

United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment

Our commitment, our progress.

BMO Global Asset Management is committed to helping establish a more sustainable financial system. As a founding signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI), we believe in the growing relevance of environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) drivers to investment decision making. At BMO, we strive to advance the Principles in our own work and broadly in the marketplace. We are proud to have achieved the maximum rating of A+ for key areas of our responsible investment approach, including strategy and governance, and ESG incorporation and active ownership in listed equities. We are pleased to share the overall results of the 2020 UNPRI assessment of our efforts, which demonstrates accountability and commitment to the Principles.^{1,2,3}

In 2020, for the first time, we also submitted reporting for the modules Fixed Income – Corporate Financial, Private Equity, and Property, overall enhancing our transparency and accountability.

Focus of reporting module	BMO GAM score	Median score	UNPRI indicator description
Strategy and Governance	A+	A	Covers overall approach to responsible investment, including governance, responsible investment policy, objectives and targets, the resources allocated to responsible investment and the approach to collaboration on responsible investment and public policy-related issues
Listed Equity – Incorporation	A+	A	Covers integration of ESG issues into investment decision making for internally managed listed equity holdings
Listed Equity – Active Ownership	A+	B	Covers engagement and voting for internally managed listed equity holdings. Engagement policy, prioritization, collaboration, outputs and external communication are all scored as well as proxy voting policy and outcomes
Fixed Income – SSA ⁴	A	B	Covers application of ESG to internally managed fixed income SSA holdings. SSA holdings include supranational organizations; sovereign states and governments; government agencies; and subnationals such as municipalities
Fixed Income – Corporate Financial (new)	A	B	Covers application of ESG to internally managed fixed income debt securities issued by public or private financial companies
Fixed Income – Corporate Non-Financial	A	B	Covers application of ESG to internally managed fixed income debt securities issued by public or private nonfinancial companies
Private Equity (new)	A	A	Covers application of ESG in pre- and post-investment processes for private equity investments in aggregate
Property (new)	B	B	Covers application of responsible property investment policies, strategy and processes to investment selection, monitoring and management

¹ [UNPRI assessment methodology](#)

² BMO GAM's Transparency Report is available [here](#).

³ BMO GAM's full Assessment Report from the UNPRI is available upon request.

⁴ Sovereign, Supranational and Agency

UN PRI Principles

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We will incorporate ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes.

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We will be active owners and incorporate ESG issues into our ownership policies and practices.

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We will seek appropriate disclosure on ESG issues by the entities in which we invest.

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We will promote acceptance and implementation of the Principles within the investment industry.

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We will work together to enhance our effectiveness in implementing the Principles.

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We will each report on our activities and progress towards implementing the Principles.

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