

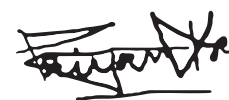
2025

Sustainable International Leaders Strategy

REPORTING ON SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

This report reflects our investment philosophy and our commitment to report on the sustainability outcomes of the Strategy.

LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM THE PORTFOLIO MANAGER



Priyanka Agnihotri, CFA
Portfolio Manager

Dear Fellow Investors,

Our goal is to identify investments that we believe offer the strongest potential for attractive long term, risk adjusted returns. In doing so, we evaluate a wide range of considerations, such as governance practices, resource access, and workforce policies, that may influence a company's resilience and financial performance. In our experience, companies that effectively manage material risks can reduce the likelihood of business disruption, while companies that lead in areas such as efficient resource use or strong governance may strengthen competitive advantages. These attributes continue to underpin the Sustainable International Leaders strategy.

Since inception, our team has incorporated research on these topics into our evaluation of every company we own. We have invested in building a research toolkit over more than a decade, which we believe helps us differentiate our work across international markets. These markets offer both significant opportunities and important challenges, particularly as transparency and data consistency vary widely across regions. Our approach begins with a clear assessment of risks, especially in markets where operating environments differ meaningfully from those in the United States or Western Europe. We also look for opportunities in companies that are addressing resource needs, demographic shifts, and other long-term structural trends.

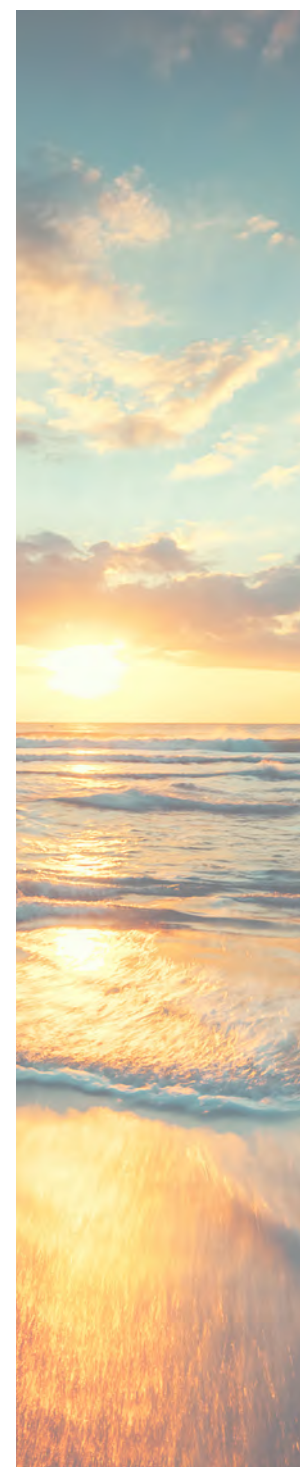
Strong corporate governance remains central to our process given its direct financial implications. We monitor governance practices closely and we have identified several high quality companies across international markets outside the U.S. with robust governance frameworks.

Japan offers a notable example of governance improvement that has accelerated over the past decade. Some early reforms in the Abenomics era began with the Stewardship Code in 2014 and the Corporate Governance Code in 2015 with an aim to increase accountability to investors. More recently, the Tokyo Stock Exchange initiated a comprehensive market overhaul from 2022 to 2023, focusing on companies trading below book value and those with persistently low return on equity. These efforts were reinforced by the Financial Services Agency's push to unwind cross shareholdings, alongside a surge in shareholder engagement, including more than 100 activist campaigns in 2025. Another revision to the Corporate Governance Code is expected in 2026, with an emphasis on capital efficiency and minority shareholder protections. We view these developments as encouraging steps that may lead to improved capital allocation, and a broader opportunity set for long-term investors in Japanese companies.

Our investment approach remains grounded in disciplined underwriting, a focus on downside risk mitigation, and a commitment to owning businesses we believe are positioned for durable value creation.

We thank our investors for your trust and support and look forward to working with you throughout 2026.

Priyanka



SUSTAINABLE INVESTING AT BROWN ADVISORY

As investors, we will consider any data, factor, business tactic or strategy, economic or market condition – whether quantitative or qualitative – which might allow us to better understand the material challenges and opportunities facing a business or issuer. Every Brown Advisory investment strategy holds the fiduciary duty of delivering investment performance to clients as its highest obligation.

How we think about Sustainable Investing

Sustainable Investing strategies apply an active and documented investment decision-making framework that emphasizes the materiality of the risks and/or opportunities that arise from natural resource, social and economic, climate, and/or governance issues in their evaluation of an investment. No two Sustainable Investing strategies will be exactly alike and each strategy’s approach will reflect the portfolio manager’s autonomy to invest in the way they believe best generates long-term investment performance for clients.

Investment philosophy

As a concentrated international investment strategy, we set very high standards for our investments. We have a business owner mindset, and as such, seek to carefully manage our investors’ exposure to risk that can affect their investment. We invest in companies, in any sector or country, that we believe deliver superior customer outcomes and are capable of compounding excess returns over time. Sustainable investment research is essential to our investment strategy and helps us to find companies that align with our investment philosophy. Our research process enables us to identify high-quality businesses that are using sustainability to drive competitive advantages and that also manage sustainability-related risks effectively over time. In seeking to identify companies using sustainability to drive their competitive advantages, we specifically look for companies with sustainable drivers. Sustainable drivers are the tangible ways a company uses sustainability, through its products, services, or operations, to create business value and strengthen its competitive position over time.

Our experience, and our research, helps to uncover the differences between companies that are trying to deliver exceptional outcomes for their customers and those that are not. We believe that by investing in the former, with a close eye on valuation, we can identify under-appreciated value, and build a portfolio that delivers both attractive returns and positive sustainability outcomes.

Investment process

The Sustainable International Leaders strategy’s key belief is that competitively advantaged businesses that can invest with high returns on invested capital (ROIC), are run by capable management teams and are attractively valued, have the ability to generate attractive shareholder returns over a long investment horizon. Sustainable investment research is central to our analysis and helps us to uncover and evaluate these companies. We incorporate sustainable investment research into our investment process and decision making which enables us to identify opportunities (viewed by us as Sustainable Business Advantages) and risk management.

Sustainable investment research in international markets is nuanced, where strong risk management and compelling governance protect downside and competitively differentiate companies from laggards.

OUR ASSESSMENT

RISKS	OPPORTUNITIES
<p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board and incentive structure Business ethics Transparency and disclosure 	<p>Revenue Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Products and services that solve for environment and social challenges while also driving business growth
<p>Climate Conditions & Resource Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions and energy use Waste management Regulatory compliance 	<p>Cost Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational advantages that lead to natural resources and financial efficiency
<p>Social and Economic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human capital management Health & Safety Supply chain management 	<p>Franchise Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership in areas of customer attention such as climate risk and human rights lead to brand value



Sustainable Business Advantage (SBA)

A growing number of fundamentally strong companies are using sustainable drivers to add value for customers and shareholders. We look at a wide variety of quantitative and qualitative information to evaluate these drivers and, upon careful analysis, we seek to understand their potential to stimulate tangible, long-term business results.

A company is considered to have SBA if its sustainable investing strategies or attributes have the potential to drive the following:

Revenue Growth:

Companies that are producing a product or service that is solving for a sustainability challenge. For example, helping to drive productivity and efficiency for their customers by reducing energy use, water or raw materials.

Cost Improvement:

Companies working to reduce their own energy and resource usage. By boosting their own operational efficiencies, companies can reduce costs and improve margins, in other words; they can do more with less.

Enhanced Franchise Value:

Improving the overall value of the business franchise through increasing customer loyalty, elevating the brand reputation, and improving employee engagement, retention and recruitment. This is generally achieved by companies building sustainable product lines (e.g., ethical, healthy or organic) or are known as leaders in sustainability within their industry.

SBAs in action



ASML HOLDING N.V. (ASML)

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS ADVANTAGE:
Products & Services

SUSTAINABLE INVESTING LEVER:
Sustainable Technology Innovation

BUSINESS SCENARIO:

ASML supports the semiconductor industry as a main provider of lithography equipment, enabling chipmakers to produce more powerful, energy-efficient chips through continued advances in transistor density. While demand for high-performance compute, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), has increased absolute power needs for leading-edge chips, we believe this is an industry challenge that must be addressed across the value chain, from chip design through packaging. ASML's role is central because lithography is among the most energy-intensive steps in a fabrication plant, and efficiency gains can reduce energy use per wafer and per functional chip, driving stronger revenue growth.

The company's lithography roadmap enables higher yields and faster time-to-yield, reducing defect-driven scrap and the embedded energy of rework. Extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography remains ~45% more energy efficient than alternative patterning approaches, but we do not base the sustainable thesis on this advantage alone.¹ Instead, we see the longer-term opportunity in ASML's ongoing ability to improve EUV efficiency even as customers scale production. The company cites that 15 years after shipping a first tool, it can reduce energy consumption per wafer exposure by ~80%.²

ASML's product roadmap will continue to reduce energy consumption during chip fabrication through higher tool throughput and targeted engineering initiatives—including optimizing pre-vacuum systems, increasing hydrogen recycling, reducing cooling energy, and implementing laser sleep modes.³ High numerical aperture (NA) EUV further extends this opportunity by simplifying lithography for future nodes, improving yields and reducing defect density, which can lower energy use and emissions per functional chip.⁴

¹ 2024 Annual Report based on US GAAP.

² Small Talk 2024 | Global market trends | Industry & ASML's technology roadmap.

³ ASML sustainability | Supplying the semiconductor industry.

⁴ 2024 Annual Report based on US GAAP.

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SBA in action



CONVATEC GROUP PLC (CTEC)

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS ADVANTAGE:

Products & Services

SUSTAINABLE INVESTING LEVER:

Health & Wellness

BUSINESS SCENARIO:

Convatec is a leader in products and services for people living with chronic, intimate health conditions. With around 90% of revenues generated from chronic care patients, demand is typically recurring, non-deferrable and clinically important, underpinning a strong long-term sustainable opportunity.⁵ These patients rely on high-quality solutions over many years, and we believe the company can deliver measurable benefits by improving treatment effectiveness, reducing invasiveness, and supporting improved quality of life. With a vitality index of 30%⁶, we believe the focus on innovation to meet customer needs and drive revenue growth as well as market share gains is strong.⁷

In addition to improving health outcomes, we view Convatec's integration of sustainability as a long-term growth driver in an industry where many products are necessarily single use. The company is integrating environmental considerations directly into innovation through Green Design Guidelines and stage gates within new product development, supported by a digital carbon database of manufactured raw materials and components.⁸ Sustainability-driven innovation, such as the Mio Advance extended-wear infusion set developed with Medtronic, reduces required set changes by ~50%, delivering up to 25% annual insulin cost savings and around 2kg less plastic waste per patient each year.⁹ We believe this combination of environmental stewardship and high-quality care for sensitive chronic conditions positions Convatec well to sustain growth over the long term.

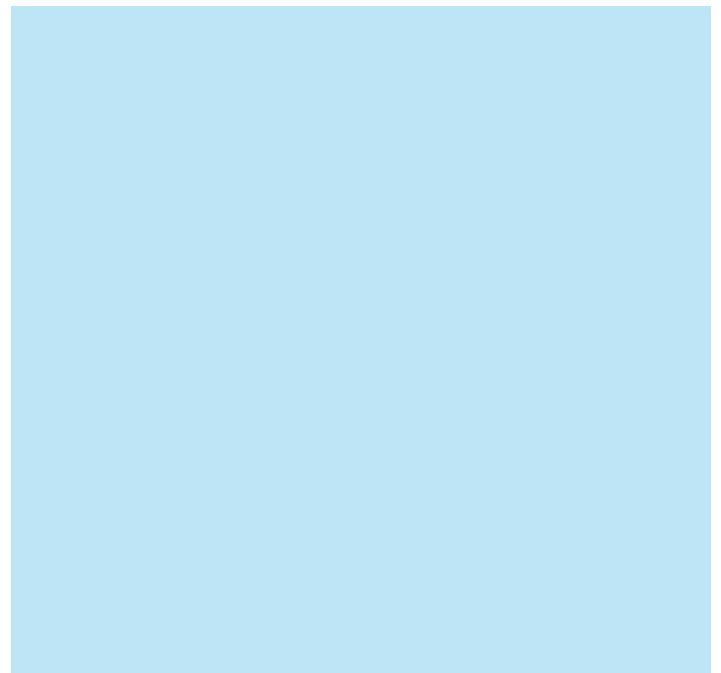
⁵ [2022 Annual Results | Convatec Group.](#)

⁶ Vitality index is defined as the percentage of revenues that are generated from new or significantly upgraded products and services launched by Convatec in the preceding 5-year period.

⁷ [Delivering for our customers | Convatec Group.](#)

⁸ [Delivering for our customers | Convatec Group.](#)

⁹ [Medtronic Launches World's First and Only Infusion Set for Insulin Pumps that Doubles Wear Time up to 7 days in U.S. - Nov 15, 2022.](#)



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SUSTAINABLE INVESTING LEVERS

Our investment approach is rooted in deep, bottom-up research that seeks to identify high quality companies with Sustainable Business Advantages at compelling valuations. This approach has led to what we believe is a portfolio of companies that delivers both attractive returns and positive outcomes.

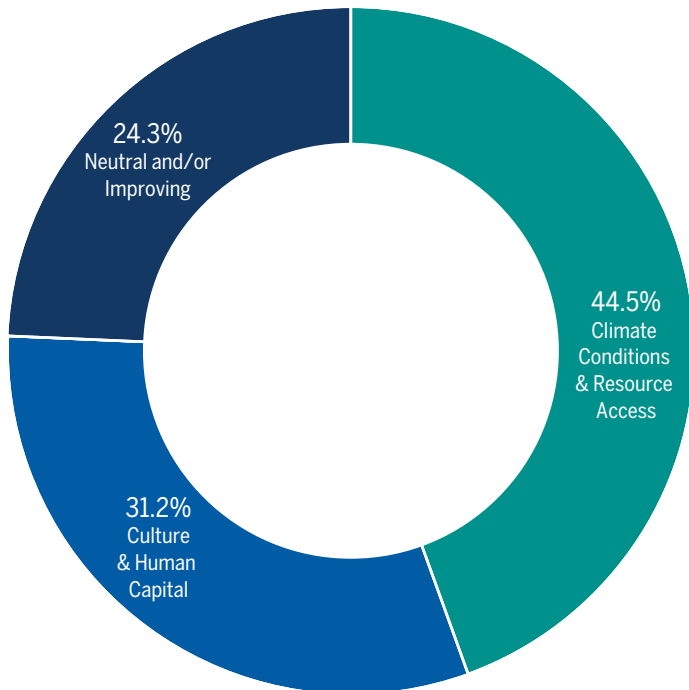
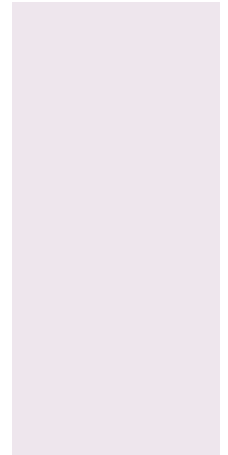
While we invest solely to drive performance, our focus on sustainable investment research within our due diligence process results in strategy investments associated with a range of positive outcomes generated by our companies.

Diversification by Levers

A “lever” refers to a sustainable investment-related driver that we believe may contribute to a company’s long-term value creation.

We do not target any particular lever or combination of levers as part of our investment process. However, through our bottom-up research, we assess how a company’s products, services, or business practices may be positioned to benefit from - or help address - natural resource, social, economic, climate, and/or governance outcomes.

We group these under two broad themes: Climate Conditions & Resource Access and Culture & Human Capital, with several more specific sub-levers beneath them. The levers are used for analytical and reporting purposes which help to illustrate potential sustainable investment-related outcomes associated with the companies we own.



A CLIENT-FOCUSED FRAMEWORK

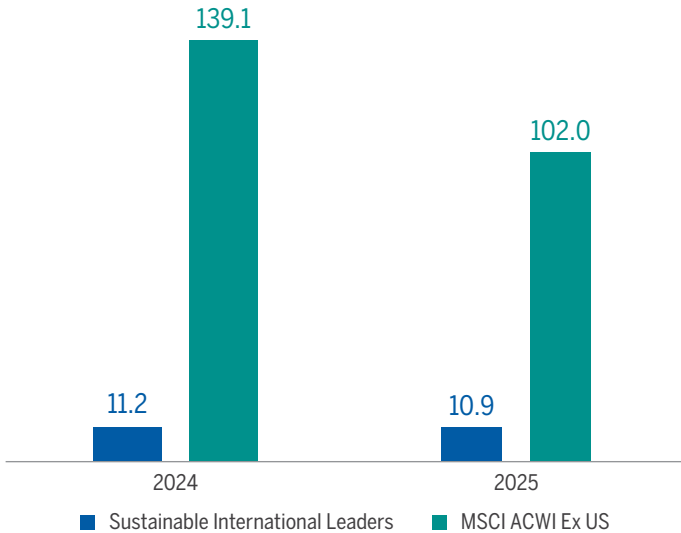
The levers presented in the Brown Advisory framework to the left, Climate Conditions & Resource Access and Culture & Human Capital, have been developed with the sole purpose of explaining the potential sustainable investment-related outcomes of our investments. We work closely with our clients to help them translate our levers against their own tools or other internationally recognized frameworks, such as the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), if that aligns with their investment philosophy or goals. Whilst we do not invest to achieve these goals, some clients have found it useful to show how our levers map against the SDGs to understand a strategy’s investment outcomes.

Source: Brown Advisory analysis. Neutral represents holdings that are not categorized within the framework and cash. Numbers may not total to 100% due to rounding. Sustainable investing lever information excludes cash and is based on a Brown Advisory Sustainable International Leaders representative account as of Dec. 31, 2025. Please see the end of this report for important disclosures.

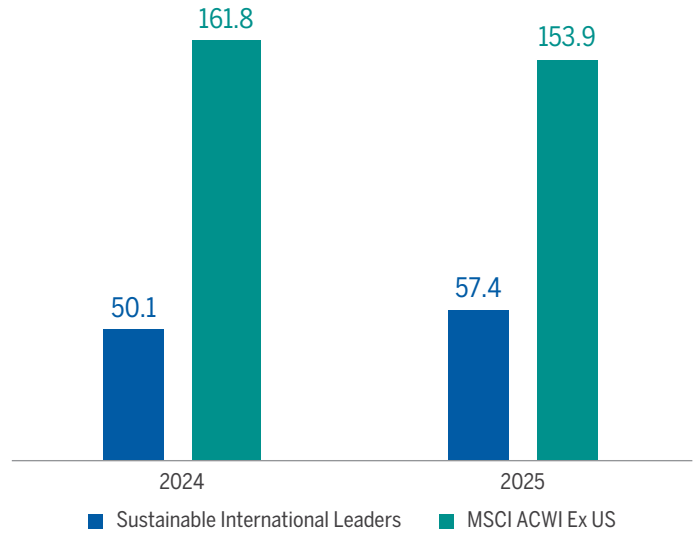
Carbon emissions data

We believe the companies in which we invest generate a wide variety of positive outcomes. Some of these can be measured in the aggregate—for example, the portfolio’s overall carbon emissions profile which has been significantly lower than the benchmark. From an investment perspective, this is beneficial as lower emissions can reduce the cost of operating expenses when paired with efficiency gains, mitigate certain regulatory risks while also signaling stronger long-term resilience in an increasingly turbulent global energy system.

CARBON EMISSIONS PER \$1M



WEIGHTED AVERAGE CARBON INTENSITY¹

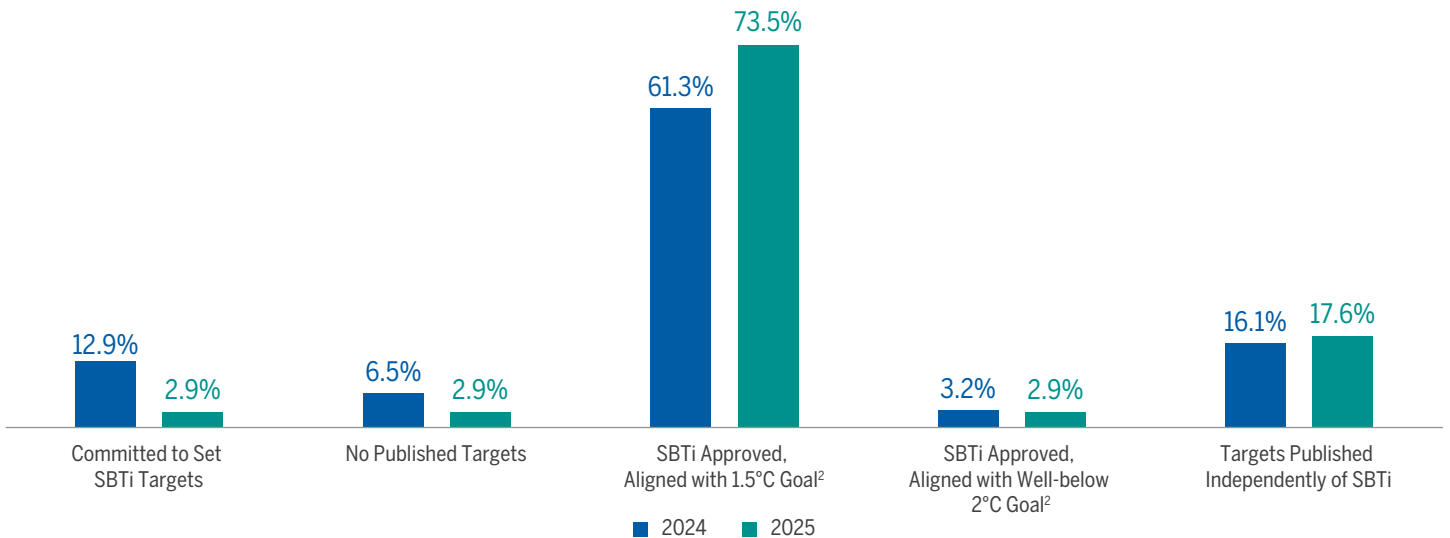


¹ Tons CO₂e/\$M revenue of portfolio holdings, adjusted based on relative weighting of each holding.

Source: MSCI ESG Manager. Portfolio information is based on a Brown Advisory Sustainable International Leaders representative account as of Dec. 31, 2025. Please see the end of this report for important disclosures.

Science-based targets progress

To ensure climate-related risks are managed over time, we are focused on the adoption of science-based targets (SBTs) across our investments. Many of our investments publish targets in line with recommendations from the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi) although some independently set targets from this initiative. We do not require that SBTs be validated by the SBTi specifically, but we do encourage some form of third-party verification and annual reporting of progress toward targets. The presence of credible, forward-looking climate targets can signal a company’s preparedness for regulatory shifts, evolving customer expectations, and resource constraints—factors that we believe may contribute to long-term resilience and competitive positioning.



² Note that the SBTi itself is evolving alongside the climate change crisis; as time passes it is asking companies to consider more aggressive reductions in the hope of further restraining long-term global warming. Companies in this portfolio that have not set carbon targets are largely low-emission businesses by their nature, but we nonetheless seek to engage with all companies to understand their decarbonization strategies and to seek improved transparency and disclosure.

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ENGAGEMENT

Engagement is a foundational part of investment research and ongoing monitoring of the companies in our portfolio. As active investors, primary discussions with a company’s management team and other key stakeholders on material issues that inform our investment thesis and challenge our thinking are critical to delivering investment performance for clients. While engagement is an important tool, we may not engage with every company or issuer on sustainable investment-related topics; and will do so only when we believe it will be material to our investment decision-making. We speak with a company’s management team, its customers, critics, and experts on sustainable investment-related risks and opportunities affecting that business or sector, going beyond headlines or top-down ratings.

Our engagement activity by the numbers

As long-term investors, we engage with the companies we own to deepen our understanding, to strengthen our investment thesis and to support positive outcomes over time. Central to this is our belief that a constructive approach with the management teams of these companies is more likely to drive incremental progress.

However, if management is unable or unwilling to address issues we consider significant, or if an investment thesis has been violated, we may exit our position to protect long-term value for our clients.



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Notable engagements in 2025



GLOBAL ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE COMPANY

PRIORITY:

Climate Conditions; AI; Governance

ACTIVITY:

Our team engaged with a leading multinational enterprise software

provider. The engagement focused on the company's integration of sustainability into its core products and operations, particularly in relation to regulatory compliance, carbon emissions, and efficiency optimization. Sustainability is a core driver of the company's product innovation and commercial success, with dedicated sustainability solutions available separately or embedded in broader digital transformation projects. Its sustainability products support clients in global and local regulatory compliance, emissions measurement, and supply chain decarbonization, driving higher customer retention. Notably, the company is developing advanced data platforms that enable better collaboration between clients and suppliers to address industry-wide environmental challenges, where it sees demand.

OUTCOME:

This engagement provided deeper insight into the company's commitment to embedding sustainability into its business model and product suite, positioning sustainability as a key differentiator in the enterprise technology landscape. The company's approach to helping clients in meeting regulatory requirements and driving operational efficiency reinforced our conviction in its long-term strategy and its ability to help customers address material environmental risks. We believe the company displays strong shareholder transparency and leadership commitment, and we will continue to monitor the effectiveness of its sustainability data platforms and the pace of broader industry adoption.

Please note, for the purpose of our public reporting, and in keeping with the spirit of trust and collaborative dialogue with our portfolio companies, we feel that it is important to anonymize the companies with which we engage on key sustainable investing issues.



SOUTHEAST ASIAN BANK

PRIORITY:

Disclosure; Climate Conditions; Human Capital & Culture; Governance

ACTIVITY:

Brown Advisory engaged with a

large microfinance-focused bank, building on our long-term engagement. We engaged to discuss the bank's environmental strategy, with a focus on financed emissions, as well as ongoing governance changes. The conversation centered around climate disclosure, target setting, and Scope 3 emissions measurement. The commitment to science-based targets is deemed a notable milestone, as we have engaged with the company on this topic over our investment holding period and encouraged the adoption of such standards. The granularity in reporting of Scope 3 emissions is favorable compared to peers, including disclosures of physical emissions intensity for asset classes and sectors with available Sectoral Decarbonization Approach (SDA) pathways from SBTi. The bank plans to measure and report progress annually and expand the scope coverage as methodologies become available, and we will continue to track this. We further explored the evolving governance structure and the impact to its lending portfolio.

OUTCOME:

The conversation emphasized that climate initiatives remain central and noted ongoing revisions to sectoral lending policies alongside investment in data science to strengthen assessments of physical climate risks. We view the progress as industry-leading and continue to tie this back to the strength of its green and social lending.

With regards to the political backdrop, while transparency remains limited and appears to be developing, we will continue to monitor implications for the lending portfolio, reporting and financial priorities.

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PROXY VOTING

We believe that Proxy Voting is an important part of executing our responsibilities to our clients. It is a nuanced exercise often requiring deep due diligence. As such, we employ a case-by-case approach, guided by our Proxy Voting Policy. This approach often results in our support for proposals that our evaluation shows will likely have a positive financial effect on shareholder value and those that encourage company action on what we believe are material risks or opportunities.

Proxy Voting 2025

In 2025, there were 38 instructed meetings which included a total of 598 votable proposals.

VOTES WITH MANAGEMENT



VOTES AGAINST MANAGEMENT



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Return on invested capital (ROIC) is a measure of determining a company's financial performance. $ROIC = NOPAT / IC$. $NOPAT = EBIT + \text{Amortization of acquired intangibles} - \text{Cash tax paid}$. $IC = \text{Total Debt} + \text{Total Equity} + \text{Total unfunded pension liabilities} - \text{Excess Cash}$. ROIC ex financials excludes Banks and Insurance companies, and outliers excluded from the benchmark.

Return on equity (ROE) is a financial performance ratio that measures how effectively a company uses shareholders' equity to generate net income.