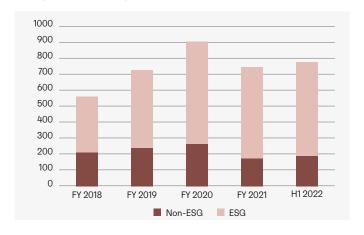


Effecting change through active ownership

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Many large investors can add the most value in the transition to a sustainable and more resilient economy through active ownership. Today, 90% of the economy must transition from brown to green. This will require existing companies and states to adopt environmentally-friendly solutions. This transition also generates important social and governance challenges, which investors must address by engaging with companies exposed to the related risks and opportunities. Beyond proxy voting, engagement with corporate management, sovereign issuers and asset owners provides a direct channel for investors to influence management decisions. This can be done both bilaterally and collectively with other investors, through initiatives like Climate Action 100+ and the Valuing Water Finance Initiative, for example. Conversely, excluding or selling laggards from portfolios has limited net negative effect on the real economy.

Investor activism on the rise Activity in H1 2022 already exeeds that for the entire FY 2021



Source: S&P Capital IQ data as of July 1, 2022.