

HQ Capital Sustainability Report

2025



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1 | Facts & Figures

2011
PRI signed

59%
of our GPs are PRI signatories

144
managers assessed on ESG since 2015

396
investments assessed on ESG since 2015

5
conference panels and university lectures in 2024

2021
first Impact Investing Fund launched

28%
of woman among HQ Capital's senior ranks*



About HQ Capital

Over the past 35 years, HQ Capital has been actively investing in private equity globally on behalf of institutions and family offices. With over US\$12.8 billion in deployed capital since inception and over 80 employees across offices in North America, Europe and Asia, HQ Capital has the platform and experience needed to effectively allocate capital in private markets. We combine our global experience with local expertise to create custom solutions that meet our clients' needs.

With our clear commitment to our investors and to responsible investing, we are focused on creating value and delivering sustainable, attractive returns. ESG criteria are an integral part of our investment process and have been implemented since 2013. Together with our investors, we strive to make a positive contribution to the environment and society, while achieving financial returns comparable to traditional private equity market returns.

As of December 31, 2024.

* Vice President, Director and Managing Director



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2 | Our Approach to Sustainable Investing

Early adopter of ESG criteria

HQ Capital began incorporating ESG criteria firm-wide and into our global investment process over a decade ago after becoming an early signatory and supporter of the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investment (PRI) in 2011. HQ Capital is committed to implementing the PRI's six Principles and has steadily improved over the years. Based on the newly introduced valuation criteria by the PRI, for 2023 we earned a "4 stars" PRI score for our indirect private equity strategy and a "4 stars" score for confidence building measures.

Additionally, we are committed to the ESG Data Convergence initiative (EDCI), the United Nations Global Compact (UN Global Compact), the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and to Level 20, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving gender diversity in European private equity.

Sustainability Team equipped with diverse set of skills

The Sustainability Team was formally established in 2013. Today, the team comprises a Head of Sustainability, Candice Boclé, who has 15 years of experience in ESG, as well as global members from our reporting, products & solutions functions. The Sustainability Team is project-oriented with the different members being responsible for the development, implementation and monitoring of ESG policies within the HQ Capital organization and the investment process. We regard it as very important that our ESG philosophy and policy is embraced by the entire organization and does not just sit in a silo.



At HQ Capital we follow the six PRI Principles to

- 1 incorporate ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes;
- 2 are active owners and incorporate ESG issues into our ownership policies and practices;
- 3 seek appropriate disclosure on ESG issues by the entities in which we invest;
- 4 promote acceptance and implementation of the Principles within the investment industry;
- 5 work together to enhance our effectiveness in implementing the Principles and
- 6 report on our activities and progress towards implementing the Principles.

HQ Capital additional commitment and recognition

 Member	 Signatory	 Signatory
 Member	 Industry Award	



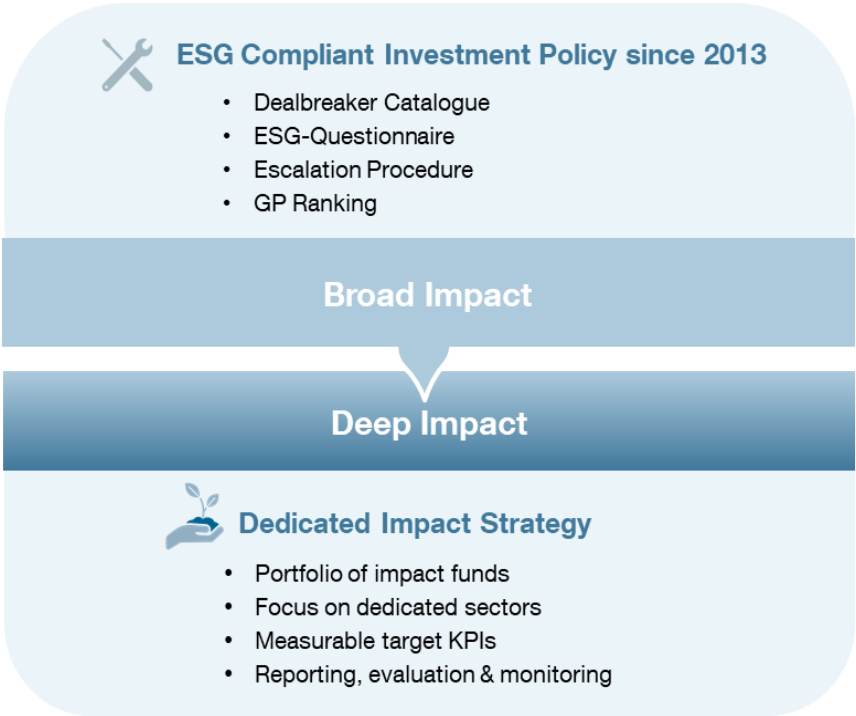
“ Our GP-centered approach is at the core of our sustainability strategy. Building a culture of sustainability across the investment value chain while staying ahead of the curve on global ESG trends enables us to deliver value with a stewardship lens. ”

Candice Boclé | Head of Sustainability

HQ Capital also works with our clients, limited partners (LPs), and general partners (GPs) to address and support their ESG goals. The Sustainability Team members actively participate in industry conferences and symposia in order to constantly broaden and improve their know-how on ESG and sustainability investing topics, while exchanging views with other market participants. We proactively monitor and promote the progression of ESG policies across the industry and engage in regular dialogue with other market participants. Internally, the Sustainability Team hosts regular workshops to ensure that all colleagues are up to date on the latest and best accepted ESG practices and industry developments.

From ESG Compliance to Impact Investing

For more than 10 years ESG has been an integral part of our investment strategy. A detailed ESG analysis for every investment we make is conducted by our Investment Teams and included in the Final Investment Proposals to be approved by our global Investment Committee (please see details in section 3 and 4). This ESG compliant investment policy (“Broad Impact”) has laid the ground for our dedicated impact strategy (“Deep Impact”) which has taken our responsible investing one step further. It combines measurable sustainable impact with private equity like returns (please see details in section 5).



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3 | Our ESG Compliant Investment Policy

As a fund of funds manager, HQ Capital generally has limited engagement with the underlying portfolio companies and investments. Therefore, we see it as our key responsibility to collaborate with our GPs to encourage integration of ESG best practices in their underlying portfolio companies. HQ Capital and the Sustainability Team assess the ESG policy of our GPs using several tools.

These tools are the basis of our ESG policy and include a dealbreaker catalogue, a GP ESG pre-investment questionnaire, our in-house proprietary GP ESG Ranking as well as an escalation procedure. The result of the GP ESG Ranking, which is an integral part of our investment analysis, is included in the written Investment Proposals that are submitted to the HQ Capital Investment Committee for approval.

HQ Capital ESG Investment Analysis Toolkit



Dealbreaker Catalogue

Weapons • Pornography and related businesses • Exploitation of childhood labor • Violation of human rights • Support of repeated / systematic corruption • Speculation with agricultural commodities • Support of businesses in countries tied to terrorism



ESG Questionnaire

Evidence of commitment / ESG-Policy • Responsibility / ESG expertise • Handling of ESG conflicts • Level and frequency of dialogue with portfolio companies and Investors • Reporting and communication of ESG factors • Implementation and tracking of KPIs



ESG Toolkit



Escalation Procedure

Determination if the potential investment is in line with our ESG policy by the Investment Team. If no conclusive assessment is possible: Review of the circumstances by ESG Team until consensus or Investment Committee to make final decision



GP ESG Ranking

ESG ranking from 0-5 for classification and regular monitoring of developments

Dealbreaker Catalogue

To serve as the initial screening, the Sustainability Team constructed the dealbreaker catalogue that explicitly outlines the industries and business practices that are excluded from investing. If a General Partner is invested in a portfolio company that operates in one of the industries, countries, or participates in one of the business practices listed on the previous page, HQ Capital will (i) not invest with that General Partner, or (ii) request an exclusion of such investment from the portfolio on behalf of HQ Capital and its clients.

ESG Questionnaire

The GP ESG pre-investment questionnaire was developed by the Sustainability Team based on industry-wide acknowledged ESG questionnaires, such as those created by Invest Europe, the European Private Equity Association, and the PRI. The global Investment Team uses these questionnaires as a guide when discussing with the GPs their overall ESG policy, evaluating a GP's investment process, and their depth of due diligence.

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Escalation Procedure

We have created a three-step escalation procedure in order to solve any ESG issue or conflict. If the Investment Team is unable to assess whether a potential investment is in line with our ESG policy and stated responsible investing objectives, the Investment Team will involve the Sustainability Team to review the circumstances and help resolve any potential ESG issues. If the Sustainability Team is unable to come to a consensus with the Investment Team, the former will escalate the issue to the Investment Committee for a final decision. In both cases, written documentation of the issue and rationale for the ruling will be provided.

GP ESG Ranking

A core element of our toolkit is the GP ESG Ranking that was introduced in 2015 and has since been redefined in line with developments in the ESG investing landscape. The ranking framework focuses on the existence and implementation of an ESG Policy in the organization of the GP, the integration of ESG factors in the value creation process of its portfolio companies from deal sourcing, investment period to the exit process, and the monitoring and reporting of potential Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) post-investment. A manager is assigned an ESG ranking at the time the investment is made.

A summary of our analysis and the final ranking is documented in our written Final Investment Proposals that are presented and approved by the HQ Capital Investment Committee. General Partners earn an ESG Ranking per new HQ Capital commitment. Moreover, yearly GP ESG Rankings are collected based on the new commitments of the specified calendar year. The assigned GP ESG Ranking is inserted into our database and subject to review on a yearly basis for material changes or updates.

HQ Capital conducts regular portfolio reviews, which consist of detailed update calls with our General Partners, during which ESG policies are discussed and any changes or improvements in their methods are recorded.

This information helps shape our own practices as we implement the principles and also provides useful insight into the portfolio company ESG practices. Post-investment, HQ Capital encourages and supports our General Partners in evaluating their ESG approach and making efficient strides in their policies.

HQ Capital GP Ranking		
	Rejection	0 GP has no ESG policy in place and has no interest in or planned response for ESG considerations or pursues a strategy on HQ Capital's ESG Deal Breakers Catalog
	In Process	1 GP has no ESG policy in place but is in the process of developing an ESG policy and/or their investment strategy is not violating our negative catalog
	Introduction	2 GP has defined an ESG policy either by having signed with PRI, other comparable organizations or by having defined a comparable internal ESG policy
	Integration	3 GP has implemented an internal ESG policy firm wide and in its investment process
	Monitoring & Reporting	4 GP implements, maintains and reports factors for E, S, G each firm wide and on the level of its portfolio companies
	Measuring & Tracking & Reporting	5 GP evaluates, monitors and reports its portfolio companies' ESG programs and its developments based on quantitatively measurable targets and KPIs

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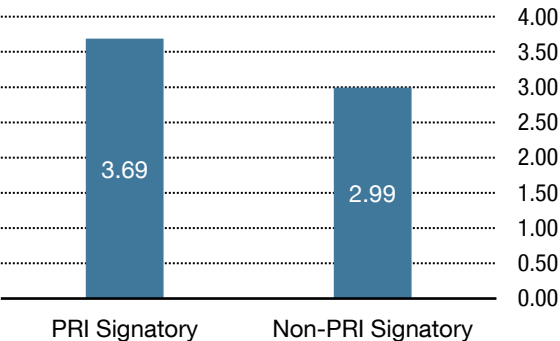
4 | Our Portfolio Assessment

Sustainability tailwinds continue to drive PRI signatory and our GP ESG Ranking

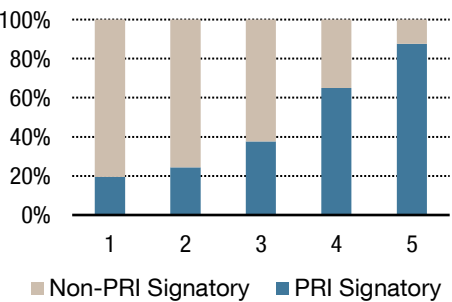
Since the launch of HQ Capital’s tracking of GP ESG Rankings in 2015, we have assessed 144 managers across 396 unique investments in our three core regions North America, Europe and Asia. The ESG ranking is assigned to the respective GP as part of our investment analysis for each primary commitment as well as each co-investment. Since our co-investment strategy is exclusively focused on co-investing alongside our relationship GPs, each co-investment transaction receives an ESG Ranking based on the ESG Policy and practices of the underlying GP. We regularly review and enhance our ranking system challenging our GPs to progress with the ESG and industry landscape by further integrating ESG criteria and providing higher quality and depth of ESG integration into their firms, investment process and portfolio companies.

Importantly, despite more rigorous ESG Ranking criteria, we continue to see increased GP ESG Rankings in all three of our investment regions. In 2024, we added our largest number of GPs with the highest ranking of “5”. This total is partly a result of adding four new managers for our impact strategy, but also more “traditional, non-impact” GPs that believe in sustainability as part of their value creation strategy. The PRI, while not a must, has become an industry-wide common standard for the private equity industry. In 2024, over 62% of our primary and co-investments are with GPs who are PRI signatories, which is the highest percentage number since 2015. This is meaningful as the affiliation with the PRI correlates with a higher GP ESG Ranking. On average, PRI signatories earn a GP ESG Ranking of 3.69, while the non-signatories earn a 2.99.

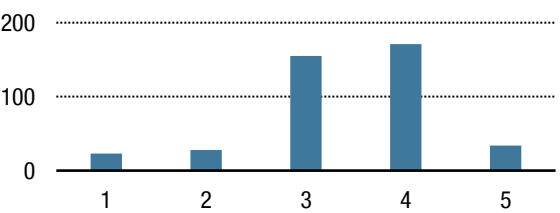
PRI vs. Non-PRI Primary ESG GP Ranking 2015-2024



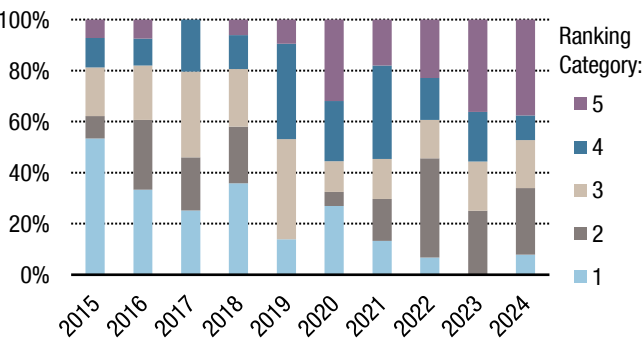
ESG GP Ranking by PRI signatory and Non-PRI signatory status 2015-2024



Global GP ESG Ranking Count 2015-2024



Global ESG Ranking 2015-2024



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Europe remains at the top of the podium

Europe continues to be at the forefront of the ESG movement. Therefore, it is without surprise that our European GPs achieve a higher ESG Ranking on average compared to North America and Asia. We believe that the European regulation with the SFDR (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation), which became effective in March 2021, has supported this development. This is also proven by the fact that we see more European GPs registering as Art. 8 or Art. 9 Fund under the SFDR.

Between 2015 and 2024, we have assessed 50 European managers across 120 unique primary and co-investment commitments. In 2024, over 75% of our new primary and co-investment commitments to European GPs were with PRI signatories. Additionally, over 80% of European primary and co-investment commitments were with GPs who earned an ESG Ranking of “4” or “5”. Additionally, 2024 also marked the year in which 40% of new investments received the highest ranking of “5”. On average the 2024 ranking for Europe is 4.3.

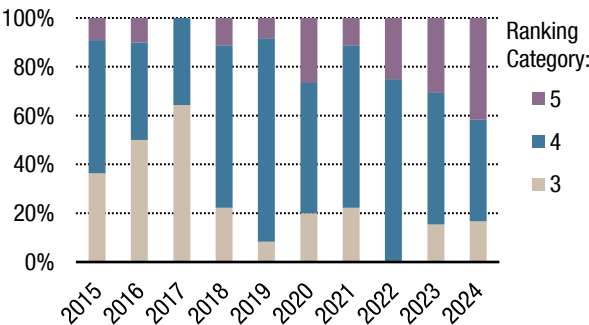
North America slowly improving

North America, the largest private equity market in the world, is also our largest investment region by both committed capital and number of GPs. Between 2015 and 2024, we have assessed 72 North American Managers across 176 unique primary and co-investment commitments.

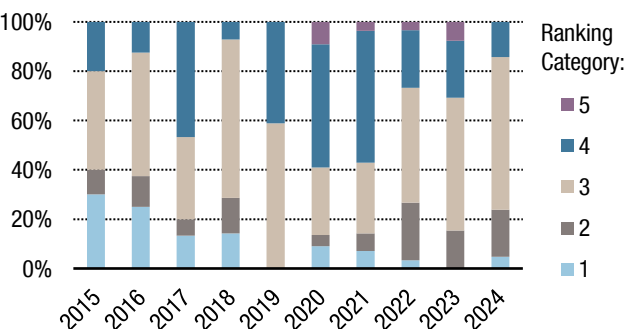
North America still lags behind Europe with regards to ESG and sustainable investing. However, in 2024 over 50% of the new investments were with PRI signatories and with an average ranking of 3.2. In terms of sustainability, North America is a bifurcated market. On the one hand, we still see the majority of our investments with an assigned ESG Ranking of “2” or “3”, on the other hand we see a growing GP community of dedicated impact managers. These impact managers are also responsible for the first two “5” ranked North American investments, which are managers focused on energy transition topics and social themes.

Although the North American GPs are not subject to a regulation, the proliferation of sustainability initiatives and organizations, including the SEC working on certain regulatory topics, is expected to support the movement and our North American GPs will be gaining on Europe.

European ESG Ranking 2015-2024



North American ESG Ranking 2015-2024



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Asia demonstrates steady improvement

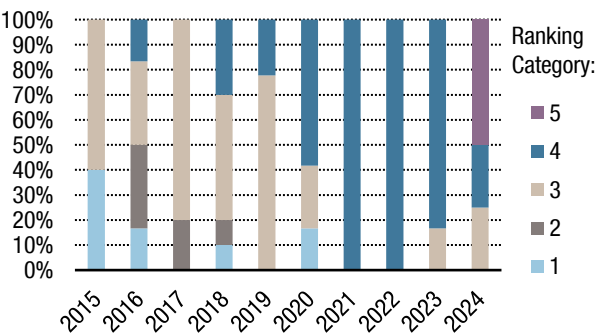
ESG implementation among our Asian GPs has shown continuous progress since 2015. This has resulted in a steady increase year over year in GP ESG Ranking within the region, with the majority of our GP Ranking being a “4” since 2021, followed by half of the new investments in 2024 reaching a "5" and on average a 4.3 ranking in 2024.

From 2015 until 2024 we have assessed 35 Asian managers across 69 unique primary and co-investment commitments. This is a positive development despite the fact that the PRI are a less common framework in Asia.

Moreover, there are differences with regard to ESG standards and status of implementation of ESG policies in the various countries of Asia Pacific. Australia has adopted by far the highest standards, which has been accelerated by the country’s severe climate change induced natural disasters. Also, Japan has high requirements when it comes ESG and sustainability standards.

We also see that typically the more mature and larger GPs who have the respective capacity and resources to focus on ESG receive the higher rankings, in particular when they have European investors.

Asian ESG Ranking 2015-2024



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5 | Impact Investing at HQ Capital

Our Impact Strategy introduced in 2021

Our ESG compliant investment policy (“Broad Impact”) with our ESG GP Ranking as described before is the fundament for our dedicated impact strategy (“Deep Impact”) launched in 2021 which takes responsible investing at HQ Capital one step further.

Our definition of Impact Investing

Our focus is on impact investment strategies that are suitable to create risk-adjusted financial returns comparable to traditional private equity market returns. Therefore, ESG factors must be utilized as an integral part of the value creation strategy with the goal of creating a measurable impact. Results must be quantifiable and contribute in a positive and identifiable way to the environment, people, and society. Thus, all our impact investment GPs are assigned with the highest ranking of “5”.

Our Impact focus

Our impact strategy provides investors with access to mainly North American and European sustainable investments through GPs with demonstrable experience in Impact Investing. However, the “5” ranking is a precondition and starting point for our impact investment selection which goes far beyond.

Our impact strategy offers sustainable investment opportunities that are guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) adopted by the U.N. in 2015 and aligned with our ESG criteria. The focus is on four megatrends of responsible investing: Green economy; Blue economy; Healthcare, and Education that are monitored with specific KPIs. The strategy is compliant with the Article 9 (i.e., “Dark Green Fund”) under the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (“SFDR”).

Deep Impact Strategy focus

	Green	Blue	Healthcare	Education
SDG Main Focus	 Climate Action	 Life Below Water	 Good Health and Well-Being	 Quality Education
SDG Action Plan	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, sea and marine resources for sustainable development	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all	Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities
Key Investment Themes	• Renewable energy (solar, wind, water) • Energy efficiency • Transport • E-mobility • Sustainable agriculture	• Sustainable aquaculture • Alternatives to fish protein • Seafood supply • Circular plastics economy • Water desalination	• Essential healthcare products and services • Affordable quality healthcare • Healthy and balanced nutrition	• Early childhood education • Technical and vocational education and training • School financing • Education technology

As of July 2025. Based on HQ Capital analysis. For illustrative purposes only.

“High-Quality”: Any reference to the quality of a manager, fund, or asset is based on HQ Capital’s internal classification framework.

6 | HQ Capital Sustainability Engagement

HQ Capital strives to be a preferred partner in private markets and has established its reputation for:



Being a trustful partner & delivering exceptional results



Developing our people and seeking innovation



Creating a positive and intentional ESG impact

To that end, we are focused on business practices that align with these goals and which are enhanced by the consideration of ESG factors in our decision-making.

Environmental

Each of HQ Capital’s Germany, Hong Kong, and New York offices have taken advantage of available energy, water, and waste curtailment and management practices to make a positive impact on the environment. From the use of renewable energy and LED lights to save on energy consumption in our Germany office, and utilizing environmentally friendly products in Asia, to participating in energy-saving events hosted by building management in New York, we are committed to sustainability. Additionally, our New York office ensures the efficient and responsible disposal of electronic devices in partnership with local recycling programs, and our German office features six charging stations for electric vehicles. Waste is minimized and separated, and through a local fruit basket supplier, HQ Capital helps to plant around 50 trees annually. Through the green gas supplier, HQ Capital also supports a project to protect the local forests in Germany.



Green energy



Waste management



Water: dispensers, local glass bottles



Environmentally friendly products



Protection of forests and nature



Eco-friendly transport

Additionally, we offer programs such as bicycle leasing in Germany to promote other means of transport. HQ Capital also actively supports local honey production in Germany, recognizing the crucial role bees play in preserving biodiversity and sustaining the environment. We also encourage our employees to participate in Climate Week and Earth Day campaigns to increase awareness of accessible environmental preservation measures.



HQ Capital employees supporting nature reserve at Kirdorfer Feld, Germany.

Social

HQ Capital has also been fortunate to be well positioned to effect change from both within and outside of our firm. Starting with our hiring practices, which align with our belief that seeking diversity, fostering equity, and being inclusive of individuals who vary across culture, ethnicity, age, gender and sexual orientation are important for successful decision-making, we have built a highly talented and innovative global team of professionals that set HQ Capital apart within the broader private equity industry.

HQ Capital exceeds the industry average with regard to gender and ethnic diversity

- **35% of employees are non-white¹**
- **~ 20 different languages spoken¹**
- **44% of employees are women¹**
- **28% of senior staff are women²**

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Our investment practice of partnering with managers who prioritize fair labor and human rights considerations has resulted in the furtherance of such sentiments towards the practices of the portfolio companies in our holdings.



HQ Capital Gives Back!

Looking outwards to our communities, our HQ Capital Gives Back! initiatives have included many educational and philanthropic engagements since its launch in 2017. Most recently our teams hosted International Women's Day and Bring a Child to Work Day events.

Governance

Over the past 35 years, HQ Capital has established a robust platform of global private equity offerings in partnership with best-in-class managers to provide access to attractive opportunities for our diversified and sophisticated investor base. The foundation on which this platform is built is deeply rooted in our tested and trusted governance practices. HQ Capital is dedicated solely to investing in alternative investment strategies; therefore, we are generally able to avoid certain inherent risks in firms that operate several financial services business lines. Nonetheless, HQ Capital has always taken prudent steps to manage its business practices and the behaviors of its employees. Our principal policies and procedures are summarized below.

Accountability

Being accountable to our investors remains a singular focus for our investment strategies and includes accountability for the performance of the portfolios we manage. Adhering to the ESG policy and practices we have established to enhance the quality of the investments we select is closely monitored by the Investment and Sustainability Teams, as well as the Executive Committee and Supervisory Board of HQ Capital.

Conflicts of Interest

The primary methods that are used by HQ Capital to manage actual or potential conflicts of interest include:

- Independent board oversight and compliance function, monitoring of employee personal trading and business activities;
- Reporting requirements to monitor the flow of material non-public information within and outside the firm; and
- Implementing policies and procedures to promote the fair and proper treatment of clients or classes of clients.

Transparency

HQ Capital strives for transparency across our business decision-making and investment management practices. At the company level, management aims to articulate annual goals and milestones with regards to ESG to foster alignment of efforts across the business.

Sourcing talented professionals and offering competitive compensation serves to harmonize the interests of our shareholders and employees towards these ESG goals.

At the investment level, this transparency is incorporated into relationships with the underlying GPs and results in the enhanced quality of information available for our reporting to investors.



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Projected Investment Performance: (1) Existing Investments: On a quarterly basis the projected cash flow profile (and resulting projected performance) of all non-liquidated investments is reviewed and updated to reflect actual cash flow activity through the latest quarter-end and the latest information available to HQ Capital. (2) Future Investments: If applicable, the projected cash flows of future investments are based on models. The cash flow models were constructed using HQ Capital historical data and relevant historical market data to best represent a specific investment type. The cash flow models are regularly reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted to best reflect the given investment type. All future investment assumptions are subject to change. (3) Projected investment performance reflects the combination of actual cash flows to date along with the forecasted cash flows.

Risks: Alternative investments entail substantial risk and should not be intended as a complete investment program. The profitability and return of alternative investments are dependent upon numerous factors, which may include the active management of securities, across global markets. There are no opportunities for redemptions and transferability of interests in alternative investments may be limited so investors may not have access to capital when it is needed. Alternative investments are designed only for sophisticated investors who are able to understand the scope of and bear the economic risk of losing all of their investment. Alternative investments: (1) often engage in leveraging and other speculative investment practices that may increase the risk of investment loss; (2) can be highly illiquid; (3) are not required to provide periodic pricing or valuation information to investors; (4) may involve complex tax structures and delays in distributing important tax information; (5) are not subject to the same regulatory requirements as mutual funds and other publicly traded securities; and (6) often charge high fees.

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