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## **Corporate Engagement Update**

Sustainable, Responsible and Impact Investing | Bailard Wealth Management

Bailard's approach to corporate engagement focuses on both the shareholder process and supporting other stakeholders working to improve disclosures on important environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues. Bailard's Sustainable, Responsible and Impact Investing (SRII) group typically focuses its corporate engagement efforts on the following areas:

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- · Climate change
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- · Global water issues
- Biodiversity & habitat
  protection
- Sustainability reporting
- Renewable energy and decarbonization

#### SOCIAL

- Human rights
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Social justice
- Supply chain management
- Workplace practices
- Income inequality

#### GOVERNANCE

- · Shareholder rights
- Board structure & independence
- Executive compensation
- · Risk management
- $\cdot$  Ethical standards
- Policies & procedures on corporate political giving

## **Recent Activity**

#### Stakeholder Engagement

- <u>Bailard became a CDP Investor Signatory</u>
- Bailard signed on to As You Sow letter to the SEC regarding
  climate disclosure rule-making
- <u>Bailard signed on to Ceres' SEC Climate Disclosure Sign-On</u>
  <u>Statement</u>

#### **Thought Leadership**

- Bailard 9:05: <u>The Changing Calculus of Climate Change and</u> <u>Geopolitics</u> and <u>When Tech and ESG Investing Intersect</u>
- ESG Clarity: <u>War and peace Where does oil fit in?</u>
- CPG Specialist: <u>Bolthouse Farms Creates its own ESG Hub</u>
- GlobeSt.com: <u>New SEC Environmental Disclosure Rules Will</u> <u>Hit CRE Surprisingly Hard</u>

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### **Partner Organizations**

#### As You Sow

The goal of As You Sow (AYS) is to create large-scale systemic change by establishing sustainable and equitable corporate practices. Bailard supports the corporate engagement work of AYS, and Bailard's Blaine Townsend (SRII Director) has been collaborating with AYS since 1997.

www.asyousow.org

#### Ceres

Ceres works with investors specifically to better manage carbon, water and supply chain risks, and to ramp up global investments in clean energy and sustainable food and water systems. Bailard is a member of the Ceres Investor Network.

#### www.ceres.org

#### **CPA-Zicklin Index**

Bailard is a sponsor of the CPA-Zicklin Index, which benchmarks the political disclosure and accountability policies and practices of leading U.S. public companies. It is produced by the Center for Political Accountability in conjunction with the Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research.

www.politicalaccountability.net

#### CDP

CDP is a nonprofit that runs the global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts, with a focus on disclosure of carbon emissions, water use and deforestation. Bailard is a CDP Investor Signatory.

#### www.cdp.net

#### Climate Action 100+

Climate Action 100+ is an investor-led initiative organized to ensure that the world's largest corporate greenhouse gas emitters make clear commitments to cut emissions, improve governance and strengthen climaterelated financial disclosures. Bailard is a signatory of Climate Action 100+.

www.climateaction100.org

#### PRI

The PRI seeks to build a sustainable global financial system by encouraging adoption and implementation of the six Principles for Responsible Investment. Bailard is a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment. The PRI is supported by, but not part of, the United Nations.

<u>www.unpri.org</u>

#### ICCR

Bailard is an affiliate members of the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) - a membership organization of over 300 faith and values-based organizations, which engage hundreds of large multi-national corporations each year on social and environmental issues. *www.iccr.org* 

#### Moskowitz Prize

Bailard is a sponsor of the Moskowitz Prize, the premier global prize for research in sustainable and responsible finance. The prize is currently presented by Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

<u>www.kellogg.northwestern.</u> <u>edu/social-impact/academics/</u> <u>moskowitz-prize.aspx</u>

> "Disclosure on environmental and social performance is increasingly the expectation rather than the exception." – Ceres

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