

# Net Zero Commitment



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## Our commitment

**First Sentier Investors is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions across its investment portfolios in line with a target of net zero emissions by 2050 (or sooner) and across its business operations in line with a target of net zero emissions by 2030 (or sooner).**

Investment teams have developed a range of targets at team, portfolio and/or company level that they have committed to pursue over the short, medium and long term, which are available on individual teams' websites. We aim to increase the proportion of assets covered by formal net zero commitments (by 2050 or sooner) over time.

We believe that society must drastically reduce emissions if we are to avoid the worst consequences of the climate crisis. For this reason the First Sentier Investors Group including its branded investment teams, Stewart Investors, FSSA Investment Managers, Realindex and Igneo Infrastructure Partners, support the global transition to net zero emissions in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement. As allocators of capital, stewards of our clients' assets and as active shareholders in companies on their behalf, the individual and collective decisions we make as investors will influence the nature and speed of this transition. We recognise that we have a wider responsibility to contribute through our investment activities and business operations to a sustainable economy and society.

Over the past 12 months, our investment teams have built on the extensive climate-related work already undertaken to assess their current portfolios' net zero alignment, and develop clear targets and commitments to help transition their portfolios towards net zero and contribute to First Sentier Investors' broader goal.

At the firm level, we have built a framework that allows investment teams to make their own commitments in line with this transition.

As an investment management business that believes long-term investment success is built on providing investment teams with investment autonomy, this approach enables our investment teams to maintain their autonomy while ensuring integrity and accountability with a firm wide net zero commitment. It is based on the guidance provided in the IIGCC (Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change) Net Zero Investment Framework Implementation Guide.

Investment teams across the firm have developed a range of team targets, which include interim targets for 2030, with a view to contributing to the 50% global reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> required to reach a net zero target by 2050. Performance against these targets will be monitored by First Sentier Investors' Global Investment Committee, an internal committee that provides oversight in relation to all funds, portfolios and strategies under the management of the different investment teams comprising the First Sentier Investors Group.

The short term focus for all teams is to implement a strong stewardship strategy that is consistent with our ambition for all assets that we manage for our clients to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner. We will frequently review and expect to strengthen our commitment as policies and technologies to decarbonise economies continue to develop.

We firmly believe that the long term interests of our clients are tied to a stable climate and look forward to working with our clients and the companies we invest in, to ensure a just transition to a low carbon economy.

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