

# RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

## at Manulife Asset Management

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Manulife Asset Management believes good management of environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks can lead to long-term sustainable returns and encourage companies to understand and mitigate those risks. We believe the evaluation of ESG factors can be integrated throughout the due-diligence and decision-making processes to help deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns to our clients.

We have a history of strong risk management and our teams have long considered ESG factors in many of their investment decisions. We have been an early adopter of ESG practices having managed sustainable investment strategies in timber and farmland for many years - together we manage CAD\$19 billion in timber and farmland assets for our clients<sup>1</sup>. Equity, fixed income, asset allocation, real estate, timberland, farmland, and renewable energy are covered under the [ESG Manulife Asset Management policy](#).

Manulife Asset Management is a signatory to the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI). The PRI initiative is an international network of investors, asset managers and industry service providers that promotes incorporating environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) factors into investment practices. There are currently over 1,300 signatories to the PRI worldwide, representing nearly US\$60 trillion in assets under management<sup>2</sup>.

In addition our parent company, Manulife Financial participates in a number of sustainability initiatives related to its corporate objectives, including reporting to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index and the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), being a member of the United Nations Environment Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) and a signatory to the Equator Principles. Learn more about our economic, social and environmental impact in Manulife's latest [Public Accountability Statement](#).

<sup>1</sup> As at December 31, 2015

<sup>2</sup> www.unpri.org, April 2015

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