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

### Financial market participantHSBC GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT (MALTA) LIMITED, LEI:213800K5ZFNCMMGZHN18

#### Summary

HSBC GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT (MALTA) LIMITED, LEI - 213800K5ZFNCMMGZHN18 considers principal adverse impacts of its investment decisions on sustainability factors. The present statement is the consolidated statement on principal adverse impacts of HSBC GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT (MALTA) LIMITED.

This statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors covers the reference period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

We (HSBC GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT (MALTA) LIMITED) also recognize that sustainability risks can lead to outcomes that have adverse impacts on the value of the financial products. Our integration of environmental, social and governance factors as set out in our responsible investment policies and standards, addresses material principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors in our fundamental research and contributes to investment decisions in our investment process. We consider these impacts in our voting and engagement, and in further policies which express our sustainability objectives and set out the actions we take to reach them. This approach helps us to manage these adverse impacts as well as sustainability risks in our investments. The principal adverse impacts listed in this report include the full range of mandatory climate, environmental, social, employee and human rights impacts for which mandatory indicators have been identified, as well as impacts related to carbon emissions and human rights for which optional indicators have been identified and for which we explain actions taken, actions planned, and targets set.

It should be noted that at the end of December 2024, the SFDR scope of assets under management (Malta) Limited amounted to €565 million. HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited considers principal adverse impacts of its investment decisions on sustainability factors provided that these do not conflict with its fiduciary obligations as a fund manager. The actions outlined in this entity report reflect the initiatives taken by HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, the lead entity for the Global HSBC Asset Management business, and unless otherwise stated in this entity report, do not necessarily reflect initiatives taken by HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited.

As an asset manager, offering a range of actively managed products, relevant principal adverse impact indicators may be included in our investment process through integration, engagement and / or exclusion. We explain our approach to voting at company meetings in our Voting Guidelines; companies which do not adequately manage principal adverse impacts may face voting sanctions. The Stewardship Policy sets out our approach to engagement, including escalation of engagement where companies do not respond adequately to concerns raised regarding adverse impacts.

Further details of our approach for screening, investment process and engagement are set out in specific policies and commitment, including Banned Weapons Policy, Energy Policy and Thermal Coal Policy. On climate change issues in particular, the net zero ambition and interim emissions reduction target of HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset Management business are the most important expressions of its ambition. The consolidated statement and all of the policies mentioned are available on our website: www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com.mt/en/individual-investor/about-us/responsible-investing/policies The global net zero interim emissions reduction target is available at: www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk/en/institutional-investor/about-us/road-to-net-zero

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Adverse sustainability indicator	Metric	Impact <sup>1</sup>	Impact <sup>1</sup>	Explanation <sup>2</sup>	Actions taken, a period
		(year 2024)	(year 2023)		
			CLIMAT	E AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT-RELATED INDICATORS	
Greenhouse gas 1. GHG Emissions emissions	Scope 1 GHG Emissions - Metric tons CO2 equivalents	5,923.44	10,614.60	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 26.61% Data Vendor: S&P Trucost and Bloomberg Scope 1 designates the GHG emissions (in tonnes of CO2 equivalent) from direct emitting sources owned or controlled by a company: direct emissions resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, such as gas, oil, coal, during their process of production. Within the framework of SFDR, GHG Emissions refer to 'financed emissions'. For example, if a portfolio owns 10% of a given company, it would be financing 10% of its emissions. To get the total, we sum up the GHG absolute emissions - Scope 1 divided by enterprise value, multiplied by investment for all investee companies. Enterprise Value including cash (EVIC) in million Euro are sourced from Bloomberg incorporated in the metric. Data limitation: GHG Emissions - Scope 1 data are primarily based on company disclosures or estimated by S&P Trucost in the absence of company reports. There is not 100% coverage for these metrics. While our data provider, S&P Trucost, endeavours to provide full coverage for the entire universe of possible holdings, there are sometimes gaps due to companies not reporting emissions and it is not appropriate to estimate non-reported emissions for niche asset classes or sub-industries. There is a further potential gap when our holding is at the subsidiary level, and emissions are only reported at the level of the parent company and not distributable to the subsidiary. These data points are measured in tonnes of CO2 equivalents. They cover the full spectrum of GHG emissions and not only carbon. Hence, we consider them as an Exact Fit of the PAI definition.	HSBC Global Asse Management busir interim target of rec between 2019 and listed equities and of 31 December 20 cent of global AUM investors and fund The 58 per cent tar including the IEA N assumptions. Carb equivalent per milli scaled by enterpris the review that the Policies: HSBC Asset Mana support of HSBC 0 manager and unde the transition plans issuers responsible equity and corpora Coal Policy is deve thermal coal mining HSBC Thermal Co phasing out therma Energy Policy and least annually. In 2024, HSBC Glo Management busir zero alignment of co Investment Framey Limited, the lead en net zero stewardsh
	Scope 2 GHG Emissions - Metric	1,474.54	5,890.89		the net zero alignm
	tons CO2 equivalents	1,474.04	5,690.69	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 26.61% Data Vendor: S&P Trucost and Bloomberg	See above.
				Scope 2 comprises company's indirect GHG emissions (in tonnes of CO2 equivalent) from purchased or acquired electricity, steam, heat and cooling necessary to manufacture the product. Within the framework of SFDR, GHG Emissions refer to 'financed emissions'. For example, if a portfolio owns 10% of a given company, it would be financing 10% of its emissions. To get the total, we sum up the GHG absolute emissions - Scope 2 divided by enterprise value, multiplied by investment for all investee companies. EVIC in million Euro are sourced from FactSet.Bloomberg incorporated in the metric.	
				Data limitation: GHG Emissions - Scope 2 data are primarily based on company disclosures or estimated by S&P Trucost in the absence of company reports. There is not 100% coverage for these metrics. While our data provider S&P Trucost endeavours to provide full coverage for the entire universe of possible holdings, there are sometimes gaps due to companies not reporting emissions and it is not appropriate to estimate on reported emissions for niche asset classes or sub-industries. There is a further potential gap when our holding is at the subsidiary level and emissions are only reported at the level of the parent company and not distributable to the subsidiary.	
				This PAI is measured in tonnes of CO2 equivalents and covers the full spectrum of GHG emissions and not only CO2. Hence, we consider it as an Exact Fit of the PAI definition.	
				It's noteworthy that we attribute a 0 carbon intensity to certain internally approved Green Bonds based on the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) guidelines. The funds raised by these bonds are used for projects that positively impact the environment or climate, such as renewable energy or sustainable waste management. This approach, which considers 0 carbon intensity, is adopted in the absence of a more precise, project- based assessment of GHG emission reductions.	

1. Information on the PAI calculation methodology is available on our website.

2. The reference period of Principle Adverse Impacts started on 1 January 2022.

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sset Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset isiness is a signatory to the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative. It has an reducing Scope 1 and 2 financed emissions intensity by 58 per cent nd 2030 for its in-scope assets under management (AUM), consisting of nd corporate fixed income managed within its major investment hubs. As 2019, in scope assets amounted to USD193.9 billion, equating to 38 per JM. Its targets remain subject to consultation with stakeholders including nd boards on whose behalf it manages the assets.

target is based on assumptions for financial markets and other data, A Net Zero emissions by 2050 scenario and its underlying activity growth arbon emissions intensity is measured as tonnes of carbon dioxide hillion USD invested (tCO2e/USDMillion invested), where emissions are brise values including cash. HSBC Asset Management is closely following he NZAM Initiative has launched on the future of the initiative.

anagement's Energy and Thermal Coal Policies have been developed in C Group's net zero ambition. In its capacity as a discretionary investment inder its Energy Policy, HSBC Asset Management engages and assesses ans of the largest oil and gas, and power and utilities companies for listed ible for around 70 per cent of relevant emissions based upon all listed orate fixed income managed within its major investment hubs. Its Thermal eveloped in support of the phase-out from thermal coal-fired power and ning (collectively 'thermal coal') within the 2030/40 timelines set out in the Coal Phase-Out Policy and is intended to help meet the objective of mal coal within science-based timeframes within its portfolios. The nd Thermal Coal Policy complement one another and are reviewed at

Global Asset Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset isiness developed an internal framework to define and classify the net of companies, based on its views and guidance from the IIGCC's Net Zero nework implementation guidance. HSBC Global Asset Management d entity for the HSBC Asset Management business has also developed a dship toolkit to guide engagements and set objectives for alignment with nment classification.

Adverse sustainability indicator	Metric	Impact <sup>1</sup>	Impact <sup>1</sup>	Explanation <sup>2</sup>	Actions taken
		(year 2024)	(year 2023)		period
	Scope 3 GHG Emissions - Metric tons CO2 equivalents	65,108.94	40,146.41	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 26.61% Data Vendor: S&P Trucost and Bloomberg	See above.
				GHG emissions - Scope 3, defined as all other indirect emissions (not included in scope 1 and 2) that are generated throughout a company's value chain, can often be the largest source of emissions for companies. Scope 3 emissions are divided into two main categories: upstream (supply chain, i.e., purchased or acquired goods & services) and downstream (products value chain: use of sold goods and services) activities of a company. This PAI accounts for both upstream and downstream activities included in GHG emissions - scope 3 categories.In 2024, we have added scope 3 dowstream emissions. For this reason, the figure is increasing from last year report.	
				Within the framework of SFDR, GHG Emissions refer to 'financed emissions'. For example, if a portfolio owns 10% of a given company, it would be financing 10% of its emissions. To get the total, we sum up the GHG absolute emissions - Scope 3 divided by enterprise value including cash (EVIC), multiplied by investment for all investee companies. Enterprise Value, including cash (EVIC) in million Euro are sourced from Bloomberg incorporated in the metric.	
				Data limitation: Scope 1 and 2 carbon are more directly under the control of the individual companies we invest in, whereas scope 3 is an estimation of a company's interaction and the resulting GHG emissions of upstream stakeholders. Due to a lack of reported information, it is challenging to estimate and quantify scope 3 emissions. Given the nature of Scope 3 emissions, particularly downstream emissions such as the use of sold goods, there is an inherent risk of double counting when aggregating emissions. This occurs when emissions are attributed to multiple entities within the same value chain. As such, Scope 3 emissions figures may include overlaps and might be inflated.	
				It's noteworthy that we attribute a 0 carbon intensity to certain internally approved Green Bonds based on the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) guidelines. The funds raised by these bonds are used for projects that positively impact the environment or climate, such as renewable energy or sustainable waste management. This approach, which considers 0 carbon intensity, is adopted in the absence of a more precise, project- based assessment of GHG emission reductions.	
	Total GHG Emissions - Metric tons CO2 equivalents	72,506.93	56,651.83	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 26.61% Data Vendor: S&P Trucost and Bloomberg	See above.
				Total GHG Emissions (Scope 1, 2 & 3) is commonly referred to as 'financed emissions'. For example, if a portfolio owns 10% of a given company, it would be financing 10% of its GHG emissions. It is the sum of the GHG absolute emissions (Scope 1, 2 & 3) divided by enterprise value, multiplied by investment. GHG emissions are primarily based on company disclosures, or estimated by S&P Trucost in the absence of company reports. Enterprise Value, including cash (EVIC) in million Euro are sourced from Bloomberg incorporated in the metric. Scope 3 emissions cover both upstream and downstream emissions. In 2024, we have added scope 3 dowstream emissions. For this reason, the figure is increasing from last year's report.	
				Data limitation: Lack of coverage of GHG emissions - Scope 3 and some niche asset classes (such as Small Caps, High Yield, Frontier or Emerging Markets issuers). These gaps are due to companies not reporting emissions and it is not appropriate to estimate non-reported emissions for niche asset classes or sub-industries.	
				This PAI is measured in tonnes of CO2 equivalents and cover the full spectrum of GHG emissions and not only carbon. Hence, we consider it as an Exact Fit of the PAI definition.	
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2. Carbon Footprint	Carbon Footprint - Metric tons of CO2 per million of euros (EV)	487.38	105.46	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 26.61% Data Vendor: S&P Trucost and Bloomberg	See above.
				This PAI is the sum of all financed emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3) divided by the total value of investments.	
				Scope 3 emissions cover both upstream and downstream emissions.	
				Data limitation: Carbon emissions (Scope 1, 2 & 3) are primarily based on company carbon disclosures or estimated by S&P Trucost in the absence of company reports. It is worth noting the lack of coverage of scope 3 Carbon emissions and some niche asset classes (such as Small Caps, High Yield, Frontier or Emerging Markets issuers). These gaps are due to companies not reporting emissions and it is not appropriate to estimate non-reported emissions for niche asset classes or sub-industries. As a result, the calculation of this PAI indicator is based solely on the proportion of covered assets invested in companies with available data, rather than on the entirety of assets under management. In 2024, we have added scope 3 dowstream emissions. For this reason, the figure is increasing from last year's report.	
				It's noteworthy that we attribute a 0 carbon intensity to certain internally approved Green Bonds based on the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) guidelines. The funds raised by these bonds are used for projects that positively impact the environment or climate, such as renewable energy or sustainable waste management. This approach, which considers 0 carbon intensity, is adopted in the absence of a more precise, project- based assessment of GHG emission reductions.	
3. GHG Intensity of investee companies	GHG intensity of investee companies - Tons of CO2 equivalents per million of euros of revenue	1,044.35	178.50	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 26.53% Data Vendor: S&P Trucost	See above.
				GHG intensity measures the quantity of GHG emissions (scope 1,2 and 3) per million-euro revenue of an issuer of a financial investment. It is a measure of environmental efficiency of an issuer, measuring issuer GHG emissions, relative to issuer economic output.	
				Scope 3 emissions cover both upstream and downstream emissions.	
				Data limitation: GHG intensity are primary based on company GHG emissions (Scope 1, 2 & 3) disclosures, or estimated by S&P Trucost in the absence of company reports. The lack of coverage of scope 3 and niche asset classes (Small Caps, High Yield, Frontier or Emerging Markets issuers) are due to companies not reporting emissions and it is not appropriate to estimate non-reported emissions for niche asset classes or sub-industries. As a result, the calculation of this PAI indicator is based solely on the proportion of covered assets invested in companies with available data, rather than on the entirety of assets under management. In 2024, we have added scope 3 dowstream emissions. For this reason, the figure is increasing from last year's report.	
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4. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector	5.78%	1.41%	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 37.06% Data Vendor: Sustainalytics	HSBC Global Ass Management bus be secured by con
				For this PAI, the selection of data points provided by Sustainalytics cover the full spectrum of fossil fuel involvements of companies determined on their revenues analysis. Hence, we consider this metric to be an exact fit to the PAI definition. It's important to note that we decided to consider 0 Fossil Fuel share for some internally approved green bonds issued by companies operating in the fossil fuel sector based on the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) guidelines The funds raised by these bonds are used for projects that positively impact the environment or climate, such as renewable energy or sustainable waste management.	their dependency the lead entity for of robust transition commits actively r 2040 for non-OEC the largest oil & g

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Asset Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset business believes that the most significant reduction in GHG emissions will y companies active in the fossil fuel sector achieving a transition away from ency on fossil fuel. For that reason HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, y for the HSBC Asset Management business favour engagement in support sition plans over divestment from the sector. The global thermal coal policy rely managed portfolios to phase out thermal coal by 2030 for EU/OECD and OECD. The global energy policy commits to transition plan assessments for I & gas and utility emitters held in our portfolios

Adverse sus	tainability indicator	Metric	Impact <sup>1</sup> (year 2024)	Impact <sup>1</sup> (year 2023)	Explanation <sup>2</sup>	Actions taken, a period
	5. Share of non- renewable energy consumption and production	Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production	80.08%	67.07%	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 22.02% Data vendor: Bloomberg This PAI represents the percentage of the company's total energy consumption and production that is generated using non-renewable sources in the reporting year. This data is taken as reported by the company. To calculate the reported shares, the percentages as directly reported by companies are considered, or a calculation is made based on company disclosure on total energy consumption and production and related non-renewable share. Bloomberg do not use estimation models to cover this PAI.	See above.
					Data limitation: Despite a larger research universe, only a small number of companies are disclosing the metric, but we can expect this limitation to ease in the future.	
	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 - GWh per million of euros of revenue	0.23	0.62	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 10.78% Data vendor: Bloomberg This data is taken as reported by the company. Energy consumption in GWh per million EUR of revenue of investee companies, per high impact climate sectors based on Nomenclature of Economic Activities (NACE) classification of activities. NACE is the European statistical classification of economic activities.	See above.
					Data limitation: Despite a larger research universe, only a small number of companies are disclosing the metric, but we can expect this limitation to ease in the future.	
	affecting biodiversity sensitive areas	companies with sites/operations located in or near to biodiversity- sensitive areas where activities of those investee companies negatively affect those areas			Coverage = 8.45% Data Vendor: Iceberg Data Lab We use an approximation of the "Share of investments in investee companies with sites/ operations located in or near to biodiversity-sensitive areas where related-activities negatively affect those areas" due to the challenge of gathering a mapping of investee companies with sites/operations located in or near to biodiversity sensitive areas. An assessment of companies' activities located in or near to biodiversity sensitive areas and assessment of companies' activities located in or near to biodiversity sensitive areas would require a spatial approach which is not yet disclosed by companies and available to investors. In this context, we use an approximation to assess the most material biodiversity impacts of companies. We rely on the locberg Data Lab methodology which estimates all the material biodiversity impacts, calculated and supported by robust scientific frameworks (damage functions, pressure factors), and translated into the Corporate Biodiversity Footprint (CBF) indicator which reflects the annual biodiversity footprint of a company, expressed in the Km <sup>2</sup> .MSA unit. The « Mean Species Abundance » (MSA) is a biodiversity metric expressing the average relative abundance of native species in an ecosystem compared to their abundance in an ecosystem undisturbed. For PAI 7, we use the weighted sum of CBF intensity for companies that operate within high-impact sectors include those with the greatest impact on biodiversity, such as intensive agriculture, fishing, the forestry industry, mining, oil and gas exploration, construction, and real estate development. From 2024, by definition, this is a negative value: the corporate biodiversity footprint intensity corresponds to a certain value per million euros invested per year. This implies that a one million euror invested results to a mean loss of a certain CBF value per Km2.MSA over annual period. Data limitation: There are methodological bias and limits to the Corporate Biodiversity Footprint (CBF) methodology,	Management busin and opportunities in profile and financial HSBC Global Asset business, has com- our investments by include: collaborat targets; engaging biodiversity; asses and reduce negati HSBC Global Asset business is also a investor capacity fi signatories to adva and opportunities. industry initiatives The global Nature Continue and enhar participation with in Build expertise thm and integration of Monitor the develor progress over time During 2024, HSB Asset Managemer impacts; included third party data pro biodiversity risk. W and recorded prog issuer dialogue thm
					information that is requested by the PAI 7, but we expect this limitation to ease in the future as some companies are increasingly interested in natural capital accounting to mitigate their impacts and measure their risks. For the reporting year 2024, we have changed the indicator to the CBF intensity value provided by Iceberg Data Lab focusing on sectors that are impacting the most biodiversity. For this reason, the PAI 7 is not fully comparable to the previous report figure as this year. Considering the approximation made and data limitation, this PAI is a Partial Fit of the definition.	

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sset Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset usiness recognises that nature and biodiversity issues may present risks as to companies, which could have a material effect on a company's risk incial performance over various investment time horizons.

sset Management Ltd, the lead entity for the HSBC asset management ommitted to work for the protection and restoration of biodiversity through by signing the Finance for Biodiversity Pledge. Current & future actions ration and knowledge sharing on assessment methodologies, impacts and ng with companies to reduce negative and increase positive impacts on sessing the impact of our investments; setting targets to increase positive ative impacts on biodiversity; and to report annually on these activities. sset Management Ltd, the lead entity for the HSBC asset management o a member of the PRI Nature Reference Group, which aims to build by for addressing nature and biodiversity loss by providing a forum for dvance their awareness of nature-related impacts, dependencies, risks es. HSBC Asset Management aims to continue its active participation with es on biodiversity and nature-related topics.

re and Biodiversity Strategy is built on three key pillars:

nhance engagement with companies on its priority list and active h industry initiatives,

through training and investment analysis of issuers, as well as research of nature and biodiversity related risks into investment processes, elopment of robust third-party metrics with the aim to quantify the me, recognising this is an evolving field.

SBC Global Asset Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC nent business continued to engage with companies on biodiversity ed negative biodiversity impacts in our voting criteria; and began to use a provider to further inform our assessment of investment exposure to . We engaged with companies on biodiversity and nature-related topics rogress internally. Looking ahead, we will continue to conduct meaningful through proactive engagement with stakeholders on biodiversity.

Adverse su	stainability indicator	Metric	Impact <sup>1</sup>	Impact <sup>1</sup>	Explanation <sup>2</sup>	Actions taken, a
			(year 2024)	(year 2023)		period
Water	8. Emissions to water	Tonnes of emissions to water generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average - Thousands of Metric tons per million of euros invested	2.26	0.00	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 2.57% Data vendor: Bloomberg We consider the number of discharges to water that influence the biophysical or chemical quality of the water, in thousands of metric tonnes per million of euros invested. The following pollutants are considered for the purpose of this metric: direct nitrates, direct phosphate emissions, direct pesticides emissions, direct emissions of priority substances (i.e. heavy metals, loads of organic pollutant parameters such as biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and chemical oxygen demand (COD), nitrogen and phosphorus compounds, soluble salts, and suspended solids). We consider this metric to be an exact fit to the PAI definition as provided by the regulator given the correspondence of covered substances. Bloomberg do not use estimation models to cover this PAI. Data limitation: At least in the beginning, we can expect a highly heterogeneous disclosure with most companies only including a subset of this metric in their reporting.	Water usage and en which informs our in Environmental pillar In 2024, HSBC Glob management busine materiality framewor geographies to guid certain ESG issues of or credit spread. How sector. HSBC Global Asset business' 12 VSTs p integration efforts. A key output of the N Address ESG risks a pillars for 12 sectors
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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 weighted average - Thousands of Metric tons per million of euros invested	4.58	4.74	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 12.19% Data vendor: Bloomberg Hazardous Waste Ratio is measured in tonnes of hazardous waste generated by a company. Following the EU definition, the datapoints include both hazardous and radioactive waste as reported by companies. We consider this metric to be an exact fit to the PAI definition as provided by the regulator given the correspondence of covered substances. Bloomberg do not use estimation models to cover this PAI. Data limitation: At least in the beginning, we expect a highly heterogeneous disclosure with most companies only including a subset of this metric in their reporting.	Hazardous waste ar party ESG data whic for the HSBC Asset Management Ltd, th integrated this indica based ESG scores. In 2024, HSBC Glob management busine materiality framewor geographies to guid certain ESG issues of or credit spread. How sector. HSBC Global Asset business' 12 VSTs p integration efforts. A key output of the N Address ESG risks a pillars for 12 sectors Highlight the most m
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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	0.64%		Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 35.79% Data Vendor: Sustainalytics We rely on Sustainalytics to assess UNGC Principles and OECD Guidelines, i.e., companies in open violation of UNGC Principles, get counted under this PAI. Conversely, companies flagged as Watchlist are regarded to be closely monitored but not yet in open contravention of the principles which we interpret the regulation to require. Given the scope of the principles and standards covered, we consider this datapoint to be an exact fit to the PAI definition. Data Limitation: In some cases, we cannot always guarantee the data accuracy, timeliness or completeness provided by the vendor. Where necessary, we investigate to verify the accuracy of the violations before a decision is made to action. In situations where we disagree with the vendor's assessments, we add our proprietary research and conclusions for the exclusionary screens committed.	HSBC Global Asset Management busine Global Compact and where these are held

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emissions are amongst those factors included in third party ESG data r investment process. We have integrated this indicator under the llar as we develop bespoke sector-based ESG scores.

ilobal Asset Management Ltd, the lead entity for the HSBC asset siness released our Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) work leveraging Virtual Sector Teams (VSTs) across asset classes and uide portfolio managers and analysts. This framework emphasizes that es can materially impact a company's financial performance, share price, However, the significance and impact of these ESG externalities vary by

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set Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset siness uses a third party data provider to identify alleged violations of UN and other international standards by issuers. Due diligence is undertaken held in active fundamental investment strategies.

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		(year 2024)	(year 2023)		period
11. Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Share of investments in 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	0.35%	0.36%	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 36.16% Data Vendor: Bloomberg PAI 11 is intended to capture evidence, or lack thereof, of companies' mechanisms and due diligence efforts to monitor compliance with UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. PAI 11 considers several raw data points disclosed from companies and publicly sourced data: Industry Org Membership - Labour Rights, Employee Freedom of Association Policy, ILO Labour Standards, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, Modern Slavery Act Statement, Forced Labour Policy, Child Labour Policy and	HSBC Global Asset Management busine regard to UN Globa due diligence under
				UNGC Signatory. If any of the above fields are 'Yes' the company is considered to have a process for monitoring UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. Data limitation: This metric is an interpretation of the principles and guidelines in question based on Bloomberg own methodology and the underlying data as provided by the company itself or sourced from publicly available sources. Actual results may therefore vary. This metric does neither constitute nor replace any legal opinion, legal assessment, legal advice, or other expert statement on the existence of a violation.	
12. Unadjusted gender pay gap	Average unadjusted gender pay gap of investee companies	16.75%	16.18%	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 20.01% Data Vendor: Bloomberg	HSBC Global Asset Management busine transparency on gen
				The average unadjusted gender pay gap of investee companies gap is the difference expressed between the average (mean or median) earnings of men and women including management across a workforce, irrespective of worker characteristics or job title. The unadjusted analysis offers a holistic view for assessing potential pay disparity as it considers the distribution of employees across all jobs. The analysis is unaffected by differences such as level and job title, which may themselves be a result of discrimination. It can reveal, for example, gaps in the representation of women in senior-level roles. We use the percentage gender pay gap for total employees including management for the company. This Percentage represents female earnings in relation to its male counterparts. We consider this PAI as an Exact Fit to this PAI definition.	investment process Global Asset Mana business encourag equity and inclusio
				Data limitation: Only a small proportion of companies disclose gender pay gap data, and not all disclosures are the same but we can expect these limitations to ease in the future.	
13. Board gender diversity	Average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of all board members	29.23%	28.84%	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 38.74% Data Vendor: Bloomberg Percentage of women on the Board of Directors, as reported by the company. Europe: Where the company has a Supervisory Board and a Management Board, this is the Percentage of Women on the Supervisory Board. This data is annualised, based on the	Board gender divers engage on diversity board. We participa markets. It is an imp
				reporting year. We consider this metric as an exact fit to this PAI definition. Bloomberg do not use estimation models to cover this PAI.	
14. Exposure to controversial weapons (anti - personnel mines, cluster munitions,	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons	0.02%	0.01%	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 57.51% Data Vendor: ISS ESG	We exclude from ac by companies involv weapons include: an chemical weapons,
chemical weapons and biological weapons)				We rely on ISS ESG to screen out companies with strong indications of involvement in the production or distribution of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons. Based on ISS coverage of the investment universe, this PAI assumes coverage is equivalent to eligibility.	active and systemat controversial weapor uranium weapons a
				Data limitation: Involvement in some weapon categories like biological and chemical weapons, blinding lasers, not detectable fragments remains at best patchy. But there is no alternative as of now. It is worth noting that chemical and biological weapons cases are very unusual and have tended to be made by state owned or private companies. Nevertheless, we consider this metric to be an exact fit to this PAI definition.	
			Indicators a	pplicable to investments in sovereigns and supranationals	

set Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset siness uses a third party data provider to identify the lack of policies in obal Compact and other international standards by issuers, though any dertaken is based upon alleged violations under 10 above.

set Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset siness votes in support of shareholder resolutions calling for gender pay gaps. Gender pay is included in ESG data that informs our ess. These data also inform our engagement with companies. HSBC inagement Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset Management rages measurement and transparency in gender pay to improve diversity, sion, through engagement and exercice of voting rights.

versity is an important issue in our engagement with issuers, where we sity within the executive team and senior management as well as the ipate in collaborative initiatives encouraging board diversity in certain key important theme in our voting.

n active, systematic and index portfolios that we manage securities issued volved with weapons banned by certain international conventions. These e: anti-personnel mines, biological weapons, blinding laser weapons, ns, cluster munitions and non-detectable fragments. Certain sustainable matic portfolios also exclude issuers involved in the production of apons or their key components, including but not limited to depleted as and white phosphorous when used for military purposes.

<sup>1.</sup> Information on the PAI calculation methodology is available on our website.

<sup>2.</sup> The reference period of Principle Adverse Impacts started on 1 January 2022.

Adverse sustainability indicator		Metric	Impact <sup>1</sup>	Impact <sup>1</sup>	Explanation <sup>2</sup>	Actions taken, ar
			(year 2024)	(year 2023)		period
Environmental	15. GHG intensity	GHG intensity of investee countries - Metric in kilo tons per unit of GDP (in millions of euros)	163.30	165.93	Eligibility = 35.69% Coverage = 33.52% Data Vendor: S&P Trucost and Bloomberg	Data on the emission data provider availab entity for the HSBC /
					This metric is measured as the level of GHG territorial emissions (measured in kilo tonnes, Ktonnes) per unit of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (in millions of Euro, M€). Data for the GDP of invested countries is obtained from the IMF (public source) while carbon emissions are sourced from S&P Trucost. Intensities are then computed as a simple ratio between emissions and GDP for the latest year available.	In 2024, a custom m including green and contribution to sustai their positive contribu holds significant imp
	change and forestry" (LULUCF) from GHG territorial emissions accountin uncertainty of the numbers. LULUCF is an important category accounting emissions within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate ( The LULUCF sector covers emissions and removals of greenhouse gase direct human induced land use, land-use change and forestry activities.	Data limitation: We consider the metric to be a partial fit as we exclude "Land use, land-use change and forestry" (LULUCF) from GHG territorial emissions accounting, given the uncertainty of the numbers. LULUCF is an important category accounting for GHG emissions within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The LULUCF sector covers emissions and removals of greenhouse gases resulting from direct human induced land use, land-use change and forestry activities. Carbon is sequestered by forestry and grassland, while carbon losses occur on existing cropland and natural land (e.g. grassland) that is converted to cropland or settlement.	of importance to a co focusing on Climate making substantial e global climate chang Sanctions, Corruptio harm, and the Huma			
				It's noteworthy that we attribute a 0 carbon intensity to certain internally approved Sovereign Green Bonds based on the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) guidelines. The funds raised by these bonds are used for projects that positively impact the environment or climate, such as renewable energy or sustainable waste management. This approach, which considers 0 carbon intensity, is adopted in the absence of a more precise, project-based assessment of GHG emission reductions.		
Social	16. Investee countries subject to social violations	Number of investee countries subject s to social violations (absolute number), as referred to in international treaties and	0	0	Eligibility = 35.69% Coverage = 33.52% Data Vendor: Sustainalytics	HSBC Global Asset Management busine assessment of sover process.
		conventions, United Nations principles and, where applicable, national law			We rely on Sustainalytics' country risk analysis which includes social risks such as civil or transnational conflict, state repression, violent crime, and labour rights/discrimination. Sustainalytics captures the most controversial social-related events in which a country is involved in that are interpreted to potentially affect the prosperity and economic development of a country and its ability to manage its wealth in an effective and sustainable manner. At the event level, the overall impact on stakeholders and the environment gets evaluated based on the Incidents' Severity Scores as well as the risk to a country's Human Capital. The impacts of an incident, get summarized in a Severity Score, which measures the Depth (the degree of impact), Breadth (how widespread the impact is) and Duration (what the duration is likely to be) of an Incident. We consider and report on only the most severe events (category 5) to constitute Social Violations in the spirit of the regulation.	In 2024, a custom m including green and contribution to sustai their positive contribu encompass HSBC S for Environmental ha Social ones.
					Data points provided by Sustainalytics are considered as an exact fit to this PAI's requirements.	
		Number of investee countries subject to social violations (relative number divided by all investee countries), as referred to in international treaties and conventions, United Nations principles and, where applicable, national law	0.00%	0.00%	See above.	See above.

				Indic	ators applicable to investments in real estate assets	
Fossil fuels	17. Exposure to fossil fuels through real estate assets	Share of investments in real estate assets involved in the extraction, storage, transport or manufacture of fossil fuels	N/A	N/A	Eligibility 0%. We do not have any eligible assets for this PAI.	
Energy efficiency	18. Exposure to energy- inefficient real estate assets	Share of investments in energy- inefficient real estate assets	N/A	N/A	Eligibility 0%. We do not have any eligible assets for this PAI.	

2. The reference period of Principle Adverse Impacts started on 1 January 2022.

sions related to sovereign issuers are included in our third party ESG ilable for inclusion in HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, the lead 3C Asset Management business' investment process.

n methodology was designed to assess sustainable Sovereign bonds and social bonds. The rationale behind assessing a country's positive istainability is based either on the SDG performance of countries or on tribution to climate change mitigation. The pillar of Climate Mitigation importance for us. Therefore, in our assessment, we give a high degree a country's positive contribution to climate change mitigation. By ate Mitigation, we aim to encourage and support those countries that are al efforts to reduce their carbon footprint and contribute positively to the ange mitigation. Do No Significant Harm principles encompass HSBC ption, as well as GHG emissions intensity per capita for Environmental uman Development Index minimal ranking for the Social ones.

et Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset iness' third party ESG data providers include social factors in its vereign issuers which is available for inclusion in its investment

n methodology was designed to assess sustainable Sovereign bonds nd social bonds. The rationale behind assessing a country's positive stainability is based either on the SDG performance of countries or on tribution to climate change mitigation. Do No Significant Harm principles C Sanctions, Corruption, as well as GHG emissions intensity per capita I harm, and the Human Development Index minimal ranking for the

				Other indicat	ors for principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors	
					Table 2	
				Additio	nal climate and other environment-related indicators	
Adverse	Adverse impact on	Metric	Impact <sup>1</sup>	Impact <sup>1</sup>	Explanation <sup>2</sup>	Actions taken, an
sustainability indicator	sustainability factors (qualitative or quantitative)		(year 2024)	(year 2023)		period
				Indicat	ors applicable to investments in investee companies	
				CLIMATE	E AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT-RELATED INDICATORS	
Emissions Adverse sustainability indicator	4. Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives Adverse impact on sustainability factors (qualitative or	Share of investments in investee companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives aimed at aligning with the Paris Agreement	17.09% Additional indicate Impact <sup>1</sup> (year 2024)	ors for social ar	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 29.56% Data vendor: Bloomberg Indicates whether the company is lacking carbon emissions reduction initiatives aimed at aligning with the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement sets out a global framework to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2 Degrees Celsius and pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5 Degrees Celsius. Data limitation: By now, only a fraction of companies has committed to carbon emission reduction initiatives, but we can expect this proportion to increase in the future. We consider this metric is an exact fit to this PAI definition. Bloomberg do not use estimation models to cover this PAI. Table 3 and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matter Explanation <sup>2</sup>	HSBC Global Asset M Management business be achieved by comp fuels. For that reason HSBC Asset Manage plans over divestmen HSBC Asset Manage over time from compa Under the global Enei for the HSBC Asset M the largest oil & gas a Actions taken, and period
Indicator	quantitative)		(your 2024)	( <b>J</b> our 2020)		
				Indicat	ors applicable to investments in investee companies	
		INDICA	ATORS FOR SOCIAL	AND EMPLOYE	EE, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-BRIBERY	MATTERS
Human Rights	9. Lack of a human rights policy	Share of investments in entities without a human rights policy	35.85%	34.31%	Eligibility = 57.51% Coverage = 39.30% Data Vendor: Bloomberg	Potential human right provider identifying all standards by issuers. fundamental investme
					This PAI is disclosing the investments in companies which lack a certain Human Rights policy or programme.	entity for the HSBC A encourage the develo management.
					Data limitation: By now, only a fraction of companies publishes a human right policy, but we can expect this proportion to increase in the future. We consider this metric to be an exact fit to this PAI definition.	0
					Bloomberg do not use estimation models to cover this PAI.	
Description of po	plicies to identify and prior	ritise principal adverse impacts on sust	ainability factors			

The information presented may refer to HSBC Asset Management's global policies and global initiatives. Even though we may be involved in the implementation and application of global policies the commitments listed are not necessarily a direct reflection of our entity in Malta, unless specified. We recognize that sustainability risks can lead to outcomes that have negative impacts on the value of the financial products. We therefore aim to incorporate material sustainability issues in our investment process as well as seeking to mitigate negative impacts. We support the UN Global Compact principles and have developed policies and statements on Banned Weapons, Thermal Coal, and Energy as part of our responsible investment framework, that further outline our approach including how we integrate associated risks and opportunities, our engagement focus and collaborative activities. Details are on our website.

These global policies apply equally when we act as either a financial market participant (investment manager) or financial adviser. They have been approved and were kept under review during 2024 by our HSBC Global Asset Management Ltd Sustainability Forum - which includes our global CEO, CIO, Heads of Risk, Legal and Sustainability - as follows: Banned Weapons (December 2024), and Thermal Coal (December 2024), and the ESG Investment Committee. Their implementation draws upon a range of data sources to inform the integration of ESG factors into our investment process and assessment of principal adverse impacts. These include MSCI, ISS, S&P Trucost, Bloomberg and Sustainalytics. We recognize that data reliability and availability may vary across impact indicators and regions. Addressing this may take time as requirements for disclosure of underlying data differ across markets and types of issuer, and standardisation of disclosure is not inevitable. We also leverage our global investment analyst network and engagement activities to inform our evaluation of the risks of adverse impacts to reflect data sources we use in our own investment processes and / or the data available to market participants in a consistent a

## **Engagement policies**

We strongly believe in the impact and effectiveness of engagement to encourage improvement in corporate practices and therefore actively engage with the companies in which we invest. If companies present sustainability risks, we may decide not to hold their securities. We engage directly with company management teams to raise areas of concern. We engage with board members, executive management and responsible officers to ensure issuers do not present sustainability risks. The Global Stewardship Policy sets out our approach and can be found on our website. We leverage voting rights to recognize positive corporate development, drive behavioral change, and hold company directors accountable when they fail to meet our expectations. We draw upon the full range of internal and external data on adverse impacts to inform our engagement approach. We have a well-established escalation procedure with a range of engagement tools where issuers do not respond sufficiently or adverse impacts are not reduced. The engagement themes in the Stewardship plan of HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset Management business link to indicators that include Principle Adverse I mpact (PAI) indicators under the European Union's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.

2. The reference period of Principle Adverse Impacts started on 1 January 2022.

## and actions planned and targets set for the next reference

et Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset ness believes that the most significant reduction in GHG emissions will impanies delivering a transition away from their dependency on fossil son HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, the lead entity for the agement business favours engagement in support of robust transition nent. HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, the lead entity for the agement business' net zero commitments will also involve divestment mpanies which do not develop robust carbon emission reduction plans. Energy Policy, HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, the lead entity et Management business is committed to assess the transition plans of as and utility issuers held in our portfolios.

### and actions planned and targets set for the next reference

ight violations are amongst the issues monitored by our third party data g alleged breaches of the UN Global Compact and other international ers. Due diligence is undertaken where these are held in active stment strategies. HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, the lead C Asset Management business engages with portfolio companies to velopment and application of effective human rights policies and risk

### References to international standards

We are committed to the application and promotion of global standards and believe in collaborative action to address the sustainability challenges globally. Our policies and statements reference the following international standards:

Finance for Biodiversity pledge International Labour Organisation's Labour Standards United Nations Global Compact United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment Universal Declaration of Human Rights Paris Climate Agreement

HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, the lead entity for the HSBC Asset Management business's net zero ambition aligns us to a 1.5 degree objective as sought in the Paris Climate Agreement; indicators related to greenhouse gas emissions above are used to measure this alignment. We use a range of data sources to inform the integration of ESG factors into our investment process and assessment of PAIs. These included MSCI, ISS, S&P Trucost, Bloomberg and Sustainalytics. Data coverage and transparency can be restricted; we are looking to develop our own bespoke ratings. We have not included a forward-looking climate scenario as we are still assessing which methodologies to deploy in our investment process. However, to quantify the effects of climate change on our products, we have tested MSCI's climate value at risk model which estimates the net present value of future cost and opportunity projections of each company through to 2050 – using transition costs and opportunities models for the relevant third party climate scenario.

The indicators used to consider the Principle Adverse Impacts on Sustainability factors, the methodology, the eligibility and coverage, the data used to measure adherence to that respective indicator, the data vendor used, and any data limitations are all set out in the Explanation of the Entity Report.

### Historical comparison

Direct comparison between the 2024 and 2023 figures can be made as per above columns titled 'Impact year 2023'. Further comparison shall be made in the future for at least five reference periods once these are available. PAI Indicators may change due to increase or decrease in adverse impacts by the investee companies. Indicators however may also change due to availability of data, changes in methodology by the respective data provider, changes in sources etc. Material increases in coverage across PAIs have been achieved in 2024, thus, increasing the impact scores.

Impact year 2022 data as follows:

Table 1. PAI 1, Scope 1: 3,843,67 PAI 1, Scope 2: 1,244.75 PAI 1, Scope 3: 8,241.22 PAI 1, Total GHG Emissions: 13,329.64 PAI 2: 41.82 PAI 3: 241.79 PAI 4: 1.51% PAI 5: N/A PAI 6: 0.09 PAI 7: 1.10% PAI 8: 0.00 PAI 9: 0.00 PAI 10: 0.50% PAI 11: 0.85% PAI 12: 21.09% PAI 13: 22.97% PAI 14: 0.00% PAI 15: 92.77 PAI 16: 0.00% PAI 17: N/A PAI 18: N/A

Table 2. PAI 4: 31.30%

Table 3. PAI 9: 27.30%

PAI 9: 27.30%

While we strive to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the disclosures made herein, it is important to acknowledge the inherent challenges associated with sustainability data, metrics, and the evolving nature of the regulatory landscape. As a result, we make our disclosures on a best efforts basis, exerting every reasonable effort to provide reliable and meaningful information via the methods mentioned above.

1. Information on the PAI calculation methodology is available on our website.

2. The reference period of Principle Adverse Impacts started on 1 January 2022.