

# Northern Trust Asset Management Stewardship Report 2021



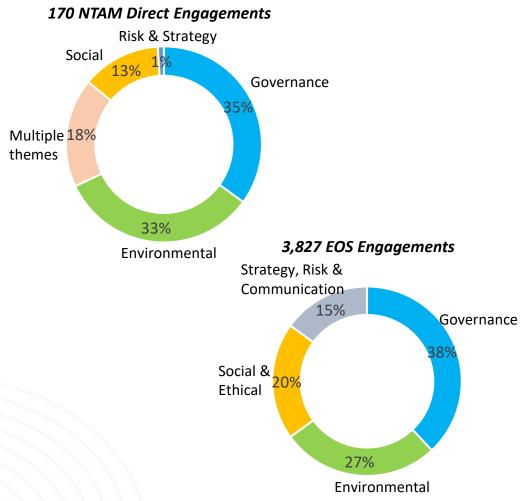
### **Key Takeaways**

Northern Trust Asset Management (NTAM) is an asset management firm with \$1.3 trillion AUM as of December 31, 2021. According to the most recent stewardship report published in June of 2022, NTAM conducted 3,827 engagements in 2021 – with 170 direct engagements and 3,657 engagements through its outside engagement partner Equity Ownership Services (EOS) of Federated Hermes. NTAM's 2021 engagement priorities as well as its engagement breakdown are as follows:

#### **2021** Engagement Priorities

## Promote sustainable food and agriculture **Environmental** Preserve biodiversity Reduce climate risk Improve occupational health and safety · Promote diversity, equity and Social inclusion • Align conduct, culture and ethics with product safety and human rights · Strengthen board diversity Governance Align pay for performance

Chart 1: 2021 Reported Global Engagements



Sourced from Stewardship Report 2021, pgs. 4 and 36



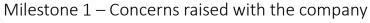
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### **Key Takeaways (Contd.)**

### Measuring progress through engagement

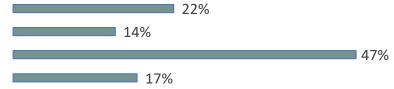
NTAM tracks the progress made by engagement campaigns by assigning milestones. In 2021, NTAM arrived at the following milestones through its direct engagements:



Milestone 2 – Concerns acknowledged by the company

Milestone 3 – Plan established by the company

Milestone 4 – Plan accomplished



### **Proxy Voting Overview**

- In 2021, NTAM voted AGAINST management at least once in 58% of meetings (see Chart 2)
- In the US, NTAM voted <u>AGAINST</u> 9.7% of all management resolutions, and supported 39.6% of all shareholder proposals in 2021
- NTAM voted AGAINST board candidates 13% of the time
- It supported 50% of resolutions related to diversity, equity and inclusion (see Chart 3)

Chart 2: 2021 Votes Against Management by Topic (US Companies only)

Compensation 12.4%

Capitalization 11.8%

Governance 10.8%

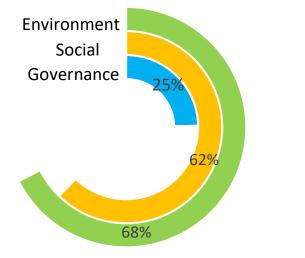
Director-related 10.6%

Strategic Transactions 1.6%

Auditors 1.0%

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Chart 3: 2021 Shareholder Proposal Support (U.S. Companies Only)



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