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Responsible investing is an important aspect of the service we offer our clients and a key point of differentiation with passive investment strategies and many other active managers. SVM began managing Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) products in 2006. Since then, our engagement principles have evolved to include environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) issues across our range.

Our top priorities are to do our best for our clients, by maximising their portfolio returns and protecting their interests, and to drive benefit for society. To select investments we employ a consistent and disciplined approach that focuses on intensive bottom up research. As part of our investment process we assess many factors including ESG considerations for their potential to materially affect a company's performance.

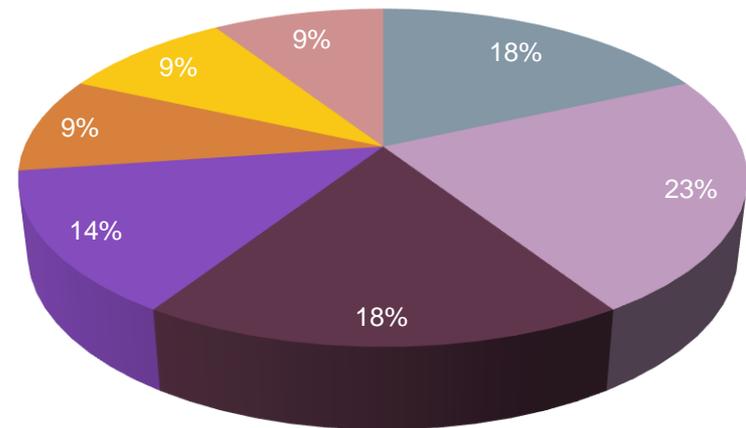
As a boutique investment firm we recognise that, because in most cases we will not hold significant positions in investee companies, it can be difficult to encourage changes in management attitudes and behaviour purely by exercising client voting powers alone. Instead, we have adopted a more flexible approach and we engage with company management and boards as and when we believe it will be of most benefit.

Engagement Policy

We enter into a dialogue with every potential investment with a view to having a positive influence on the company concerned. Using information derived from a combination of in-house research, dialogue with the company and external sources we identify the key issues and discuss them directly with company management, in order to affect change.

Q3 2019 Engagement Update

During the quarter we engaged with 6 companies on 22 ESG issues.



- Reporting/Disclosure ■ Environment ■ Remuneration
- Sustainability Strategy ■ Diversity ■ Governance
- Society ■ Supply Chain ■ Human Rights

COMPANY	ENGAGEMENT TOPICS								
	Reporting/ Disclosure	Environment	Remuneration	Sustainability Strategy	Diversity	Governance	Society	Supply Chain	Human Rights
GVC	•	•	•						
Unilever	•	•	•	•				•	
Lloyds	•	•	•	•		•	•		
Oryx International Growth Fund						•			
Sto SE	•	•	•	•			•	•	
Metsa Board		•							

Source: SVM

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Voting Policy

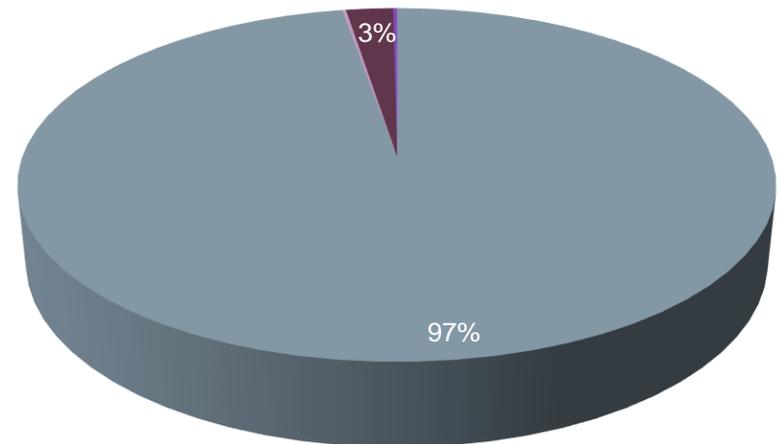
We seek to promote corporate social responsibility through engagement and a negative vote will only be viewed as a final measure to be adopted when this process of engagement has not been successful. We have and will express our views in this way if necessary. Our emphasis is on engagement and resolving issues through dialogue.

[Click here](#) for voting records for SVM Asset Management from 1 January 2019

Q3 2019 Voting Update

Across 513 unique proposals available to vote, we voted 512.

Votes cast were in line with management recommendations 98% of the time, with 2% contrary to management recommendations.



■ For ■ Did Not Vote ■ Against/Withhold ■ Abstain

Date	Security	Resolutions Voted Against	Reason
04/07/2019	Keystone Law Group	6.Re-elect Robin Williams as Director	We have voted against Item 6 as the Chairman is considered over-boarded.
11/07/2019	Homeserve plc	2. Approve Remuneration Report	We voted against Item 2 as the redundancy process has been unsatisfactory
11/07/2019	Codemasters Group Holdings	2. Approve Remuneration Report	We have voted against the remuneration report as there are no targets for management options and the BOD have been issued with options which is against best practice
11/09/2019	ZOO Digital Group plc	1. Accept Financial Statements and Statutory Reports 3. Elect Gillian Wilmot as Director	Voted against Item 1 because of Executive directors granted large pay increases with no explanation while CFO granted options with no performance criteria other than continued employment. Abstained Item 3 as the Chair has lost her independence with the granting of options (abstained as happen in the next reporting period).

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