

ESG Investing at Chartwell

At Chartwell, we maintain a firm-wide commitment to fundamental research. Our Portfolio Managers and Analysts believe in the importance of intensive bottom-up research and evaluate each company on the basis of its fundamental characteristics. We also believe that actively managed strategies with high conviction and lower turnover will generate a consistent pattern of portfolio returns over the long-term. Our Portfolio Managers take a long-term perspective with their investments, maintain focused portfolios and strive for increased active share of their holdings to deliver investment performance. Our investment strategies reflect the highest conviction ideas of our Portfolio Managers.

We believe our commitment to fundamental research and to long-term active management are consistent with the fundamental underpinnings of ESG, or Environmental, Social and Governance investing. It is our view that companies that focus on the structural challenges posed by such things as climate change, resource scarcity, and lack of access to education, health care and nutrition, can be well situated not only to be more resilient during periods of maximum stress, but are also potentially better positioned to capitalize on the new opportunities these periods may present. We see recognition of ESG factors as being supportive of both orderly capital markets and opportunities for compelling risk-adjusted returns over time.

Chartwell's approach to ESG is based on our objective to act in the best interests of our clients while seeking to provide attractive, risk-adjusted returns.

Consideration of ESG factors as well as engaging in dedicated active ownership activities are critical to fulfilling our obligation. As a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI), we have committed to upholding the 6 Principles for Responsible Investment, which reflects our belief in the value creation of ESG.

Adoption and integration of ESG principles is a process, and one that Chartwell is pursuing with the same level of discipline and diligence as every other aspect of our deeply fundamental research and investment process. We expect over time that ESG factors will be increasingly integrated into our overall investment process by our investment teams consistent with client interests and specific business objectives. Our intention is to ultimately identify and assess material ESG criteria that potentially impact the value of and threats to our investments in order to achieve the best possible risk adjusted investment returns for our clients.

Efforts are already under way to review a variety of tools, resources and data that will provide us with the depth and breadth of insight into ESG that comports with the intensity of traditional analysis already driving the investment decision making process.

We believe good governance practices and responsible corporate behavior contribute to the positive long-term performance of companies and can help reduce investment risk while simultaneously contributing to positive environmental or social impact.

One manifestation of this is our adoption of ESG considerations in our firm proxy voting policy and the commitment to an expert business partner to research and vote proxies. Holding management accountable for their obligations to all stakeholders, particularly shareholders, is critical to seeing good governance practices perpetuated. A copy of this policy is available separately upon request.

Chartwell is also committed to continually improving how we integrate ESG into our investment processes. We have the ability to work with clients who take an exclusion-first or values-driven approach in their portfolios. We are also examining ways to further integrate ESG and good stewardship practices over time both internally and with the partnership and consultation of the UN PRI and other outside firms, organizations and resources. This policy statement reflects our current approach, and we expect our policy will continue to evolve over time to reflect further enhancements.



Chartwell Investment Partners LLC, is an investment management firm dedicated solely to the investment advisory business. Chartwell's philosophy is to rely on proprietary, bottom-up research to find high quality investments across its various product offerings.

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