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Thank you to everyone who participated in the 1st edition of our Impact/ ESG Investing Survey. The results are always informative and we very much appreciate your time and efforts in completing the survey.

### Introduction

We are excited to share the results from CCM's 1st Impact/ESG Investing Survey. In our inaugural report, we had 48 respondents including financial advisors, foundations, faith-based investors, family offices, non-profits, and healthcare organizations, among others.

The goal of our impact/ESG investing survey is to share data and insights on investment decisions, impact areas of focus, return expectations, challenges, trends, and of course, opportunities, in this rapidly growing space.

The results confirm our beliefs that investors are incorporating impact/ ESG investments into their portfolios and that impact/ESG investments will continue to grow as more and more investors look to have a positive impact on our economy and society. While a majority of respondents reported that measurement and management is still an ongoing struggle, it is important for investors to remember that risk is inherent and due diligence is required for all investments – whether impact/ESG or conventional. Lastly, it is key to find experienced impact/ESG investment professionals with track-records of both financial and impact performance and a well-applied strategy through statistics and reporting. Otherwise, the impact/ESG-labeled strategy could simply be a characteristic applied to a prospectus or presentation but does not create or deliver the impact that the investor is being promised. We hope you enjoy the survey and find the results informative. Thank you again to everyone who participated!

### Highlights of our survey include:



The **environment** is where most investors want to have a positive impact with their investments



Impact/ESG investments are performing **above or in-line** with conventional investments

**Reporting is still <u>not</u> standardized** making it difficult to measure and monitor impact/ESG investments

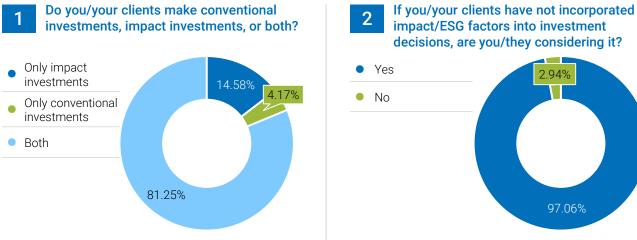


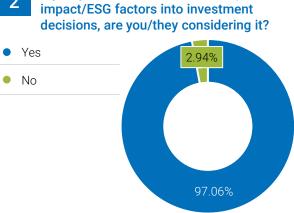
An overwhelming **85%** of respondents believe that impact/ESG investing will become a standard in the investment industry in the next **5-10 years** 



Track record/reputation/returns are the factors most important when looking at impact/ESG managers

### Impact/ESG Investing Survey Results



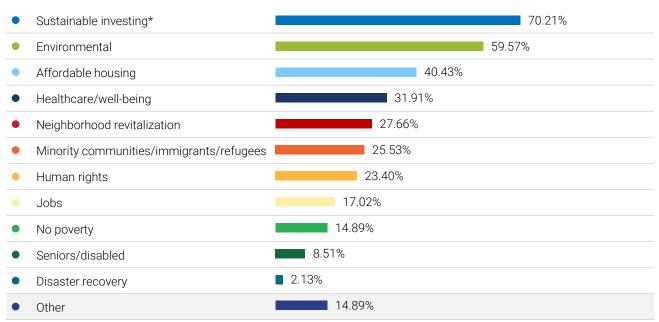


#### What motivates your organization/your clients to make Multiple answers can be selected. 3 impact/ESG investments? It is central to our mission 68.09% 65.96% Want to be a responsible investor Competitive returns 48.94% An efficient way to meet our impact goals 40.43% Contribute to global agenda 40.43% 17.02% Other

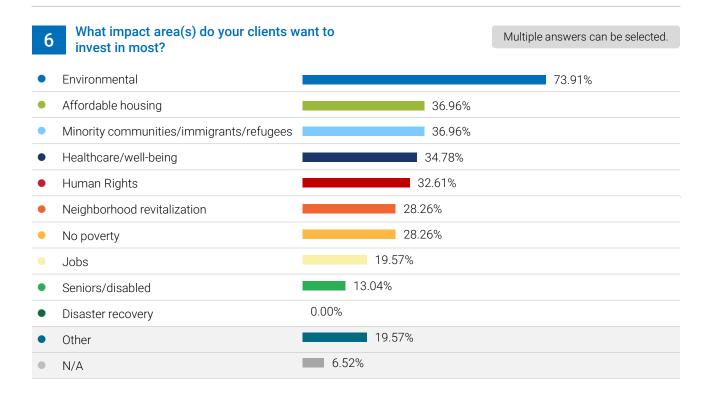
#### What are you/your clients struggles with Multiple answers can be selected. 4 impact investing? Measurement and management practices 54.17% 45.83% Reporting Understanding the definition 37.50% 22.92% Risk/return profile 20.83% Concessionary returns 6.25% Government support for the market 16.67% Other 10.42% N/A

# 5 What impact area(s) does your overall organization invest in most?

Multiple answers can be selected.



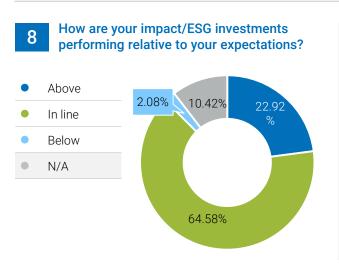
\*Sustainable investing is used here as a broad term for investment approaches that consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and their impact.

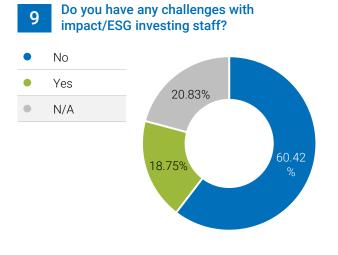




## Are there any concerns coming from board members/staff, or your clients directly? If so, what are they?

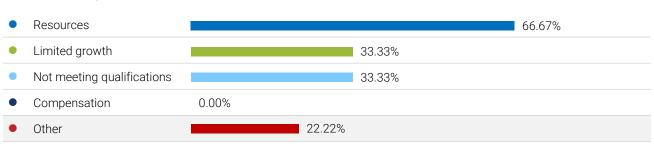
- Risk and returns
- Deal flow and vetting
- Liquidity
- Restricted opportunity set
- No GAAP financial data available
- Measurement of impactMore uniformed, third-party
- evaluation of outcomes
- Adequate investment products
- Price and performance
- Benchmark for impact investing
- Definitions
- "Greenwashing"

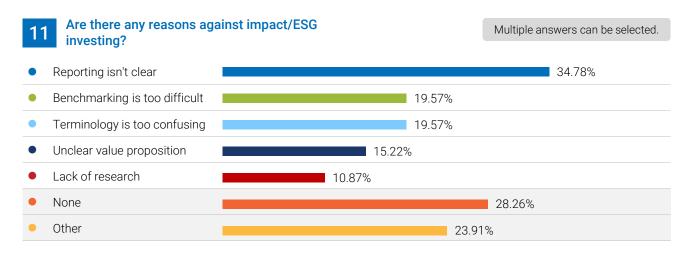


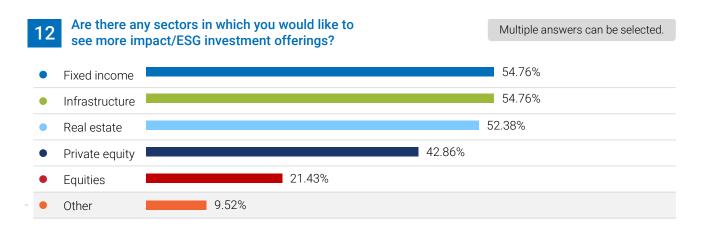


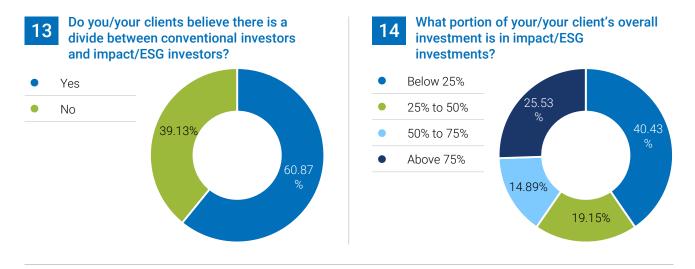
# 10 Do you have any challenges with impact/ESG investing staff?

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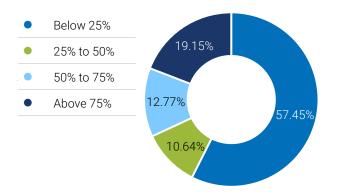




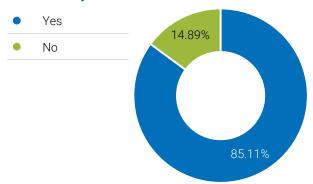


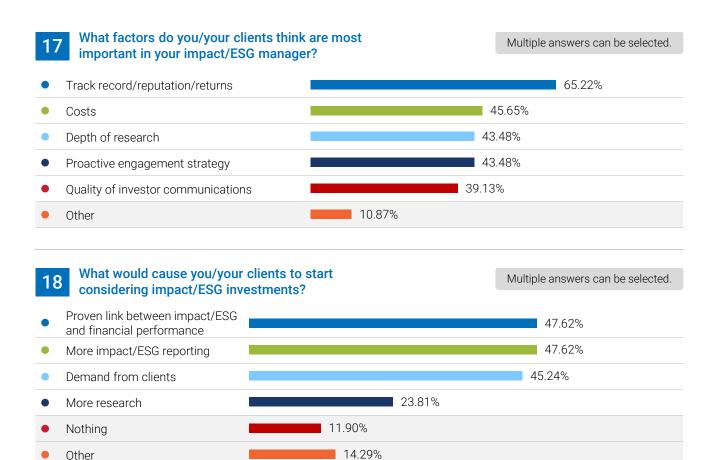


## 15 What portion of your/your clients fixed income investments are impact/ESG?



Do you believe impact/ESG investing will become an industry standard in the next 5-10 years?





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