

A Message from Our Management



"For us, ESG represents a long-term journey, and we are currently entering a new stage, recognizing that developments are ongoing."

28th June 2024



Dear Stakeholders,

The second edition of our ESG Report marks another significant milestone in our ongoing journey, representing an important advancement towards responsible investment and ownership. Building upon the foundation laid in our inaugural report in 2023, we have continued to strengthen our commitment to responsible investing and sustainable business practices.

In line with our commitment to continuous improvement, 2023's key highlights include the first UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) reporting and the appointment of our new ESG Manager. These milestones underscore our dedication to transparency,

accountability, and the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations into our investment strategies.

Our intrinsic motivation for this commitment stems from our belief that responsible investing not only benefits society and the environment but also enhances long-term financial performance. To further this commitment, we are developing a proprietary value creation approach that integrates ESG factors into every stage of our investment cycle.

As our ESG journey evolves, we remain focused on refining established processes, enhancing transparency, and promoting sustainable practices across our fund. We are dedicated to enabling the management of the funds' investments to focus on sustainable initiatives and will continue to prioritize data collection and expansion to ensure comprehensive reporting.

In this report, you will find detailed insights into the ESG initiatives and developments of our Afinum 9 portfolio companies over the past year. Additionally, we are pleased to offer increased transparency with a new fund-level overview introducing the PAI assessment, following regulatory disclosure requirements.

While we acknowledge the progress we have made so far, we recognize that there is always more to do. We are committed to continuous improvement and look forward to sharing our progress with you in future reports. We will continue to drive positive change and contribute to a more sustainable future.

Dr. Thomas Bühler Founder, Chairman and Head of Supervisory Board Prounder & Chairman Prounder & Chairman

Management



Kai Roolf Managing Partner



Anton Bergmann Partner & CFO¹



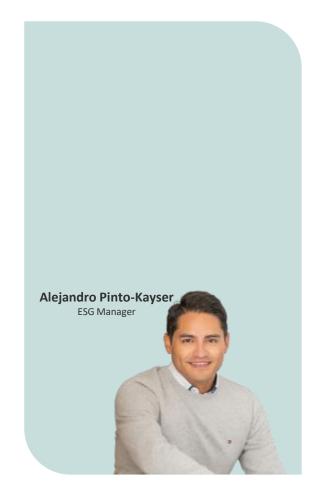
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1. Within the management team, Anton Bergmann is responsible for ESG

Introduction of Our ESG Manager

"Let's shape the path for a sustainable future together."







With a background in sustainable finance and a passion for driving positive change, I am excited to join Afinum and contribute to the development of our ESG agenda. My ambition is to work closely with our investment team to further integrate environmental, social, and governance considerations into our investment strategies, ultimately enhancing our ESG performance. Together, we will continue to refine our sustainability objectives, ensuring they align with our commitment to high standards of transparency, data integrity, and accountability.



2023 Key Numbers







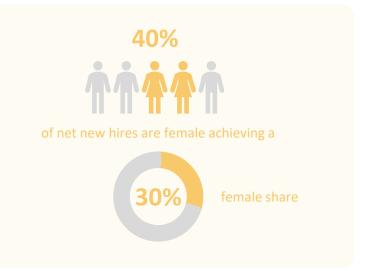


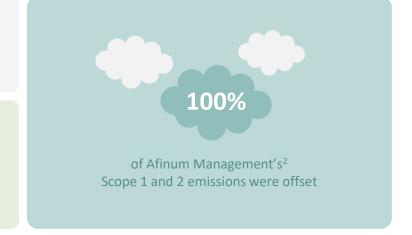


assets under management in Afinum 9

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Afinum ESG-Report with integrated Principal Adverse Impact (PAI) Assessment





Notes:

- 1. Including former fund generations.
- 2. Afinum Management, the fund's external alternative investment fund manager

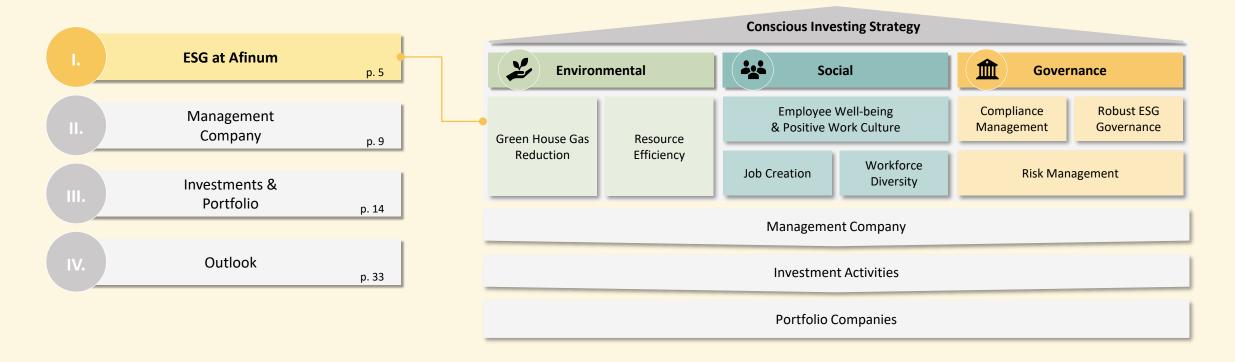
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Our Overarching ESG Strategy



Afinum is committed to promoting responsible management practices, including environmental, social, and corporate governance factors, in its internal organization, investment activities, and monitoring of portfolio companies. This commitment is at the core of our Conscious Investing Strategy, ensuring that we create value that extends beyond mere strategic and economic gains.



Our Conscious Approach to Value Creation



At Afinum, we strive to create value for our investors and society in general – deeply embedding ESG considerations in our approach.

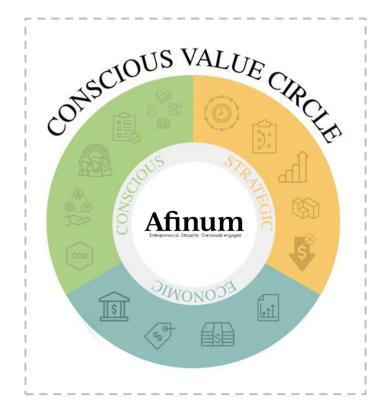
We implement this through a circle of three equally important value parts: The strategic, the economic and the conscious. Each part is split into a well-defined series of individual indicators that we believe represent relevant measurement targets for progress and thus value creation.

Our strategic value creation involves i.a. successful add-on acquisitions, the development of new business sectors, a visible extension of market leadership and in some cases international expansion. By identifying and capitalizing on opportunities for growth, Afinum aims to diversify its portfolio, enhance its market presence, increase the profitability and competitiveness and maximize shareholder value. Through a combination of strategic planning, resource allocation, and efficient management, we navigate the complexities of various markets to achieve sustainable growth and profitability.

Through capital structure optimization and increasing the top-line revenue, we are able to achieve sustainable **economic value creation** and thus generate attractive returns. Afinum follows a quantitative approach in evaluating financial KPIs¹, most notably revenues, EBITDA² and net debt development over a given period.

In addition to strategic and economic value, our team has started to structurally define and assess conscious ESG factors in relation to portfolio companies, starting even before the due diligence process. Investing primarily in family firms, we often see the portfolio companies at the very start of their ESG journey. Our commitment to ESG principles is reflected by encouraging management of the portfolio companies to start or follow up on sustainability initiatives focusing on i.a. sustainable sourcing, ethical labor practices or community engagement. In general, we typically enable management to increase awareness throughout their organization, appoint an ESG officer, drive the companies' ESG agenda and strategy, ultimately leading to significant conscious value creation.

Furthermore, we commit to ESG by anchoring a comprehensive framework at the management company level.



Notes:

- 1. Key Performance Indicator (KPI)
- 2. Earnings before interest, taxes, deprecation and amortization (EBITDA).

Robust Governance at Afinum



Recognizing strong governance as a key enabler of conscious investing: We embed our organization and portfolio in a robust governance structure for ESG.

Our overarching governance setup incorporates ESG governance for both our management company and our portfolio. A **Code of Conduct** is presented to and signed by all Afinum employees as well as portfolio company leadership. It is enforced through clear reporting lines and a rigorous **compliance management system**, leading again to **zero material ESG incidents in 2023 for Afinum 9**.

To specifically ensure resilient governance for all ESG topics, we have set up a **framework** with clear responsibilities and reporting lines from investors to management company and funds, shown on the right-hand side.

Our **newly appointed ESG manager**, will be in charge of developing and implementing ESG initiatives¹, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards, and enhancing the environmental and social performance of Afinum Management and its funds.



ESG Governance Framework Investors **Afinum Management Company Management Directors Investment Committee ESG Manager** Prev. funds Afinum 9 Portfolio Portfolio Portfolio Company Company Company Mgmt. Board Mgmt. Board Mgmt. Board **ESG Officer ESG Officer ESG Officer**

notes:

^{1.} ESG initiatives will always be implemented in compliance with the provisions of the partnership agreement on private asset management

Our Commitment to International ESG Initiatives



We commit to the UN PRI¹ and to contributing to the 17 SDGs², with seven SDGs in focus. We have set strategic goals for ourselves and our portfolio companies.

We have set well-defined, strategic goals across management company and portfolio levels and are measuring them through specific KPIs. Together with our thematic investment verticals, the strategic goals help us work towards our seven focus SDGs as illustrated below.



Environmental

Green House Gas Reduction

Ressource Efficiency



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster **innovation:** In our role as majority shareholder, we prioritize investing in and expanding of R&D capacity in the portfolio companies and push for moving to renewable energy sources.



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts: Climate action is one of the most crucial tasks of our times; we contribute by raising awareness both internally and with our portfolio and by striving to continually reduce GHG³ emissions.



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns: We implement guidelines and initiatives both internally and through shareholder decisions also ask our portfolio companies to reduce consumption and waste.



Sozial

Employee well-being and positive work culture

Workforce Diversity

Job Creation



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages: We prioritize employee well-being within our management company and encourage management of the portfolio companies to do the same. Through our healthcare vertical, we additionally invest actively in the healthcare space.



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls: We actively promote increasing the share of women in the management company as well as in the C-level in the portfolio companies and we strive to ensure equal pay across genders.



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all: We encourage the management of the portfolio companies to have safe work environments and create good jobs and apprenticeships.



Governance

Compliance Management

Robust ESG Governance

Risk Management



Successful sustainable development requires collaboration cooperation and governments, the private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders: We want to establish partnerships to promote the exchange of knowhow, mobilization of resources and implementation of best practices to develop sustainable solutions together.

Signatory of:

Principles for Responsible Investment Signatory of the UN Principles for

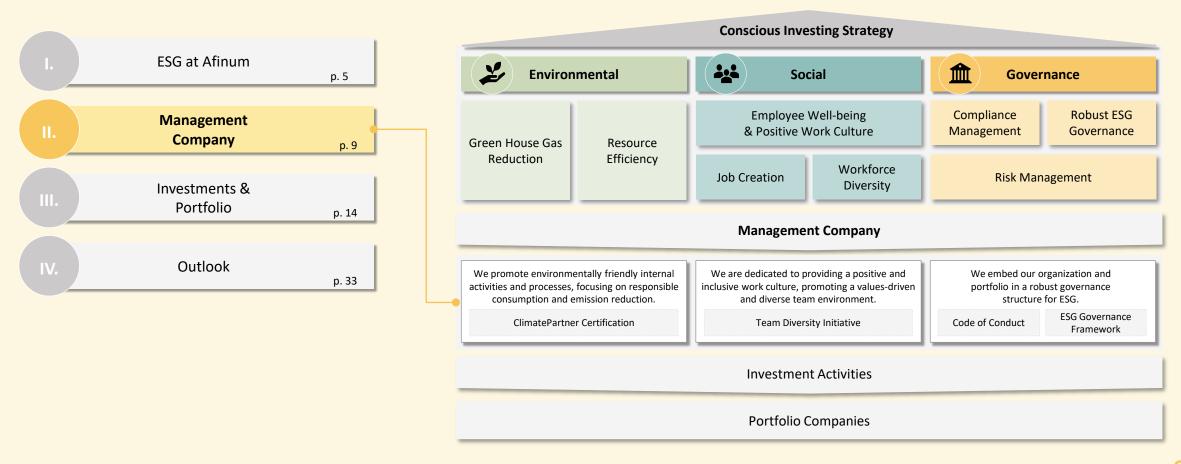
Responsible Investment (UN PRI) since 2021. We reported for the first time on our responsible **investment approach** in the reporting cycle for 2023. The report results have already been analyzed and first measures to close gaps could be initiated.

- 1. UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI).
- 2. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as defined and adopted by the UN.
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG).

ESG Approach for the Management Company



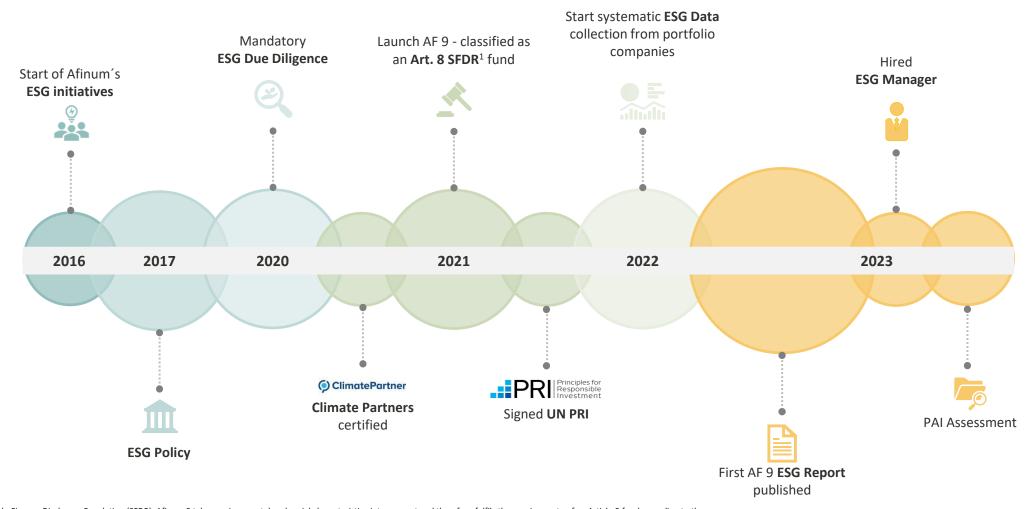
We aspire to lead by example and therefore prioritize ESG considerations at the management-company level. We are committed to promoting sustainable processes, cultivating a diverse and values-driven team, and upholding strong governance frameworks. In line with this commitment, we continuously seek to enhance our ESG practices, integrating them into our core business operations and decision-making processes.



Our ESG Journey



Responsibility has always been part of our DNA. Over the past years, we have developed a holistic and formalized approach to ESG for our management company and our Afinum 9 portfolio.



Notes:

^{1.} Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR): Afinum 9 takes environmental and social characteristics into account and therefore fulfils the requirements of an Article 8 fund according to the SFDR.

Environmental Consciousness at Afinum



Minimizing planetary harm: We promote environmentally friendly internal activities and processes, focusing on responsible consumption and emission reduction.

Management Company

At management company level, we acknowledge that our biggest impact on planet and climate is created by our business travel. In the past year, the management's initiatives have proven remarkably successful.

The introduction of the BahnCard 100 for the full investment team has significantly curbed business travel by plane and car, resulting in a reduction in emissions. This strategic shift not only demonstrates our commitment to sustainability but also underscores our proactive approach in addressing environmental concerns.

GHG emissions that we cannot avoid are being offset through our ClimatePartner certification.

In addition to reducing GHG emissions, we strive for responsible consumption of other resources and have made it explicit in our ESG policy. We promote this through regular internal trainings, thus enabling our employees to be conscious of their individual impact on our planet.

Overall, we are on a path of growth and are continuously searching for ways and initiatives to institutionalize our responsible consumption commitment.

ClimatePartner Certification

While we increase efforts to reduce our environmental footprint, we believe in compensating for the currently unavoidable emissions.

We partnered with **ClimatePartner** to support us in offsetting our unavoidable emissions. For 2023, we have compensated 77.82t CO₂ by investing in a combined project certified by Gold Standard promoting the implementation of solar lights and water filters in India as well as nature conservation programs in Germany (trackable via QR code).









Afinum's Value Framework



Prioritizing employee well-being: Dedicated to providing a positive and inclusive work culture, we promote a values-driven and diverse team environment.

"Team First" Approach

- Personal factor as the key to success: Importance of personal relationships to improve partnership and teamwork
- Emphasizing knowledge sharing and collaboration for optimal results
- Working together to overcome problems to celebrate shared successes

Female Employee Initiative

- In 2023 we conducted a recruiting campaign that increased the awareness for already existing flexible career paths to attract more female talents
- The measures taken have already shown early successes by increasing the proportion of women to **30%** across all teams
- We believe in the value of a truly diverse workforce and continuously strive towards a more inclusive culture



Empowering Growth

- From the very first day, employees assume responsibility and have the freedom to actively participate in decision-making and processes, regardless of their career level.
- Development beyond job profiles: Employees have the opportunity to grow far beyond their job descriptions and actively shape the Afinum organization

Commitment to Continuous Learning

- On-the-job training philosophy: We prioritize continuous learning in the workplace. Our team is dedicated to passing on their knowledge and supporting new employees in their roles.
- Each new employee is assigned a mentor who provides ongoing support from day one.
- Further we offer internal and external training sessions, such as our regularly occurring "Afinum Academy"

ESG Scorecard: Afinum Management Company





Environment





Social



Governance

Strategic goal	KPI	2022	2023
GHG Reduction	Tons of CO ₂ emissions per FTE ¹	6.6	3.0
	Non-renewable Energy consumption in kWh per FTE per m ²	0.7	0.36
	Renewable energy consumption in kWh per FTE per m ²		0.63
Resource Efficiency	Volumes of consumed water in cbm per FTE per m ²	14.52	7.8 ²
Employee Well-being & Positive Work Culture	Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate ³	-	-
	# Lost days of work per FTE ³	-	-
	# Sick days per FTE	2.1	2.2
	% Employee turnover (voluntary)	4.5	-
	# Training days per FTE	5.0	4.1
Job Creation	% Net new hires	4.5	18.2
Workforce Diversity	% Female (all staff / management)	27.3 / 12.5	26.9 / 12.5
	% Unadjusted gender pay gap (male-female)	n/a	n/a ⁴
Compliance Management	Afinum Code of Conduct signed by leadership team and implemented in the organization? [Y/N]	Υ Υ	Υ
Robust ESG Governance	Υ Υ	Υ	

Comments

Massive reduction in CO₂ emissions per FTE due to extensive measures in the field of business travel, as explained on page 11.

Additionally, the growth strategy is underpinned with continuing new hires and regular training sessions for employees, on the job training not included.

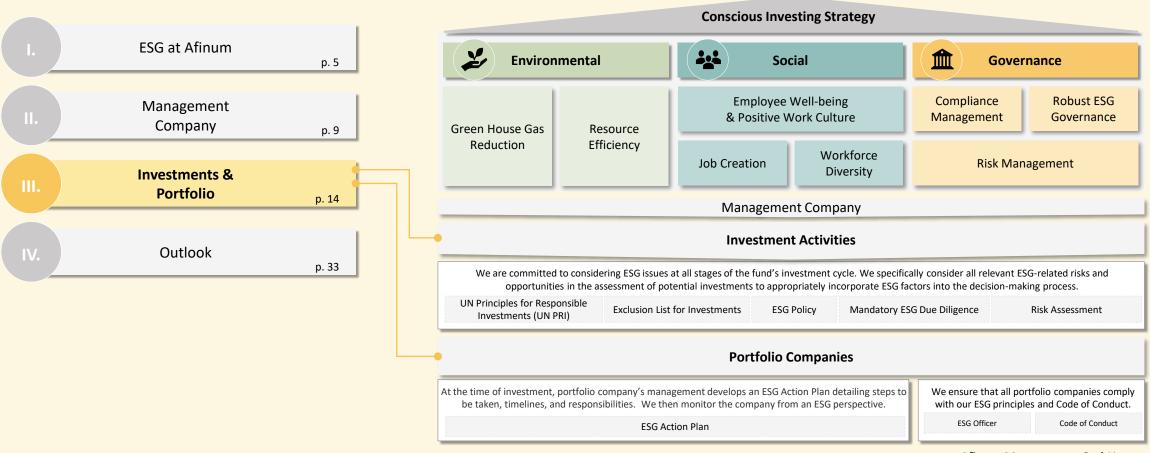
Notes: FTE 2022: 22.00 FTE 2023: 26.00

- 1. Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE).
- 3. Indicators for LTIFR and lost days of work are not applicable as the company does not operate a production facility.
- 4. No disclosure due to small number of employees.

ESG Approach for Our Portfolio



Through our comprehensive Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) assessments, we diligently ensure that our investments are not only financially sound but also ethically and socially responsible. It is our commitment to invest in companies whose values align with ours, promoting positive change and contributing to a more equitable and sustainable world.



ESG Approach for Our Portfolio Companies



Our investment team takes ESG into account from the Initial Analysis, through the Due Diligence transaction stage, and as shareholder during the holding phase.

ESG Policy

Our ESG policy serves as a guiding framework for all corporate activities, emphasizing our commitment to transparency, ethical conduct, and long-term value creation.

ESG Due Diligence

In parallel to all other due diligence workstreams, our ESG advisory firm ERM conducts a comprehensive assessment of the target's material ESG risks and issues.

ESG Officer

The management of the portfolio company appoints an ESG Officer who typically leads the implement-tation and collaboration with the various stakeholders. Thus, clear ownership of progress on ESG is ensured.

KPI-Tracking

To ensure our portfolio companies' ESG progress is tracked, we have introduced standardized KPIs¹ at acquisition that are measured annually by all companies of AF9². Based on collected data, we were able to calculate a wide scope of mandatory PAI-indicators³ acc. to SFDR.



Exclusion List

Afinum has a strict "Exclusion List" as defined in our ESG Policy, which is applied fundwide and prohibits investments in industries that we do not deem ethical (e.g., weapons production and arms trade, gambling).

Notes:

- 1. Key-Performance-Indicators (KPIs).
- 2. Afinum 9.
- 3. Principal Adverse Impact (PAI).

ESG Risk Assessment

The evaluation of potential ESG risks includes examining operational activities and the target's position within the value chain. Our investment committee is involved in all stages of the acquisition process and has, at any point in time, the opportunity to decide against a transaction based on ESG risks. Several potential targets were not pursued primarily due to governance or integrity weaknesses.

ESG Action Plan

Through identification and prioritization of risks and opportunities in the ESG space, an action plan is developed by the management of the portfolio companies and other stakeholders. Details of mitigation actions, timelines, and responsibilities are agreed upon.

Code of Conduct

Compliance is ensured through the signing of the Afinum Code of Conduct by the management of every portfolio company at the time of investment. If the portfolio is not already compliant, adequate measures are included in the ESG Action Plan.

Overview of Afinum 9 Portfolio¹



















E-learning platform for anglers

Specialized provider of highly miniaturized PCBs⁵

Provider of "managed cloud services" Premium bakery-led food-service concept

High-precision stencils and screens for technical printing

Software for medical technology

Specialist in lifting and motion control technology



Location

Germany

Switzerland

Germany

Germany

Germany / Hungary

Germany

Germany



Staff ²

31

260

92

442

137

48

228



Headquarter

Plochingen

Küssnacht am Rigi

Hofkirchen

Berlin

Ottobrunn

Freiburg

Wurzen



Invested in since

12/2021

12/2021

05/2022

07/2022

10/2022

02/2023

06/2023

Notes

- 1. Overview of companies held in the AF9 portfolio at the end of 2023
- 2. Staff reported in FTEs at the end of 2023
- 3. Participating with co-investor
- 4. Minority interest.
- 5. Printed circuit boards



ESG Snapshot: Fishing Base







Stakeholder Engagement in Tyrol.



Sustainable packaging for fishing baits.



Phthalate-free rubber bait

The leading digital platform in the angling sector in the Germanspeaking region.

Based in Plochingen, Fishing Base¹ unifies the largest online-based fishing school in the German-speaking region with well-known eCommerce for fishing tackle.

Selected ESG focus areas

Sustainable Fishing Equipment

By developing and selling environmentally friendly tools like phthalate²-free rubber baits or lead-free hooks the company wants to drive a sustainable change within the fishing industry. Unlike conventional products, these items are free from toxic substances ensuring the protection of aquatic ecosystems. The company further introduces sustainable packaging for fishing baits, avoiding single-use plastic to mitigate environmental impact. By collaborating closely with its community, Fishing Base ensures continuous improvement of its products and materials.

Stakeholder Engagement

Fishing Base invests in building strong relationships with angling associations and environmental authorities. For instance, the company collaborates with the local fishing association in Tyrol to enhance biodiversity and the health of fish stocks through innovative techniques such as cocooning and artificial nesting strategies.

"We educate the next generation of sustainable fishers.'

Corporate mission of Fishing Base

2023 Highlights



Expansion of employment opportunities for people with disabilities commissioning sheltered workshops to assemble the "beginnersets".



Sold over 3,000 "beginner sets" packed with sustainable fishing equipment.

2024 Initiatives



Increase customer basket size to mitigate environmental harm associated with shipping.



Cooperation with new partners such as Capt'n Greenfin and which Fishstone, provide environmentally friendly products for the fishing industry.

- 1. Change of name as part of the consolidation process in March 2023.
- 2. Plasticizer for plastic

ESG Scorecard: Fishing Base





Environment













Strategic goal	KPI	2022	2023	
GHG Reduction	Tons of CO ₂ emissions/EUR 100k Revenue	0.1	0.1	
	Non-renewable Energy consumption in kWh/EUR 100k Revenue	832	483	
	Renewable energy consumption in kW/EUR 100k Revenue	n/a	325	
Resource Efficiency	Volumes of consumed water in cbm/EUR 100k Revenue	1.6	0.96	
Employee Well-being &	Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate ¹	-	-	
Positive Work Culture	# Lost days of work per FTE ¹	-	-	
	# Sick days per FTE	9.1	5.6	
	% Employee turnover (voluntary)	17.0	29.22	
	# Training days per FTE	5.7	5.7	
Job Creation	% Net new hires	-6.8	16.23	
Workforce Diversity	% Female (all staff / management) 38.0 /		44.0 / 10.5	
	% Unadjusted gender pay gap (male-female)	n/a	45.3	
Compliance Management	Afinum Code of Conduct signed by leadership team and implemented in the organization? [Y/N]		Y	
Robust ESG Governance	Υ	Υ		

Comments

Emerging from a low CO₂ baseline, the company achieved further reduction by increasing the use of public transportation.

Additionally Fishing Base reduced its energy consumption by creating a combined and highly modernized headquarter in Plochingen.

Notably high employee turnover rates, primarily attributed to the prevalence of short-term temporary workers within the warehouse.

Notes: FTE 2022: 29.40 FTE 2023: 30.80

^{1.} Indicators for LTIFR and lost days of work are not applicable as the company does not operate a production facility.

ESG Snapshot: Swiss Technology Group







Miniaturized circuit boards for **medical technology**.



Waste reduction through copper recovery.

Improving people's quality of life by providing medical technology and applications.

The Swiss Technology Group comprises GS Swiss PCB, a leading manufacturer of highly miniaturized circuit boards for medical technology, and Hofstetter Group, a full-service provider of circuit board coatings in Europe. The companies have a market-leading position in medical technology and focus on applications such as implantable defibrillators and hearing aids, thus contributing to a better quality of life for their users.

Selected ESG focus areas¹

Use of Resources

GS Swiss` primary contribution as an industrial player lies in the effective utilization of resources. Therefore, GS Swiss strives to optimize energy and material consumption by reusing water, chemicals and waste. For instance, the company plans to implement processes for copper recovery, thus contributing to circular economy and decarbonization.

Data Protection Meassures

GS Swiss implemented measures to improve data security and protect sensitive information from potential threats. By appointing a designated data protection officer, the company ensures compliance with the requirements of the data protection law. The newly appointed officer oversees regulatory compliance monitoring, conducts employee training sessions, and serves as a point of contact for data security. This commitment not only fortifies defenses against potential breaches but also demonstrates a proactive step towards responsible business practices.

Community Engagement

The company further sponsors an economic education week at a local high school, demonstrating its committeeent to corporate social responsibility and engagement in the development of future talents.

lotes:

1. ESG initiative focus on GS Swiss, as Hofstetter was an add-on acquisition at the end of 2023 with only limited information.

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"State-of-the-art printed circuit boards for products that improve people's lives. "

Corporate mission of STG

2023 Highlights



Reduction of energy consumption by installation of highly energyefficient compressors.



Signing of Code of Conducts by employees and bodies of the company.

2024 Initiatives



Connection to district heating to reduce emission of CO₂



Utilizing the waste heat generated by compressors for heating the company's facilities.



Implementing EcoVadis certification as a foundation for structured and sustainable ESG initiatives.

ESG Scorecard: Swiss Technology Group





Environment





Social





Strategic goal	KPI	2022	2023
GHG Reduction	Tons of CO ₂ emissions/EUR 100k Revenue	4.0	5.5
	Non-renewable Energy consumption in kWh/EUR 100k Revenue	9,771	13,690
	Renewable energy consumption in kW/EUR 100k Revenue	-	-
Resource Efficiency	volumes of consumed water in cbm/EUR 100k Revenue		
Employee Well-being & Positive Work Culture			35.15
	# Lost days of work per FTE	0.7	1.6
	# Sick days per FTE	12.8	11.2
	% Employee turnover (voluntary)	12.2	6.6
	# Training days per FTE	0.2	0.7
Job Creation	% Net new hires	8.7	1.7
Workforce Diversity	% Female (all staff / management)	34.3 / 15.3	29.6 / 14.4
	% Unadjusted gender pay gap (male-female)	n/a	14.8 ¹
Compliance Management Afinum Code of Conduct signed by leadership team and implemented in the organization? [Y/N]		Υ	Υ
Robust ESG Governance	Υ	Υ	

Comments

STG recorded a notable increase in energy as well as water consumption, which can be attributed to the company's growth in 2023.

Significant improvement in training days, indicating the company's commitment providing skill opportunities that match future work requirements.

Notes: FTE 2022: 172.60 FTE 2023: 260.15 1. Data for GS Swiss PCB AG only.

ESG Snapshot: synaforce

synaf rce



PV systems at the Hofkirchen site.



Energy-efficient data centre at the Hofkrichen site.



Providing cloud services using an energy-efficient data center and addressing social responsibility.

synaforce is an association of data center experts and connects companies and data on a completely new level. This new network is driving innovation and shaping the future. Their services include cloud computing, colocation, software solutions, managed services, and data security.

Selected ESG focus areas

Renewable energy sources

The expanded photovoltaic system now covers 25% of the company's total energy demand. Further, the missing energy is fully covered by renewable energies since 2023. This shift ensures sustainable and emission-free solutions for the infrastructure of the high-end data centers located in Hofkirchen and Mainz. Not only have these measures optimized the operating costs of the data centers but have also made substantial contribution to sustainability.

Innovative cooling systems

In addition, the company uses innovative cooling and uninterruptible power supply systems for its data centers, allowing a reduction in energy consumption to a minimum.

With a Power usage effectiveness (PUE) value of less than 1.1, the data centers are among the most energy-efficient in the world.

Energy audit

Further synaforce meets the requirements of the energy audit conducted by "Green Aktiv" according to "DIN-EN 16274-1". As part of the assessment, the facilities, buildings and operational processes were evaluated in terms of energy efficiency. This involved quantifying energy inputs and outputs within the company, followed by meticulous balancing. As a result of the audit, the company and its buildings have been deemed in an "excellent energy position", indicating that only minor additional measures can be taken.



"Our energy management enables us to provide top cloud services while minimizing the carbon footprint."

Peter Hartl, CEO

2023 Highlights



Creating opportunities, particularly in local associations, to encourage young people to take social responsibility.



Obtaining nearly 100% of the consumption from energy renewable energy sources.



Electrification of the company's vehicle fleet by approving 9 electronic vehicles and installating 4 charging stations.

2024 Initiatives



Optimizing the recruiting process and increase the number of FTEs.

ESG Scorecard: synaforce





Environment





Social





Strategic goal	KPI	2022	2023
GHG Reduction	Tons of CO ₂ emissions/EUR 100k Revenue	3.2	3.8
	Non-renewable Energy consumption in kWh/EUR 100k Revenue	10,168	125
	Renewable energy consumption in kW/EUR 100k Revenue	n/a	9,164
Resource Efficiency	Volumes of consumed water in cbm/EUR 100k Revenue	6.1	8.1
Employee Well-being & Positive Work Culture	Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate ¹	-	-
	# Lost days of work per FTE ¹	-	-
	# Sick days per FTE	7.7	8.0
	% Employee turnover (voluntary)	5.2	22.9
	# Training days per FTE	0.6	1.35
Job Creation	% Net new hires	15.5	-3.3
Workforce Diversity	% Female (all staff / management)	34.3 / 0.0	14.3 / 20.0
	% Unadjusted gender pay gap (male-female)	n/a	10.4
Compliance Management Afinum Code of Conduct signed by leadership team and implemented in the organization? [Y/N]		Υ	Y
Robust ESG Governance ESG Officer appointed? [Y/N]		Υ	Υ

Comments

Despite to the company's significant growth in 2023 the ratio between energy consumption and revenue remained steady.

Due to four employees on long-term sick leave, days per FTE increased in 2023.

The increase in voluntary departures can be ascribed to the consolidation process.

Notes: FTE 2022: 19.40 FTE 2023: 91.74

ESG Snapshot: Zeit für Brot







Grain fields of the main supplier "Gut Rosenkranz".



Zeit für Brot features **lime honey** in all its bakeries.

Premium food concept committed to responsible and sustainable sourcing and production across the entire value chain.

Zeit für Brot operates an experience-led premium bakery concept, evolving around fresh bread and pastry products, manufactured processing only organic and local raw ingredients in open "experience bakery" units in each store.

Selected ESG focus areas

Supply Chain Management

Zeit für Brot sources its ingredients primarily from "Gut Rosenkranz", a supplier of organic baking raw materials and grains, certified by the "Bioland" association. Through the implementation of organic farming practices, such as nutrient cycling, the supplier optimizes resource utilization and maintains soil fertility. At the same time, the absence of nitrogenous mineral fertilizers and the humus-rich soils reduce the amount of CO_2 in the atmosphere. Furthermore, organic farming mitigates pollution by avoiding environmentally toxic substances, thus protecting ecosystems and groundwater.

Product Portfolio

In addition to premium bakery products Zeit für Brot now features lime honey in all its bakeries, by collaborating with local honey producer "TanteLy". By maintaining close communication with beekeepers, the company continuously seeks out more sustainable solutions across the entire value chain, like improving the transportation efficiency, adopting more sustainable packaging materials and reducing water consumption. Overall, beekeeping is essential for the preservation of biodiversity, as most of the plants depend on pollination by bees.

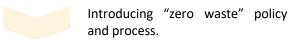
Professional career path

By investing in outstanding apprenticeship and training programs, Zeit für Brot promotes and reinforces the professional skills and prospects of young people. Furthermore, collaborative teamwork is encouraged across the company.

"As a member of Bioland, we believe in sustainable management, are committed to good and fair food for everyone and are conscious in our approach to food."

Stephan Heinrich, Managing Director

2023 Highlights



Charta of diversity signee.

Donating leftover baked goods to local foodbanks (Tafel) rescuing 100 tons of food monthly and supporting thouasands of people in need.

2024 Initiatives

Implementation of a Supplier Code of Conduct.

Introducing general act on equal treatment training.



ESG Scorecard: Zeit für Brot





Environment









Strategic goal	КРІ	2022	2023
GHG Reduction	Tons of CO ₂ emissions/EUR 100k Revenue	1.3	1.0
	Non-renewable Energy consumption in kWh/EUR 100k Revenue	7,365	1,148
	Renewable energy consumption in kW/EUR 100k Revenue		4,585
Resource Efficiency	53.6	51.3	
Employee Well-being & Positive Work Culture	Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate	23.5	30.0
	# Lost days of work per FTE	0.4	0.5
	# Sick days per FTE	18.3	13.1
	% Employee turnover (voluntary)	61.4	61.1
	# Training days per FTE	4.0	4.0
Job Creation	% Net new hires	20.7	37.6
Workforce Diversity	% Female (all staff / management)	50.0 / 37.6	44.4 / 39.6
	% Unadjusted gender pay gap (male-female)	n/a	-17.0
Afinum Code of Conduct signed by leadership team and implemented in the organization? [Y/N]		Υ Υ	Υ
Robust ESG Governance	Υ	Υ	

Comments

Zeit für Brot successfully achieved a slight reduction in energy consumption while also transitioning to utilizing 80 % sustainable energy sources.

Despite significant growth the company's greenhouse gas emissions and water consumption remained stable.

Zeit für Brot has continued its strong expansion with the recruitment of 161 net new employees in 2023.

Notes: FTE 2022: 352.30 FTE 2023: 441.80 1. Estimate.

ESG Snapshot: Christian Koenen Group









Reusing packaging materials for new products.



Precision screen for manufacturing dve-sensitised solar cells.

A technology leader that demonstrates social and environmental stewardship.

Christian Koenen Group is a global technology and European market leader in the development and manufacture of high-precision premium stencils and screens. These are mission-critical tools in technical printing processes and are broadly applicable across various industries, including electronics, semiconductor, medtech, and renewable energies.

Selected ESG focus areas

Recycling

Christian Koenen Goup re-collects, environment-consciously cleans and re-uses screen frames and packaging materials for new products. By implementing such practices, the company not only extends the lifespan of these components but also actively contributes to circular economy, resulting in a significant reduction of metal and paper waste.

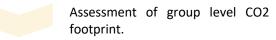
Supply Chain Monitoring

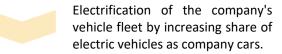
Christian Koenen Group conducts a supplier self-assessment, ensuring adherence to standards concerning environmental, health, and safety issues at the workplace. This proactive approach enhances transparency and accountability throughout the entire supply chain, promoting responsible business practices and minimizing risks associated with non-compliance. The next step is to visit the companies in person and gain firsthand insights regarding ESG concerns.

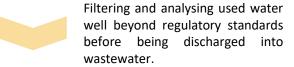
"As a future-oriented company, environmental protection is part of our corporate objective."

Michael Pantel, ESG Officer

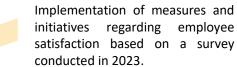
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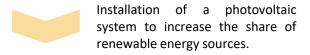






Increasing number of training sessions on employee qualification and leadership programs.





ESG Scorecard: Christian Koenen Group





Environment





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Strategic goal	KPI	2022	2023
GHG Reduction	Tons of CO ₂ emissions/EUR 100k Revenue ¹	n/a	3.24
	Non-renewable Energy consumption in kWh/EUR 100k Revenue	10,561	8,779
	Renewable energy consumption in kW/EUR 100k Revenue	n/a	2,801
Resource Efficiency	Volumes of consumed water in cbm/EUR 100k Revenue	15.6	16.9
Employee Well-being & Positive Work Culture	Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate	11.4	11.7
	# Lost days of work per FTE	0.2	0.3
	# Sick days per FTE	9.9	10.9
	% Employee turnover (voluntary)	9.4	20.4
	# Training days per FTE	0.4	0.3
Job Creation	% Net new hires	-1.4	5.8
Workforce Diversity	% Female (all staff / management)	28.8 / 0.0	28.5 / 0.0
	% Unadjusted gender pay gap (male-female)	n/a	16.8
Compliance Management	Afinum Code of Conduct signed by leadership team and implemented in the organization? [Y/N]	Υ	Υ
Robust ESG Governance	ESG Officer appointed? [Y/N]	Υ	Υ

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25% of the company's total energy demand from sustainable sources.

Lost Time Incidents increased but remained at a very low level which can be attributed to and the company's commitment to maintaining safe working a environment.

High voluntary employee turnover due to employee insecurities arising within the transformation process.

ESG Snapshot: mymediset



With five locations worldwide, mymediset is the leading cloud platform for medical devices supply chain that runs inside SAP. The company provides innovative solutions for managing complex loan, consignment and field inventory processes.

Selected ESG focus areas

Sustainable decision-making

Using the newst AI technology, mymediset helps companies to improve sustainable decision making in the entire downstream logistics process. Therefore, the platform evaluates parameters including inventory levels at central and regional warehouses, geographical distances and logistical factors such as transportation methods, selecting the most sustainable option.

Waste redcution

Further, mymediset offers full visibility of the shelf lives in warehouses. By using alert management for products with limited shelf-life and automated field transfers for products nearing expiration dates, mymediset helps companies to minimize waste.

Boosting circularity

mymediset improves circularity of medical loan sets and rental equipment by delivering transparency and comprehensive traceability during the entire process. Instead of disposing the items after use, they are returned, refurbished and reused, thus closing the loop. This proactive approach not only maximizes the lifespan of the products but also increases resource-efficiency and cost effectiveness.



mymediset

Sustainable decision-making through the entire downstream logistics

process of medical devices.



"Empowering your sustainability journey with mymediset."

Company's Go Green initiative

2023 Highlights



Reducing the corporate carbon footprint by implementing mobile work and employee.



Created a preliminary Code of Conduct.



Supporting community and charity initiatives, including a cycling organization and school projects.

024 Initiatives



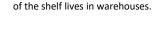
Extend the Code of Conduct.



Adjusting compliance guidelines.



Promoting reinforcing prospects of female employees by organizing a yearly women's club meeting.



Waste reduction through full visibility

ESG Scorecard: mymediset











Social





Strategic goal	2022	2023		
GHG Reduction	Tons of CO ₂ emissions/EUR 100k Revenue ¹	n/a	4.6	
	Non-renewable Energy consumption in kWh/EUR 100k Revenue	n/a	n/a	
	Renewable energy consumption in kW/EUR 100k Revenue	n/a	n/a	
Resource Efficiency	Resource Efficiency Volumes of consumed water in cbm/EUR 100k Revenue			
Employee Well-being &	-being & Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate ²		-	
Positive Work Culture	# Lost days of work per FTE ²	n/a	-	
	# Sick days per FTE	n/a	13.1	
	% Employee turnover (voluntary)	n/a	12.5	
	# Training days per FTE	n/a	-	
Job Creation	% Net new hires	n/a	12.5	
Workforce Diversity	% Female (all staff / management)	 n/a / n/a	37.5 / 20.0	
	% Unadjusted gender pay gap (male-female)	n/a		
Compliance Management Afinum Code of Conduct signed by leadership team and implemented in the organization? [Y/N]		n/a	Υ	
Robust ESG Governance	obust ESG Governance ESG Officer appointed? [Y/N]			

Comments

First-time collection data mymediset and therefore explanations on YoY-growth.

Notes: FTE 2023: 48.00

2. Indicators for LTIFR and lost days of work are not applicable as the company does not operate a production facility.

^{1.} Monitoring systems are only in place for 2023, data for 2022 cannot be reliably collected in retrospect.

ESG Scorecard: Liftket



















Strategic goal	2022	2023		
GHG Reduction	Tons of CO ₂ emissions/EUR 100k Revenue ¹	n/a	1.2	
	Non-renewable Energy consumption in kWh/EUR 100k Revenue	n/a	2,218	
	Renewable energy consumption in kW/EUR 100k Revenue	n/a	-	
Resource Efficiency	Resource Efficiency Volumes of consumed water in cbm/EUR 100k Revenue			
Employee Well-being & Positive Work Culture	byee Well-being & Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate		19.0	
	# Lost days of work per FTE	n/a	0.24	
	# Sick days per FTE	n/a	20.7	
	% Employee turnover (voluntary)	n/a	6.6	
	# Training days per FTE	n/a	0.26	
Job Creation	% Net new hires	n/a	7.0	
Workforce Diversity	% Female (all staff / management)	n/a / n/a	19.3 / 9.1	
	% Unadjusted gender pay gap (male-female)	n/a	7.2	
Compliance Management Afinum Code of Conduct signed by leadership team and implemented in the organization? [Y/N] ²		n/a	N	
Robust ESG Governance	n/a	N		

Comments

Lifket is a minority investment in AF9. Therefore, only the collected data is provided, without further explanations.

Notes: FTE 2023: 228.00

2. Minority interest.

Consolidated data at fund level - PAI Assessment (1/2)



As part of our KPI assessment, we have consolidated the collected data at the fund level and applied the requirements of the SFDR framework to selected Principal Adverse Impacts (PAIs) indicators to further meet the fund's disclosure requirements.

	GHG Emissions ¹	PAI 1
tors	Carbon footprint	PAI 2
ed indica	GHG intensity of investee companies	PAI 3
tal-relate	Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	PAI 4
ironmen	Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production	PAI 5
her envi	Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector ⁴	PAI 6
Climate and other environmental-related indicators	Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas ⁵	PAI 7
Clima	Emissions to water ⁵	PAI 8
	Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio ⁵	PAI 9

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0.02	5.69	2.81	0.33	0.95	0.86	0.26
0.04	16.81	12.32	0.94	3.02	3.78	0.79
no	no	no	no	no	no	no
59.2%	100.0%	1.3%	20.0%	75.8%	n/a²	100.0%
-	136.91	- 1	57.34	115.52	-	22.18
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Notes:

- 1. Scope 3 emissions are not included due to data collection complexity.
- 2. As a subtenant, mymediset has no access to the energy consumption and its composition.
- 3. Average value across al portfolio companies.
- 4. No disclosure is required if the company does not operate in a high-impact climate sector as defined by the SFDR
- 5. Despite the absence of negative impacts, no disclosures are made if no data are available.

Consolidated data at fund level - PAI Assessment (2/2)



Indicators for social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters	Violations of UNGC principles or OECD guidelines for MNEs ¹	PAI 10
	Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms for UNGC principles and OECD guidelines for MNEs ¹	PAI 11
	Unadjusted gender pay gap	PAI 12
	Board gender diversity	PAI 13
	Exposure to controversial weapons	PAI 14
	Number of days lost to injuries, accidents, fatalities or illness ⁴	Table 3 PAI 3

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45.3%	14.8%²	10.4	-17.0%	17.0%	45.9%	7%
10.5%	14.4%	20.0%	39.6%	0.0%	50.0%	9.1%
no	no	no	no	no	no	no
0.0	129.43	0.0	20.83	3.55	0.0	3.54

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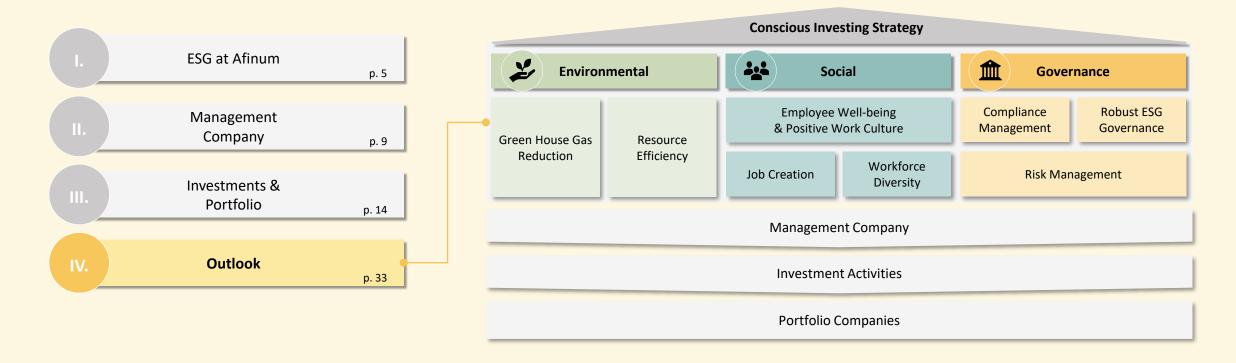
We expand and review our database at regular intervals. However, data collection processes pose a significant challenge for small companies. Therefore, the management of the portfolio companies will continuously evaluate internal processes to improve data output.

- 1. Despite the absence of negative impacts, no disclosures are made if no data are available.
- 2. Data for GS Swiss PCB AG only.
- 3. Average value across al portfolio companies.
- 4. Additional non-mandatory PAI.

Outlook



At Afinum, we are committed to continuously advancing our ESG practices. We recognize the importance of engaging with stakeholders to ensure that our ESG initiatives are comprehensive and effective. To achieve this, we proactively stay abreast of evolving regulatory standards and best practices. By closely monitoring regulatory changes and industry trends, we ensure that our investments not only are fully regulatory compliant but aslo meet investors expectations.



Outlook and ESG Priorities



Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to integrating ESG considerations into our investment decisions and operations, and we are committed to further advancing our ESG agenda to create sustainable value for all stakeholders.



Advancing Afinum's ESG Agenda: We will expand our ESG agenda to include new initiatives and targets aimed at further enhancing sustainability and responsible business practices across our portfolio.

Ensuring Data Quality: We will continue to prioritize data quality by implementing robust processes to collect, analyze, and report ESG-related data accurately and transparently.

Empowerment: As the majority shareholder, we will further empower the management of the portfolio companies to focus on their ESG journeys and facilitate the implementation of ESG best practices and initiatives.

Ensuring Compliance: We will ensure compliance with ESG-related disclosure requirements, providing transparent and comprehensive reporting on our ESG performance and initiatives.





Appendix

Appendix: Abbreviations and sources



Abbreviations

Afinum Management Afinum Management GmbH, the fund's external alternative investment fund manager (AIFM)

AF9 Afinum Fund 9 (AFINUM Neunte Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH & Co. geschlossene Investment-KG)

DD Due Diligence

EBITDA Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization

EHS Environment, Health and Safety
ESG Environmental, Social, Governance

FTE Full-time equivalent GHG Greenhouse gas

KPI Key performance indicator
PAI Principal Adverse Impact
PCB Printed circuit board

SDGs Sustainable Development Goals

SFDR Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

YoY Year-over-year

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Appendix: KPI Definitions Management Company









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Appendix: KPI Definitions Portfolio Companies





	Strategic Goal	КРІ	Details for Measurement at Portfolio Companies
~	GHG Reduction	Tons of CO₂ emissions/EUR 100k Revenue	We identify emitted CO_2 to the extent of Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions per EUR 100k revenue. For green electricity sourced from the power grid, we assume a value of 0 g $CO2e/kWh$.
ment		Non-renewable Energy consumption in kWh/EUR 100k Revenue	We identify the amount of consumed non-renewable energy in kWh per EUR 100k sales based upon electricity and heating usage.
nviron		Renewable energy consumption in kWh/EUR 100k Revenue	We identify the amount of consumed renewable energy in kWh per EUR 100k sales based upon electricity and heating usage.
늅	Resource Efficiency	Volumes of consumed water in cbm/EUR 100k Revenue	We identify the amount of consumed water in cbm per EUR 100k revenue on the basis of utility billing.
	Employee Well-being & Positive Work Culture	Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR)	We assess the number of accidents leading to a lost time > 1 day that occurred per one million hours of work during the reporting period.
		# Lost days of work per FTE	We assess the number of working days lost due to occupational injury or illness per FTE during the reporting period.
		# Sick days per FTE	We assess the number of working days lost over total workdays due to illness per FTE during the reporting period.

ESG Officer appointed?



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	# Sick days per FTE	We assess the number of working days lost over total workdays due to illness per FTE during the reporting period.
	% Employee turnover (voluntary)	We assess the number of employees who terminate during the reporting period per number of employees at the reporting period end, excluding intercompany departures/hires.
	# Training days per FTE	We assess internal and external training days per FTE during the reporting period, considering 2-4h as half a day of training and > 4h as a full day of training.
Job Creation	% Net new hires	We assess the number of net new hires (excluding intercompany departures/hires) over the reporting period against the total number of FTEs at the reporting period end.
Workforce Diversity	% Female (all staff/management)	We assess the number of female employees/ management staff over all employees/ management at the reporting period end.
	% Unadjusted gender pay gap (male-female)	We assess the difference in average earnings between male and female employees, expressed as a percentage diffrence of male earnings.
Compliance Management	Afinum Code of Conduct signed by leadership team and implemented in the organization?	We assess if there is a Code of Conduct for the portfolio company, incl. appropriate measures to implement it in the organization.



Robust ESG Governance

We assess if an ESG Officer has been appointed for the portfolio company.

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