



## **Engagement Report**

Q4 2023

**EOS at Federated Hermes** 

# **Northern Trust World ESG Leaders Equity Index Fund**

# **Engagement by region**

We engaged with 125 companies held in the Northern Trust World ESG Leaders Equity Index Fund portfolio on a range of 411 environmental, social and governance issues and objectives

#### Global

We engaged with 125 companies



Environmental 41.1%

Governance 16.8%

Social 29.4%

Strategy, Risk & Comm 12.7%

## Australia & New Zealand

We engaged with 14 companies



Environmental 18.2%

Governance 50.0%

Social 9.1%

Strategy, Risk & Comm 22.7%

## **Developed Asia**

We engaged with 16 companies



Environmental 30.0%

Governance 36.7%

Social 20.0%

Strategy, Risk & Comm 13.3%

## **Europe**

We engaged with 32 companies



■ Environmental 59.6%

Governance 9.6%

Social 21.2%

Strategy, Risk & Comm 9.6%

#### **North America**

We engaged with 58 companies



Environmental 37.8%

Governance 11.4%

Social 38.3%

Strategy, Risk & Comm 12.4%

# **Emerging & Developing Markets**

No Engagement Activity

# **United Kingdom**

We engaged with five companies



Environmental 37.5%

Governance 12.5%

Social 33.3%

Strategy, Risk & Comm 16.7%

## **Engagement by Meta theme**

We engaged with 125 companies held in the Northern Trust World ESG Leaders Equity Index Fund portfolio on a range of 411 environmental, social and governance issues and objectives

#### **Environmental**

Environmental topics featured in 41.1% of our engagements



- Circular Economy & Zero Pollution 18.3%
- Climate Change 51.5%
- Natural Resource Stewardship 30.2%

#### Social

Social topics featured in 29.4% of our engagements



- Human & Labour Rights 45.5%
- Human Capital 41.3%
- Wider Societal Impacts 13.2%

#### Governance

Governance topics featured in 16.8% of our engagements



- Board Effectiveness 40.6%
- Executive Remuneration 44.9%
- Investor Protection & Rights 14.5%

### Strategy, Risk & Communication

Strategy, Risk & Communication topics featured in 12.7% of our engagements



- Corporate Reporting 32.7%
- Purpose, Strategy & Policies 48.1%
- Risk Management 19.2%

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