

## RESPONSIBLE INVESTING STATEMENT

Guardian has a long-standing commitment to responsible investing and offering sustainable investment solutions to our clients.

Guardian's approach to responsible investing integrates considerations of environmental, social and governance ("ESG") matters into our investment analysis and stewardship activities with the objective of enhancing long-term investment performance.

We believe that business organizations that engage in sustainable environmental practices, consider the impacts of their operations on their employees and the communities in which they operate, and have proper governance practices that protect the interests of all stakeholders, are better positioned to deliver sustainable value over the long term.

Our responsible investing approach demonstrates alignment between our investment activities and the long term interests of society with regards to Environmental, Social, and Governance standards.

In recognition of the rapid evolution of best practices, Guardian will endeavor to continuously improve its ESG research and engagement practices.