

# How UBS supports the UN SDGs

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## An industry leader in sustainability

- In September 2019, we became a founding signatory of the Principles for Responsible Banking of the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative. By doing so, we pledged to strategically align our business with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
- In 2018, our CEO joined the alliance of CEO climate leaders, committing to reducing emissions – this includes decreasing energy use, switching to renewable forms of power and working with partners to lower emissions across value chains.
- We stopped financing new coal-fired power plants globally in 2018.
- We reduced our carbon-related assets from USD 6.6 billion to USD 2.7 billion (1.2% of balance sheet) in 2018.
- We committed to reaching 100% of electricity from renewable sources by 2020.

## A leader in sustainable investing for private and institutional clients

- We aim to double our core sustainable investment assets under management (AUM)<sup>1</sup> between 2017 and 2020, to reach 11.2% of total AUM. Today we have roughly 10% of AUM in core sustainable investments, of which USD 87.5 billion are invested in climate-related investments (as of 2018).
- We are on target to raise USD 5 billion by the end of 2021 for impact investments, which aim to generate a measurable positive social and environmental impact as well as a compelling return. One of the most recent examples was the USD 225 million in private client assets raised for the KKR Global Impact Fund.
- UBS launched the first 100% sustainable multi-asset portfolio for private clients, a part of which consists of innovative SDG-related impact investments in equities and bonds. The portfolio recently surpassed USD 7 billion in invested assets.
- UBS Asset Management's Climate Aware fund reduces exposure to companies with higher carbon risk, while keeping sufficient stakes for our experts to engage with management. So far, UBS Asset Management has engaged with 50 companies across 4 continents – 22 in the energy sector and 28 in the utilities sector. The fund has more than USD 3 billion in AUM (as of September 2019).



## A recognized innovator and thought leader in philanthropy

- In 2018, the UBS Optimus Foundation supported 2.8 million children globally with health, education and protection programs.
- To date, the UBS Optimus Foundation has launched a total of three development impact bonds (DIBs) in education and health care, applying concepts of social finance to mobilize further philanthropic funds.<sup>2</sup>
- Our corporate philanthropy and volunteering program, UBS Community Affairs, has been honored repeatedly for its work on education inequality.

## Raising awareness for the UN SDGs

- We launched the #TOGETHERBAND campaign with sustainable accessories brand BOTTLETOP, with the aim to engage hundreds of thousands of people across the world around 17 different colored friendship bands, each representing an SDG. Funds raised go towards projects selected by the UBS Optimus Foundation to advance the SDGs.

<sup>1</sup> as a proportion of total AUM.

<sup>2</sup> DIBs are results-based contracts in which one or more private investors provide pre-financing for social programs, implemented by service providers (e.g., NGOs), and one or more outcome funders (e.g., public sector agencies, donors, etc.) pay back the investors their principal plus a return if, and only if, these programs succeed in delivering social outcomes.