

# RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT REPORT

October 2021 - December 2021



# **VOTING ACTIVITIES**



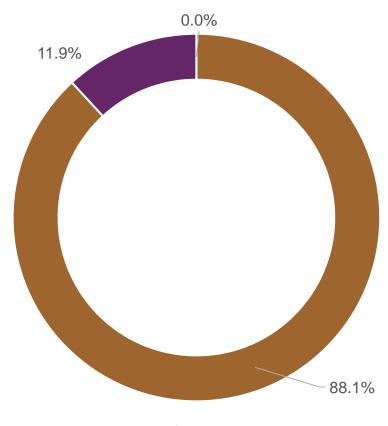
#### VOTING ACTIVITIES FOR Q4 2021 - SUMMARY

- Our Stock Pickers exercise the voting rights in respect of the stocks in which they have invested for the Company.
- Between 1 October 2021 and 31 December 2021, the Stock Pickers cast 270 votes at 26 company meetings.
- Our Stock Pickers voted on all of the proposals that could be voted on in the quarter.
- The Company's Stock Pickers voted against management on 32 proposals and abstained on none.
- Of the votes exercised against management, the key topics voted on were director related resolutions and shareholder proposals (SH - Other/misc) encouraging management transparency with respect to reporting on Gender/Racial Pay Gap, Effectiveness of workplace sexual harassment policies and alignment of lobbying activities with company policies.
- In addition to providing this quarterly update on voting activities by its Stock Pickers, the Company reports on its responsible investment strategy to its shareholders in its Annual and Interim Reports. This reporting includes details of how the Company has engaged with its investee companies as well as how its Stock Pickers have exercised its voting rights.

Source: WTW, EOS at Federated Hermes

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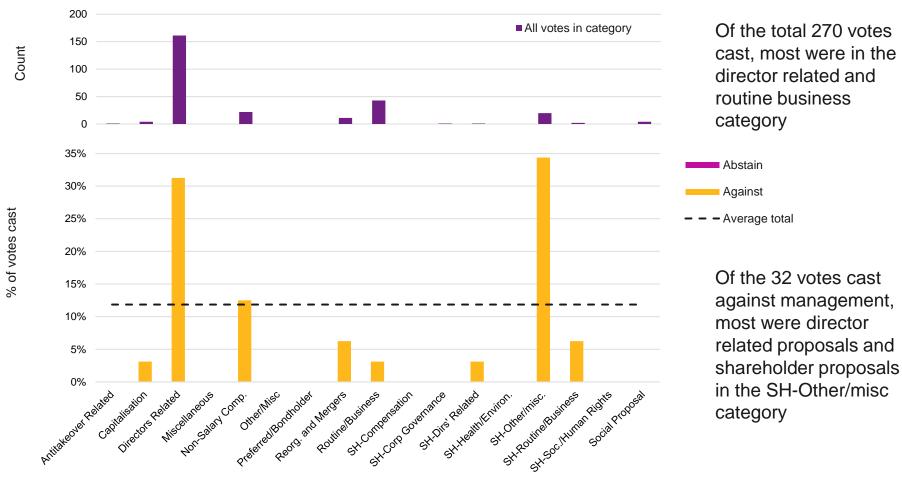
## **Voting Summary**



■ Number of votes with management ■ Number of votes against management ■ Number of votes abstained

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Source: ISS, EOS at Federated Hermes, Willis Towers Watson, data as of 31 December 2021

Note "SH" identifies shareholder resolutions



# ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



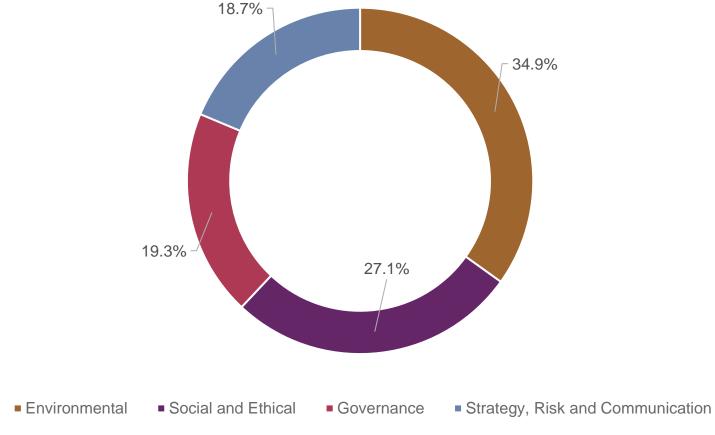
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- EOS at Federated Hermes provides voting recommendations to our Stock Pickers. It also engages with companies that the Company holds and on public policy.
- Details of the engagement activities undertaken with companies held within the portfolio are shown on the following pages.
- The full detailed report by EOS at Federated Hermes which provides a summary of their engagement activity over the year can be found on the website: <a href="https://www.hermes-investment.com/uki/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/eos-annual-review-2021-final-spreads.pdf">https://www.hermes-investment.com/uki/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/eos-annual-review-2021-final-spreads.pdf</a>

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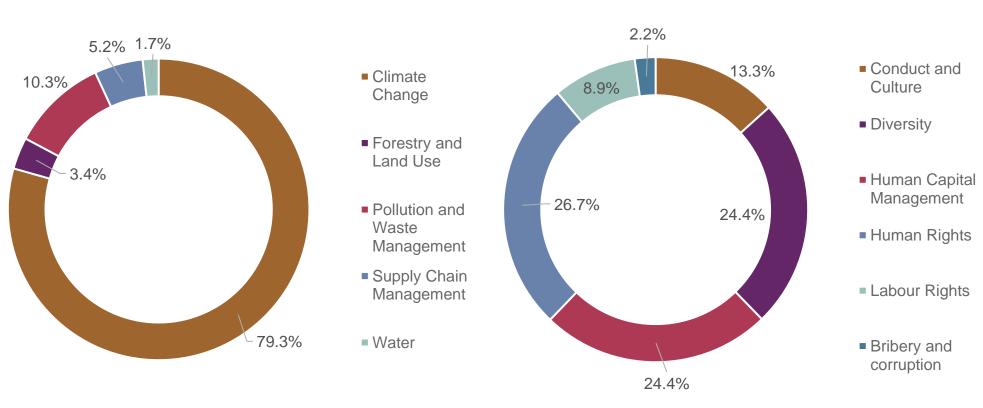
Over Q4 EOS at Federated Hermes engaged with 55 companies within the Company's portfolio on a range of 166 issues and objectives



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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

#### SOCIAL AND ETHICAL

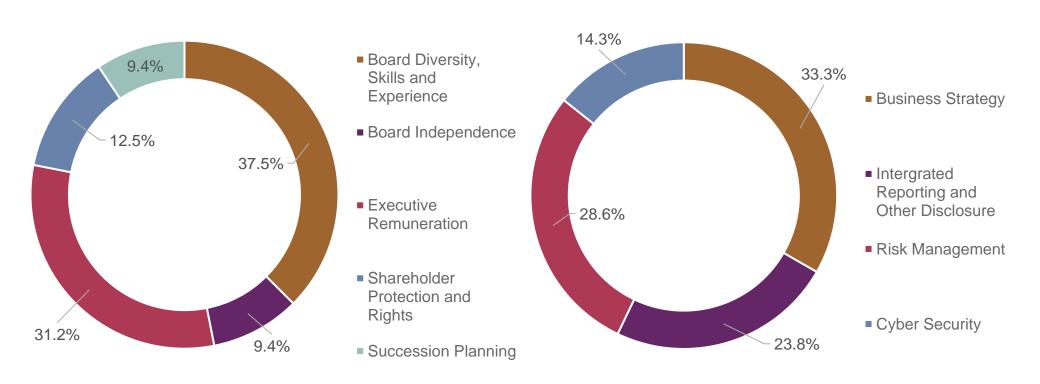




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#### **GOVERNANCE**

#### STRATEGY, RISK AND COMMUNICATION





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