

This paper provides an indication of the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards and actions undertaken by the holdings of the VT Gravis UK Infrastructure Income Fund (UKIIF).

## Purpose

- To provide clarity on the level of ESG engagement of the holdings in the UKIIF portfolio.
- The Fund is not explicitly an ESG strategy, however, many of the holdings are improving their approach from an ESG perspective. Gravis are seeking to raise awareness of this and therefore the potential suitability of the Fund for an ESG investor.
- Gravis have collated 18 ESG metrics, detailed overleaf, which range in scope from sustainability targets, to enhanced reporting standards, environmental safe-guarding actions, and social and governance factors.
- The document is factual in its reporting of the action taken by these companies. Gravis do not offer an opinion or assessment of the status of the holdings.

## Methodology

- This document has been compiled using publicly available information, sourced from each company's published material including Annual Reports and Sustainability Reports. Where necessary, Gravis made direct contact with the investor relations departments of each company to seek additional information. In future Gravis may issue companies in the UKIIF portfolio with a Due Diligence Questionnaire (DDQ) to collect information.
- The metrics chosen for inclusion are those that are most widely embraced, and most relevant to the infrastructure sector and the closed-ended companies which account for the majority of the Fund's holdings. These metrics include holistic ESG standards, as well as indicators of more focused awareness of Environmental, Social and Governance accountability.

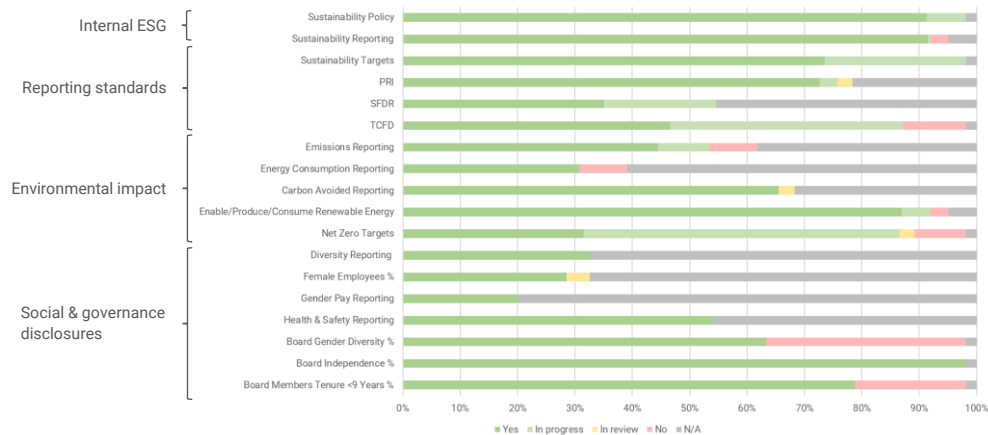
## Usage

- This document may be used by the Fund Adviser when speaking to company management of existing and prospective holdings.
- The Fund Adviser may proactively engage with company management to continue to enhance and develop their approach to ESG metrics and may discuss with management their reasoning for not reporting on these.
- This information may factor into the Fund Adviser's approach when considering a new holding or reviewing an existing holding. Lack of engagement will not preclude the Fund Adviser from investing, however a positive outcome of our ESG due diligence may increase enthusiasm.
- Over time, and through engagement, Gravis expects the document to develop and indicate a transition towards increased incorporation of ESG factors by holdings.
- In line with the Gravis Responsible Investment Policy, investments which focus on armaments, alcohol, gambling, pornography, tobacco, coal production and power, nuclear fuel production are excluded. Investments with ongoing or persistent involvement in human rights abuses will be avoided altogether.
- Gravis are currently finalising a formal Voting & Engagement Policy which will apply to the VT Gravis UK Infrastructure Income Fund.

# ESG ratings, memberships and reporting standards

Holding	Asset	Sustainability Policy	Sustainability Reporting	Sustainability Targets	Sustainability Disclosure			Environmental Impact					Social				Governance			
					PRI	SFDR	TCFD	Emissions Reporting	Energy Consumption Reporting	Carbon Avoided Reporting	Enable/Produce/Consume Renewable Energy	Net Zero Targets	Diversity Reporting	Female Employees %	Gender Pay Reporting	Health & Safety Reporting	Board Gender Diversity %	Board Independence %	Board Members Tenure <9 Years %	
Holding 1	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Inherent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29%	71%	100%	
Holding 2	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Article 8	Yes	In progress	N/A	Yes	Yes	Carbon reduction target	Yes	30%	N/A	Yes	29%	57%	50%	
Holding 3	Equity	In progress	Yes	Inherent	Yes	In progress	No	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Inherent	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	20%	100%	100%	
Holding 4	Equity	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Carbon reduction target	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%	100%	100%	
Holding 5	Equity	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Carbon reduction target	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%	100%	100%	
Holding 6	Equity	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Carbon reduction target	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%	100%	100%	
Holding 7	Equity	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Article 8	In progress	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Carbon reduction target	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%	100%	100%	
Holding 8	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	In progress	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Inherent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40%	100%	100%	
Holding 9	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Article 6	In progress	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%	100%	100%	
Holding 10	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Article 8	In progress	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Inherent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33%	100%	83%	
Holding 11	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Article 6	In progress	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Carbon reduction target	Yes	57%	Yes	Yes	40%	100%	100%	
Holding 12	Equity	Yes	Yes	Inherent	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Inherent	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	60%	100%	100%	
Holding 13	Equity	Yes	Yes	Inherent	Yes	Article 8	In progress	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Inherent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25%	100%	100%	
Holding 14	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In progress	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	38%	100%	100%	
Holding 15	Equity	Yes	Yes	Inherent	N/A	N/A	In progress	N/A	N/A	In review	In progress	In review	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40%	80%	100%	
Holding 16	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Article 9	Yes	In progress	N/A	Yes	Yes	Inherent	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	29%	100%	100%	
Holding 17	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	39%	Yes	Yes	33%	78%	100%	
Holding 18	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	38%	Yes	Yes	42%	75%	92%	
Holding 19	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In progress	In progress	N/A	Yes	Yes	Inherent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25%	100%	100%	
Holding 20	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	29%	Yes	Yes	43%	71%	100%	
Holding 21	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	In progress	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Carbon reduction target	Yes	46%	N/A	Yes	17%	67%	83%	
Holding 22	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In progress	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Inherent	Yes	43%	N/A	Yes	60%	100%	100%	
Holding 23	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	In progress	In progress	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25%	100%	100%	
Holding 24	Equity	Yes	In progress	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	In progress	Inherent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33%	100%	100%	
Holding 25	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In progress	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Inherent	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	50%	100%	100%	
Holding 26	Equity	Yes	Yes	Inherent	Yes	Article 8	In progress	No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25%	100%	100%	
Holding 27	Equity	In progress	No	Inherent	In progress	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40%	100%	100%	
Holding 28	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	In review	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	47%	Yes	Yes	40%	100%	100%	
Holding 29	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	34%	Yes	Yes	30%	80%	90%	
Holding 30	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	40%	Yes	Yes	46%	82%	91%	
Holding 31	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	In progress	Yes	53%	N/A	No	56%	78%	89%	
Holding 32	Bond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Holding 33	Bond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Holding 34	Bond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Weighted response per ESG metric



Holdings ranked by size. Graphics show proportion of 'Yes', 'No', 'In progress', 'In review', 'No' and 'N/A' by holding weight.

## Key Terms



### Sustainability targets

The implementation of sustainability targets to provide a framework for ESG activities. These targets can include a commitment to the provision of renewable energy, a focus on providing critical infrastructure, a desire to reduce environmental impact, or a commitment to a diverse workforce.



### SFDR

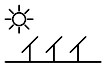
The Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) came into force in March 2021. Introduced by the European Commission, the SFDR requires eligible asset managers to provide prescript and standardised disclosures on how ESG factors are integrated at both an entity and product level.



The PRI (Principles for Responsible Investment) is the world's leading proponent of responsible investment. It works to understand the investment implications of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and to support its international network of investor signatories in incorporating these factors into their investment and ownership decisions.



TCFD (Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures) is a voluntary organisation which aims to develop consistent climate-related financial risk disclosures. The Task Force will consider the physical, liability and transition risks associated with climate change and what constitutes effective financial disclosures across industries.



### Enabling/ producing renewable energy

The facilitation of the production of renewable energy e.g. through investment in renewable energy assets, the installation of on-site renewable energy generation capacity, for example with the installation of solar panels on the roof of warehouse assets, or the support of renewable energy viability e.g. through battery storage.



### Emissions & energy consumption reporting

The calculation and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions or energy consumption. Greenhouse gas emissions are often provided using scopes, providing a breakdown by scope 1, scope 2 and scope 2 emissions. Companies often target net zero by 2030 or 2050.



### Renewable energy purchasing

The calculation and reporting of the quantity of carbon dioxide avoided or renewable energy generated through a company's operation or investments.



### Gender pay reporting

The gender pay gap is the difference between the average (mean or median) earnings of men and women across a workforce. All employers with more than 250 employees are required to provide gender pay gap reporting. The gender pay gap calculations are based on employer payroll data drawn from a specific date each year. This specific date is called the 'snapshot date'. Gender pay gap reporting must be provided for companies with more than 250 employees.



### Board tenure

The percentage of the board whose tenure is in line with the UK Corporate Governance Code 2018 guidance that a member of the board should not remain in their post for more than nine years after their first appointment.