



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Earth Capital receives high scores in PRI's 2019 assessment**

Earth Capital ("EC"), an investment manager with a focus on sustainability, has received A+ ratings from the Principles for Responsible Investment ("PRI"), the world's leading proponent of responsible investment, in its 2019 PRI Assessment Report.

As a signatory, EC is required to report on responsible investment activities annually and the resulting PRI Assessment report aims to provide feedback to its signatories and support ongoing learning and development. EC was awarded A+ for its overall approach to responsible investment (Strategy and Governance).

The assessment scores are based on how a signatory has progressed year-on-year and relative to their peers. The investment categories are evaluated using 6 performance categories, with A+ distinguishing the top scoring signatories who have achieved a score of 95% or above.

**Summary Scorecard 2019**

<b>AUM</b>	<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Earth Capital Partners Score</b>	<b>Median Score</b>
	Strategy & Governance	A+	A
<b>Indirect - Manager Sel., App. &amp; Mon</b>			
10-50%	Private Equity	A+	A
<b>Direct &amp; Active Ownership Modules</b>			
>50%	Private Equity	A	B

EC, part of the global group of investment managers Earth Capital Holdings ("ECH"), incorporates environmental, social and governance impacts into all investment evaluation, portfolio management and reporting processes.

**Edward Collins, CEO of EC said:** *"The PRI Assessment Report is universally acknowledged as the benchmark for the sustainable investment sector and, as a result, I am delighted that for two year's running, our approach has been recognised with such excellent scores.*

*"Sustainability is at the very heart of what we do and as one of the fastest-growing segments of the asset management industry there has never been a better time or environment in which to invest in this sector. There is a real need to ensure that the decisions we make today do not have a negative impact on future generations, and these scores emphasise that our investment model is stepping up to meet this challenge."*

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**About Earth Capital**

Earth Capital is the global investment group founded by Gordon Power and Stephen Lansdown, co-founder of Hargreaves Lansdown. The managers in its group manage over \$1.5bn in sustainable and impact private markets investments. Earth Capital invests globally in companies and infrastructure which address the challenges of Sustainable Development such as climate change, energy security, food, and water security. Investment sectors include energy efficiency, energy generation, clean industry, agriculture, waste and water.

Earth Capital measures Sustainable Impact through the Earth Dividend™, which provides an annual measure of an investee company contribution to Sustainable Development. The Earth Dividend™ has been developed by Earth Capital's in-house Sustainability specialists following a detailed benchmark of international best practice approaches to the assessment, reporting and assurance of impact and ESG issues.