

East Capital Group releases Sustainable Investment Report – Emerging markets are key to achieving the 2030 agenda

East Capital has integrated ESG risks and opportunities when investing in emerging and frontier markets for 25 years. We have developed unique insights and methods that we apply across our investments. Today we are proud to release the 2021 Sustainable Investment Report, which for the first time covers the entire East Capital Group and highlights tools and results from all our brands, including Adrigo, East Capital, East Capital Real Estate, and Espiria.

"Risk assessment, active ownership, and good oversight have never been more important than now. When East Capital invests, we see that thorough analysis and engagement lead to positive change and higher returns", says Karine Hirn, East Capital Group's Chief Sustainability Officer.

Unique insights and proprietary analysis tools

Since East Capital was founded in 1997, we have worked for positive change and our efforts have yielded results. As long-term active owners, we see a need to organize a company's knowledge, experience, and perspective on ESG risks and opportunities. As a result, we have been using our own ESG scorecard for our emerging and frontier markets portfolio holdings since 2016.

During 2021 we continued to develop and implement new ESG tools. The SDG VCA (Value Chain Assessment) evaluates companies' impact on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through their value chain for the holdings of East Capital Global Emerging Markets Sustainable. A similar evaluation tool based on SDGs is now also used for the Espiria SDG Solutions fund. These tools reinforce our belief that investors must search broader in order to gain exposure to truly sustainable investments at reasonable valuations. The brightest stars are found among future-proof companies.

"East Capital Group's investment philosophy is grounded in ESG and sustainability. As investors' requirements increase, I believe that a similar focus will become mainstream within the industry", says Per Elcar, CEO of East Capital Group.

Other significant events in 2021

2021 was characterized by strong growth in sustainable investments, and during the year East Capital Group established a partnership with impact investor Alquity, became a SASB Alliance User Member and a supporter of the Transition Pathway Initiative. Espiria launched the Espiria SDG Solutions fund and joined the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative. East Capital Group became a signatory to the UN Global Compact and we have promoted better ESG standards in countless keynotes, seminars, and meetings around the world.

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About East Capital Group

East Capital Group is an active asset manager based in Sweden since 1997. We offer a range of investment solutions within equities, fixed income securities, real estate and alternatives. The essence of

our business is not only to find attractive investment opportunities, but also to actively work to drive change, influencing industries around the world to become more sustainable.

Within East Capital Group you will find East Capital – specialising in emerging and frontier market strategies, East Capital Real Estate – managing commercial real estate investments in Central and Eastern Europe, Espiria – offering bespoke global and Nordic equities and fixed income strategies, and Adrigo – a Nordic long/short fund strategy targeting absolute returns. East Capital Group owns 49% of Cicero Fonder and also has a significant holding in the listed company Eastnine (OM:EAST), which owns, develops and manages modern and sustainable office and logistics premises in prime locations in the Baltics and Poland.

Risk information: Historical returns are no guarantee of future returns. The money invested can both increase and decrease in value and it is not certain that you will get back all the invested capital. For more information, see fact sheet, prospectus and annual report www.eastcapital.se.

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