

Stewardship Statement

Statement

“As long-term investors, we hold the conviction that sustainable development and ethical investment is essential to long-term value creation”

This excerpt from our ESG Policy is a perfect link to the United Nations’ Principles for Responsible Investment’s (UN PRI) definition of stewardship: “stewardship is the use of investor rights and influence to protect and enhance overall long-term value for clients and beneficiaries, including the common economic, social and environmental assets on which their interests depend.” In fact, we view ESG integration and stewardship as complementary practices to guide our responsible investing strategy and build a portfolio of assets that ultimately benefit our Limited Partners.

As part of our fiduciary duty, we aim to foster collaboration with stakeholders, protect our investments, and create long-term value by promoting the following principles:

1. Internal Governance
2. Assessing and Monitoring Investee Companies
3. Engaging with Stakeholders and Organizations
4. Promoting Long-Term Value Creation and Integration of ESG Factors
5. Meaningful Transparency, Disclosure, and Reporting

1. Internal Governance

We adhere to the concept that high standards of corporate governance are the foundation for effective stewardship. Axiom believes that corporate governance should represent the breadth of skills and diversity needed to exercise oversight responsibilities of the Firm and Managed Funds.

Axiom has developed a robust set of Policies and Operating Procedures to ensure an adequate level of governance over the various activities associated with accounting and asset management, conflict of interest avoidance, overall risk management.

Axiom employees are informed and trained on various requirements, policies and overall operation procedures, and yearly certification is obtained.

2. Assessing and Monitoring Investee Companies

We are committed to our stewardship responsibilities, which includes active engagement with the companies in which we invest. As a hands-on asset manager, we are interested in hearing from our investee companies and work to create an environment conducive to active dialogue and performance enhancement with the operators, co-investors, and service providers. The topics for our initial engagement are closely linked to our disclosure requirements and findings from the due diligence process. We use those topics to voice our values and priorities, as well as encourage our investee companies to adopt sustainable practices.

Monitoring is achieved via a set of indicators mandated by regulatory bodies as well as others deemed appropriate for the sectors in which we invest. We use these data measures to identify areas of concern as well as opportunities for improvement. Efforts and topics are assessed in conjunction with the evolving ESG disclosure landscape, and to ensure we have the required data-driven insights to fulfill our obligations. Members of the Asset Management, Investment and Responsible Investment teams actively contribute to the qualitative and quantitative data collection efforts for this process.

Considering that many of Axiom’s objectives can only be achieved in partnership with our operators, engagement at the asset level is a priority. Axiom has put together a diverse and experienced team to support an active approach to asset management aimed at optimizing value creation. Training sessions, exchanges of lessons learned and best practices as well as cross-departmental working groups are all examples of activities in place to maintain and enhance the skills of the team and provide them with the required tools to monitor and assess our investee companies.

Escalation Steps

To resolve issues, Axiom favours direct dialogue to discuss concerns, express expectations and identify improvement. A combination of approaches may be used to improve the responsiveness of a given operator, including increased regular outreach, targeted communications, specific training, or financial support. A timeline is agreed for the deployment of

solutions, with regular follow-ups to monitor progress. If required, measures can be taken up the hierarchy or at the Board level; penalties are used in specific circumstances. Terminating an agreement would be the ultimate outcome.

3. Engaging with Stakeholders and Organizations

Axiom engages with employees, partners, co-investors, Indigenous communities, Limited Partners, and other stakeholders to hear their concerns and suggestions, as well as understand their expectations and priorities. This engagement is conducted in a constructive spirit to promote value creation and seeks to address stakeholder questions or concerns.

Engagement with leading institutions and national and international organizations is essential for knowledge sharing, trend awareness and collaborative exchanges. Axiom interacts with international organizations such as GRESB, UN PRI, PCAF and NZAM. We do so by participating in conferences, webinars, and workshops, acquiring insight into industry developments, participating in open dialogue on shared challenges, and engaging with industry leaders. On behalf of the Firm and select underlying portfolio projects, Axiom team members are active in several industry- and sector-specific committees and working groups. Team members also have participated in associations focused on research, development, education and communicating with relevant policymakers.

4. Promoting Long-Term Value Creation

We promote the principles of responsible investment with our partners and investee companies and aspire to improve and enhance our positive impacts while mitigating the negative ones.

We encourage investee companies to develop and adopt practices to manage their risks and create long-term value. Under the appropriate circumstances, we do so by engaging in activities including, but not limited to:

- Building relationships with the managing and operating teams
- Conducting regular site visits
- Communicating regularly to understand the environment in which they operate
- Interacting for data collection
- Encouraging GHG emissions reduction initiatives
- Helping to mitigate and remedy negative impacts
- Optimizing overall asset performance

5. Meaningful Transparency, Disclosure, and Reporting

Cognizant of the importance of monitoring our performance for our Limited Partners, we use real data, to the extent possible, when measuring relevant indicators. These include those mandated by the various organizations we must comply with, as well as some of the most requested indicators from our stakeholders.

Our reports are transparent and meaningful. Quarterly, we inform our investors of the highlights during the period; annually, we provide a thorough overview of our progress. Should a noteworthy event occur, it may be relayed to our stakeholders in a specific communication.

Axiom aims to leverage data to provide insights into the performance successes and shortcomings of our assets and to achieve better-informed investment decisions. We use data as a feedback loop of knowledge for the team via the Risk Review process and case studies.

Conclusion

We acknowledge that successful and impactful engagement requires clear objectives, respectful interventions and persistency. These elements are necessary for engagement to receive the most favourable response from the engaged company and to give the best chance of delivering value-enhancing change.

Furthermore, we understand that there are no shortcuts for effective engagement, and there is no “one-size-fits-all” approach. We are committed to continuous improvement in our responsible investment practices. Axiom will reach out to subject matter experts regularly to assist with its various business streams, provide quality assurance services, and maintain a good level of knowledge; all contributing to help us create value for our Limited Partners.

We will regularly review and update this statement to reflect evolving industry standards and best practices.