

C Alexander Funds RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY

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Introduction

In addition to traditional financial metrics, there also exists a wide collection of environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) considerations, many of which can have the potential to impact on financial returns and the performance of organisations.

As a credit manager seeking to consistently generate risk-adjusted returns for our investors, Alexander Funds (Alexander) has a strong interest in identifying any opportunities or threats to asset and issuer performance as an integral element to our overall investment process.

Our objective under the Policy is to consider all relevant ESG risks on both individual security and portfolio construction decisions with the aim of providing investors with sustainable investment returns.

We believe that specific assessment of relevant and material ESG factors at a security level and holistically at a portfolio level is a critical element to risk management that ultimately ensures investors funds are managed in a sustainable and responsible manner.

Our Approach



Identify

Identify issuers and industries with specific ESG risks



Assess

Assess the ESG risk and suitability of each issuer and asset



Monitor

Monitor the direction and pace of change for identified issuers



Our Process

Alexander has adopted a combined ESG Integration and Negative Screening approach to Responsible Investment. We achieve this through:

- Our Investment Committee, which considers ESG risk at an individual security and portfolio level (ESG Integration); and
- Identifying specific industries and activities that are automatically excluded from consideration for all portfolios due to ESG risks that AFM do not believe can be justified



Fundamental Issuer Research

We consider relevant ESG risks for individual securities and overall portfolio construction. In defining relevant ESG risks we consider the following;

Alexander's corporate values

We consider our values of alignment, fewer, deeper relationships, diversity and collaboration and transparency in each investment decision

Our UNPRI Obligations

As UNPRI Signatories, we ensure that any change in portfolio holdings still meets our obligations

Investor ESG Priorities

We work with clients and industry leaders to identify their top ESG concerns and prioritise based on their requirements



ESG Considerations

Current ESG elements which are considered by Alexander's Investment Committee

Environmental

Organisations, companies and lenders who look to minimise carbon emissions and the sustainability of companies involved in the further extraction and development of non-renewable energy.

Social

Organisations, companies and lenders that encourage diversity & inclusion, maintain ethical supply chains and value & support their staff and communities

Governance

Sufficient levels of transparency and disclosure to make an informed assessment of ESG compatibility, alignment in remuneration structures and thorough audit and financial reporting disclosure





Negative Screening

Excluded Industries:

Tobacco Weapons Pornography

Strict Portfolio Limits:

Gaming/Gambling (10% Maximum) Alcohol production, distribution & retailing (10% Maximum) Fossil Fuel exploration, extraction & processing (10% Maximum) **20% Maximum Exposure across all of the above industries**



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