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1. Principles and Purpose

Capital Dynamics has a long-standing commitment to corporate responsibility; it is deep-rooted in the firm’s DNA. In recognition of the importance of responsible investment, each of the firm’s three business lines (Private Equity, Private Credit and Energy Infrastructure) integrates the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (“PRI”), the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) and other environmental, social, and governance (“ESG”) factors throughout the investment appraisal, due diligence and monitoring process. Moreover, the firm’s proprietary R-Eye™ rating system has furthered the level of transparency offered to clients.

This policy document represents a formal overarching responsible investment policy, which all business lines are required to follow. Given the breadth of the firm’s offerings and their specific governance factors, sub-policies have been developed for each business line, each being described herein.

Capital Dynamics believes that responsible investment leads to enhanced long-term financial returns and a closer alignment of objectives amongst investors, stakeholders and society at large. The firm is truly invested in tracking the impact of ESG considerations in an effort to understand better how these factors affect performance over time. While considerable supporting data are available covering the public markets, this is not the case in the private markets. Given the “hands on” and long-term nature of the asset classes in which Capital Dynamics participates, the firm believes that the relationship between responsible investment and performance may be closer and more pronounced in the private markets. Capital Dynamics expects that by tracking data the firm will develop a better understanding of this relationship and contribute to the public discourse in this growing sphere of investment activity. Furthermore, Capital Dynamics also understands that ESG best practices must extend beyond the investments made on behalf of the firm’s clients. The firm is truly invested in its role as a global corporate citizen and prioritises its commitment to the local communities where it operates, invests and works.

A timeline of Capital Dynamics’ commitment to responsible investment

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1 Based on a survey conducted by Capital Dynamics in 2018. 36% of surveyed Private Equity GPs reported incremental growth in EBITDA across portfolios as a result of Responsible Investment implementation and none a negative impact.
Each year, the firm participates in the PRI’s annual transparency assessment, which is designed to provide feedback to signatories in support of ongoing learning and development. It is also a key step in building a common language and industry standard for reporting and responsible investment activities. The firm also participates in the GRESB survey.

2. Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) Risk

Capital Dynamics defines ESG risk as any ESG-related matter that could negatively affect any investment made by any business line constituting its private assets platform. The following table provides examples of ESG-related matters that the firm’s investment teams typically research as part of their overall investment appraisal and due diligence process.

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Environmental

Investment decisions can have a long-term impact on the environment, the consequences of which may not be immediately visible. Capital Dynamics is committed to minimizing any potential negative impact on the environment by:

- Identifying and assessing the environmental impact of investments to the degree economically feasible and operationally possible. The firm will aim to identify potential risks by conducting environmental impact analysis, working with potential business partners or third party service providers to help minimize risks where possible. Capital Dynamics will seek to confirm compliance with applicable local environmental laws and regulations;

- Engaging, in certain cases, where emissions are unavoidable, in offsetting measures to reduce the negative environmental impact of investments, such as the purchase of carbon-dioxide emissions certificates;

- Refraining from knowingly committing to certain investments that could potentially result in a serious negative impact on the environment, such as the severe degradation of air and water quality; and by

- Further developing a clean energy infrastructure business line (established as early as 2010) in a conscious effort to make a material contribution to a more environmentally sustainable future.

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1 A recognized ESG benchmark for real assets, originally known as the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark, promoted by GRESB B.V.
2 The Firm may in its sole discretion commission the environmental impact study to external parties.
Social
Capital Dynamics is committed to improving the long-term welfare of society. In collaboration with its business partners and third party vendors, the firm aims to enhance societal fundamentals such as job creation, working conditions and safety standards by:

- Identifying and assessing social risks to the degree economically feasible and operationally possible. As part of the identification process Capital Dynamics will aim to conduct a social impact analysis and collaborate with potential business partners to reduce any identified risks (e.g., health and safety risks). The firm seeks to confirm compliance with applicable local laws and regulations;

- Striving to ensure best practices are followed with respect to health and safety standards in the firm’s direct and indirect investments;

- Refraining from knowingly investing in assets that could have a serious negative impact on the general welfare of society or on local communities;

- Favoring the use of unionized labor if it does not affect other ESG goals; and by

- Seeking opportunities to invest in communities with a view to bringing local economic benefits.

Capital Dynamics is truly invested in the communities where the firm operates. The firm invests in the people with whom it interacts: clients, colleagues and the related communities around the globe. Capital Dynamics’ professionals have taken part in various community initiatives including painting local neighbourhoods, participating in events such as the JP Morgan Challenge, Cycle for Survival event, Impetus PEF event, and the firm has co-sponsored teams for fundraising events such as the Best Buddies Challenge. Capital Dynamics also sponsors young musicians at Astona International.

Governance
Good governance plays an important role in all Capital Dynamics’ investment decisions. The firm believes that governance failures can result in material monetary and reputational losses, as well as broader adverse effects on a company’s workforce and other stakeholders. The firm’s investment decision-making processes take general governance issues, business integrity and corporate governance into account by:

- Identifying and assessing risks related to governance to the degree economically feasible and operationally possible. The firm seeks to confirm compliance with the highest applicable governance standards. This may be in accordance with local regulations or international best practice, whichever is the more stringent;

- Actively monitoring portfolio operational performance including ESG metrics, when acting as an active investor with a managerial role;

- Managing unresolved governance risks. Capital Dynamics is committed to solving any issues that arise on an ongoing basis. The firm has various committees in place, with a clear chain of command to manage such risks; and by

- Refraining from knowingly making investments in companies that have a significant risk of governance failure and are believed to lack a high level of business integrity.

\* The firm may in its sole discretion delegate completion of a social impact study to third parties.\*
3. **ESG Assessment Overview**

Capital Dynamics formally incorporates the PRI, the SDGs and other ESG factors in investment appraisal and due diligence. The firm has created a proprietary R-Eye™ rating system for each business line. This rating system is designed to review a specific set of responsible investment matters, assess risk pertaining to the same and provide transparency to clients.

Capital Dynamics’ business lines are likely to reject an investment on responsible investment grounds if certain essential R-Eye™ criteria are not met at the point of initial investment appraisal. However, the firm may consider an investment if it does not meet all R-Eye™ criteria on initial appraisal if it is believed that the required standard can be achieved at the time of investment or commitment, typically through robust ESG negotiation with the asset owners. From time to time, business lines may invest in situations that do not meet all R-Eye™ criteria at completion provided that the investment team can demonstrate a clear action plan to achieve the required standards within a reasonable period of time post-investment (e.g., by implementing remedial action plans developed in the light of due diligence findings).

Capital Dynamics will never knowingly invest in businesses which, above a certain materiality threshold:

- Exploit forced labour or child labour as defined by the International Labour Organization;
- Manufacture or trade ammunition and/or weapons;
- Manufacture, sell or distribute adult entertainment, pornography or sexually explicit content;
- Are involved in banned products and activities under global conventions and agreements such as those pertaining to pesticides, chemicals, wastes and endangered wildlife; or
- Exploit vulnerable groups in society (in the view of the relevant investment committee).

### 3.1 Business Line and Strategy-specific Approach

Given the inherent differences in Capital Dynamics’ indirect and direct investment business lines (i.e., fund-of-funds or secondaries versus direct equity or credit), the firm’s R-Eye™ grades each investment based on a set of criteria specific to the respective offering, versus those of a standardised model. The latter would not be appropriate for multiple business lines.

Please refer to sections 8 through 10 for further details at the level of each individual business line.

### 3.2 Proprietary Rating System

In 2019, the **Capital Dynamics R-Eye™ Rating System** was implemented throughout all business lines to ensure a consistent and transparent approach to ESG due diligence. Each investment made, regardless of business line, is rated on a 0 to 5 scale on the firm’s proprietary R-Eye™ Scorecard. Investments which are considered to have the highest ESG risk are rated 0 while investments which have the lowest ESG risk are rated 5. In most cases, these ratings are based on standardised due diligence questionnaires and assessments which were developed by the investment teams within each business line and ratified by the firm’s Responsible Investment Committee (“RI Committee”).

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1. Commercially reasonable efforts
2. See section 6 on Modern Slavery Act
4. Defined as a Portfolio Company that is primarily engaged in the production and sales of weapons, firearms and munitions. The foregoing shall not apply to an entity that is primarily engaged in the production or sale of any product or component that is not intended primarily for use in the manufacture of weapons, firearms and munitions.
3.3 Oversight

The RI Committee leads efforts by the firm to embrace the principles of responsible investment and sustainability in order continually to enhance Capital Dynamics’ approach to corporate responsibility and to contribute to the discourse and thought leadership surrounding responsible investment in the alternative asset classes.

The co-chairs of the RI Committee are the firm’s former Co-Head of Private Equity and its Global Head of Product Development and Strategy. These complementary committee co-chairs bring deep experience in investment management, business development and in private markets expertise generally. Additionally, the membership of the committee requires representation by a senior investment team member from each of the firm’s business lines.
The RI Committee enjoys senior representation from each of the firm’s key business lines including Private Equity, Private Credit and Energy Infrastructure. As part of committee members’ roles, these senior individuals serve as the RI Committee representative designated to evaluate all investment decisions made by their business lines. If these individuals identify key risks pertaining to the PRI, the SDGs or other ESG issues more generally, it is their responsibility to refer such risks to the full RI Committee for review and consideration. The RI Committee will then issue a recommendation, in writing or verbally, to the relevant investment committee, opining on best practice as it relates to the identified issue or issues. The affected investment committee will consider this recommendation, along with other key investment, risk and portfolio considerations, in making a final investment decision.

The RI Committee reports to the firm’s Executive Committee and Risk Committee and its responsibilities are governed by the Responsible Investment Charter. In particular, the Executive Committee periodically (but no less than annually) reviews the progress made by the RI Committee towards its objectives.

3.4 ESG Education and Training

Capital Dynamics conducted an ESG survey in late 2018 of nearly all of the professionals working in the organization at that time. The results of that survey confirmed that the overwhelming majority of professionals working at the firm care about ESG issues and place value on working at an organization that is committed to taking these issues seriously. From the RI Committee’s perspective, this support is vital. The firm cannot expect to achieve its responsible investment and corporate responsibility objectives without buy-in and commitment from all professionals at every level of seniority across each department. Buy-in from the firm’s senior investment professionals and Executive Committee alone is simply insufficient.

As such, the firm is committed to ensuring that all Capital Dynamics professionals receive ESG training on at least an annual basis. The topics and group sizes may vary but the overall purpose is to keep the firm’s staff up to date regarding ESG considerations, best practices and lessons learned in the alternative assets industry. Capital Dynamics views this annual training as essential in achieving the firm’s external and internal initiatives given the constantly evolving landscape of ESG on a global basis generally and in our industry specifically.
4. Investment Monitoring

After an investment has been made, Capital Dynamics actively monitors its underlying investment portfolio holdings with respect to ESG issues and opportunities. Monitoring activities include:

- Ongoing meetings with fund managers at Annual Investor Meetings (AIMs) and 1:1 meetings with Asset Managers to identify any ESG-related issues and opportunities of underlying portfolio companies;

- Periodic meetings with the management of underlying portfolio or project companies to identify any ESG-related issues and opportunities (such meetings solely in the case of the firm’s business lines engaged in direct investment);

- Review and re-evaluation of potential issues identified during the fund/manager due diligence;

- Constant news monitoring to identify any potential issues in real time (i.e., emerging ESG issues are added to a ‘watch’ register for Private Equity and reported to the relevant investment management professionals and investment committees); and

- Review of the list of ESG-related themes that are monitored and update of same list if needed.

Capital Dynamics also monitors its investments to evaluate best practices relating to a diverse range of topics including anti-bribery and corruption, sustainable sourcing and worker safety. Moreover, the firm has adopted a post-closing review, which includes confirmation that anti-bribery, corruption sanctions and conflict screenings are completed.

5. Incident Reporting

Capital Dynamics has established and is further developing processes to report ESG-related incidents in a timely manner. Incidents are reported to the RI Committee which then takes appropriate action and identifies lessons learned to share with the broader group. In addition, the firm’s annual fund reports include a section on ESG activities in the respective program’s underlying assets. Capital Dynamics will also report to its clients any ESG incidents in portfolio companies and assets if they are deemed sufficiently significant and relevant to a particular program.

6. Statement on Modern Slavery Act

Modern Slavery is defined as the act of recruiting, providing, concealing, transporting or obtaining a person for compelled labor through the use of force, coercion, or fraud. Such actions will restrict a person’s freedom of movement, exercise ‘ownership’ over a person, dehumanize the individual and ultimately result in forced labor or exploitation. Capital Dynamics is opposed to all forms of Modern Slavery.

Capital Dynamics supports the UK’s Modern Slavery Act 2015 and corresponding policies with the objective to eradicate forced labor and human trafficking. Capital Dynamics acts in accordance with its core values while taking into account internationally-recognized principles for environmental protection, human and labor rights, business ethics and anti-corruption. This includes improving business practices and investment monitoring to combat Modern Slavery. The firm is committed to respecting human rights and avoiding investments that would violate the Modern Slavery Act 2015. International agreements lay out the basis on which the firm conducts business in a responsible and transparent manner.
Capital Dynamics specializes in middle market corporate investing and energy infrastructure investing with 11 offices around the globe. The firm is committed to preventing any form of Modern Slavery or human trafficking throughout its business.

As a responsible investor, Capital Dynamics has a long-standing commitment to corporate responsibility. The firm conducts its investment activities according to best practices and uses this policy document as a guiding tool.

The data identified from the Firm’s R-Eye™ ESG investment appraisal and due diligence are tracked and analyzed during the investment holding period to better understand and reduce ESG risks including those related to Modern Slavery and human trafficking. The process is also used when working with service providers and external suppliers. Capital Dynamics will not conduct business with any supplier or service provider where the firm has determined that such organization may be involved in any form of Modern Slavery or human trafficking.

7. United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (“PRI”)

Capital Dynamics has been a signatory of the PRI since 2008. As a signatory, the firm commits to the following principles:

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

We have modeled our proprietary R-Eye™ Rating System on the SDGs.

On an annual basis the RI Committee reviews all strategy-specific rating systems, as they relate to the SDGs, and continuously looks for ways in which the firm’s investment teams can enhance their ESG due diligence.

Capital Dynamics also completes the full PRI survey, as well as the GRESB assessment for the firm’s real asset strategies, and is happy to share previous years’ results with existing or prospective clients.

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8. Private Equity (Primaries, Secondaries and Co-investments)

Capital Dynamics has been active in private equity since 1988 and has developed a strong network of relationships with 350+ general partners. Capital Dynamics integrates ESG into its investment due diligence, investment decisions and post-investment monitoring. The private equity business lines screen investment opportunities against internal ESG hurdles using the Capital Dynamics R-Eye™ scorecard and monitor responsible investment criteria throughout the ownership phase.

8.1 Primaries

Capital Dynamics’ primaries platform targets investments in middle market private equity funds throughout the US, Europe and Asia within the buy-out, special situations, turnaround and growth capital sectors.

Pre-investment responsible investment assessment
All potential private equity fund commitments are formally assessed in the investment appraisal and due diligence process under Capital Dynamics specific predetermined R-Eye™ criteria including:

- Assessment of each manager’s ESG processes, systems and resources;
- Assessment of each manager’s ESG analysis in its due diligence processes and ownership phase;
- The extent to which each manager reports on ESG matters to its LPs;
- The extent to which the manager looks at diversity, labor standards and social impact at firm, portfolio company and supplier level; and
- The extent to which the manager considers energy efficiency savings, recycling and use of natural resources and pollution control at firm, portfolio company and supplier level.

These findings are summarized in the investment memorandum materials that are presented to the relevant investment committees.

Post-investment responsible investment monitoring
After an investment has been made, fund investments are monitored by the combined private equity team via:

- Monitoring of relevant industry press articles and the mainstream press;
- Regular 1:1 calls, webcasts and meetings with the managers;
- Attendance at the manager’s annual investor meetings; and
- At least annual reassessment of ESG R-Eye™ scorecard ratings to show movements from the previous rating.

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10 Acquisition and integration of Westport Private Equity Ltd.’s entire investment team and products in 2005
8.2 Secondaries

Capital Dynamics’ secondaries team acquires limited partnership interests in funds, assets and managers with a history of strong performance and consistent strategy and execution. The team focuses on established, high quality, mature leveraged buy-outs, growth capital and certain established venture capital funds. The team’s differentiated approach capitalizes on its expertise in executing smaller and more complex secondary transactions on a global basis, including fund restructurings, tail-end wind-down transactions and preferred interest structures.

The firm’s primary and secondary business lines often work with the same fund managers, creating synergies between both strategies. In such instances, the two business lines may collaborate and share findings of ESG analysis.

Pre-investment responsible investment assessment

All secondary opportunities are assessed during the investment appraisal and due diligence process under Capital Dynamics specific predetermined responsible investment criteria. In a secondary transaction, only limited information regarding a manager’s ESG processes and ESG factors in the underlying portfolio companies may be available. However, the team can often draw on the knowledge of Capital Dynamics’ other private equity investment activities. Subject to the extent available and materiality thresholds, the analysis may include:

- Assessment of each manager’s ESG processes, systems and resources;
- Assessment of each manager’s ESG analysis in its due diligence processes and ownership phase;
- The extent to which each manager reports on ESG matters to its LPs;
- The extent to which the manager looks at diversity, labor standards and social impact at firm, portfolio company and supplier level; and
- The extent to which the manager considers energy efficiency savings, recycling and use of natural resources and pollution control at the firm, portfolio company and supplier level.

The ESG findings are summarized in the investment memorandum materials that are presented to the relevant investment committees.

Post-investment responsible investment monitoring

After an investment has been made, fund investments are monitored, subject to materiality thresholds, by the combined private equity team via:

- Monitoring of relevant industry press articles and the mainstream press;
- Regular 1:1 calls, webcasts and meetings with the managers;
- Attendance at the manager’s annual investor meetings; and
- At least annual reassessment of ESG R-Eye™ scorecard ratings to show movements from the previous rating.

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11 Does not apply to investments that pre-date this policy
8.3 Co-investments

The co-investment team makes direct investments in middle market companies alongside established private equity fund managers and specialist sponsors. Underlying portfolio company investments are diversified throughout the clean energy & industrial manufacturing/services, consumer, healthcare & financial services and technology & business services sectors. The team is active globally.

Pre-investment responsible investment assessment
The co-investment team screens all opportunities against an exclusion list and prioritizes those focused on R-Eye™ criteria using a proprietary framework and appraisal process based on the SDGs. Appraisal includes both the sponsor/GP’s and the target company’s approach to responsible investment. The team strives to incorporate R-Eye™ criteria in the legal documentation of transactions, which proceed to completion. The team invests in leading companies with sustainable competitive positions, strong growth prospects and high responsible investment standards as determined in conjunction with the SDGs. The team invests in companies based in North America and Europe (including the United Kingdom) but typical portfolios also include a minority of holdings elsewhere (e.g., in the higher growth, emerging markets of Asia).

Investment appraisal and due diligence criteria typically encompass the following:

- Responsible investment policies, processes, systems and resources of the sponsor/GP and those of the underlying company;
- Board composition and the importance of responsible investment matters at board level;
- Measurement and analysis of responsible investment matters during the ownership phase at the level of the sponsor/GP and that of the underlying portfolio company;
- The nature and extent of responsible investment reporting by the sponsor/GP to its investors;
- Consideration of ethnicity, diversity & inclusion, affordable & clean energy, quality education and health & safety at the sponsor/GP, portfolio company and supply chain levels; and
- Consideration of energy competitiveness/efficiency/intensity, water consumption/quality, recycling and use of natural resources and pollution control at the sponsor/GP, portfolio company and supply chain levels.

The investment appraisal and due diligence findings relating to R-Eye™ matters are summarized in the co-investment memorandum presented to the relevant investment committees of the firm.

Post-investment responsible investment monitoring
After an investment has been made, the co-investment team continues to monitor its portfolio company holdings, as follows:

- Review of periodic reporting to ensure compliance with the underlying transaction documentation (e.g., with covenants requiring the sponsor/GP and/or underlying portfolio company to introduce or maintain appropriate responsible investment strategies and/or to remedy deficiencies identified during due diligence or otherwise);
• Review of any responsible investment incidents or infractions;

• Review of relevant industry press articles and the mainstream/financial press;

• Periodic meetings with the sponsor/GP and attendance at the board meetings of underlying portfolio companies (where the team enjoys board representation by virtue of the transaction documentation);

• Attendance at the AIMS of the sponsor/GP and those of the underlying portfolio company; and

• At least annual re-assessment of the R-Eye™ ratings for the underlying portfolio company assets.

By focusing on long-term value creation through improvement in R-Eye™ parameters, the co-investment team intends to mitigate risks, enhance returns and improve exit opportunities. The team’s intention is to leave a portfolio company in a better state from a responsible investment perspective than the one in which it was found at the start of its stewardship.

9. Clean Energy Infrastructure (“CEI”)

Capital Dynamics has been committed to the Clean Energy Infrastructure (“CEI”) strategy since 2010, investing primarily in energy generation utilizing proven renewable energy technologies, natural gas and combined heat and power. CEI investments focus on energy generation and infrastructure that are reducing carbon emissions compared to business as usual and help to address the problem of climate change.

The firm’s investment in clean energy projects helps to meet global targets including the SDGs, the Paris Agreement and the Kyoto Protocol, simultaneously providing a solution for members of the RE100, a list of 185+ companies committed to ‘go 100% renewable’. 12

Within Capital Dynamics’ CEI business line, responsible investment means investing in sustainable energy projects, which:

• Employ local talent whenever possible;

• Target best practice environmental industry standards; and

• Generate superior returns for the firm’s clients.

Capital Dynamics believes that businesses focused on long-term value creation for major stakeholders (including employees, customers, suppliers, other business partners and the environment as well as shareholders) are able to meet high-quality R-Eye™ criteria and achieve superior long-term performance. The firm prioritizes opportunities to invest in projects based on these criteria.

Capital Dynamics’ CEI business line screens investment opportunities against internal ESG hurdles using the R-Eye™ scorecard, performs additional due diligence where necessary and monitors R-Eye™ criteria throughout the holding period.

12 Source: http://there100.org/
Pre-investment responsible investment assessment
As part of the underwriting process, all potential investments are evaluated based on short-, medium- and long-term environmental, social and governance effects and are formally assessed under the firm’s R-Eye™ criteria, specifically:

- Initial screening selection process undertaken to identify any “fatal flaws” from a responsible investment perspective;
- Thereafter, an R-Eye™ scorecard is provided at each stage of the CEI investment committee review process in accordance with the CEI team’s responsible investment framework;
- Investment professionals are required to review all existing documentation available, retain consultants and advisors when information is insufficient and report diligence findings in the scorecard evaluation;
- The deal team reviews proposed project contractors’ ESG checklists and disclosures to manage risks and avoid incidents; and
- Capital Dynamics’ constant news monitoring highlights potential issues in real-time, which may be relevant, based on geographic, industry or company-specific considerations.

Post-investment responsible investment monitoring
After an investment has been made, the CEI team continues to monitor projects in partnership with its dedicated asset management teams, Arevon Services Limited and CD Arevon USA, Inc. Monitoring activities include:

- Quarterly reporting of the Capital Dynamics R-Eye™, showing an up-to-date assessment of project ESG risks;
- Quarterly reporting of carbon-equivalent statistics (e.g., homes powered, metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions avoided, passenger vehicle emissions avoided, equivalent gallons of gasoline and equivalent barrels of oil otherwise consumed by each project for a stated energy output);
- Reviewing project contractors’ ESG checklists and disclosures to manage risks and avoid incidents during project construction and operation;
- Continuous correspondence with our asset management partners or affiliates who are responsible for the day-to-day management of project investments and oversee any ESG-related risks and opportunities including any health and safety incidents (and responses to the same); and
- Publish performance metrics of the portfolio.

Each year, Capital Dynamics’ CEI business line participates in the internationally recognized GRESB assessment, an industry-standard benchmark or an alternative recognized reporting assessment, designed to capture information regarding ESG performance and sustainability best practices for real estate and infrastructure portfolios globally.

By focusing on long-term value creation for all stakeholders, Capital Dynamics’ CEI business line intends to mitigate risks, enhance returns to clients and improve exit opportunities.
10. Clean Energy Infrastructure Credit ("CEI Credit")

Capital Dynamics’ Clean Energy Infrastructure Credit ("CEI Credit") business line primarily invests in loans to energy infrastructure assets that generate and support renewable and natural gas power generation. The firm sees value in the infrastructure that helps the transition to an economy increasingly powered by renewables and lower carbon generation without sacrificing reliability, accessibility and affordability for all communities.

The firm’s CEI Credit business line acknowledges that access to ESG information will differ between credit investments and direct equity investments. While it is important to recognize that credit investors must be mindful of lender liability issues and typically have limited ability to influence project management and/or ownership decisions, the CEI Credit team seeks to:

- Identify and incorporate financially material ESG factors in its investment decision-making and portfolio management processes;
- Consider ESG factors consistent with the timeframe of the obligation (i.e., the final maturity of the indebtedness); and
- Understand and incorporate the responsible investment preferences of the firm’s clients where possible.

Pre-investment responsible investment assessment

The CEI Credit team has established responsible investment criteria against which all potential investments are assessed initially during the investment appraisal and due diligence stage. Assessment requires the team to:

- Evaluate environmental impact pertaining to matters such as carbon emissions and potential climate change, degradation of local resources/ecosystem (including air, water and wildlife), use of resources/raw materials and the handling of fuel, waste and any hazardous materials;
- Evaluate social impact pertaining to matters such as the borrower’s implementation of fair labor and responsible contracting policies (including health and safety considerations, reporting and resolution processes), engagement with the local community and the degree of local/regional stake-holding in a project as well as diversity and inclusion considerations at the project and sponsor level; and
- Evaluate governance impact including the borrower’s compliance with laws, handling of conflicts of interest or any issues of transparency, counterparty suitability including ESG credentials of sponsors and/or project management and the borrower’s compliance with health and safety regulations.

The CEI Credit team’s ESG analysis is summarized by grading each investment utilizing a strategy-specific Capital Dynamics R-Eye™ rating system. Any material ESG findings (or lack thereof) are discussed as a formal part of the team’s investment decision-making process and are captured in the relevant investment committee meeting minutes.
Post-investment responsible investment monitoring

After an investment has been made, the CEI Credit team continues to monitor its investments via project reporting as well as communication with the borrower and or project sponsor(s). Monitoring activity comprises:

- Ongoing correspondence with the project sponsor and/or management team of the project/borrower as it pertains to identified risks;
- Review and, if necessary, re-underwriting of potential issues identified during investment appraisal and due diligence;
- Assessing the current strengths and weaknesses of the project sponsor/borrower from an ESG perspective;
- Identifying potential new areas of concern;
- Formally updating the Capital Dynamics R-Eye™ framework at least annually to reflect the team’s on-going assessment of project/sponsor ESG risks; and
- Constant news monitoring to highlight potential issues in real time, which may be relevant, based on geographic, industry or project-specific considerations.

By focusing on long-term value creation through ESG analysis, the CEI Credit team intends to mitigate risks, reduce volatility, and enhance returns to the firm’s clients.

11. Private Credit

Capital Dynamics’ Private Credit team performs preliminary reviews on all investment opportunities. These reviews incorporate various negative screening criteria, as dictated by industry/company, in an effort to eliminate any opportunities that would not adhere to the team’s responsible investment framework. The private credit team makes investments across a broad array of sectors and industries and, as a result, there are various risks and unique concerns that pertain to each type of business. In the light of this, the team performs investment appraisal and due diligence directed at two entity types: the borrower/target company and the equity sponsor, the credentials of the latter, in particular. Investments are graded utilizing the team’s strategy-specific Capital Dynamics R-Eye™ rating system.

Borrower/target company investment appraisal and due diligence

As most target investments are private equity sponsor-backed deals, the firm’s private credit team will ensure that the sponsor has performed the appropriate ESG review and, where appropriate, it will perform both confirmatory and supplementary due diligence as necessary. Through discussions with the borrower’s corporate management and that of the sponsor, the team then highlights potential areas for further research utilizing due diligence request lists and assessments, including:

- Analysis of the borrower’s/target company’s environmental policies;
- Analysis of the borrower’s/target company’s social policies (i.e., workplace safety, diversity, labor rights, human rights and any employee assistance programs); and
• Analysis of the borrower’s/target company’s governance policies (i.e., those pertaining to operation of the board, senior management, business strategy, business ethics and data security).

**Sponsor’s credentials**
The private credit team will also focus on the manager’s/sponsor’s credentials when making an investment and will seek to understand its track record and history in applying responsible investment principles by making an:

• Analysis of the sponsor’s responsible investment track record;

• Assessment of the sponsor’s responsible investment /ESG policies; and

• Evaluation of the sponsor’s ability actively to monitor and then report ESG-related findings to its clients and lending partners.

**Post-investment responsible investment monitoring**
After an investment has been made, the firm’s private credit team continues to monitor its investments through multiple layers of communication with both the borrower and private equity sponsor. Monitoring activity comprises:

• Ongoing correspondence with sponsor and/or portfolio company executive team as it pertains to identified risks;

• Review and, if necessary, re-underwriting of potential issues identified during investment appraisal and due diligence;

• Assessing the current strengths and weaknesses of the borrower/sponsor from an ESG perspective;

• Identifying potential new areas of concern; and

• Constant news monitoring to highlight potential industry-specific issues in real time, which may be relevant, based on geographic, industry, or company-specific considerations.

By focusing on long-term value creation through ESG improvement, the firm’s private credit team intends to mitigate risks, reduce volatility and enhance returns to the firm’s clients. All findings are then reviewed by the deal team and communicated to the Investment Committee through both a preliminary screening memo and, later in the diligence process, through a formal memorandum. If an investment is made in the company, ESG-related risks will be highlighted and monitored post-investment.
12. Attestation

Provided below is a list of the voting members of the **Capital Dynamics Responsible Investment Committee**. This committee oversees the implementation of ESG best practices in the firm's investment decision-making, directs efforts by the firm to embrace principles of responsible investment fully as an organization and seeks to contribute to the public discourse surrounding responsible investment and ESG matters in the alternative assets community generally.

Each voting member has signaled her/his agreement with and wholehearted support for this responsible investment policy in this attestation by signing below:

**Bryn Gostin, Head of Product Development & Strategy Co-chair of Responsible Investment Committee**

**Mauro Pfister, Managing Director, Secondaries**

**Angela Willetts, Special Adviser Co-chair of Responsible Investment Committee**

**David Smith, Senior Managing Director, Co-investments**

**Katherine McElroy, Director, CEI Credit**

**Bryan Chen, Vice President, Private Credit**

**Carolin Hirschbriel, Senior Director Head of Marketing & Communications**

**Benoit Allehaut, Managing Director, CEI**

**Klaus Gierling, Managing Director, Head of Business Development, DACH & Benelux**

**Carolyne Skode, Managing Director, Business Development, LGPS**

**Philippe Jost, Principal, Head of Solutions**

**Christopher Velez, Senior Vice President, Product Development & Strategy, RI Committee Secretary**

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