## **Engagement Activity Summary**

## Introduction

As a long term investor Barclays Private Bank seeks to deliver competitive investment returns for our clients and to create long-term value for stakeholders. Identifying and managing environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities, which can have a material impact on financial returns, is key to achieving our goal. This means we consider ESG factors throughout our investment process, alongside financial information.

Barclays Private Bank has partnered with a leading stewardship provider, EOS at Federated Hermes (EOS) (collectively referred to as "we"/"our" in this report), to support us with engagement and voting across our private banking assets in the UK.

Voting at shareholder meetings and engaging with portfolio companies to encourage better management of ESG themes can be an effective mechanism to reduce portfolio risks, and enable us to deliver competitive returns. They also give us the opportunity, on behalf of our clients, to have a positive influence on corporate behaviour and promote more sustainable business practices.

Our engagement activities are based on the premise that companies with informed and involved shareholders are more likely to achieve long term value than those without. By working with other like-minded investors to amplify our voice, we believe company engagement becomes more effective, enabling us to deliver competitive investment returns for our clients.

Our engagement with portfolio companies, in partnership with EOS, is conducted in the following way:

- The way we engage, and how often, depends on the materiality of the risks and issues.
- We engage with companies in the pursuit of achieving objectives, which allows us to track the progress of our engagement, relative to the objectives set for each company.
- We conduct the majority of our dialogue with the board of directors, executive teams, corporate secretary, subject specialists or investor relations.
- We may increase the intensity of an engagement activity over time, depending on the nature of the challenges and the board's attitude to change.
- We tend to engage more actively where we believe it will lead to an increase (or prevent/limit a decrease) in a company's value over the long term.
- We generally prefer to conduct engagement privately
  when seeking to effect change. However, where our
  usual methods prove unsuccessful, we may escalate our
  engagement by speaking publicly at the company's annual
  general meeting (AGM) to garner additional investor
  support and add further pressure.

This factsheet gives an overview of the engagement activities undertaken on behalf of our clients over the last quarter.

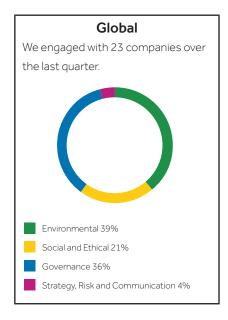


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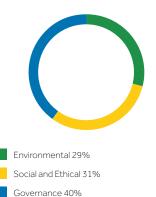
#### **Engagement by Region**

Over the last quarter we engaged with 23 companies on a range of 78 environmental, social and governance issues and objectives. The below outlines the ESG topics that were engaged on by region.



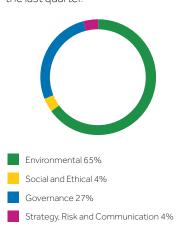
## North America

We engaged with 12 companies over the last quarter.



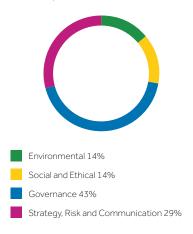
### **Europe ex-United Kingdom**

We engaged with 9 companies over the last quarter.



#### **United Kingdom**

We engaged with 2 companies over the last quarter.



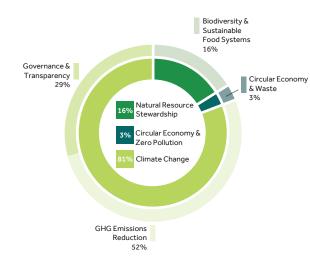
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#### **Engagement by Theme**

We categorise our engagements under four main headings below: Environmental, Social and Ethical, Governance, and Strategy, Risk and Communication. Each of these four categories is individually split into three key themes as shown by the inner rings in the below charts. The outer rings show the underlying subthemes of our engagements.

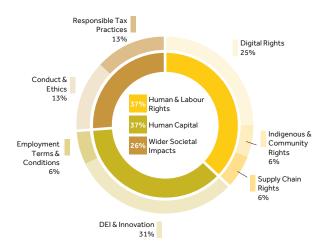
#### **Environmental**

Environmental topics featured in 31 of our engagements over the last quarter.



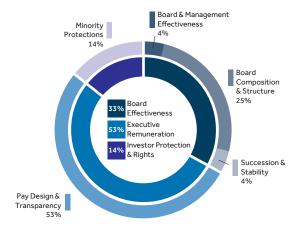
#### Social and Ethical

Social and Ethical topics featured in 16 of our engagements over the last quarter.



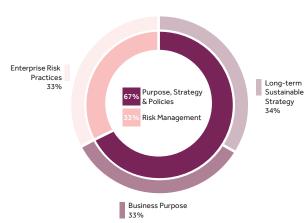
#### Governance

Governance topics featured in 28 of our engagements over the last quarter.



### Strategy, Risk and Communication

Strategy, Risk and Communication topics featured in 3 of our engagements over the last quarter.



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#### Glossary

#### Objective:

An objective is a specific, measurable change we are seeking a company to achieve, and it is tracked using milestones.

An objective is regularly reviewed until the company has implemented the change requested or it is discontinued. An objective may be discontinued if, for example, it is no longer feasible or material. We may engage with a company on multiple objectives at any one time. Each objective relates to a single theme and sub-theme.

#### Issue:

An issue is a topic we have raised with a company in engagement, but it may be of lower materiality or related to the annual shareholder meeting, for example. We may engage with a company on multiple issues at any one time.

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