

Our Stewardship Plan is updated annually and approved by the committees and forums outlined here.

Governance and oversight of stewardship activities

Oversight of stewardship activity is embedded within our governance framework, including:

- ◆ **Asset Management Global Operating Committee:** Chaired by HSBC AM's Chief Executive Officer, this committee oversees the implementation of sustainability strategy across all Asset Management locations as part of its remit, ensuring alignment with HSBC Group's sustainability strategy.
- ◆ **Responsible Investment Committee:** Chaired by HSBC AM's Global Chief Investment Officer, this committee determines proposals for Responsible Investment (RI) strategy, positioning and policies. It seeks to develop and strengthen internal processes to implement RI policies and investment objectives, across investment teams, functions and regions.
- ◆ **Stewardship Committee:** Chaired by HSBC AM's Head of Stewardship, this committee oversees the implementation and delivery of the Stewardship Plan, Global Voting Guidelines, and stewardship aspects of policies (e.g., coal policy) across the investment function. It also provides guidance to internal stakeholders on stewardship matters and thematic priorities, sharing market and industry best practices where relevant. The Stewardship Committee is a sub-committee of the Responsible Investment Committee.

Resourcing of stewardship activities

The stewardship function is part of the HSBC AM Responsible Investment team. It leads our voting and engagement activity, and is responsible for integrating stewardship into our investment research process.

Stewardship activities are also carried out by other individuals across the investment function, including analysts and portfolio managers, which helps us scale our stewardship efforts across a broad range of companies and markets. The stewardship function provides support and training to investment teams involved in stewardship activities.

Our stewardship activities are also supported by operational, client services and technology teams.

Conflicts of Interest

For our approach to Conflicts of Interest, please refer to our policy published online.⁷

7. A summary of the HSBC AM Conflicts of Interest Policy can be accessed via this link: <https://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com/conflicts-of-interest>.

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