



Sustainable investing is an umbrella term that refers to investment strategies that consider the impact of a company's business practices on society and the environment, while also offering the potential for enhanced, risk-adjusted returns.

ESG investment strategies consider a company's environmental, social and corporate governance business practices, in addition to traditional financial information, in the investment analysis and decision-making process.

# Environmental, Social and Governance Issues

As awareness of environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues has increased, more investors have considered ESG factors in the investment decision-making process.

> Considerations are generally based on concerns related to climate change and sustainability.

Considerations traditionally look at the impact a business has They relate to rights and well-being of stakeholders, and communities.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Reduced greenhouse gas (GHS)
- Proper energy usage
- Sourcing Waste
- Pollution Management

# SOCIAL

- Human Rights
- Labor Standards
- Workplace health and safety

# **GOVERNANCE**

- Corporate governance policy
- Risk management
- Shareholder's rights and transparency

Companies that are mindful of ESG factors are more likely to be of higher quality with business practices that are more aligned with the long-term interests of investors.

There are numerous approaches and features of ESG investing; these include:

## ESG INCORPORATION1

#### Screening

Applying filters to lists of potential investments to rule companies in or out of contention for investment, based on

# ACTIVE OWNERSHIP1

#### **ESG** Integration

Explicitly and systematically including and decisions, to better manage

#### Thematic

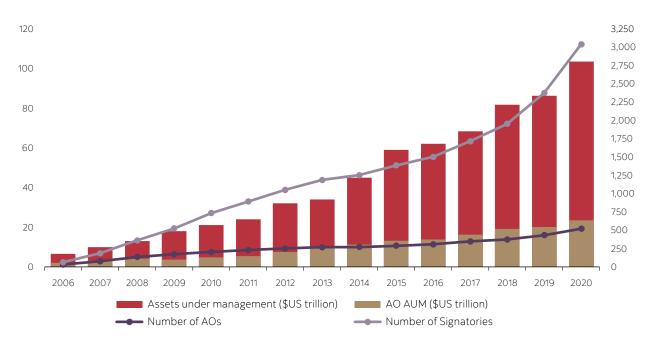
Seeking to combine attractive risk return profiles with an intention to contribute to a specific environmental or social outcome. Includes impact investing

### ESG Engagement

# **Proxy Voting**

# Growth of Sustainable Investing<sup>1</sup>

Investors are increasingly considering ESG factors in their investment decisions. The Assets Under Management with UN Principles for Responsible Investing (UNPRI) Signatories have grown from US\$6.5 trillion in 2006 to US\$103 trillion in 2020. There are 38 members of the UNPRI from Latin America, excluding Brazil, at December 31, 2020.



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<sup>1</sup> Source: UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI)

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