



Wealth-Focused Policy Overview

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I. Wealth-Focused Policy Overview

Recommendations are based only on protecting and enhancing investor wealth.

Unlike conventional ESG frameworks that impose uniform governance and sustainability standards, this policy's guiding philosophy is to allow management the freedom to manage, while holding directors accountable for poor returns to shareholders. The policy is not a "board-aligned" policy because directors with poor impact on shareholder returns will be opposed.

Restrictive governance and environmental protection proposals are generally opposed. Proposals promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion are also opposed. Exceptions only exist when proposals are directly tailored to revenue generation.

Director elections

The Wealth-Focused Policy generally supports nominees with a record of responsible leadership, including attending at least 75% of board and committee meetings. Additionally, the TSR of the Company over the director's tenure is a primary consideration.

Director and executive compensation

The Wealth-Focused Policy supports compensation packages that are in alignment with total shareholder returns. Higher compensation packages are supported if significant shareholder returns have also been delivered.

Governance

The Wealth-Focused Policy generally supports removing board governance restrictions such as splitting CEO and chairman roles, term limits, and area expertise. Likewise, the Wealth-Focused Policy would generally oppose proposals for greater restrictions. The goal is to avoid excluding qualified board members who could drive shareholder returns.

Corporate operations (including human resources, health, safety, and environment)

The Wealth-Focused Policy generally rejects proposals to restrict the operations of the company, including with regards to hiring practices, environmental reporting, or political contributions. The goal is to rely on management and the board to effectively run the company's operations. Poor shareholder returns due to operational failures will be considered during compensation votes and director elections.

Procedure

The Wealth-Focused Policy generally supports routine and procedural proposals such as those to tabulate proxy voting, elect a clerk, or approve the previous board's actions, so as to not be obstructive to standard practices.

Auditors

The Wealth-Focused Policy generally supports management's proposed auditor, given that the auditor does not generate outsized non-audit or total audit fees from the company. The goal is to support independent auditors.

Shareholder rights

The Wealth-Focused Policy generally supports broader shareholder rights such as equal voting rights and requiring shareholder approval for bylaw amendments. However, the policy will generally oppose proposals that give shareholders the ability to request fundamental changes to the business operations of the company, such as restructuring. The goal is to allow management and the board to make key business decisions, while enabling shareholders to hold them accountable.

Mergers, acquisitions, and restructuring

The Wealth-Focused Policy supports proposals with a high probability of yielding outsized returns for investors. The fairness opinion by a qualified investment banker or advisor is carefully considered for these proposals.

Capitalization

The Wealth-Focused Policy generally supports managements' recommendations on the capitalization of the company. The goal is to rely on the expertise of the CEO and CFO. Poor shareholder returns due to capitalization failures will be considered during compensation votes and director elections. Excessive dilution for compensation plans is not supported unless directly tied to shareholder returns.

II. Notable Recommendations

View recommendations of the Wealth-Focused Policy from prior meetings.

Phillips 66

Annual Meeting

May 21, 2025

Opposition Proposal: Election of Directors

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends FOR the Elliott Nominees, as we believe their election is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. Over the past five years, PSX's total shareholder return (TSR) has lagged its refining and midstream peers as well as the broader market. Additionally, the Company's substantial financial losses have been driven largely by elevated operating expenses, particularly in labor, maintenance, and energy. We agree with the dissidents that a strategic shift—refocusing on core assets, especially within the refining segment—is necessary to enhance performance and support long-term value creation.

Harley-Davidson, Inc.

Annual Meeting

May 14, 2025

Management Proposal: Election of Directors

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends WITHHOLDING votes from management's nominees for this withhold campaign. Harley-Davidson yielded -11% returns for investors over the same five-year period in which total market returns were 94%. We therefore recommend withholding votes from three long-standing directors as well as the CEO who have overseen long-term sustained underperformance of the Company.

Tesla Inc.

Annual Meeting

November 6, 2025

Management Proposal: Approval of the 2025 CEO Performance Award

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends FOR this proposal. While the potential dilution from the 2025 CEO Performance Award is estimated at 12.75%, which exceeds our typical threshold of shareholder equity dilution, we believe an exception is warranted in this case due to the highly performance-based structure of the potential awards to Mr. Elon Musk and the lengthy period over which these shares will be granted. If the full number of shares is granted over the next 10 years, the annual depletion rate each year will only be approximately 1.3%. Additionally, the combination of performance conditions and time-based vesting requirements is designed to align Mr. Musk's compensation with long-term shareholder value creation. If Mr. Musk meets the requirements for all twelve tranches of the CEO Performance Award, shareholders of Tesla will see an approximate 700% increase in the value of their stock within 10 years. Hence, we believe that the 2025 Performance CEO Award is aligned with shareholders' interests.

AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc.

Annual Meeting

December 10, 2025

Management Proposal: Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends AGAINST AMC Holdings' say-on-pay proposal as we do not believe the compensation amount is in alignment with shareholders' interests. Specifically, we review the total compensation of the highest paid NEO as compared to Company performance (as measured by TSR). In this case, the TSR during 2024 was -34.8% while the total compensation of the CEO was over \$11 million.

Alphabet Inc.

Annual Meeting

June 6, 2025

Shareholder Proposal: Regarding an Enhanced Disclosure on Climate Goals

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends AGAINST this enhanced disclosure. Considering the Company already provides extensive disclosure regarding its climate strategy, goals, challenges, and risk-management processes in its annual Environmental Report, we believe that the shareholder proposal is redundant and will not create additional benefits or value for the shareholders.

Apple, Inc.

Annual Meeting

February 25, 2025

Shareholder Proposal: Report on Risks and Impacts of Charitable Giving

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends AGAINST this report. Apple already has a well-governed corporate donations program, including strict safeguards such as prohibiting the use of funds for lobbying or political campaigns. The company regularly discloses its charitable activities, making the requested additional report redundant and unlikely to provide meaningful shareholder benefit, while unnecessarily intruding into Apple's ordinary business operations.

Amazon.com, Inc.

Annual Meeting

May 21, 2025

Shareholder Proposal: Audit Report on Warehouse Working Conditions

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends AGAINST. Considering Amazon has demonstrated a robust commitment to workplace safety, supported by measurable improvements in injury rates and extensive regulatory oversight, we believe that the proposed independent audit is unnecessary. Additionally, commissioning an audit could create legal and reputational risks by implying potential violations and providing a roadmap for future litigation, ultimately exposing shareholders to substantial long-term costs.

Comcast Corporation

Annual Meeting

June 18, 2025

Shareholder Proposal: Adopt Policy for an Independent Chairman

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends AGAINST. Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends AGAINST because we believe that having an independent chairman is not a one-size-fits-all principle. We believe that the Board should have flexibility in determining a leadership structure that is conducive to the company's goal of maximizing shareholder value.

International Business Machines Corp. (IBM)

Annual Meeting

April 29, 2025

Shareholder Proposal: Report on Hiring/Recruitment Discrimination

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends AGAINST because we believe that IBM already maintains transparent, legally compliant, and non-discriminatory hiring practices. As such, producing the requested report would be unnecessary, burdensome, and divert resources from more meaningful priorities.

Exxon Mobil Corporation

Annual Meeting

May 28, 2025

Management Proposal: Ratify the Appointment of Independent Auditor

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends FOR the ratification of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors, as we believe that neither the audit fees for the most recent fiscal year nor the disciplinary actions taken against the firm over the past decade raise concerns about the auditor's integrity, professionalism, or independence.

Eli Lilly and Company

Annual Meeting

May 5, 2025

Management Proposal: Proposal to Amend the Company's Articles of Incorporation to Eliminate Supermajority Voting Provisions

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends FOR the elimination of supermajority voting provisions in the Company's Articles of Incorporation, as they grant disproportionate power to a minority of shareholders. Adopting a simple majority standard would ensure equal and fair representation for all shareholders and enable a more meaningful voting process.

Core Scientific, Inc.

Special Meeting
October 30, 2025

Management Proposal: Approval of the Agreement and Plan of Merger

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends AGAINST the merger of Core Scientific with CoreWeave. We believe that while the proposed merger may offer operational synergies, the terms of the transaction materially undervalue Core Scientific relative to its intrinsic potential and the stock price. Additionally, given the all-stock nature of the transaction and the volatile share price of CoreWeave, the transaction is highly risky for Core Scientific shareholders. Given the company's strong fundamentals, long-term contracts, and clear growth trajectory as a standalone entity, we believe shareholders are better served by rejecting the current offer.

ProPhase Labs, Inc.

Annual Meeting
November 24, 2025

Management Proposal: Authorization for Amendment to Authorize Additional Shares

Egan-Jones' Wealth-Focused policy recommends FOR the issuance of additional shares of common stock because we generally support proposals to issue more shares when the new proposed stock is less than 50% of total authorized shares of common stock, or when the increase is tied to a specific transaction or financing proposal or when the share pool was used up due to equity plans. The Company seeks to increase its authorized common stock to ensure sufficient unissued shares to satisfy obligations under its \$3 million 20% OID senior secured promissory note and related July 2025 warrants. We believe this purpose is reasonable and therefore fair and advisable to shareholders.

III. Detailed vote recommendations

View recommendations per category and region.

Proposals by management | Accounting

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Accept an accounting irregularity	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company for the recent fiscal year, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the law.
Accept the financial statements/statutory report	World	North America	We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company for the recent fiscal year, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the law.
Approve a special transactions financial report	China, Western Europe, Latin America		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, approving the special transactions financial report ensures transparency and gives shareholders a clear overview of significant transactions, supporting informed decision-making.
Receive the annual report and accounts	World	North America	We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company for the recent fiscal year, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the law.

Proposals by management | Auditor

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Approve the discharge of the auditors	Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR because after reviewing the auditor acts for the fiscal year that has ended, we find it advisable to grant discharge from liability to the auditors.
Ratify auditor AND director remuneration	World	United States	We generally recommend FOR the auditor when the non-audit fees do not make up a substantial proportion of all fees the auditor is charging the company and when the total audit fees are reasonable given the company's size. The purpose is to maintain some independence for the auditor.
Ratify auditor appointment and remuneration	Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific, Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR the auditor when the non-audit fees do not make up a substantial proportion of all fees the auditor is charging the company and when the total audit fees are reasonable given the company's size. The purpose is to maintain some independence for the auditor.
Ratify the appointment of a non-statutory auditor	World		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, ratifying the appointment of a non-statutory auditor strengthens oversight and reinforces the integrity of reporting.
Ratify the appointment of a special transactions auditor	China, Western Europe, Latin America		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, ratifying the appointment of a special transactions auditor ensures independent review of significant transactions and strengthens disclosure and transparency.
Ratify the appointment of an auditor	World		We generally recommend FOR the auditor when the non-audit fees do not make up a substantial proportion of all fees the auditor is charging the company and when the total audit fees are reasonable given the company's size. The purpose is to maintain some independence for the auditor.

Ratify the appointment of statutory AND sustainability auditors	Western Europe		We recommend AGAINST this Proposal, because according to our policy, ratifying the appointment of statutory and sustainability auditors may not directly align with the priorities of shareholders, as the proposal emphasizes ESG and non-financial reporting oversight rather than measures that drive immediate financial returns or shareholder value.
Remove the auditor	World		We generally recommend a vote FOR the removal of the auditors whenever the Company may deem it necessary to ensure auditor independence and integrity.

Proposals by management | Capitalization

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Allot securities	Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the allotment of shares or securities will enable the Company to capitalize on future business opportunities. This flexibility provides the Company with the ability to act promptly and strategically to business decisions, ensuring it remains competitive and well-positioned for long-term success.
Appropriate profits/surplus/retained earnings	World	North America	We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, allocating corporate earnings through appropriate distribution of profits, surplus, or retained earnings supports shareholder interests and long-term value creation.
Approve a share repurchase plan	Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific, Western Europe		We generally recommend a vote FOR because according to our policy, the proposed share repurchase plan would grant the Company greater flexibility in managing its capital structure. Furthermore, share repurchases are widely regarded as an effective strategy for enhancing shareholder value and financial position of companies.
Approve a stock exchange listing	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of the stock exchange listing would create investment opportunities for the Company and provide greater liquidity while diversifying the risks associated with it.
Approve a stock terms revision	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve adjustment in the share repurchase price	Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, allocating corporate earnings through appropriate distribution of profits, surplus, or retained earnings supports shareholder interests and long-term value creation.

Approve capital utilization/cash management	Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, the proposed capital or cash utilization enables the company to support its strategic initiatives and efficiently finance its operations.
Approve credit and/or debt financing	Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, approving credit or debt financing provides the company with the necessary capital to support strategic initiatives, maintain liquidity, and ensure financial flexibility.
Approve dividends	World	North America	We generally recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, the proposed dividend distribution is financially prudent, maintains sufficient liquidity, and supports consistent shareholder returns.
Change share par value	World		We generally recommend FOR when the new par value is less than or equal to old par value.
Conduct a stock split	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the proposed reverse stock split would make the Company's common stock a more attractive and cost-effective investment for many investors, thereby enhancing the liquidity of current stockholders and potentially broadening the investor base.
Distribute profit/dividend/etc according to a sharing plan	World	North America	We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the proposed distribution plan will not put the company's liquidity at risk.
Exchange debt for equity	World		We generally recommend a vote FOR because according to our policy, the proposed exchange of debt for equity would strengthen the Company's financial position by reducing its liabilities, improving its balance sheet and enhancing its creditworthiness.
Increase authorized shares	World	Brazil	We generally recommend FOR except when one of the following conditions is met: 1) The new proposed stock is >50% of total authorized shares of common stock; 2) The increase is NOT tied to a specific transaction or financing proposal; and 3) The Share pool was NOT used up due to equity plans.

Increase authorized shares	Brazil		We generally recommend FOR except when one of the following conditions is met: 1) The increase is NOT tied to a specific transaction or financing proposal; and 2) The Share pool was NOT used up due to equity plans.
Issue bonds	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of this proposal will give the Company greater flexibility in considering and planning for future corporate needs, including, but not limited to, stock dividends, grants under equity compensation plans, stock splits, financings, potential strategic transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, and business combinations, as well as other general corporate transactions.
Issue shares	World		We generally recommend FOR when there is a purpose for the share issuance and when the shareholder rights on the issued shares will not be superior to outstanding shares.
Issue shares below NAV	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, issuing shares below net asset value (NAV) would provide the Fund with flexibility in raising capital, reducing debt, preventing insolvency, and funding strategic acquisitions or growth opportunities. While it typically leads to dilution, a discounted issuance can be used in ways that may ultimately enhance shareholder value, improve financial stability, and position the company for long-term success.
Issue shares upon exercise of warrants	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the proposed issuance of shares will provide the Company with a source of capital to fund its corporate endeavors and activities.
Re-price options	World		We generally recommend FOR re-pricing options when external and uncontrollable market factors caused the stock price to decrease.
Repurchase and/or cancel shares	Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific, Western Europe		We recommend FOR this Proposal because, according to our policy, share repurchase/cancellation can enhance

			shareholder value and provide the company with flexibility in managing its capital effectively.
Repurchase bonds	World		We recommend FOR this Proposal because, according to our policy, repurchase of bonds allows the company to manage its debt efficiently, reduce interest expenses, and optimize its capital structure, ultimately supporting financial flexibility and long-term shareholder value.
Create a new class of shares	World		We generally recommend FOR these proposals when the new class of shares to be created will not have blank-check authority and will not have superior voting rights to the existing class of shares.
Reclassify/convert shares	World		We generally recommend FOR if the conversion would provide equal rights to shareholders.

Proposals by management | Climate/Resources

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Approve the sustainability auditor	Western Europe		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because according to our policy, the appointment of a separate sustainability auditor is unwarranted, given that the Company already integrates sustainability into its existing audit process. The Company's current approach effectively addresses sustainability concerns without the need for additional oversight. Furthermore, approval of this proposal would impose unnecessary costs and administrative burdens, diverting resources from other critical business priorities.
Approve the sustainability report	Western Europe, Australia		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because, according to our policy, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses by duplicating efforts that are already underway.

Proposals by management | Compensation

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Advise on executive compensation (say-on-pay)	World		We generally recommend FOR when the total compensation is reasonable considering the company's performance as measured by change in adjusted stock price.
Approve a stock compensation plan (non-SPAC)	United States		We generally recommend FOR when the plan results in dilution of 10% or less and when the average burn rate over the last three years is 3% or less (or the company has been public for five years or less).
Approve a stock compensation plan (non-SPAC)	World	United States	We generally recommend FOR when the plan results in dilution of 10% or less.
Approve a stock compensation plan (SPAC)	World		We recommend a vote AGAINST this proposal because according to our policy, this proposal would dilute shareholder value in this special purpose acquisition company and is therefore not in the shareholders' best interests. Because the company is a SPAC, management is already highly incentivized through founder shares and warrants, and an incentive stock option plan would be unnecessary and potentially excessive.
Approve an employee stock purchase plan	World		We generally recommend FOR when the plan is qualified under Section 423(c) or has dilution of 10% or less and when there is no evergreen provision.
Approve an employment/management/severance/partnership agreement	Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific, Western Europe		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve bonuses	Western Europe, Australia, Israel		We generally recommend FOR when the total compensation is reasonable considering the company's performance as measured by change in adjusted stock price.
Approve executive/director/related party transactions	Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the related party transaction is advisable, substantively and

			procedurally fair to, and in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.
Approve future executive remuneration	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Middle East & North Africa		We generally recommend FOR when the proposed compensation includes performance-based metrics.
Approve other compensation	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve the executive compensation policy	Middle East & North Africa, Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We generally recommend FOR when the total compensation is reasonable considering the company's performance as measured by change in adjusted stock price.
Approve the non-executive directors' compensation	Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific, Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, the proposed non-executive directors' compensation is commensurate with their contributions and supports the company in remaining competitive in attracting and retaining skilled board members.
Decide the frequency of the executive compensation vote	World		We generally recommend an annual frequency for the say-on-pay vote.
Reduce the legal reserve	Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific, Western Europe, Developed Asia-Pacific		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the proposed reduction of legal reserves is commensurate with the Company's current financial position and would strengthen its cashflow.

Proposals by management | Directors

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Allow for the removal of directors only with cause	World		We generally recommend AGAINST the proposal because according to our policy, directors should be removed with or without cause. This level of flexibility allows the Company to make necessary changes to its leadership when deemed appropriate. Allowing for the removal of directors with or without cause ensures that the Board can effectively address issues such as performance concerns and maintain the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.
Allow for the removal of directors without cause	World		We generally recommend a vote FOR because according to our policy, allowing shareholders to remove a director without cause enhances accountability and strengthens shareholder rights. This provision empowers shareholders to take action if they believe a director is not acting in the best interests of the company, ensuring greater transparency and governance.
Approve director indemnification	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of director indemnification would enable the Company to provide a greater scope of protection to directors in cases of litigations. Further, such a provision would also help the Company to attract, retain and motivate its directors whose efforts are essential to the Company's success.
Approve director liability insurance	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of director liability insurance would enable the Company to provide a greater scope of protection to directors in cases of litigations. Further, such a provision would also help the Company to attract, retain and motivate its directors whose efforts are essential to the Company's success.
Approve election and remuneration for the executive director(s)	Developed Asia-Pacific,		We generally recommend FOR when the director(s) passes our election of director test and the executive compensation passes our test.

	Western Europe		If any director or the executive compensation does not pass our tests, we will recommend against the proposal.
Approve election and remuneration for the non-executive director(s)	Developed Asia-Pacific, Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR when the change in adjusted stock price over the director's tenure is not poor (given that the director tenure is at least three years) and when the candidate attended at least 75% of all board and committee meetings.
Approve financial statements and discharge directors	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company for the recent fiscal year, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the law.
Approve the directors' report	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We generally recommend FOR because approval of the directors' report is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.
Approve the discharge of the board and president	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, we find no breach of fiduciary duty that compromised the Company and shareholders' interests for the fiscal year that has ended.
Approve the discharge of the management board	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, we find no breach of fiduciary duty that compromised the Company and shareholders' interests for the fiscal year that has ended.
Approve the discharge of the supervisory board	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, we find no breach of fiduciary duty that compromised the Company and shareholders' interests for the fiscal year that has ended.
Approve the previous board's actions	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, we find no breach of fiduciary duty that compromised the Company and shareholders' interests for the fiscal year that has ended.
Approve the spill resolution	Australia		We generally recommend FOR this resolution when the company has failed our executive compensation test.

Authorize exculpation of officers (DGCL)	World		We generally recommend a vote FOR because according to our policy, implementation of the exculpation provision pursuant to Delaware Law will enable the Company to attract, retain and motivate its officers whose efforts are essential to the Company's success. Additionally, Delaware's exculpation law strikes a balanced approach, offering protection to directors while ensuring accountability for significant breaches of their fiduciary duties.
Authorize the board to execute legal formalities	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific		We generally recommend FOR because approval of the proposal is necessary in order to carry out the legal formalities related to the meeting.
Authorize the board to fill vacancies	World		We generally recommend FOR if the appointees will face a shareholder vote at the next annual meeting.
Change the size of the board of directors	World		We generally recommend FOR if the board size is between 5 and 15.
Classify the board	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, staggered terms for directors increase the difficulty for shareholders to make fundamental changes to the composition and behavior of a board. We prefer that the entire board of a company be elected annually to provide appropriate responsiveness to shareholders.
Declassify the board	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, staggered terms for directors increase the difficulty for shareholders to make fundamental changes to the composition and behavior of a board. We prefer that the entire board of a company be elected annually to provide appropriate responsiveness to shareholders.
Delegate authority to a committee	Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR because the delegation of authority to the committee is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

Elect a company clerk/secretary	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the nominee appears qualified.
Elect a director to board	World		We generally recommend FOR when the change in adjusted stock price over the director's tenure is not poor (given that the director tenure is at least three years) and when the candidate attended at least 75% of all board and committee meetings.
Elect a director to committee	World		We generally recommend FOR when the change in adjusted stock price over the director's tenure is not poor (given that the director tenure is at least three years) and when the candidate attended at least 75% of all board and committee meetings.
Elect directors and appoint the auditor	Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR when the director(s) passes our election of director test and the auditor passes our auditor ratification test. If any director or the auditor does not pass our tests, we will recommend against the proposal.
Elect directors and fix the number of directors	Canada, Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR when the change in adjusted stock price over the director's tenure is not poor (given that the director tenure is at least three years) and when the candidate attended at least 75% of all board and committee meetings.
Elect multiple directors to the board	World	United States, United Kingdom	We generally recommend FOR when each director passes our election of director test. If any director does not pass this test, we will recommend against the proposal.
Eliminate the retirement age requirement	World		We generally recommend FOR this proposal because, in accordance with our policy, the Company and its shareholders are in the best position to determine the approach to corporate governance, particularly board composition. Imposing inflexible rules, such as age limits for outside directors, does not necessarily correlate with returns or benefits for shareholders. Similar to arbitrary term limits, age limits could force valuable directors off the board solely based on

			their age, potentially undermining the effectiveness of the board.
Fix the number of directors	Canada, Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR if the board size is between 5 and 15.
Receive the directors' report	World	North America	We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company for the recent fiscal year, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year that has ended.

Proposals by management | Legal and compliance

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt an exclusive forum for disputes	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, having an exclusive forum will allow the Company to address disputes and litigations in an exclusive jurisdiction, with familiarity of the law, and reduce the administrative cost and burden related to settlement.

Proposals by management | M&A / Structure

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt an anti-greenmail provision	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the adoption of an anti-greenmail provision will prevent the likelihood of potential hostile takeover which could be detrimental to the shareholders' interests.
Advise on merger related compensation	World		We generally recommend FOR when 1) the total severance package doesn't exceed 3X the previous year's CAP for the highest paid NEO.
Approve a joint venture agreement	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve a liquidation plan	World		We generally recommend FOR if the following conditions are met: the transaction is the best strategic alternative for the company and the appraisal value is fair.
Approve an anti-takeover measure(s)	Australia		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve an extension amendment proposal (for SPACs)	World		We generally recommend FOR when the trust deposit payment is not less than the previous trust deposit payment.
Approve an M&A agreement (sale or purchase)	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve an M&A-related share issuance	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve an opt-out plan	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve the restructuring plan	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Change the domicile / jurisdiction of incorporation	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, changing the Company's legal domicile is necessary to align the legal structure of the Company in a manner that is more consistent with their business objectives.
Proceed with bankruptcy	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of the bankruptcy plan is the best available alternative

			in order for the Company to provide a reasonable value for its shareholders.
Remove an antitakeover provision(s)	World		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because, according to our policy, the removal of the antitakeover provision can increase shareholder value by enhancing market responsiveness and facilitating potential takeovers that may lead to premium buyouts.
Ratify a poison pill	World		We generally recommend a vote FOR because according to our policy, approval of the proposal will acknowledge both the advantages and inherent risks of implementing a shareholder rights plan, or poison pill. While these plans can deter hostile takeovers, they also carry the risk of management entrenchment in some cases. Ensuring that shareholders are given a voice on the advisability of such a plan is crucial to safeguarding the Company from these risks, promoting transparency, and maintaining a balance between protecting shareholder interests and preventing potential misuse of the plan.

Proposals by management | Meeting and Proxy Statement

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt notice and access provisions	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of the notice and access provision would provide shareholders with sufficient disclosure and ample time to make informed decisions regarding the election of directors at shareholder meetings. This provision ensures that shareholders have the opportunity to review relevant information regarding the nominees, the Company's performance, and other important matters, therefore enabling the shareholders to participate meaningfully in the governance process.
Approve administrative and/or procedural items	World		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, approving administrative and procedural items related to the convening of shareholder meetings ensures proper organization, compliance with governance requirements, and smooth conduct of proceedings.
Change the location/date/time of a shareholder meeting	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the proposed change will increase the likelihood of increased attendance rate in meetings, not to mention the benefits of flexibility and improved accessibility to shareholders.
Indicate if you are a controlling shareholder or have a personal interest in the proposal	Canada, Israel, Latin America		This test will indicate NO if the shareholder is not a controlling shareholder and does not have a personal interest in the approval of this proposal.

Proposals by management | Mutual Fund

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt an investment policy	World		We generally recommend FOR if the investment strategy is cogent.
Approve the company as investment trust	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve the fundamental investment objective	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, a fundamental investment objective for funds will ensure that any revision or matter related to the fund's activities will be brought up for shareholder approval, thereby protecting their interests as shareowners. By involving shareholders in key decisions, the Company reinforces transparency, accountability, and the protection of shareholder value.
Approve the investment advisory agreement	World		We generally recommend FOR if the following conditions are met: the investment fees are reasonable (3% or less) and the investment strategy is cogent.
Approve the non-fundamental investment objective	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, a fundamental investment objective for funds will ensure that any revision or matter related to the fund's activities will be brought up for shareholder approval, thereby protecting their interests as shareowners.
Approve the reorganization	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve the sub-investment advisory agreement	World		We generally recommend FOR sub-investment advisory agreements when the sub-advisory fees are paid by the primary adviser and the investment strategy is cogent.
Change the fund's fundamental restriction to non-fundamental	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of the proposal would increase the Fund's exposure to significant losses arising from investment in high-risk assets. Moreover, contrary to a

			fundamental investment restriction, non-fundamental investment restrictions are often focused on short-term investing which is subject to market volatility and fluctuations.
Convert the closed-end fund to an open-end fund	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the conversion to an open-end fund would provide for portfolio diversification hence reducing the Company's risk exposure, and at the same time providing greater liquidity to its shareholders.
Issue/approve a 12b-1 plan (the distribution of funds through intermediaries)	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of the 12b-1 plan would enable the Fund to facilitate its distribution and sale through various intermediaries, which would be beneficial in improving its asset position.

Proposals by management | Other

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Amend other articles/bylaws/charter	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Appoint a rating agency	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific, Developed Asia-Pacific, Latin America		We generally recommend FOR because the appointment of the proposed rating agency is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.
Approve appointment of a (non-director) executive	Middle East & North Africa, Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, approving the appointment of the executive ensures the company has the necessary management in place to support operational continuity.
Approve company related-party transactions	Emerging & Frontier Asia-Pacific, Developed Asia-Pacific, Western Europe		We recommend FOR the proposed transaction as we believe it will allow the company to execute on its operational and strategic objectives.
Approve other company policies	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Approve political & charitable contributions	United Kingdom		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, it is necessary to allow the Company to fund charitable and political activities, which is in the best interests of shareholders. Such contributions can enhance the Company's reputation, strengthen stakeholder relationships, and support its broader social and corporate responsibility

			goals, ultimately benefiting long-term shareholder value.
Approve the appointment of a (director) executive	World		We generally recommend FOR when the change in adjusted stock price over the director's tenure is not poor (given that the director tenure is at least three years) and when the candidate attended at least 75% of all board and committee meetings.
Approve the company name change	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the proposed name change supports strategic changes that enhance the Company's business objectives. Furthermore, the proposed name change will more effectively reflect the Company's mission and vision, thereby strengthening its marketing and branding efforts and improving its overall market positioning.
Approve the continuance of company	Canada		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of this proposal is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.
Approve the convening of the corporate assembly	Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR because approval of the convening of the corporate assembly or shareholders' meeting is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.
Approve the staking consideration	World		We recommend FOR the Proposal, because according to our policy, approving staking consideration in blockchain networks enhances yield by supporting network security and transaction validation. This complies with regulatory standards, reflecting responsible digital asset management and industry best practices.
Approve the staking fee	World		We recommend FOR approval of the staking fee, because according to our policy, the fee helps cover the Company's operational costs associated with staking activities. The fee aligns with industry standards and ensures transparency and fairness to clients in digital asset staking services.
Attend to other business	World		We generally recommend FOR when the company is domiciled in the US or Canada.

Ratify decisions made in the prior fiscal year	Western Europe, Eastern Europe & Central Asia		We generally recommend FOR when the act is related to routine matters such as the distribution of dividends, release from liability, or decisions made in the fiscal year that has ended.
Reimburse proxy contest expenses	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.

Proposals by management | Shareholder Rights

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt an advanced notice requirement	Canada		We generally recommend FOR when the policy stipulates that nominations must be submitted no later than 30-65 days before the annual meeting and that nominations must be submitted no earlier than 30-65 days prior to the annual meeting.
Adopt an advanced notice requirement	United States, Australia		We generally recommend FOR when the policy stipulates that nominations must be submitted no later than 60-90 days prior to the annual meeting and that nominations must be submitted no earlier than 120-150 days prior to the annual meeting.
Adopt, renew, or amend a shareholder rights plan	World		We generally recommend FOR if the proposed plan expands rights for shareholders.
Adopt/increase proxy access	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because according to our policy, , the adoption of a "proxy access" bylaw is not a universal solution to allegations of unresponsiveness to shareholder concerns. We believe that voting decisions should be based on the governance practices and performance of individual companies. We believe that implementing this bylaw could undermine the integrity of the director election process.
Allow virtual-only shareholder meetings	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, virtual meetings will increase the likelihood of an improved attendance rate in meetings, not to mention the benefits of flexibility, reducing costs and improved accessibility.
Approve preemptive rights	Western Europe		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, pre-emptive rights allow shareholders to maintain their proportional ownership in the Company in the event of new share issuance, protecting their interests and ensuring they are not diluted by future equity offerings.

Eliminate preemptive rights	United Kingdom		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the elimination of preemptive rights would provide the Company with greater flexibility to finance business opportunities and conduct a rights issue without being restricted by the stringent requirements of statutory pre-emption provisions.
Establish the right to call a special meeting	World		We generally recommend FOR if the proposal will strengthen shareholder rights (i.e. lower the threshold required to call a special meeting).
Expand the right to act by written consent	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the right to act on written consent allows an increased participation of shareholders in the voting process, thereby democratizing voting and giving shareholders the right to act independently from the management.
Redeem a shareholder rights plan	World		We generally recommend FOR when the additional shares for the beneficiaries of the poison pill are more attractive than takeover by a hostile party.
Restrict the right to act by written consent	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the right to act on written consent allows an increased participation of shareholders in the voting process, thereby democratizing voting and giving the shareholders the right to act independently from the management.
Restrict the right to call a special meeting	World		We generally recommend AGAINST the proposal because according to our policy, the ability of shareholders to call special meetings is widely regarded as an important aspect of good corporate governance. We believe the Company's current threshold appropriately balances the rights of shareholders to call a special meeting with the broader interests of the Company and its shareholders.

Proposals by management | Voting

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt confidential voting	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of the proposal will preserve the confidentiality and integrity of vote outcomes.
Adopt unequal voting rights	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, in order to provide equal voting rights to all shareholders, companies should not utilize dual class capital structures.
Amend the quorum/voting requirement	World		We generally recommend FOR when the proposed quorum is at least 33% of shares entitled to vote.
Approve cumulative voting	World	China	We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy cumulative voting could make it possible for an individual shareholder or group of shareholders with special interests to elect one or more directors to the Company's Board of directors to represent their particular interests. Such a shareholder or group of shareholders could have goals that are inconsistent, and could conflict with, the interests and goals of the majority of the Company's shareholders.
Approve cumulative voting	China		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, cumulative voting allows a significant group of shareholders to elect a director of its choice - safeguarding minority shareholder interests and bringing independent perspectives to Board decisions.
Approve plurality voting	World		We generally recommend for plurality voting when plurality voting will only be used in contested situations. In uncontested situations, we do not prefer for plurality voting to be used.
Approve/increase supermajority voting	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, a simple majority vote will strengthen the Company's corporate governance practice. Contrary to supermajority voting, a simple majority standard will give the

			shareholders equal and fair representation in the Company by limiting the power of shareholders who own a large stake in the entity, therefore, paving the way for a more meaningful voting outcome.
Eliminate cumulative voting	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy cumulative voting could make it possible for an individual shareholder or group of shareholders with special interests to elect one or more directors to the Company's Board of directors to represent their particular interests. Such a shareholder or group of shareholders could have goals that are inconsistent, and could conflict with, the interests and goals of the majority of the Company's shareholders.
Eliminate or reduce supermajority voting	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, a simple majority vote will strengthen the Company's corporate governance practice. Contrary to supermajority voting, a simple majority standard will give the shareholders equal and fair representation in the Company by limiting the power of shareholders who own a large stake in the entity and paving the way for a more meaningful voting outcome.
Eliminate unequal voting rights	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, companies should ensure that all shareholders are provided with equal voting rights, promoting fairness, accountability, and alignment between economic ownership and control. By adopting a one-share, one-vote structure, the Company can better uphold shareholder democracy and support long-term value creation for all investors.

Proposals by shareholders | Auditors

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Appoint an auditor	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because according to our policy, the appointment of auditors is a responsibility entrusted to the board of directors, specifically the Audit Committee. In our view, the procedures governing the selection of auditors adhere to standard corporate governance and accounting practices. Unless there are significant concerns that could jeopardize the integrity and independence of the auditors, we believe that approving this proposal is neither necessary nor justified at this time.
Limit auditor non-audit services	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, auditors should not provide non-audit services. This practice ensures the independence and integrity of the audit process, maintaining objectivity and minimizing any potential conflicts of interest that could undermine the reliability of the Company's financial reporting.
Rotate the auditor	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, we believe that it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to maintain flexibility to choose and rotate auditors.

Proposals by shareholders | Board Report

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Report on board member information	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the information being requested in the shareholder proposal is unnecessary and will not result in any additional benefit to the shareholders.
Report on board oversight	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, although board oversight is essential, channels already exist for effective board oversight.
Report on proxy voting review	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because the Company is already required to outline their proxy voting process. As such, and in accordance with our policy, we do not believe that the requested proxy voting report would provide no incremental or meaningful information to the Company’s shareholders.

Proposals by shareholders | Capitalization

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Issue dividends	World		We recommend a vote AGAINST this proposal because according to our policy, the Company's dividend payout plan should be governed by the board of directors after taking into account relevant factors such as the Company's liquidity and financial position.
Issue shares	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST this proposal because according to our policy, the approval could cause potential excessive dilution in the interests of the shareholders and could potentially overvalue the Company's stock price with such an excessive issuance that is disproportionate to its needs.
Require shareholder approval to authorize the issuance of bonds/debentures	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Require shareholder approval to reclassify shares or conversion rights	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, companies should ensure that all shareholders are provided with equal voting rights, promoting fairness, accountability, and alignment between economic ownership and control. By adopting a one-share, one-vote structure, the Company can better uphold shareholder democracy and support long-term value creation for all investors.
Create a new class of shares	World		We generally recommend FOR these proposals when the new class of shares to be created will not have blank-check authority and will not have superior voting rights to the existing class of shares.
Reclassify/convert shares	World		We generally recommend FOR if the conversion would provide equal rights to shareholders.

Proposals by shareholders | Climate/Resources

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt a climate action plan / emissions reduction / resource restriction	World		We generally recommend AGAINST the proposal, because, according to our policy, its approval would not provide additional benefits or value to shareholders, given the Company's existing robust policy and strategy on climate change.
Adopt a GMO policy	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of the proposal would impose unnecessary burdens on the Company's operations.
Adopt animal welfare standards	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the matters raised in the proposal have already been addressed by the Company. Moreover, the proposal advocates for impractical and imprudent actions that could negatively impact the business and its results.
Approve an annual advisory vote on climate change	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because according to our policy, adopting this proposal is unnecessary and unwarranted in light of the Company's existing approach to climate change and sustainability. The Company already implements effective strategies in these areas, making the proposal redundant. Furthermore, approval would result in significant administrative costs and financial burdens, diverting resources from other critical initiatives.
Reduce fossil fuel financing	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the Company is already committed to meeting its climate action goals related to sustainable financing. As businesses move to achieving their net zero goals, we believe that the Company's current policies in financing will bridge the transition to a low carbon economy.
Report on animal welfare	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current

			applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on costs and risks associated with a climate (or similar) plan	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses by duplicating efforts that are already underway and providing additional reports with information that is already available to shareholders.
Report on GMO	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, preparing a report regarding GMOs would provide no incremental and meaningful information to the Company's shareholders. Moreover, given the Company's current compliance with SEC reporting requirements and other government regulators of GMOs, we believe that approval of this proposal will accrue unnecessary costs and administrative burden to the Company.
Report on the company's climate plan / emissions / resource use	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.

Proposals by shareholders | Compensation

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Amend the clawback provision	World		We generally recommend FOR when the proposal is only asking to expand the clawback provision to include fraud and misconduct.
Approve a retirement plan	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Cap executive gross pay	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because according to our policy, implementing a cap on executive compensation gross pay, could negatively impact the hiring and retention of the Company's key executives and employees. Such a restriction would limit the Company's ability to fully capitalize on the skills, expertise, and experience that individual leaders bring to the organization.
Change the use of ESG metrics in compensation	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this Proposal, because according to our policy, altering the use of ESG metrics in compensation could weaken the alignment of pay with shareholder interests and established best practices, which emphasize transparent, measurable, and material goals.
Deduct stock buybacks from pay	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, adoption of the proposal will not enhance the Company's compensation decision-making process.
Discontinue executive perquisites	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because according to our policy, the absolute elimination of perquisites granted to executives could place the Company at a competitive disadvantage when it comes to hiring, retaining, and attracting top-tier leaders.
Discontinue stock option and bonus programs	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of the proposal would impose arbitrary limits on the compensation committee and put the Company at a competitive disadvantage compared to peers.

Discontinue the professional services allowance	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, it is the benefit of the Company to retain flexibility with respect to executive compensation, rather than commit to arbitrary principles which could place the Company at a competitive disadvantage in recruiting and retaining top talent.
Implement an advisory vote on executive compensation	World		We recommend FOR this Proposal, because according to our policy, an advisory vote on executive compensation helps ensure that pay practices remain fair, transparent, and aligned with shareholder interests.
Implement double triggered vesting	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, vesting of equity awards over a period of time is intended to promote long-term improvements in performance. The link between pay and long-term performance can be severed if awards pay out on an accelerated schedule. More importantly, a double trigger vesting provision would provide protection to the Company's employees in the event of transition or change of control.
Include legal/compliance costs in adjustments	World		We recommend AGAINST this Proposal, because according to our policy, including legal and compliance costs in performance adjustments could weaken accountability by shielding management from the consequences of compliance or regulatory failures. Allowing such expenses to be adjusted out of performance metrics may distort true company performance and undermine the link between executive pay and effective risk oversight.
Include performance metrics in compensation	World		We generally recommend FOR this resolution when the company has failed our executive compensation test.
Prohibit equity vesting for government service	World		We generally recommend AGAINST the proposal, as, according to our policy, its implementation could hinder the Company's ability to attract key employees. Additionally, it could inadvertently penalize individuals who may wish to enter or return to governmental service.

Remove tax gross-ups	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, it is the benefit of the Company to retain flexibility with respect to executive compensation, rather than commit to arbitrary principles which could place the Company at a competitive disadvantage in recruiting and retaining top talent. We believe that it is ultimately in the shareholders' best interests that discretionary responsibilities for this ongoing process continue to be vested in the Board.
Report on executive compensation	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Require a shareholder vote to ratify executive or director severance pay	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, excessive executive compensation packages has been an ongoing cause of concern among shareholders and investors. While the Company argues that its severance and termination payments are reasonable, we believe that it is in the best interests of the stockholders if they ratify executive compensation in such form. We believe that approval of this proposal will enable the stockholders to voice their views and opinions regarding the Company's executive severance payments and will ensure decisions are in their best interests.
Require that executives retain shares	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the Company's current stock ownership requirement strikes an appropriate balance of encouraging focus on the long-term performance of the Company and the

			strong alignment with shareholder interests, while enabling the Company to attract and retain the best people in the industry.
Use a deferral period for compensation	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the existing compensation practice already reflects alignment with the long-term performance and goals of the Company.
Use GAAP metrics for compensation	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because, in accordance with our policy, approval would impose rigid targets that could hinder the Company's ability to adapt to adjustments and fluctuations beyond its control. Additionally, using GAAP metrics in compensation could misalign the Company's short-term financial goals with its long-term success, and increase the complexity of measuring and rewarding performance. We believe that approval of the proposal could undermine the Compensation Committee's flexibility in determining the most appropriate metrics for the Company's financial circumstances.

Proposals by shareholders | Directors

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Allow for the removal of directors without cause	World		We generally recommend FOR the proposal because according to our policy, allowing to remove directors without cause provides flexibility to the Company to make necessary changes to its leadership when deemed appropriate. Allowing for the removal of directors without cause ensures that the Board can effectively address issues such as performance concerns and maintain the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.
Amend the indemnification/liability provisions for directors	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of the indemnification and liability provisions will enable the Company to attract, retain, and motivate its directors, whose efforts are crucial to its long-term success. By providing directors with appropriate protection against personal liability, the Company ensures that directors can make decisions in the best interests of the Company without undue concern about personal financial risks.
Change the size of the board of directors	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because according to our policy, we believe that a board should ideally consist of between five and fifteen members. This size strikes an appropriate balance between meeting the Company's needs and ensuring effective oversight.
Classify the board	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, staggered terms for directors increase the difficulty for shareholders to make fundamental changes to the composition and behavior of a board. We prefer that the entire board of a company be elected annually to provide appropriate responsiveness to shareholders.

Create a CEO succession plan	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, a CEO succession plan would safeguard a smooth transition and alignment into a new leadership whenever the need arises, thereby ensuring continuity and shareholder confidence in the Company.
Create a key committee	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the board of directors should establish key Board committees—namely Audit, Compensation, and Nominating committees—composed solely of independent outside directors. This structure ensures sound corporate governance practices, enhances objectivity, and strengthens the oversight of critical areas within the Company.
Create a non-key committee	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, implementing the proposal would not justify the administrative costs and efforts, nor would it provide a corresponding meaningful benefit to the Company's shareholders. Moreover, we believe that the scope of committee responsibilities as requested in the proposal are already fulfilled by the board of directors.
Declassify the board	World		We generally recommend FOR when the company performance (as measured by TSR) is the bottom 20th percentile of the universe.
Decrease the required director experience / expertise / diversity	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, a diversified board would encourage good governance and enhance shareholder value. Bringing together a diverse range of skills and experience is necessary in building a constructive and challenging board.
Designate an independent chairman	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, we believe that the current Board leadership structure has been effective in the Company's sustained long-term performance. Thus, we believe that the Board should have the flexibility in determining the Board's leadership structure rather than committing to a one-size-fits-all policy.

Elect a director to board	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, allowing a shareholder to elect a director to a board is not in the best interests of the Company. Instead, the board should continue to nominate directors for shareholder approval, as they possess the expertise and resources to find the most qualified candidates.
Eliminate term limits	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, elimination of term limits will help the Company to attract, retain and motivate directors who can contribute valuable insights and long-term strategic guidance. This will also ensure continuity and strengthen the Company's governance by retaining knowledgeable and capable leadership of experienced directors.
Eliminate the retirement age requirement	World		We generally recommend FOR this proposal because, in accordance with our policy, the Company and its shareholders are in the best position to determine the approach to corporate governance, particularly board composition. Imposing inflexible rules, such as age limits for outside directors, does not necessarily correlate with returns or benefits for shareholders. Similar to arbitrary term limits, age limits could force valuable directors off the board solely based on their age, potentially undermining the effectiveness of the board.
Ensure compensation advisor independence	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, this proposal is unnecessary as existing SEC regulations already require sufficient disclosures regarding the Company's comprehensive recoupment policies and practices.
Establish a stakeholder position to board	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the current selection process, composition and skillset of the board of directors already captures stakeholder representation in the board room. As such, approval of the proposal would be redundant and duplicative.

Introduce a retirement age requirement	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because, in accordance with our policy, the Company and its shareholders are in the best position to determine the approach to corporate governance, particularly board composition. Imposing inflexible rules, such as age limits for outside directors, does not necessarily correlate with returns or benefits for shareholders. Similar to arbitrary term limits, age limits could force valuable directors off the board solely based on their age, potentially undermining the effectiveness of the board.
Introduce term limits	World		We generally recommend against this proposal because, in accordance with our policy, it would not serve a useful purpose. Having experienced directors on the board is crucial for the Company's long-term success and the enhancement of shareholder value.
Require director experience / expertise / diversity or other limits on the board	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, it is in the best interests of the shareholders for the board and nominating committee to manage the composition and qualifications of the board members.
Require stock ownership for directors	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, imposing a mandatory requirement on stock ownership for directors could potentially put the Company in a competitive disadvantage in retaining the best directors. Such a requirement might limit the Company's ability to fully capitalize on an individual's skills, expertise, and contributions.
Separate the chairman and CEO positions	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, we believe that the Board should have the flexibility in determining the Board's leadership structure rather than committing to a one-size-fits-all policy.

Proposals by shareholders | Health, Safety, and Operations

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt a paid sick leave policy	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because according to our policy, approving this proposal would lead to unnecessary costs and expenses. Additionally, this policy is not universally applicable, as it would only affect the Company's non-unionized employees. In contrast, unionized employees are typically governed by collective bargaining agreements that address such matters.
Modify business operations with a high-risk country, entity, region, etc.	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the company's existing operational protocols in conflict-affected and high-risk areas already address the concerns raised in the proposal. In our view, reducing or ceasing operations in these areas could negatively impact the company's profitability and long-term sustainability.
Reduce sales/marketing of alcohol products/services	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of the proposal is unnecessary as the Company already complies with the applicable federal laws and regulations and given the Company's nature of business, we believe that approval of the proposal would significantly impact its operations.
Reduce sales/marketing of drug products/services	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of the proposal is unnecessary as the Company already complies with the applicable federal laws and regulations and given the Company's nature of business, we believe that approval of the proposal would significantly impact its operations.
Reduce sales/marketing of gambling products/services	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of the proposal is unnecessary as the Company already complies with the applicable federal laws and regulations and given the Company's nature of business, we

			believe that approval of the proposal would significantly impact its operations.
Reduce sales/marketing of other products/services	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of the proposal is unnecessary as the Company is already required to comply with applicable federal laws and regulations and given the Company's nature of business, we believe that approval of the proposal would significantly impact its operations.
Reduce sales/marketing of pornography products/services	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of the proposal would significantly impact the Company's business operations.
Reduce sales/marketing of tobacco/vape products/services	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of the proposal is unnecessary as the Company already complies with the applicable federal laws and regulations and given the Company's nature of business, we believe that approval of the proposal would significantly impact its operations.
Reduce sales/marketing of unhealthy foods/beverages	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the Company is already addressing the issues related to the consumption of its products through its sustainability and current marketing initiatives.
Reduce sales/marketing of weapon products/services	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the Company has in place extensive procedures to ensure that weapon sales are made in strict compliance with all applicable United States laws and regulations.
Report on artificial intelligence	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because according to our policy, the proposed report on artificial intelligence would be an unnecessary addition to the Company's existing efforts in AI reporting. Also, approval of the proposal would pose significant administrative costs and financial burden to the Company.
Report on content management	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses. Additionally, it

			is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on cybersecurity	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on data privacy	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on high-risk country operations	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on intellectual property transfers	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the

			Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on maternal health outcomes	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on plant closure community impacts	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on product information / production	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses by duplicating efforts that are already underway and providing additional reports with information that is already available to shareholders.
Report on product pricing/distribution	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of this proposal

			would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses by duplicating efforts that are already underway and providing additional reports with information that is already available to shareholders.
Report on public health risks	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on suppliers / partners / customers / sales	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses. Additionally, it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on worker health and safety	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because, according to our policy and given the current laws and regulations that the company is already required to comply with, we do not believe the requested report would provide meaningful additional value beyond existing policies, processes, practices, and resources.

Proposals by shareholders | Human Resources and Rights

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Address fair lending	World		We generally recommend AGAINST the proposal because, according to our policy, it would not meaningfully improve the Company's existing robust policies and risk oversight structure, nor enhance any current disclosures that provide shareholders with meaningful information on how the Company addresses and oversees risks related to discrimination. Additionally, we are concerned that such an evaluation could, in today's highly litigious environment, inadvertently provide a roadmap for lawsuits against the Company, potentially leading to significant legal costs for shareholders in the long term.
Address income inequality	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the Company's existing compensation processes are guided by the fundamental principle that decisions are made on the basis of the individual's personal capabilities, qualifications and contributions to the Company's needs and not on gender. Moreover, given the Company's current efforts to equal employment opportunity, we believe that approval of this proposal will accrue unnecessary costs and administrative burden to the Company.
Address labor disputes	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because, in accordance with our policy, the Company has already addressed the labor concerns raised in the proposal. As such, approval of the requested report is unnecessary and would result in significant administrative costs, diverting Company resources from more relevant and meaningful priorities.
Address sexual harassment complaints	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, adoption of the proposal is unnecessarily duplicative of the Company's

			efforts to deter incidents of sexual harassment through its own policies and practices.
Adopt an anti-discrimination policy	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, this could put the Company in an uncompetitive position in terms of hiring prospective talents due to the rigid requirements of the proposal.
Adopt diversity-based hiring	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, this could put the Company in an uncompetitive position in terms of hiring prospective talents due to the rigid requirements of the proposal.
Adopt merit-based hiring	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, this could put the Company in an uncompetitive position in terms of hiring prospective talents due to the rigid requirements of the proposal.
Become a public benefit corporation	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the proposal is not necessary and is not in the best long-term interest of the Company and its shareholders.
Provide a human rights impact assessment	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because, while human rights impact assessments (HRIAs) are valuable for identifying and mitigating risks, mandating rigid reporting can undermine their effectiveness. Such reporting requirements may encourage superficial compliance without meaningful human rights improvements.
Provide a report promoting DEI practices	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because, in accordance with our policy and considering the requirements that the Company already abides by with regards to equal employment opportunity, we believe its approval would impose unnecessary costs and administrative burdens on the Company.
Report on abortion policy	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, providing a report on a highly sensitive topic could cause divisiveness among the Company, its employees, customers and shareholders. The complexity of views drawn from reporting the policies on abortion or

			something similar could pose significant reputational and legal risks for the Company which could subsequently affect its operations and performance.
Report on collective bargaining/union relations	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because, in line with our policy and given the Company's compliance with applicable laws regarding freedom of association, we believe its approval would not provide additional benefits to employees or create further value for shareholders.
Report on fetal tissue use	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, providing a report on a highly sensitive topic could cause divisiveness among the Company, its employees, customers and shareholders. The complexity of views drawn from reporting the policies on fetal tissue use or something similar could pose significant reputational and legal risks for the Company which could subsequently affect its operations and performance.
Report on human trafficking	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the Company's current policies which effectively articulate their long-standing support for, and continued commitment to, human rights, the proposal would be duplicative and unnecessary.
Report on in vitro fertilization	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, providing a report on a highly sensitive topic could cause divisiveness among the Company, its employees, customers and shareholders. The complexity of views drawn from reporting the policies on abortion or something similar could pose significant reputational and legal risks for the Company which could subsequently affect its operations and performance.
Report on prison/slave/child labor	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful

			value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on sexual harassment complaints	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on the costs/risks of DEI practices	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because, in accordance with our policy, conducting a cost/benefit report or a stand-alone DEI audit by the Company or a group acting on its behalf could potentially uncover violations of regulations or laws, which could pose both legal and reputational risks. Additionally, we are concerned that such report could, in our highly litigious society, serve as a roadmap for lawsuits against the Company, potentially leading to significant costs for shareholders in the long term.
Report on worker misclassification	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, approval of the proposal would not create additional benefits to the employees or value for the shareholders.
Request the company cease or re-evaluate DEI activities	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this Proposal because, according to our policy, requests to cease or re-evaluate DEI activities risk undermining the significant benefits that diversity, equity, and inclusion bring to the company. Scaling back these efforts could also

			negatively affect talent attraction, retention, and overall company performance.
Rescind the racial equity audit	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because, according to our policy, the proposed rescinding of the racial audit undermines efforts to assess the impacts of the Company’s diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) practices. Racial audits are essential in identifying and addressing disparities, and reversing this initiative would limit shareholders' ability to evaluate the materiality and effectiveness of the Company’s DEI efforts.

Proposals by shareholders | Legal and Compliance

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt exclusive forum bylaws	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, having an exclusive forum will allow the Company to address disputes and litigations in an exclusive jurisdiction, with familiarity of the law, and reduce the administrative cost and burden related to settlement.
Relinquish intellectual property	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy the proposal would not meaningfully improve the Company's disclosure and reporting policies in place but is rather duplicative of its current efforts in addressing issues with product access and pricing.
Report on concealment clauses	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on employee arbitration claims	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because, in accordance with our policy, it presents a one-size-fits-all approach that could adversely impact the Company's ability to effectively use arbitration.
Report on patent process	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy the proposal would not meaningfully improve the Company's disclosure and reporting policies in place and we do not believe the report would result in any additional benefit to shareholders.

Report on whistleblowers	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company’s disclosures and risks.
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Proposals by shareholders | M&A / Structure

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Make a self-tender offer	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the proposal is not necessary and is not in the best long-term interest of the Company and its shareholders.
Remove an antitakeover provision(s)	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, removal of the Company's antitakeover provisions may leave the Company vulnerable to a hostile takeover. Additionally, the current antitakeover provisions provide more time for management to consider offers and negotiate better terms.
Request an M&A / restructure	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Ratify a poison pill	World		We generally recommend a vote FOR because according to our policy, approval of the proposal will acknowledge both the advantages and inherent risks of implementing a shareholder rights plan, or poison pill. While these plans can deter hostile takeovers, they also carry the risk of management entrenchment in some cases. Ensuring that shareholders are given a voice on the advisability of such a plan is crucial to safeguarding the Company from these risks, promoting transparency, and maintaining a balance between protecting shareholder interests and preventing potential misuse of the plan.

Proposals by shareholders | Mutual Fund

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Convert the closed-end fund to an open-end fund	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST this proposal because, according to our policy, a closed-end fund structure tends to provide higher returns to shareholders, as the value of shares is influenced by market dynamics, which can result in trading at a premium or discount to NAV. Additionally, closed-end funds often generate higher income by utilizing leverage, making them particularly attractive to income-focused investors.

Proposals by shareholders | Other

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt MacBride Principles, Sullivan Principles, or similar	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because adoption of this proposal would be duplicative and would make the Company unnecessarily accountable to different sets of overlapping fair employment guidelines that are already covered in its policies.
Approve other company policies	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Disassociate from industry associations	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, companies benefit from industry associations, especially when it comes to influential policies that can directly affect businesses. As such, disassociation from such groups could potentially pose potential reputational and systemic risks that could be detrimental to the Company's business in the long-run.
Prepare an independent third-party audit	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because, in accordance with our policy, conducting a stand-alone audit by the Company or a group acting on its behalf could potentially reveal violations of regulations and laws, which could be legally and reputationally problematic. Additionally, we are concerned that such an audit could, in our highly litigious society, provide a roadmap for lawsuits against the Company, which could result in significant costs for shareholders over the long term.
Report on another matter	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.
Report on key-person risk	World		We generally recommend AGAINST the proposal, because according to our policy, its approval would put the Company at a competitive disadvantage. The disclosure requested would make sensitive information publicly available, potentially undermining the

			execution of the Company’s business strategy and hindering the recruitment and retention of top management talent.
Reimburse proxy contest expenses	World		This proposal is considered on a case-by-case basis by the guidelines committee.

Proposals by shareholders | Politics

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Report on charitable contributions	World		We generally recommend AGAINST this proposal because, in accordance with our policy, the Company already carefully evaluates and reviews its charitable activities, and makes information about its corporate giving publicly available. We do not believe that implementing the proposal would justify the administrative costs and efforts, nor would it provide a meaningful benefit to the Company's shareholders.
Report on government financial support	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on lobbying expenditures	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on partnerships with political (or globalist) organizations	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the

			Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on political contributions	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the current applicable laws and regulations that the Company must comply with, we do not believe that the requested report would add meaningful value to the policies, processes, practices, and resources that are already in place. Additionally, approval of this proposal would result in the Company incurring unnecessary costs and expenses as it is in the best interests of shareholders for the board to manage the Company's disclosures and risks.
Report on public policy advocacy	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy and given the Company's policies and oversight mechanisms related to its political contributions and activities, we believe that the shareholder proposal is unnecessary and will not result in any additional benefit to the shareholders. Rather, the proposal promotes impractical and imprudent actions that would negatively affect the business and results.
Revoke a public policy endorsement	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, political endorsement and spending is an integral part of a business, as Companies should have a voice on policies affecting them. As such, approval of this proposal will strictly limit the Company's flexibility in supporting the advocacies that are congruent with its business.
Support a public policy endorsement	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, although the Company must comply with federal, state, and local campaign finance and lobbying regulations that

			are currently in place, we believe that political endorsements, often in the form of contributions, increase the possibility of misalignment with corporate values which in turn could lead to reputational risks.
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Proposals by shareholders | Shareholder Rights

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt a fair elections/advance notice bylaw	Canada		We generally recommend FOR when the policy stipulates that nominations must be submitted no later than 30-65 days before the annual meeting and that nominations must be submitted no earlier than 30-65 days prior to the annual meeting.
Adopt a fair elections/advance notice bylaw	United States		We generally recommend FOR when the policy stipulates that nominations must be submitted no later than 60-90 days prior to the annual meeting and that nominations must be submitted no earlier than 120-150 days prior to the annual meeting.
Adopt/increase proxy access	World		We generally recommend a vote AGAINST because according to our policy, , the adoption of a "proxy access" bylaw is not a universal solution to allegations of unresponsiveness to shareholder concerns. We believe that voting decisions should be based on the governance practices and performance of individual companies. We believe that implementing this bylaw could undermine the integrity of the director election process.
Allow virtual-only shareholder meetings	World		We recommend AGAINST this Proposal, because according to our policy, virtual meetings should complement, not replace, in-person shareholder meetings, as relying solely on them may undermine transparency and shareholder participation.
Establish the right to call a special meeting	World		We generally recommend FOR if the proposal will strengthen shareholder rights (i.e. lower the threshold required to call a special meeting).
Introduce the right to act by written consent	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, the right to act on written consent allows an increased participation of shareholders in the voting process, thereby democratizing voting and

			giving shareholders the right to act independently from the management.
Oppose the right to act by written consent	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, the right to act on written consent allows an increased participation of shareholders in the voting process, thereby democratizing voting and giving the shareholders the right to act independently from the management.
Require shareholder approval for bylaw amendments	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of the proposal will ensure that shareholders have a voice in revising or adopting the bylaws which could compromise their interests.

Proposals by shareholders | Voting

Proposal	Region(s) to Include	Region(s) to Exclude	Vote Recommendation
Adopt a majority vote for director election	World		We generally recommend a vote FOR because according to our policy, a majority vote requirement in boardroom elections enhance director accountability to shareholders. This standard ensures that shareholder dissatisfaction with director performance has tangible consequences, transforming the election process from a mere formality into one that truly reflects shareholders' voices.
Adopt confidential voting	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, approval of the proposal will preserve the confidentiality and integrity of vote outcomes.
Approve cumulative voting	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy cumulative voting could make it possible for an individual shareholder or group of shareholders with special interests to elect one or more directors to the Company's Board of directors to represent their particular interests. Such a shareholder or group of shareholders could have goals that are inconsistent, and could conflict with, the interests and goals of the majority of the Company's shareholders.
Approve/increase supermajority voting	World		We generally recommend AGAINST because according to our policy, a simple majority vote will strengthen the Company's corporate governance practice. Contrary to supermajority voting, a simple majority standard will give the shareholders equal and fair representation in the Company by limiting the power of shareholders who own a large stake in the entity, therefore, paving the way for a more meaningful voting outcome.
Eliminate cumulative voting	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy cumulative voting could make it possible for an individual shareholder or

			group of shareholders with special interests to elect one or more directors to the Company's Board of directors to represent their particular interests. Such a shareholder or group of shareholders could have goals that are inconsistent, and could conflict with, the interests and goals of the majority of the Company's shareholders.
Eliminate or reduce supermajority voting	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, a simple majority vote will strengthen the Company's corporate governance practice. Contrary to supermajority voting, a simple majority standard will give the shareholders equal and fair representation in the Company by limiting the power of shareholders who own a large stake in the entity and paving the way for a more meaningful voting outcome.
Promote equal voting rights	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, a differential in voting power may have the effect of denying shareholders the opportunity to vote on matters of critical economic importance to them. In order to provide equal voting right to all shareholders, we prefer that companies do not utilize multiple class capital structures.
Restrict nomination of directors	World		We generally recommend a vote FOR because, according to our policy, a simple majority requirement in director elections, combined with a mandatory resignation policy and prohibition on the renomination of directors, ensures that the election results accurately reflect shareholder sentiment. Specifically, this approach addresses situations where a director receives less than a majority of votes, aligning the election outcome with shareholder expectations and maintaining effective governance.
Tabulate proxy voting	World		We generally recommend FOR because according to our policy, adoption of proxy tabulation simplifies the voting process without compromising transparency or shareholder

			participation. This streamlined approach ensures that shareholder votes are accurately counted and reported, making it easier for investors to engage in the decision-making process. At the same time, it preserves the integrity and transparency of the voting process, ensuring that all shareholders have an equal opportunity to influence key decisions while promoting efficient governance practices.
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