Environmental and Social Risk Management Framework
Wells Fargo Asset Management (WFAM) manages more than over $500 billion on behalf of institutional clients and intermediaries worldwide. WFAM understands that Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues are important considerations among many that should be incorporated by our investment teams within their evaluation and decision-making processes. We believe that ESG issues can have an impact on financial performance and that a better understanding of ESG factors can help protect against downside risk and contribute to long term risk-adjusted returns.

Recognizing that we are investing in a rapidly changing world, we integrate material ESG considerations across (WFAM) to gain additional insight and drive better investment outcomes. With 29 independent investment teams and more than 500 investment professionals, we have a strong foundation in active management and deep research expertise, an advantage we leverage to identify and analyze material ESG issues. For example, changing consumer preferences for companies with strong corporate responsibility, increasing costs from externalities (such as resource use or climate change), and evolving regulations present ESG-related challenges and opportunities within all of our investment strategies.

We also understand that incorporating ESG can help align investment strategies with client values. Ultimately, our focus is on delivering investment outcomes that meet our clients’ needs, including alignment with the priorities and values that matter most to them. Our specific approach to ESG is determined by the unique requirements of each client; we believe in providing holistic solutions and our primary objective is to generate positive investment.

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