.61        | <p>The total annual hazardous waste (metric tons reported) associated with 1 million EUR invested in the portfolio. Companies' hazardous waste is apportioned across all</p> <p>The investment due diligence process considers hazardous and radioactive waste production.</p> <p>In our funds, we consider this indicator using an internally developed monitoring system, subject to data availability and quality. Issuers identified as outliers by Ecofin or</p>   |

**Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies**

| Adverse sustainability indicator | Metric           | Impact 2023 [year n] | Impact 2022 [year n-1] | Explanation  | Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|---|
|                                  | weighted average |                      |                        | outstanding shares and bonds (based on the most recently available enterprise value including cash). | which exhibit high adverse impact across several indicators may be subject to further analysis and the process described below. |

**INDICATORS FOR SOCIAL AND EMPLOYEE, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-BRIBERY MATTERS**

|                             |  |  |       |        |   |   |
|-----------------------------|--|--|-------|--------|---|---|
| Social and employee matters | 10. Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises | Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises | 0.00% | N/A    | The percentage of the portfolio's market value exposed to issuers with very severe controversies related to the company's operations and/or products. | <p>We seek to adhere to the UN Global Compact principles and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and our aim is that the investee companies that our funds invest into comply with these norms.</p> <p>Our funds are subject to norms-based screening, which identifies investee companies that have been allegedly involved in violations of the UN Global Compact principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.</p> <p>If a company is identified by Ecofin in this norms-based screening process via our internally developed monitoring system, subject to data availability and quality, an internal assessment of the company may be initiated and potential actions considered, see further details below.</p> |
|                             | 11. Lack of processes and compliance   | Share of investments in  | 0.00% | 55.55% | The percentage of the   | We seek to adhere to the UN Global Compact principles and the OECD  |



**Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies**

| <b>Adverse sustainability indicator</b> | <b>Metric</b>  | <b>Impact 2023 [year n]</b>  | <b>Impact 2022 [year n-1]</b> | <b>Explanation</b>   | <b>Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period</b>   |  |
|---|--|--|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
|   | mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises | investee companies without policies to monitor compliance with the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises or grievance /complaints handling mechanisms to address violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises |                               |  | portfolio's market value exposed to issuers that are not signatories in the UN Global Compact.  | <p>Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and our aim is that the investee companies that our funds invest into comply with these norms.</p> <p>If a company is identified by Ecofin in the norms-based screening process via our internally developed monitoring system, subject to data availability and quality, an internal assessment of the company may be initiated and potential actions considered, see further details below.</p> |
| 12. Unadjusted gender pay gap           | Average unadjusted gender pay gap of investee companies  | 3.24%  | 8.29%                         | The portfolio holdings' weighted average of the difference between the average gross hourly earnings of male and female employees, as a percentage of male gross earnings. | <p>In our funds, we consider the average unadjusted gender pay gap of investee companies, subject to data quality and availability.</p> <p>In our funds, we consider this indicator using an internally developed monitoring system, subject to data availability and quality. Issuers identified as outliers by Ecofin or which exhibit high adverse impact across several indicators may be</p> |  |

**Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies**

| Adverse sustainability indicator | Metric   | Impact 2023 [year n]  | Impact 2022 [year n-1] | Explanation | Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period   |  |
|----------------------------------|--|---|------------------------|-------------|--|--|
|                                  |  |   |                        |             | subject to further analysis and the process described below.   |  |
|                                  | 13. Board gender diversity   | Average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of all board members | 37.86%                 | 35.56%      | The portfolio holdings' weighted average of the percentage of board members who are female.  | <p>In our funds, we consider the average ratio of female to male board members, expressed as a percentage of all board members in investee companies, subject to data quality and availability.</p> <p>In our funds, we consider this indicator using an internally developed monitoring system, subject to data availability and quality. Issuers identified as outliers by Ecofin or which exhibit high adverse impact across several indicators may be subject to further analysis and the process described below.</p> |
|                                  | 14. Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons) | Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons          | 0.00%                  | 0.00%       | The percentage of the portfolio's market value exposed to issuers with an industry tie to landmines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons or biological weapons.<br>Note: Industry ties includes ownership, | In our funds, we apply a proprietary exclusion filter in the portfolio construction process to restrict investments in companies that may have significant exposure to controversial weapons.  |

| Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies  |   |   |                      |                        |   |  |
|---|---|---|----------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Adverse sustainability indicator  |   | Metric  | Impact 2023 [year n] | Impact 2022 [year n-1] | Explanation   | Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period   |
|   |   |   |                      |                        | manufacturing and investments. Ties to landmines do not include related safety products.  |  |
| Other indicators for principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors  |   |   |                      |                        |   |  |
| ADDITIONAL CLIMATE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT-RELATED INDICATORS   |   |   |                      |                        |   |  |
| Emissions   | 4. Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives | Share of investments in investee companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives aimed at aligning with the Paris Agreement | 46.32%               | 45.98%                 | The percentage of the portfolio's market value exposed to issuers without a carbon emissions reduction target aligned with the Paris Agreement. | In regard to this indicator, we consider the absence of carbon reduction initiatives, subject to data availability and quality.<br><br>In our funds, we consider these indicators using an internally developed monitoring system, subject to data availability and quality. Issuers identified as outliers by Ecofin or which exhibit high adverse impact across several indicators may be subject to further analysis and the process described below. |
| ADDITIONAL INDICATORS FOR SOCIAL AND EMPLOYEE, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-BRIBERY MATTERS |   |   |                      |                        |   |  |
| Human Rights  | 9. Lack of human rights policy  | Share of investments in entities without  | 16.43%               | 16.60%                 | The percentage of the portfolio's market value exposed to   | In regard to this indicator, we consider the absence of a human rights policy, subject to data availability and quality.   |

**Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies**

| <b>Adverse sustainability indicator</b> | <b>Metric</b> | <b>Impact 2023 [year n]</b> | <b>Impact 2022 [year n-1]</b> | <b>Explanation</b>                            | <b>Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period</b>   |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
|   |               | a human rights policy       |                               | issuers without a formal human rights policy. | In our funds, we consider these indicators using an internally developed monitoring system, subject to data availability and quality. Issuers identified as outliers by Ecofin or which exhibit high adverse impact across several indicators may be subject to further analysis and the process described below. |

In addition to the mandatory indicators for adverse impact on sustainability factors listed above, we have selected two additional voluntary indicators to consider, subject to data availability and quality.

We may consider additional indicators to identify and assess principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors beyond those mandatory indicators that are set out in Table 1 above and the additional indicators that we have opted to report as per the above.

*[Information on the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors referred to in Article 6(1), point (a) in the format in Table 2]*

*[Information on the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors referred to in Article 6(1), point (b), in the format in Table 3]*

## **Description of policies to identify and prioritise principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors**

The negative impact of investments on sustainability factors is taken into consideration as an integrated part of Ecofin's SFDR-classified investment due diligence process. In our funds, we have implemented certain safeguards to seek to ensure that our investments meet a minimum sustainability standard and we use specific processes to identify and consider principal adverse impact where possible. When applicable, this review typically includes principal adverse impact (PAI) consideration, norms-based screening, and firm-level exclusions, including our Fossil Fuel policy, active ownership & engagement, and alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These complementary reviews help us aim to limit investing into companies with negative impact on sustainability factors. Ecofin's identification of high negative impact on environmental and social factors may result in further analysis and may be a driver for active ownership activities, including voting and engagement, as a means to mitigate that impact. Monitoring of principal adverse impact is subject to data availability and quality.

We consider principal adverse impacts on an entity level by measuring and monitoring the aggregated negative impact on sustainability indicators of our funds' investments.

### **Selection of Indicators:**

Ecofin's selection of PAI indicators seeks to directly align with our core investment propositions and sustainability initiatives. As such, Ecofin prioritises the areas of interest below:

- Climate
- Circular Economy
- Water
- Human Rights
- Good Governance

### **Identification and assessment of principal adverse impact:**

As a starting point, our funds apply a norms-based screening to identify companies that are allegedly involved in breaches of international law and norms on environmental protection, human rights, labour standards, and anti-corruption. These filters help identify impact relating to some of the principal adverse impact indicators.

To identify and consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors, Ecofin uses qualitative analysis paired with the use of a proprietary data and reporting framework (referred to as the Ecofin Sustainability Monitor, or the "ESM"), which collects and summarises a combination of datapoints, scores, and controversies on public companies using data obtained from third-party ESG data providers and other internal and external sources. Among other datapoints, the ESM incorporates all mandatory PAI indicators and Ecofin's selected optional PAI indicators. The ESM is the foundation of Ecofin's aforementioned internally developed monitoring system.

On at least a quarterly basis, Ecofin reviews sustainability data, including the aforementioned PAI indicators, obtained through its ESM or other sources to assess ESG and sustainability credentials (including PAI indicators) of the funds. If it is determined that a fund holding requires additional research or action, it is documented in an action plan that gets reviewed, approved, and monitored on an ongoing basis by the Sustainability & Impact Committee (the “Committee”). The range of possible actions includes but is not limited to the following:

- **Engagement:** The issuer is identified by Ecofin as a candidate for an engagement case. This can be due to various reasons such as the issuer’s PAI performance, either overall or on certain indicators, or low data coverage for the issuer. Please see the below Engagement section for further detail.
- **Exclusion:** As part of our escalation mechanisms, the issuer is deemed not eligible for investment in our funds, and is added to our exclusion list.
- **No action:** The PAI indicator level of the issuer is deemed acceptable or judged not to reflect the actual ongoing performance of the company, and no further action is needed at this point. The issuer will continue to be assessed on an ongoing basis.

In deciding the appropriate action, the Committee considers, among other things, the severity and scope of individual adverse impacts, and the probability of occurrence and severity of adverse impacts, including their potentially irremediable characteristics.

**Margin of error with our methodologies:**

PAI identification, prioritisation, and consideration is subject to data availability and quality. To supplement proprietary ESG research, Ecofin utilises data obtained from recognised third-party ESG research and data providers. Therefore, we are reliant on the quality of data received from our third-party data providers.

Ecofin has selected third-party ESG data providers that are well known, have a global presence, and who are generally responsive to feedback when Ecofin questions data outliers or coverage issues. Ecofin may use its qualitative analysis and other external data sources to assist in validating the third-party ESG data and may engage with the third-party data provider when necessary to improve data integrity. Ecofin may also engage with the companies in which it invests to gain a clearer understanding of a company’s ESG position as needed. Ecofin does not rely solely on information available through its third-party ESG data providers but uses such data as an input into the investment analysis process.

**Governance in relation to policies:**

Due diligence on the fund’s holdings is carried out primarily by Ecofin’s investment team, as ESG research is thoroughly incorporated into the SFDR-classified investment process for the fund.

Further, Ecofin’s Committee is responsible for oversight of the firm’s sustainability and ESG framework. The Committee reviews, approves, and monitors action plans for fund holdings that may be falling short of sustainability expectations or otherwise require further attention.

The Committee provides governance to comply with evolving global regulatory frameworks and works with the SRI team to align policies with the firm’s strategic and/or moral values. The Committee includes representatives from Ecofin’s executive leadership team, compliance team, and investment team, among others, to ensure consistent implementation of policies and initiatives across the firm. The Committee meets at least quarterly.

Additionally, a review of fund holdings is performed quarterly by Ecofin’s sustainability team (with support from the investment team) to monitor compliance with firm-level and product-level sustainability and ESG obligations.

These governance policies were reviewed and approved by Ecofin's Committee in 2023.

**Data sources:**

Please see “Margin of error with our methodologies.”

*[Information referred to in Article 7]*

**Engagement policies**

Ecofin believes that being a good steward of our clients’ capital carries the responsibility of actively engaging portfolio companies in a range of discussions, including those issues related to sustainability practices.

Portfolio companies are strongly encouraged to take positive and effective actions that are consistent with shareholder interests and promote corporate longevity. Ecofin leverages long-standing relationships as a stakeholder by encouraging management teams to improve transparency, implement operational best practices, enhance environmental disclosures, and improve upon shareholder and management alignment through strengthened corporate governance.

Ecofin may also undertake specific engagement activities with investee companies in order to encourage advancements within their sustainability practices where Ecofin has determined it may have a positive effect on the sustainability credentials of portfolio companies and / or the long-term asset value of the investment.

Ecofin’s active ownership tools primarily include engagement with portfolio company management or relevant stakeholders and proxy voting. Resolutions are considered on a case-by-case basis. If engagement fails or is deemed ineffective, it may trigger further discussion with the investment team and the Sustainability & Impact Committee (SIC), and potentially trigger escalation mechanisms.

Ecofin undertakes a range of engagement activities with investee companies, which may include the following as appropriate:

- Monitoring
- Initiating and conducting dialogue
- Collaborative engagement campaigns
- Reporting
- Proxy voting

The scope of our engagement activities generally includes four main categories: proxy voting-related, thematic-related, controversy-related, and general engagements. These engagement types may overlap and be applied to a company simultaneously.

- **Proxy voting-related:** We express our views on governance-related and other issues through proxy voting. Whenever feasible, we engage with companies before voting against management’s recommendations on Annual General Meetings (AGMs) or other meeting resolutions if we believe

the item may have a potential negative impact on a company's business, financial performance, and/or sustainability profile. We aim to engage continuously, when appropriate, via frequent dialogues surrounding governance structures.

- **Thematic-related:** These types of engagements are typically related to Ecofin-specific strategy initiatives related to sustainability objectives with an overarching priority on climate change mitigation and decarbonisation. Our thematic engagement activities stem from our bottom-up investment analysis, where we assess a company's contribution to achieving the sustainability objectives within each respective investment theme; we therefore can identify material and relevant issues which may be addressed to enhance sustainability and/or investment ambitions across our strategies.
- **Controversy-related:** These types of engagements are typically catalysed by a specific controversy which we have identified as having a potential negative impact on a company's business and / or financial performance. Failure by a company in addressing and mitigating such risks could lead to further reputational damage, increased legal risks, and potential loss of business opportunities.  
These types of engagements may be norms-based and include instances where companies structurally breach internationally accepted corporate standards (such as UN Global Compact Principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises). These may relate to long-term systemic threats that compromise the integrity of a company's business and broad economic stability.
- **General:** These types of engagements are related to general sustainability or non-sustainability-related matters, such as corporate events, business strategies, disclosure of sustainability-related data, or presence of adequate corporate practices and policies. Some examples of these engagement areas might include business ethics policies, governance structures, and corporate transactions.

For further detail please see Ecofin's Engagement Policy.

*[Information referred to in Article 8]*

### **References to international standards**

Our ambition is that the companies that the funds invest in comply with the international conventions and norms that we adhere to.

These include, but are not limited to, those listed below with the respective PAI indicator(s) used to measure adherence to the respective standards:

- UN Global Compact
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

We have dedicated resources within the SRI team and systems (the ESM) to monitor adherence to these international conventions and norms. External data providers and other data sources are assessed on an ongoing basis for data quality, coverage, and other attributes.

### **Net Zero**

Ecofin supports a rapid transition to a low-carbon economy and is a proud signatory of the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative. Ecofin has elected to utilise the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) Portfolio Coverage Approach for financial institutions to quantify this initiative, whereby Ecofin will set engagement targets to have a portion of its investees set their own SBTi-approved science-based targets (SBTs) such that Ecofin is on a linear path to 100% portfolio coverage by 2040. Ecofin is committed to 75% SBT portfolio coverage by 2030, a pace that should put it on track towards 100% SBT portfolio coverage well before SBTi's financial institution coverage deadline of 2040.



For further detail please see Ecofin's Fossil Fuel Policy and Ecofin's Net Zero Disclosure.

*[Information referred to in Article 9]*

**Historical comparison**

With the addition of a second reporting year, we are able to review data from a historical prospective. As the reported data is an aggregation of investments made across the Firm from all our various thematic investment mandates, it is hard to pinpoint specific outcomes from changes in the year-over-year data points. By calculation methodology, the changes from one year to the next are a function of changes in data from our underlying investments, shifting portfolio allocations within our thematic investment strategies, and evolving relative assets under management between our strategies. As such, where appropriate, we have opted to offer general comments around the year-over-year changes reported above.

Greenhouse Gas Emission and Carbon Footprint: In absolute terms, we note that there were some increases reported across Scope 1, 2, & 3. Our investment strategies tend to invest in growing companies whose products or services are important to a more sustainable future. For a period in the future, we would not be surprised if absolute emissions continue to grow along with these companies as new investments are made and business lines continue to mature. Consistent with our Net Zero commitment, we expect these companies to work toward their long-term emission targets. We are encouraged to see GHG Intensity remained stable over the reporting period.