

# Sustainable Investing Policy

## Connecting our Mission to a commitment to Sustainable Investment

### *Our business mission is*

To deliver strong, consistent financial performance in alternative investments and align ourselves to our clients' and shareholders' long-term objectives.

### *Our definition of sustainable investment is*

Investment that proactively manages a full range of risks and seeks to make a positive social, economic or environmental impact whilst delivering strong financial returns.

### *We believe our commitment to*

Integrating sustainable investment practices across our strategies has a clear fit with making an active contribution to the sustainability agenda at a global, local and asset level over the long term.

### *Meeting the challenge of climate change and the UN Sustainable Development Goals*

In making our commitments we are mindful of the many significant drivers to the sustainability agenda, **especially the impact of climate change** which we regard as a critical priority for business to address. We believe that investments in a number of our asset classes are creating tangible positive action towards meeting this global challenge.

Many investments within our asset classes also have a good alignment with delivering a number of the **UN Sustainable Development Goals**, which we will continue to identify, optimise and evaluate.

We believe in playing an industry leadership role in supporting and promoting sustainable investment, including through participation in a number of industry bodies. We are a signatory to the **UN-supported Principles of Responsible Investment** and have aligned our sustainable investment commitments with them. We are also a member of UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF) and a signatory to the UK Stewardship Code.

## About Gresham House

Gresham House plc is a London Stock Exchange quoted specialist asset manager providing funds, direct investments and tailored investment solutions, including co-investment, across a range of differentiated alternative investment strategies.

Our expertise includes forestry, renewable energy, housing and infrastructure, strategic public and private equity. The Group aims to deliver sustainable financial returns and is committed to building long-term partnerships with clients (institutions, family offices, high-net-worth individuals, and charities and endowments) to help them achieve their financial goals.

As a signatory to the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment, Gresham House is committed to operating responsibly and sustainably and believes that taking the long view in delivering sustainable investment solutions will continue to be a growing factor in the strength of our market positioning.

## Our sustainable investment commitments

### *We will endeavour to*

- ✓ Take steps to consult and understand the views, concerns and ambitions of our stakeholders in seeking sustainable outcomes from the investments we are involved in.
- ✓ Integrate Environmental, Social, Governance and Economic benefit considerations into our selection, evaluation, governance and engagement processes across the lifecycle of each investment. We drive rigour and consistency in this by applying our sustainable investment framework (please see next page) and system, including clearly defined processes and expert tools and methods.
- ✓ Ensure our team understands the imperative for effective ESG management and is empowered and equipped to carry this out through management support and training.
- ✓ Conduct regular monitoring of ESG risks, opportunities and performance in our investments and over time, reporting to our investors.
- ✓ Conduct our business activities in line with the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment, including an annual report of our progress towards implementation.



## How our policy will be driven and delivered

### Management commitment

Our senior management team, including the Board and the Management Committee, are committed to the implementation of this policy and to making appropriate resources and support available to our team to do so. We will conduct a regular review of our approach and how well we are meeting our commitments and will update this policy accordingly.

### Sustainable Investing Committee

We have established a Sustainable Investing Committee within Gresham House, whose remit is to drive the deliverables laid out in this policy as well as providing a forum for sharing best practice, ideas and ensuring that on-going education is provided across the business. The Committee has a senior sponsor from the Management Committee and representation from each investment division, as well as sales and marketing, to ensure that there is full integration and consistent application of our over-arching policy with our asset level policies and reporting deliverables. The Committee seeks external expert advice and guidance as needed.

### Training and capabilities

Within the Gresham House team we have significant depth of understanding of the specific ESG matters as they apply to the investment areas we specialise in, and we will continue to support the development of this expertise. We will also invest in training our wider teams in the drivers and practice of sustainable investment and the implementation of our commitments. We will facilitate this through training and coaching, as well as debate within and between our teams.

### Executable strategies

Our asset classes vary considerably in terms of the nature of investment and business activity, and in particular in relation to opportunities to influence board and management attitudes and decisions towards long term sustainable outcomes. For this reason, just as our investment strategies themselves are tailored across our asset classes, we have adopted differentiated ESG integration strategies, designed to be both practical and meaningful in context and which we believe will promote engagement by all concerned.

### Evaluation

We will evaluate the implementation of our commitments and strategies in a number of ways, including relevant KPIs chosen to evidence direct impact, changes in performance, and where possible a measure of where we believe we have influenced better or faster progress towards greater sustainability.

### Commitment to being a sustainable operator ourselves

As an underpinning to all of the above we are taking steps to better understand our own sustainability footprint as an organisation and where we can use ESG management interventions in our own operations to make progress and show leadership within our industry. We will ensure there is a good linkage with ESG integration and the implementation of our Stewardship Code statement.

## Sustainable Investment framework

We use a thematic framework to structure analysis, monitoring and reporting of ESG issues and opportunities within the lifecycle of our investments as an aid to more consistent integration. Within our sustainable investment system our expert tools help us identify the most material sub-themes within the broader framework where we believe we should be directing our focus towards more sustainable outcomes.

