

# LYRICAL VALUE FUNDS (LUX) Global Impact Value Equity Strategy (GIVES) Sub-Fund Principal Adverse Impact (PAI) Statement Date: June 18, 2025

#### I. Financial Market Participant

Firm Name: Lyrical Asset Management LP

Product Name: Global Impact Value Equity Strategy (GIVES) Sub-Fund

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#### **II. Summary**

Lyrical Asset Management LP considers PAIs of its investment decisions on sustainability factors. The present statement is the consolidated statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors of Lyrical Asset Management LP. Identifying and mitigating adverse impacts allows us to lower ESG-related risks, contribute meaningfully toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and maximize long-term investment returns.

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

### III. Description of the PAIs on Sustainability Factors

GIVES invests solely in companies with a clearly stated and significant commitment and contribution to at least one of the SDGs. To determine that the investment will do no significant harm (DNSH) to GIVES' sustainable investment objective, 100% of investments undergo a bottom-up pre-trade assessment and regular post-trade compliance checks using Lyrical's quantitative and qualitative ESG and impact trackers. Lyrical's DNSH assessment primarily relies on analyzing the PAI indicators.

Occasionally, we invest in companies with ESG risks where we see sufficient upside. Actions to identify, monitor, and mitigate adverse impacts include:

1. **VQA+Impact (VQA+I):** Lyrical applies our ESG Policy, investment pillars of Value, Quality, and Analyzability (VQA), and four impact criteria (materiality, measurability, intentionality, and

sustainability) to keep us out of many of the highest risk names. Please see Lyrical's <u>Sustainability Related Disclosures</u> for more information.

- 2. **ESG Integration:** We analyze all investments against the mandatory PAI indicators. Lyrical performs two types of due diligence. First, we compare quantitative environmental and social metrics against the MSCI World benchmark, which is complemented by a bottom-up analysis, as the benchmark does not account for companies' industry or size. Second, for qualitative indicators (e.g. violations of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), Lyrical assesses significant harm using bottom-up analysis and MSCI controversy scores.
- 3. **Stewardship:** Lyrical actively engages with our portfolio companies to improve their environmental and social policies, practices, and outcomes.

# Table 1 INDICATORS APPLICABLE TO INVESTMENTS IN INVESTEE COMPANIES

	Table 1								
Adverse sust	ainability indicator	Metric	Impact (2024)	Impact (2023) NVIRONMENT-RELATED I		Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period			
	2. Carbon footprint	Scope 1 GHG emissions	3,859.84		We believe the increase in Scope I GHG emissions is due to the addition of Aptiv PLC, Johnson Controls International PLC, and the Vistry Group PLC, as well as the sale of the Whirlpool Corporation.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate GHG emissions- related risks using our VQA+ i investment arteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. We will not invest in companies where 10% or more of Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortzation (EBITDA) comes from high emitting industries such as cool, fossil fuels, and fossil fuel-powered automobiles. Objective/Target in 2023, Lyrical developed a net zero target for GNES, which aims to have 75% of GNES' partfolio companies (other than those with immaterial GHG emissions) develop Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTI)- approved net zero targets by 2030.			
		Scape 2 GHG emissions	1,384.38	977.24	We believe the increase in Scope 2 GHG emissions is due to the addition of Aptiv PLC, Johnson Controls International PLC, and the Vistry Group PLC, as well as the sale of the Whirlpool Corporation.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate GHG emissions- related risks using our VQA+1 investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. We will not invest in companies where 10% or more of EBITDA comes from high emitting industries such as coal, fossil fuels, and fossil fuel-powered automobiles. Objective/Target in 2023, Lyrical developed a net zero target for GIVES, which alms to have 75% of GIVES' portfolio companies (other than those with immaterial GHG emissions) develop SBTI-approved net zero targets by 2030.			
Greenhouse gas emissions		Scope 3 GHG emissions	39,322.67	25,981.04	We believe the increase in Scope 3 GHG emissions is due to the addition of Aptiv PLC, Johnson Controls International PLC, and the Vistry Group PLC, as well as the sale of the Whirlpool Corporation.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate GHG emissions- related risks using our VQA+1 investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. We will not invest in companies where 10% or more of EBITDA comes from high emitting industries such as coal, fossil fuels, and fossil fuel-powered automobiles. Objective/Target in 2023, Lyrical developed a net zero target for GIVES, which aims to have 75% of GIVES' portfolio companies (other than those with immaterial GHG emissions) develop SBTI-approved net zero targets by 2030.			
		Total GHG emissions	43,631.46	29,573.80	We believe the increase in total GHG emissions is due to the addition of Aptiv PLC, Johnson Controls International PLC, and the Vistry Group PLC, as well as the sale of the Whiripool Corporation.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate GHG emissions- related risks using our VQA+1 investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. We will not invest in companies where 10% or more of EBITDA comes from high emitting industries such as coal, fossil fuels, and fossil fuel-powered automobiles. Objective/Target in 2023, Lyrical developed a net zero target for GIVES, which aims to have 75% of GIVES' portfolio companies (other than those with immaterial GHG emissions) develop SBTI-approved net zero targets by 2030.			
		Carbon footprint	344.76	399.42	GIVES companies made good progress on their decarbonization strategies and reduced their carbon footprint 14%.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate GHG emissions- related risks using our VQA+1 investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. We will not invest in companies where 10% or more of EBITDA comes from high emitting industries such as coal, fossil fuels, and fossil fuel-powered automobiles. Objective/Target in 2023, Lyrical developed a net zero target for GIVES, which aims to have 75% of GIVES' portfolio companies (other than those with immaterial GHG emissions) develop SBTI-approved net zero targets by 2030.			
	3. GHG intensity of Investee companies	GHG intensity of investee companies	474,14	460.05	We believe the increase in GHG intensity is due to the addition of Aptiv PLC, Johnson Controls International PLC, and the Vistry Group PLC, as well as the sale of the Whirlpool Corporation.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate GHG emissions- related risks using our VQA+1 investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. We will not invest in companies where 10% or more of EBITDA comes from high emitting industries such as coal, fossil fuels, and fossil fuel-powered automobiles. Objective/Target in 2023, Lyrical developed a net zero target for GNES, which aims to have 75% of GNES' portfolio companies (other than those with immaterial GHG emissions) develop SBTI-approved net zero targets by 2030.			

	4. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector 5. Share of non- renewable energy consumption and production	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector Share of non-renewable energy consumption and non- renewable energy production of investee companies from non- renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources, expressed as a percentage of		0.00%			No change. There was a 0.33% increase in the share of non-renewable energy consumption and production. We believe this is due to the addition and sale of portfolio companies.	Actions Taken/Planned: We minimize exposure to fossil fuels companies by using our VQA+I investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership We will not invest in companies where 10% or more of EBITDA comes from high emitting industries such as coal, fossil fuels, and fossil fuel-powered automobiles. Objective/Target NA Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate energy-related risks using our VQA+I investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. As part of our net zero target (see below), we encourage our companies to increase the use of renewable energy. We will not invest in companies where 10% or more of EBITDA comes from high emitting industries such as coal, fossil fuels, and fossil fuel-powered automobiles. Objective/Target in 2023, Lyrical developed a net zero
Greenhouse gas emissions		total energy sources						target for GIVES, which aims to have 75% of GIVES' portfolio companies (other than those with immaterial GHG emissions) develop SBTI-approved net zero targets by 2030.
		Energy consumption in GWh per million EUR of revenue of investee companies, per high impact climate sector	NACE Code A:	NA	NACE Code A:	NA	GIVES' energy	
	6. Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector		NACE Code B:	NA	NACE Code B:	NA	consumption intensity per high-emitting sector increased for	Actions Taken/Planned: We minimize exposure to high impact climate sectors using our VQA+I investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. As part of our net
			NACE Code C:	0.16	NACE Code C:	0.12	companies classified as NACEC due to the addition of Johnson	ESG integration, and active ownership. As part of our net zero target (see below), we encourage our companies to increase the use of energy efficiency measures.
			NACE Code D:	NA	NACE Code D:	NA	Controls International PLC.	GIVES excludes several high impact climate industries. For example, we will not invest in companies where 10% or
			NACE Code E:	2.74	NACE Code E:	2.84	The energy consumption intensity per high- emitting sector decreased for companies classified as NACE E, while it randined inchanged	more EBITDA comes from the following areas: coal, fossil fuels, and fossil fuel-powered automobile industries.
			NACE Code F:	NA	NACE Code F:	NA		Objective/Target In 2023, Lyrical developed a net zero target for GIVES, which aims to have 75% of GIVES' portfolio
			NACE Code G: NACE Code H:	0.03	NACE Code G: NACE Code H:	0.03		companies (other than those with immaterial GHG emissions) develop SBTi-approved net zero targets by 2030.
			NA		NA		for companies classified as NACE G.	2030.
			NACE Code L:	NA	NACE Code L:	NA		
Biodiversity	7. Activities negatively affecting blodiversity- sensitive areas	Share of investments in investee companies with sites/operations located in or near to biodiversity-sensitive areas where activities of those investee companies negatively affect those areas		0.93%		0.00%	We believe the increase is due to the addition of Aptiv PLC, Johnson Controls international PLC, and the Vistry Group PLC.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate biodiversity-related risks using our VQA+i investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. Actions Taken/Planned: As part of our engagement goals, we expect our portfolio companies to make meaningful progress in lowering biodiversity-related risks over our holdings period, or we will reevaluate our position.
Water	8. Emissions to water	Tannes of emissions to water generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average		NA		NA		
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.		0.84		0.96	GIVES companies made good progress on their waste reduction strategies and reduced their hazardous waste and radiaactive waste ratios by 13%.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate hazardous and radioactive waste-related risks using our VOA+I investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. Objective/Target As part of our engagement goals, we expect our portfolio companies to make meaningful progress in lowering hazardous waste-related risks over our holdings period, or we will reevaluate our position.

Adverse sustainability indicator		Metric	Impact (2024)	Impact (2023)	Explanation	Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period		
		INDICATORS FOR SOCIAL AN	D EMPLOYEE, RESPECT F	OR HUMAN RIGHTS, ANT	-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-	BRIBERY MATTERS		
	10. Violations of UN Gibbal Compact (UNGC) principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guide lines for Multinational Enterprises	Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multitrational Enterprises	0.00%	0.00%	No change.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate risks related to violations of norms-based frameworks using our VQA+1 investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. We will not invest in companies that have committed Very Severe (Level 5) violations of the UNGC and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. If a company already in GNES receives a Very Severe controversy rating, we will actively engage with the company to create a robust mitigation plan. If sustainability issues continue to arise, we will most likely sell our position. Objective/Target NA		
	TI. Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UNGC 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	0.00%	0.00%	No change.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate risks related to compliance with norms-based frameworks using our VQA+I investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. Objective/Target As part of our engagement goals, we encourage our partfolio companies to commit to norms- based frameworks such as the UNGC.		
matters	12. Unadjusted gender pay gap	Average unadjusted gender pay gap of investee companies	12.80%	11.95%	GIVES companies' unadjusted pay gap did not improve during the reference period. We believe this is due to the addition and sale of portfolio companies.	Actions Taken/Planned: We measure and mitigate risks related to DEI using our VQA+1 investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. Objective/Targets: NA		
	13. Board gender diversity	Average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of all board members	36.83%	34.81%	GIVES companies made progress on DEI their practices, and board diversity improved by 6% during the reference period. The partfolio average aligns with Glass Lewis' policy that a board of directors should be at least 30% diverse.	Actions Taken/Planned: We measure and mitigate risks related to DEI using our VQA+I investment arteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. Objective/Targets: As part of our engagement goals, we encourage our partfolio companies to improve the diversity of senior management and the Board of Directors.		
	14. Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons	0.00%	0.00%	No change.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate controversial weapons-related risks using our VQA+1 investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. We will not invest in companies that are exposed to controversial weapons. Objects/Targets: NA		
Adverse sust	ainability indicator	Metric	Impact (2024)	Impact (2023)	Explanation	Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period		
Environmental	15. GHG intensity	INDICATO GHG intensity of investee	RS APPLICABLE TO INVE	STMENTS IN SOVEREIGNS	AND SUPRANATIONALS			
Social	16. Investee countries subject to social violations	countries Number of investee countries subject to social violations (absolute number and relative number divided by all investee countries), as referred to in international investee conventions, United Nations principles and, where applicable, national law	NA	NA				
Adverse sustainability indicator		Metric	Impact (2024)	Impact (2023)	Explanation ESTATE ASSETS	Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period		

Adverse sustainability indicator Metric		Impact (2024)	Impact (2023)	Explanation	Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period	
		IN	DICATORS APPLICABLE T	O INVESTMENTS IN REAL	ESTATE ASSETS	
Fossil fuels	17. Exposure to fossil fuels through real	Share of investments in real estate assets involved in the extraction, storage, transport or manufacture of fossil fuels	NA	NA		
Energy efficiency	18. Exposure to energy- inefficient real estate assets	Share of investments in energy- inefficient real estate assets	NA	NA		

 Table 2

 ADDITIONAL CLIMATE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT-RELATED INDICATORS

	Table 2									
Adverse sus	Adverse sustainability indicator Metric		Impact (2024)	Impact (2023)	Explanation	Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period				
	Indicators applicable to investments in investee companies									
		1	CLIMATE AND OTHER E	NVIRONMENT-RELATED		I				
GHG Emissions	4. Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives	Share of investments in investee companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives aimed at aligning with the Paris Agreement	54.16%	29.30%	Over the reference period, MSCI found that GIVES companies did not progress on their decarbonization initiatives, and the number of companies with Paris-aligned decarbonization strategies decreased by 85%. Lyrical disagrees with MSCI as 100% of companies with material GHG emissions have Scope 1-2 targets, and 72% have Scope 3 targets. Additionally, 18 out of 19 companies with material emissions have a detailed climate transition plan per cur bottom-up due diligence and the Oxford Net Zero Tracker. Lyrical engaged with the company without a detailed plan during the reference period and is working with them to devalop a Paris-aligned decarbonization strategy.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate climate-related risks using our VQA+I investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. As part of our net zero target (see below), we support our companies in developing decarbonization strategies aligned with the Paris Agreement. Objective/Target: In 2023, Lyrical developed a net zero target for GiVES, which aims to have 75% of GiVES' portfolio companies (other than those with immaterial GHG emissions) develop SBTI-approved net zero targets by 2030.				

#### Table 3

# ADDITIONAL INDICATORS FOR SOCIAL AND EMPLOYEE, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-BRIBERY MATTERS

	Table 3								
Adverse sustainability indicator		Metric	Impact (2024)	Impact (2023)	Explanation	Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period			
			Indicators applicable to	o investments in investee	companies				
	_	INDICATORS FOR SOCIAL AND	EMPLOYEE, RESPECT FO	R HUMAN RIGHTS, ANTI-	CORRUPTION AND ANTI-I	BRIBERY MATTERS			
Human Rights	14. Number of	Number of cases of severe human rights issues and incidents connected to investee companies on a weighted average basis	0.00%	0.00%	No change.	Actions Taken/Planned: We mitigate human rights-related risks using our VQA+I investment criteria, ESG integration, and active ownership. Companies that receive a Very Severe (Level 5) MSCI human rights controversy rating will not be included in GMES. If a company already in GIVES receives a Very Severe controversy rating, we will actively engage with the company to create a robust mitigation plan. If sustainability issues continue to arise, we will most likely sell our position. Objectives/Targets: NA			

## IV. Description of Policies to Identify & Prioritize PAIs on Sustainability Factors

To identify, monitor, and mitigate adverse impacts on GIVES' sustainable objective, we rely on our risk management strategy, which has three key pillars: VQA+I, ESG integration, and stewardship.

**VQA+I.** To lower ESG-related risks, make a meaningful contribution to the SDGs, and maximize longterm investment returns, we first apply our ESG Policy and VQA+I criteria to avoid investing in companies whose environmental and social practices pose unmanageable risks. As part of our pillars of Quality, Analyzability, and Impact, Lyrical applies exclusions across our portfolios.

Based on our Quality and Analyzability criteria, we generally exclude banks, pharma, biotech, airlines, and direct metals/mining businesses, and due to ESG considerations, we exclude other industries such as coal mining, tobacco companies, factory farms, for-profit prisons, small arms producers, adult entertainment, and opioid drug producers. Also, Lyrical applies legally required exclusions and certain international norms, such as the UNGC and UN Security Council Sanctions. Our GIVES strategy imposes additional impact-related selectivity. It excludes businesses operating in the fossil fuels, chemical/plastics, and fossil fuel-powered automobile industries. Also, the strategy also applies the exclusion criteria from the Paris-aligned Benchmarks (PAB) rules.

As part of our Impact investment criteria, we developed a Decarbonization Strategy for GIVES in 2023. Our plan is to invest in alignment with the global target of net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner. We aim to 1) ensure that companies in our portfolio have net zero goals and/or 2) support companies that are developing climate-related solutions. By 2030, Lyrical aims to have 75% of GIVES' portfolio companies (other than those with immaterial GHG emissions) develop SBTi-approved net zero targets.

**ESG Integration.** Current and potential portfolio companies undergo an extensive research process. The Investment Team seeks to develop an in-depth understanding of each business, including drivers of growth and profitability. Concurrently, the Director of Sustainability identifies material PAI indicators to determine whether they may be causing significant environmental- or social-related risk or harm by reviewing available documents and speaking directly with the companies. ESG factors are considered when they are material to the investment case. Lyrical's ESG materiality assessment is viewed in the context of SASB standards and also considers a company's broader impact on the economy, environment, and society. Material ESG issues are integrated quantitatively and qualitatively as part of our DNSH assessment and analysis of the long-term sustainability of our companies' earnings.

We use our quantitative ESG tracker, which primarily relies upon data from MSCI, to streamline our pretrade due diligence and post-trade compliance checks. Where data is limited or unavailable, we supplement it with the best available proxy indicators or qualitative analysis. Lyrical also complements our internal analysis with independent third-party research provided by Glass Lewis, as well as other organizations such as the CDP.

Specifically, Lyrical performs two types of due diligence on the PAIs to determine if the investment is causing significant harm or risk:

1. For quantitative indicators with sufficient availability, comparability, and quality, part of Lyrical's assessment was whether the adverse impact was significant based on the company's performance against the MSCI World benchmark. This was complemented by a bottom-up

analysis of the company's policies and practices, as the benchmark did not account for a company's industry or size.

2. For qualitative indicators, such as violations of the UNGC, Lyrical assessed significant harm using bottom-up analysis to verify that negative impacts do not compromise the company's sustainable objective to support the SDGs.

**Stewardship.** We actively engage with our portfolio companies to improve their environmental and social policies, practices, and outcomes. In cases where due diligence suggests an investment may cause significant harm or risk, Lyrical conducts additional bottom-up research and engagement to assess adverse impacts. Lyrical captures the results of its analysis in its pre-/post-trade trackers and its annual impact report. Lyrical concludes a company is not causing significant harm if:

- Lyrical's bottom-up research demonstrates that the company was most likely not causing significant harm.
- The company has taken steps to address the potential significant harm, such as developing GHG emission reduction targets.
- The company receives below a Very Severe (Level 5) MSCI controversy score, then it is not causing significant harm.

According to the PAI indicators and Lyrical's bottom-up analysis, a company will be removed from GIVES if it determines a company is causing significant harm. As of the end of the reference period, no companies have been removed from GIVES due to this analysis.

Please see Section V. Engagement Policies for more information on our stewardship practices.

### **V. Engagement Policies**

Lyrical's ESG engagement and proxy voting are conducted internally, and we incorporate external research into our process. Engagements occur both as needed (when we see concerning data) and opportunistically (often as portfolio companies engage in typical proxy season or off-proxy season outreach). Lyrical practices three types of stewardship activities:

**Engagement.** Lyrical's Director of Sustainability and Investment Team conducts formal ESG and impact engagements of our portfolio companies at least annually to measure, monitor, and verify their progress, challenges, and future goals. This formal process takes place alongside our ongoing engagement and monitoring of the companies' ESG risks and impact opportunities. We designate our portfolio companies as ESG Leaders, Performers, and Laggards to guide us in this process. The findings from this engagement and research help inform investment decisions and are a basis for the Director of Sustainability and Investment Team to track our portfolio companies' progress across our holding period.

As part of our decarbonization strategy, we prioritize our engagements using an SBTi alignment framework. The framework considers whether each company has approved near- and long-term net zero SBTi targets and assesses its emission levels. We focus our engagement where it matters: on companies that don't have SBTi-approved targets or have high emissions.

Specifically, we concentrate on a company's:

- 1. **Decarbonization Strategy:** Lyrical applies industry best practices to assess a company's actions and detect gaps in its strategies.
- 2. **Near-/Long-Term Challenges:** We identify obstacles, such as completing GHG emissions inventory analyses, supply chain issues, and a lack of available technology substitutes.
- 3. **Roadmap to Net Zero:** We work with each company to develop priority action items to help accelerate its strategy and hold it accountable.

**Proxy Voting.** Our Director of Sustainability conducts a bottom-up review of each company's proxy statement and receives third-party analysis and recommendations from Glass Lewis to help inform our decision-making. Additionally, we use ProxyEdge via Broadridge to vote all client proxies and track and reconcile all votes executed. We have the ability to change any votes. We typically support proposals to improve company ESG policies, practices, and outcomes. We also seek to carefully consider any concerns company management raises with us about upcoming proxy votes.

**Collaboration.** We define this type of stewardship as maintaining a collaborative dialogue with other investment firms, industry groups, non-profits, and policymakers to improve responsible investing laws, regulations, and standards consistent with the objectives of the Climate Action 100+ (CA100+), UNGC, and UN Principles of Responsible Investment (UNPRI). We accomplish this by attending conferences, submitting letters of support, and participating in working groups. Before Lyrical conducts these types of stewardship activities, our General Counsel/Chief Compliance Officer and Director of Sustainability conduct internal due diligence to determine if the collaboration aligns with our ESG Policy's external commitments. The Director of Sustainability tracks all our collaborations to ensure that they support our policies and practices related to responsible investment.

As part of our Net Zero Stewardship Policy, we require our companies to make meaningful progress on their net zero strategy for GIVES. If they do not, we have several escalation measures in place. First, we increase the number of engagements with management. Second, we vote against the members of the Board of Directors who oversee the company's ESG strategy. Third, we vote against the Chairperson of the Board and executive compensation committee. Lastly, we exit our position if no progress on net zero is achieved.

Please see our <u>Sustainability Related Disclosures</u> for more information on our stewardship practices.

### VI. References to International Standards

Lyrical became a signatory to the UNPRI as of April 2018, UNGC as of December 2020, and CA100+ as of November 2023. Additionally, the firm endorses the SDGs, Paris Agreement, Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), and Task Force on Nature-Related Financial Disclosures (TNFD). Our ESG incorporates these frameworks into our six ESG Guiding Principles.

### **VII. Historical Comparison**

For a historical comparison to the previous reference period, please see **Section III. Description of PAIs on Sustainability Factors**.