The responsible approach

DeA Capital Alternative Funds SGR





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Letter from the CEO

Dear Stakeholders.

2021, a very complex year to navigate also in terms of sustainability, has been full of innovations and ultimately extremely rewarding.

Investing heavily in responsible approach and fronting the increasing challenges coming from our stakeholders, confirmed that the decision taken years ago to integrate ESG issues and themes into our business model was the right choice, producing solid results in terms of value creation

In our view, it is extremely encouraging to see that our internal processes work effectively and that they can be activated quickly and respond expeditiously to external changes.

2021 gives the opportunity to review the functioning of internal mechanisms and roles, to make a comprehensive assessment of our ESG infrastructure and introduce possible fine tunings. All our investment teams work ESG naturally, ESG Policy is applied carefully for all products and at all investments' stages. Compliance is punctual and always rigorous.

Our portfolio companies share and appreciate our ESG approach. As a result, in terms of aggregate private equity platform, the performance of compliance management (90%), social maturity (65%) and

environmental level (57%) of portfolio companies has increased significantly.

I am also proud of DeA Capital Alternative Funds' launch last year of Sviluppo Sostenibile Fund, the first direct sustainable product with a portion of carried interest linked to ESG performance as assessed by an independent appraisal, further aligning our interests with our community.

On the other side, within our Board of Directors, there is an increasing number of chances to discuss on sustainability themes: another sign that the nonfinancial issues have now achieved the same relevance as the financial ones.

Furthermore, in these very tough times, we are closer and closer to our portfolio companies, primarily through our management teams, whose ESG approach leads to a strong support even during exceptional events.

On the **human rights** side, new progress has been made, with DeA Capital Alternative Funds adhering formally to the principles of the UN Global Compact, a framework with which we have always identified.

Our commitment to sustainability issues and especially the timing with which we try to approach major changes

and challenges, has been appreciated by our stakeholders and strengthens our desire to further accelerate our sustainability path. In 2022 we will continue our journey, increasing our efforts in terms of investments, projects, and community involvement.

Gianandrea Perco CFO



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l etter from the Head of FSG

2021 here at DeA Capital Alternative Funds was marked by a reinforcement of the progress made in the past years on the ESG and sustainability framework, fronting new challenges and new goals.

My role was characterized by a threefold objective: to coordinate the activities and objectives of the management teams, to engage with stakeholders, to update the Board of Directors on a timely basis on the progress made and, from time to time, to face the new objectives coming from the SFDR challenge and the evolution in the asset management industry.

The result was very satisfactory, thanks to new activities and investments that strengthened the commitment of the company and its people. A robust ESG framework was extended to all asset classes, including Funds of Funds and NPL Funds. A tailored approach was developed customizing the depth analysis throughout Value Creation Tool dedicated modules. A strong engagement with target companies was deployed.

In particular, the investment team for each product applies the ESG policy very diligently, both in the Due Diligence phase of potential new investments and throughout the monitoring phase. ESG data are collected in the Value Creation Tool and, especially for companies that have been in the portfolio for several

vears, their ESG story begins to be complete. Each management team is also committed to reporting all sustainability aspects or, if any, weaknesses of individual investments, in order to make the FSG Action Plans more effective.

Stakeholder engagement is increasingly complex and challenging and follows the growing importance that ESG and sustainability issues hold in today's asset management. We listened to and analyzed all requests, taking many ideas to enrich our activities. These include the collection of quarterly data from portfolio companies and a greater commitment to stewardship, which is also required by the PRI. In this background, the introduction of the SFDR did not find us unprepared.

After several years characterised by the explosive growth of ESG issues and their detailed impact on the asset management long term investments, we can witness that the sustainability approach is the key for stable returns, good policies, and, in a nutshell, a resilient growth. For our portfolio companies, our stakeholders, our community.

Alessandra Patera Head of Marketing, Institutional Sales, ESG



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DeA Capital Alternative Funds is the main independent alternative asset manager in Italy. Founded in 2006, the company is wholly owned by DeA Capital. With an initial focus on **Funds of Funds** for global markets, the company has progressively expanded its strategies by launching private equity **direct funds** - generalist and specialized - and then special investment programmes dedicated to **turnaround**, unlikely to pay (UTP) and **non-performing loans** (NPL).

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ESG Highlights



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UN Global Compact signatory



UN PRI Signatory since 2019 (Last Score **A**)



Engagement with **Invest Europe association** which aims to create **healthy and sustainable companies** across Europe



Engagement with AIFI to promote PE responsible investment in Italy



Member of "Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile" to promote ESG integration into financial products



100% of funds covered by the ESG performance evaluation tool



All portfolio companies appointed an **ESG Manager**



All Direct investments collect quarterly ESG data



ESG Action plans launched for 6 portfolio companies



Sviluppo Sostenibile and Taste of Italy 2 classified as Art. 8 under SFDR Reg. 2019/2088



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Sviluppo Sostenibile, that invests also in hydrogene value chain, implemented a specific ESG Framework at fund level



IDeA Agro manages **about 1,100 hectares** for a total of **more than 990 k** of **new plants**



Pieralisi (IDeA CCR II) adopted a Circular Thinking approach



Survey submitted to Multimanager Funds' General Partners and to NPL servicers



Taste of Italy Funds focus on energy saving and governance



100% of top management and employees trained on ESG





Partner-Mentors4U non-profit initiative to help talented university students



Social Project **"1+1=3 Insieme per un Progetto sociale"**



The Next Project -New Empowerment for young talents

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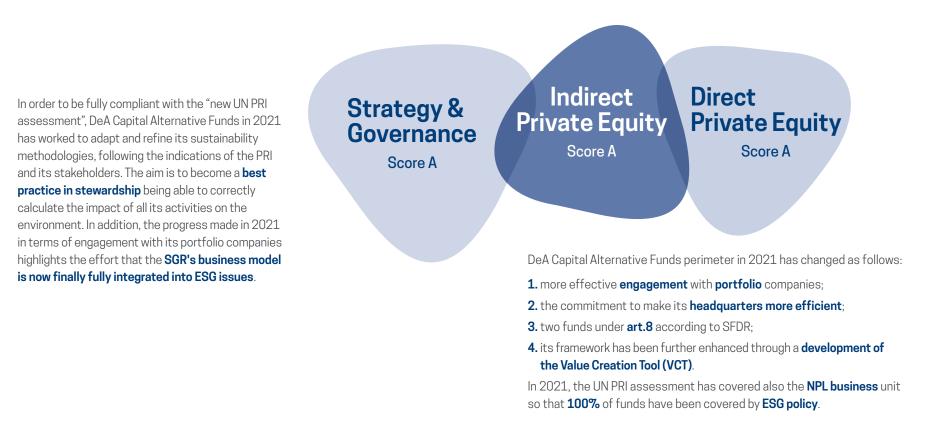


UN PRI ESG Performance

The UN PRI in 2021 changed its methodology in order to further integrate the Asset Managers framework with the underlying products.

The mission of the new PRI three-year strategy is "**Building a bridge between financial risk and real-world outcomes**", aiming at the recognition and full understanding by the signatories of interdependencies between financial markets and real-world outcomes, based on an investor perspective.

Within this new assessment, the rating score for all signatories will be the same as 2020 until the UN PRI will release the new public scores (2023).



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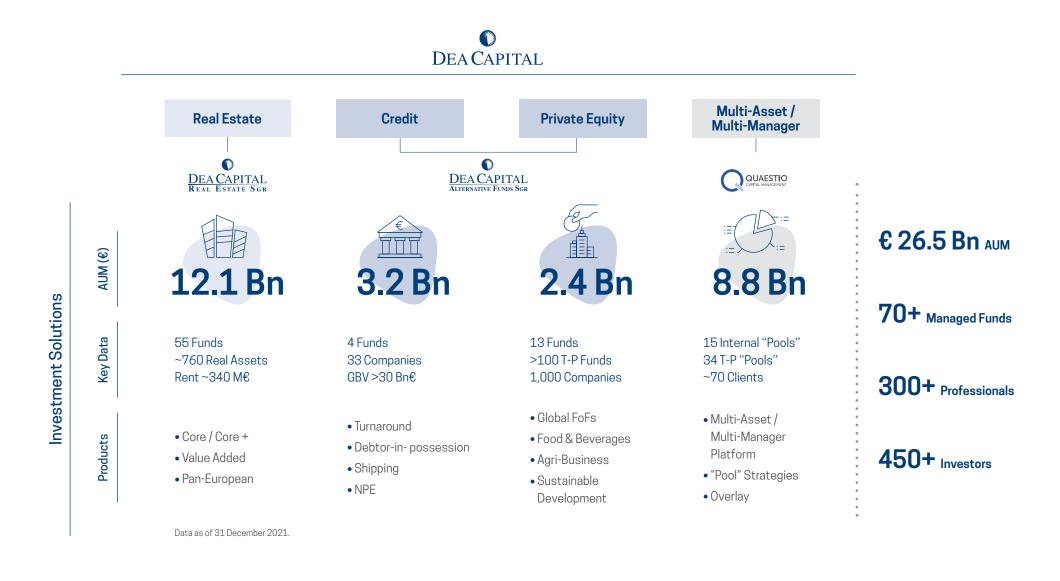


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Our investments history

At the heart of DeA Capital Alternative Funds' investment approach lies a commitment to create long-term value in a responsible way. Since its inception in 2006, DeA Capital Alternative Funds' strategy has been centered on the **expansion** and diversification of its investment funds offering, focusing on products that can foster sustainable growth.

2019

DeA Endowment Fund

Atlante and IRF

DeA Capital Alternative Funds manages the funds since November 2019, when it acquired the business unit from the previous asset manager (Quaestio Capital SGR). Italian closed end investment funds raised to intervene in the Italian 2016 banking crisis, exacerbated by the magnitude of non-performing loans exposure on banks' balance sheets. IRF is the second one investing in distressed credits, both secured and unsecured, originated by Italian banks

Definition of the new ESG framework

IDeA Agro

The first Italian private equity fund dedicated to investments in **agricultural businesses**, situated in Italian territory and operating in a ecosustainable manner. An investment in Italy with a direct impact on the country's real economy

IDeA CCR II-Shipping

Launch of a new pocket of the Fund dedicated to Shipping credits

20; **Sviluppo** Sostenibile &

Taste of Italy 2 Classified as Art.8 under SFDR Reg. 2019/2088

5,600 MIn €



Sviluppo Sostenibile

Direct funds dedicated to small and medium-sized companies producing goods or providing services for sustainable growth

Taste of Italy II

Closed-end investmen fund dedicated to Italian and European mid-sized Companies in the food & beverage industry

2007 2008 IDeA I

Fund of Funds

2006

646 MIn €

Assets under Management (€ AUM/year)

COMPANY

FOUNDATION

IDeA Opportunity Fund I

workforce and local communities

development of growing companies, also through the promotion of sound governance, good environmental practices and for the benefit of the



IDeA CCR I

Inrough its turnaround funds, DeA supports enterprises under financial stress to restore financial and operational conditions, ensuring sustainable growth over the long term, with a positive impact on employment and local communities

Multi-manager investiment program. It is composed of three pockets which can be accessed separately: Core, Credit / Distressed and Emerging Markets

IDeA Taste of Italy

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The first Italian direct fund dedicated to the food & beverage industry. The fund invests in mid-sized companies that have proved good profitable growth potential, with solid and focused operational models, and led by entrepreneurs and managers who share our vision, values, risks and returns

Emerging Markets

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2009

ICF II Global private equity multi-manager fund with equal geographical

allocation among United States, Europe and

IDeA Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Growth

2013

IDeA Global

Growth (ICG)

fund reserved to qualified investors. Its

investment strategy repeats the one

of ICF III Core pocket

Direct fund dedicated to an industry recognized among Italian excellences. It provides mainly expansion and growth capital to small and medium-sized companies, producing goods or providing services for energy efficiency and sustainable growth in order to support their organic and extraordinary development

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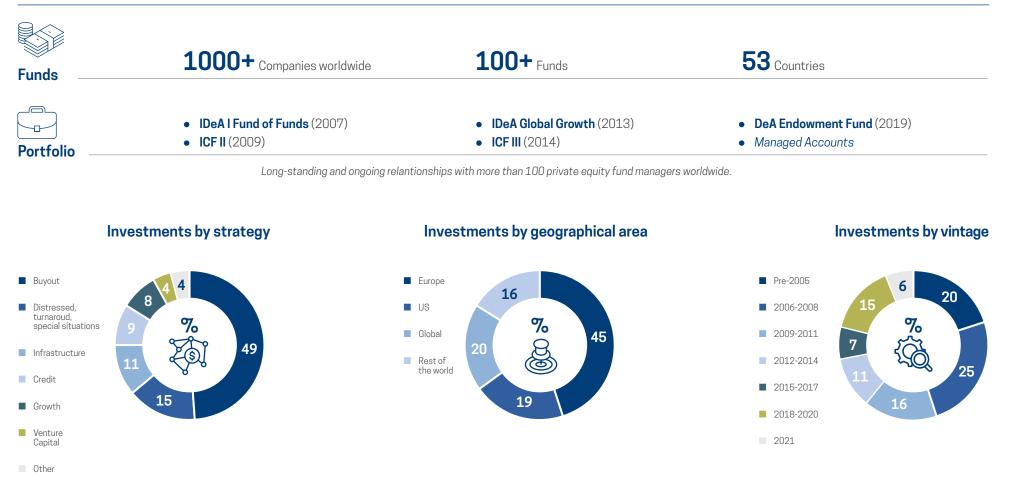
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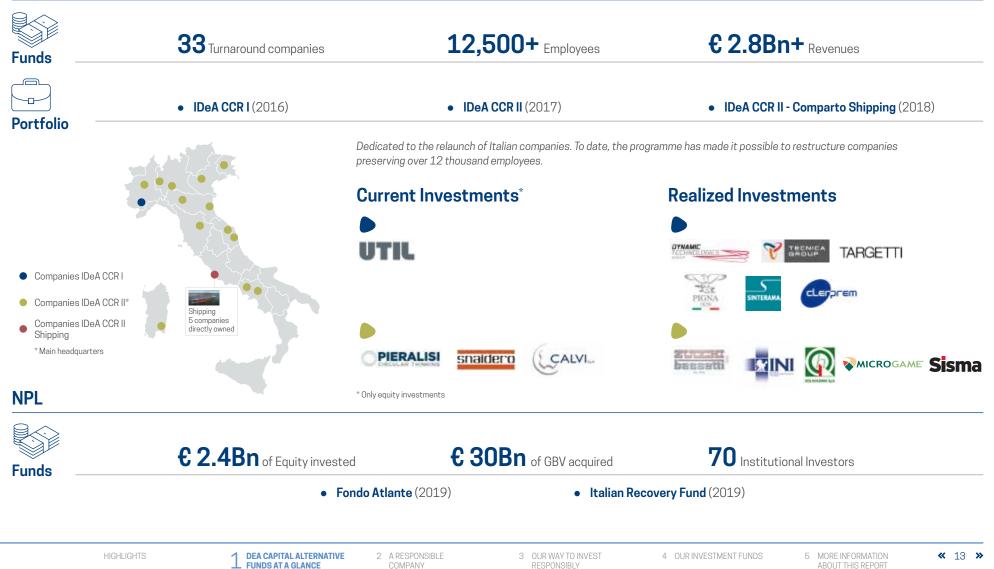
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Engagement with stakeholders

DeA Capital Alternative Funds engagement activities with its stakeholders take place on a regular basis. A detailed reporting system as well as meetings with the investment teams allows investors to constantly track their investments.





DeA Capital Alternative Funds organizes an annual Investor Day, where the CEO describes the past year results and shares his view on the evolution of the business environment in the current year and take turns with a detailed description of the portfolio performance and the main shareholdings.

One of the most important forms of engagement with many of its stakeholders is now ESG customized questionnaires, according to investors' requests.



Web Portal Monitor is an important source of updates for investors where news about business performance, new acquisition or the reference context are periodically published.

From an ongoing process of engagement, DeA Capital Alternative Funds has gathered ideas and suggestions to broaden stewardship with portfolio **companies** with the ambitious goal of providing them with an **ESG framework** that will enable them to have the **best** practice in their industry cluster.



The engagement process with portfolio companies, such as a post-acquisition action plan, collection of quarterly ESG data and support to enhance governance has therefore been the result of a transparent and sustainable pattern adopted by the company and its investors. Similarly, DeA Capital Alternative Funds has continued to invest in people over the years through new hires, dedicated training activities and an increasingly comprehensive welfare system.

Each investor is a valuable story

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Our sustainable path

Since joining the UN PRI, DeA Capital Alternative Funds has focused on encouraging a sustainable and responsible approach in all its products and activities.

Through an active and long-term approach to investment, over the past three years DeA Capital Alternative Funds has built strong and specific expertise in responsible investments, strengthening the integration of ESG factors in business decisions

4 years of ESG integration achievements



After the preliminary ESG activities in 2018, starting from 2019 DeA Capital Alternative Funds sustainability goals have included the formalization of the ESG policy, the ESG framework and the setup of its ESG Governance structure.

In 2020, DeA Capital Alternative Funds started to measure ESG performance and to engage actively with investee

companies through the development of its Value Creation Tool (VCT) and through the proposition of ESG Action plans.

The Company started to deliver all its employees ESG training in order to increase awareness and enhance their expertise on ESG issues. In 2021 DeA Capital AF became a signatory of UN Global Compact.

In addition, in compliance with the new SFDR Directive, the company have classified its Sviluppo Sostenibile and Taste of Italy 2 Funds under art.8.

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ESG data guarterly reporting

Starting in the first guarter of 2021, the management teams have engaged portfolio companies to release ESG data on a quarterly basis in order to map the individual KPIs. The companies are engaged to represent and improve their non-financial data. To this end, they have appointed their own ESG manager.



Value Creation Tool (VCT) evolution

The proprietary tool used by DeA Capital Alternative Funds to analyze and monitor the ESG data of each portfolio company from the pre-acquisition phase. evolved further in 2021 with the introduction of new UN PRI guidance. In particular, the **number of KPIs** has increased and they consist of cross-cutting KPIs that apply to all investments and specific KPIs that are consistent with the company's business model and industry. DeA Capital Alternative Funds VCT built for each fund, becomes a management software that includes all the data of each individual company, facilitating monitoring and action plans.

Portfolio companies action plans

The collection of quarterly ESG data for the portfolio companies is part of a broader project: DeA Capital Alternative Funds's helping its investee companies to express their full ESG potential. DeA Capital Alternative Funds generally invests in companies with strong local roots and activities that are well integrated with the typical characteristics of Italian-made products.

The action plans implemented after the acquisition have two main objectives.

- to highlight the sustainable potential of the companies.
- to support them in **building an ESG framework** especially on the governance side, integrated into their business model.



Compliance with the SFDR Regulation (EU) 2019/2088

The new Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) came into force in March 2021, as a result of a process that started with the Paris Agreement in 2015. DeA Capital Alternative Funds started the integration of SFDR regulations into its ESG Policy and procedures. Taste of Italy 2 and Sviluppo Sostenibile are both compliant with Article 8 of the SFDR.



Adherence to the United Nations **Global Compact**

In June 2021 DeA Capital Alternative Funds adhered to the UN Global Compact Principles, which were subsequently integrated into its ESG Policy.

As a result of this adherence, DeA Capital Alternative Funds reinforces its commitment to sustainable practices and policies not only internally and with its investment companies, but also with wider effects for all its stakeholders.



Development of a fund entirely based on sustainable investments

In 2020, DeA Capital Alternative Funds launched Sviluppo Sostenibile, a new fund to complement its current coverage of the dynamic Italian mid-market and to offer both Institutional Investors and Family Offices access to Italian SMEs combining an Institutional and entrepreneurial approach. Sviluppo Sostenibile's objective is to have a sustainable impact while creating financial value through growth, digitalisation, internationalisation and development of competences, with a particular attention to ESG factors. The fund's framework requires **ESG due diligence** in the pre-acquisition phase, followed by an **ESG action plan** once acquired. The aim is to stimulate portfolio companies from the acquisition phase towards what is defined as best practice in data quality. Sviluppo Sostenibile has its ESG Committee, composed of externals members supporting the team. A portion of Carried Interest granted to the team is linked to ESG performance of the portfolio.

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DeA Capital Alternative Funds's governance structure is composed by the following bodies: Board of Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors. An independent auditing firm has also been appointed.

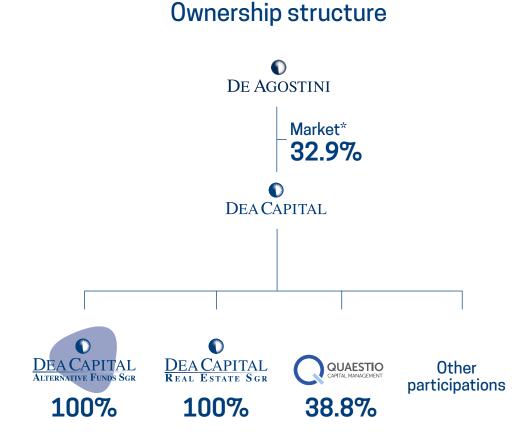
Board of Directors

Board of Statutory Auditors

Supervisory Body

DeA Capital Alternative Funds is wholly owned by DeA Capital SpA, the leading independent Alternative Asset Management platform, active in Real Estate, Private Equity investments, and NPL. DeA Capital is listed on the STAR segment of the Milan Stock Exchange.

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*Including 2.2% of DeA Capital Treasury Shares as of 31/12/21

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Board of Directors*

The Company is managed by a Board of Directors comprising 7 members of which 4 independent directors - which is invested with wide powers for ordinary and extraordinary management of the Company.

Board of Statutory Auditors^{*}

The Board of Statutory Auditors monitors the Company's **compliance** with the law, with the principles of proper administration and the adequacy of the organizational, administrative and accounting structure and its functioning. as well as the independence of the independent auditors.

Supervisory Body

The Board of Directors has also appointed a Supervisory Body that has the duty of supervising the function, observance and updating of the Model 231. The Supervisory Body, endowed with autonomous powers of initiative and control, is composed as follows:

Paolo Ceretti	Chairman
Gianandrea Perco	Chief Executive Officer and General Manager
Manolo Santilli	Board Member
Daniele Ferrero	Independent Board Member
Emilio Barucci	Independent Board Member
Piero Galli	Independent Board Member
Romina Guglielmetti	Independent Board Member

Gian Piero Balducci Marco Sguazzini Viscontini Annalisa Donesana

Chairman Statutory Auditor Statutory Auditor

Gian Piero Balducci Maurizio Bortolotto Davide Bossi

Chief of Board Component Component

To ensure ethical behaviour, compliance with law and the overall Company's reliability, DeA Capital Alternative Funds SGR has adopted a Code of Ethics and an Organizational, Management and Control Model pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree 231/2001.

Moreover, in accordance with the requirements of the legislative regime outlined by Directive 2014/65 / EU relating to financial instrument markets (the so-called MiFID II) to ensure and promote transparency, DeA Capital Alternative Funds:



• Has adopted a policy on conflicts

of interest for the management of transactions executed as a counterparty with related parties and / or in potential conflict of interest.

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pursuant to the Regulation on intermediaries adopted by Consob with resolution no. 20307 of 15 February 2018 and subsequent amendments and additions.

* Appointed by Shareholders Meeting on 13 April 2022

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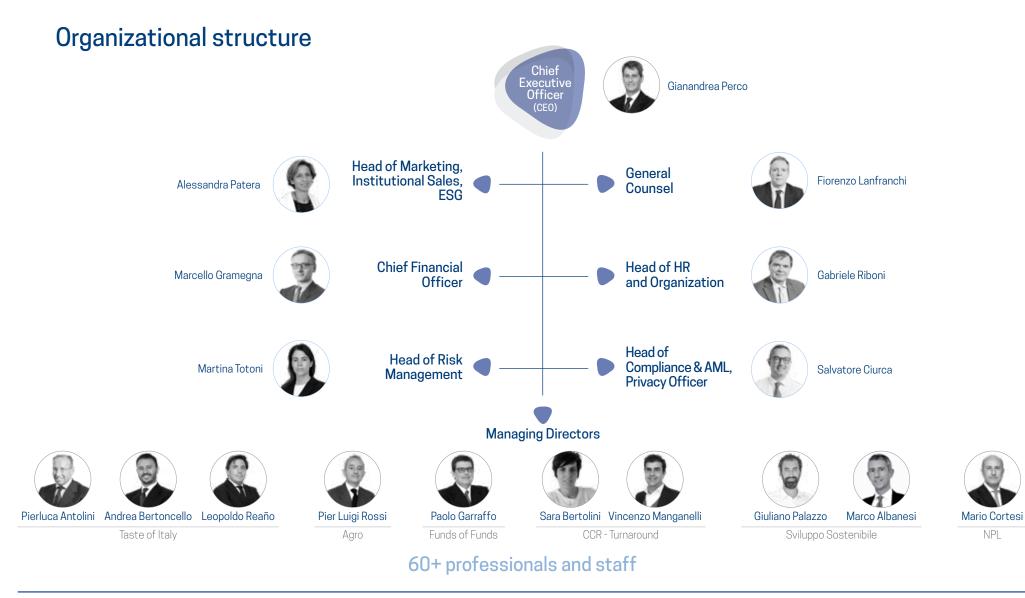
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In 2019, as part of the ESG framework and as set in the responsible investment policy, DeA Capital Alternative Funds adopted an ESG governance structure which includes the following bodies and figures:

ESG Policy

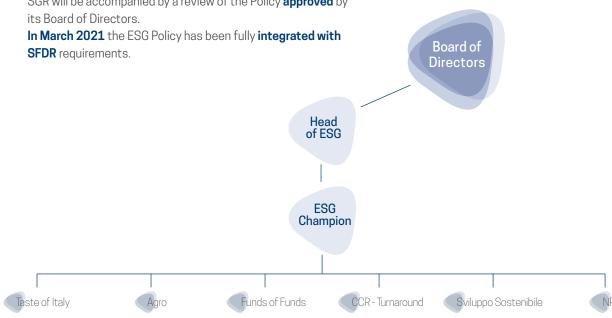
Approved by the Board of Directors of DeA Capital Alternative Funds in 2019, its ESG Policy governs the **overall framework**, **sustainability commitments** and **stakeholder relations**.

The Policy also provides for the integration of all general principles into the procedures, internal rules and functions of DeA Capital Alternative Funds.

The various changes in current international regulations and the related updating of activities and commitments by the SGR will be accompanied by a review of the Policy **approved** by its Board of Directors.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for approving the ESG Policy and the ESG strategy. Moreover, using insights provided by the Head of ESG, it defines the **materiality of ESG issues** that might impact the company, its investments and stakeholders. DeA Capital Alternative Funds adhered to the principles of **UN Global Compact**, becoming a signatory in 2021.



Head of ESG

The ESG Manager reports to the Board of Directors and is **responsible** of **supervising the implementation** of DeA Capital Alternative Funds' ESG policy, through collection and analysis of information produced by the

ESG Champions.

The ESG Manager is tasked with ensuring engagement and commitment on ESG issues, disclose initiatives to investors and oversee the UN PRI reporting process and investors' surveys on responsible investment. Similarly, DeA Capital Alternative Funds' ESG Manager will actively follow the different commitments of the UN Global Compact activities.

ESG Champion

Appointed within the Investment Team of each fund, DeA Capital Alternative Funds' ESG Champion is **responsible for the assessment and monitoring of sustainability risks and opportunities** throughout the investment lifecycle (covering pre-investment, acquisition, ownership and divestiture). The ESG Champion is subject to a dedicated ESG training and receives instructions from the Head of ESG. DeA Capital Alternative Funds also relies on subject-matter experts for due diligences and to support portfolio companies in the definition and implementation of action plans.

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ESG Team



meetings between the ESG team

Head of FSG



Alessandra Patera Head of Marketing, Institutional Sales, ESG

ESG Support Team GP Level





Chiara Pariani IR Manager & ESG



Ugazio Office Manager

ESG Champions Investments Portfolio Level



ESG Champion (Tol) Investment Director



Federica Loguercio ESG Champion (FoF) Investment Manager



Laura Filippi ESG Champion (CCR) Legal Counsel



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ESG Champion (Agro)



ESG Champion (SS) Investment Manager



Conte ESG Champion (NPL) Investment Director

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Matteo

Protecting the planet and empowering people

In order to strengthen its approach to sustainability, DeA Capital Alternative Funds has always placed great emphasis on **key ESG issues**. On the environmental side, DeA Capital Alternative Funds is committed to **improving over time** the **Carbon Footprint of both the SGR and stakeholders**.

Similarly, the SGR is aware that **investing in people and training is the key to increase the value of its activities over the years**. In 2021 DeA Capital Alternative Funds has been fully committed to define, measure and analyze its environmental KPIs and metrics at SGR level.

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Social & environmental maturity of direct investments*

Sviluppo Sostenibile's portfolio companies will be monitored starting from 2022Q1.

The VCT used for direct funds such as IDeA Taste of Italy, Taste of Italy 2, IDeA Agro by DeA Capital Alternative Funds, highlights the **evolution of KPIs and key metrics during 2021** by collecting quarterly data from the portfolio companies. Analysing the chart, the **compliance management** - i.e. the analysis process that verifies compliance with the health and safety standards of the respective industry of the single companies- shows a percentage of **90%**.

At the **environmental level**, the VCT of the above direct funds have been aggregated considering all their portfolio companies. The Environmental Maturity (i.e., the difference between the result of the ESG questionnaire and the ESG topic enhancement and the overall result of direct investments) shows an average percentage of **57%**. Similarly, **Social Maturity** shows a percentage of **65%**. The environmental and social actions required more time to be

- implemented compared to the
- previous one.

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Social maturity

DeA Capital Alternative Funds recognizes that its **people are the most important asset** and key to business success.

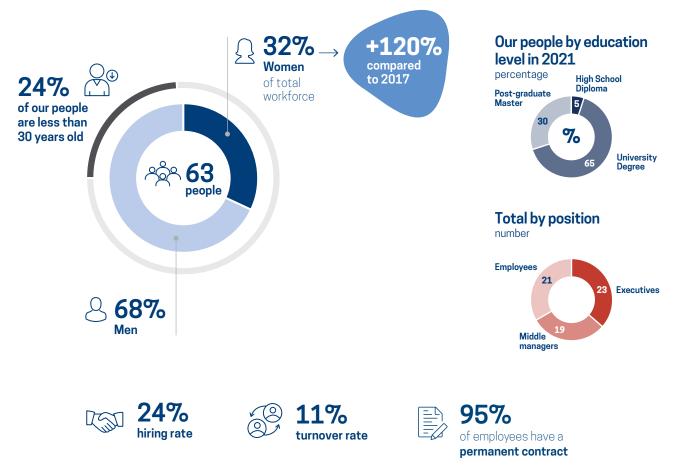
Creating a **good working environment**, providing its people with **career development opportunities** and with the tools necessary to perform their work in the best possible way, is therefore of paramount importance to DeA Capital Alternative Funds.

Employment

As of 2021, the company employs 63 people, an **increase** on previous years (58 in 2020 and 45 in 2019). Women account for **32% of the total workforce**, over 100% more compared to 2017. DeA Capital Alternative Funds' workforce by age shows that the mean and median are concentrated in the **30-50 age range**, which include approximately 63% of employees.

An encouraging **24% of the workforce** is **under 30**, a percentage that will tend to increase in the coming years thanks to the numerous initiatives aimed at "young talent".

At the end of 2021, **95%** of employees hold a **high level of scholarship** through graduate, post-graduate or master's degree programs.



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Training

DeA Capital Alternative Funds's commitment towards its people is reflected in the promotion and implementation of training activities **in order to strengthen individual skills** and to develop **better management skills**.

Starting in 2019, **training on ESG and sustainability** themes become an integral part of DeA Capital Alternative Funds's training activities.

In 2021, besides the training provided to all the employees, a special ESG and responsible investment training was held **for the Board of Directors** of the SGR, with the aim of aligning them with all activities and regarding regulatory changes.

In 2021 employees received an average of 19 hours of training.

DeA Capital Alternative Funds pays great attention to environmental issues also through a careful selection of certified suppliers who are sensitive to sustainability issues and through group purchasing with a view to optimizing costs. The company also implements a great awareness of differentiated waste collection.



Welfare initiatives

DeA Capital Alternative Funds is committed to **implementing employment policies** oriented towards stability and **long-term collaboration** with its employees. As such, DeA Capital Alternative Funds privileges permanent contract to fixed-term ones as a means of promoting human resources retention and development.

Moreover, DeA Capital Alternative Funds has developed and implemented a **corporate welfare model** consisting of a vast selection of services, from insurance coverage to the possibility to convert individual bonuses into tax-free welfare services.

The Next Project

DeA Capital Alternative Funds together with DeA Capital Group implemented and launched with the support of a qualified HR external partner the NEXT Project (**New Empowerment x Talent**).

The aim of the project is, on the one hand, to **assess the growth potential** and **development needs** of our youngest resources (**up to 35 years of age** and with at least **1 year of seniority** in the company) and, on the other, to encourage self-awareness of their soft skills, strengths and areas for improvement, through a consolidated methodology and the use of ad hoc selected tools..







Value creation for the community

DeA Capital Alternative Funds is committed to support the communities in which it operates, financing local projects and initiatives to create value.

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To further commit towards employee's wellbeing and to pay the right attention towards its community, DeA Capital Alternative Funds has decided to participate into an internal competition organized by De Agostini Foundation for the assignment of **scholarships in 2021** to capable students and children of employees of Italian companies controlled by the De Agostini Group. The competition will assign three scholarships worth 5,000 euros each and it is reserved for the students that attend last year of high school, as an incentive to continue their studies.

Social Project: 1+1=3 **Insieme Per Un Progetto Sociale**

"1+1=3 Together for a social project" is a solidarity initiative promoted by the De Agostini Group and the **De Agostini** Foundation and aimed at all employees.

The idea stems from the desire to bring the Group's employees closer to the activities of the Foundation, which has been working for more than ten years in the field of social inclusion, disability, education and emergencies. The project also represents an opportunity to share the values that animate the Group and inspire the Foundation's daily work.

Each Group employee can propose and support a Third Sector entity that operates in the field of disability, both physical and intellectual, by presenting, individually or in groups, a project related to disability issues. In January 2022, the Foundation will evaluate the projects received and draw up a short list of the most convincing ones, which will be submitted to the vote of all employees to choose the winners.



Mentors for you

DeA Capital Alternative Funds is partner of Mentors4u, a **non-profit organization** founded to connect supply and demand of Mentoring in Italy: on one side university students confused about future career options, on the other side successful professionals.

The objectives of the initiative are:

- To unleash the talent of motivated and deserving young people, so that the context of and incomplete information do not become a constraint on their ambitions, their ambitions.
- Create a community based on merit within which to encourage the exchange of ideas and content useful to the personal and professional growth of all participants.
- Contribute to the growth and development of the country, supporting its most important resources: young people and talents.
- To become a reference point and a source of inspiration in Italy and Europe for other mentoring programs.



Moreover, DeA Capital Alternative Funds periodically participates to **fundraising** initiatives in favor of CAF (Centro Aiuto Minori e Famiglie) Onlus, an association that helps children who are victims of illtreatment and in addition offers support to families in crisis



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Value creation for the community



DeA Alternative Funds launched in the Vitamins at Work Project, the purchase of **fruit** made **available to employees** by selecting the freshest and most **genuine products from farms ESG oriented**.

The project follows a **careful logistic work around** a modern and efficient warehouse that allows to keep always fresh all the products.

All vans comply with the **HACCP regulations** and are designed to ensure the freshness and quality of the goods on each trip.







DeA Alternative Funds has decided to adhere to the **program** promoted by the *Nespresso brand*, which involves:

- Separate collection of pods and capsules
- **Re-use** of aluminum capsules
- Recycling of used coffee.

Spent coffee is separated from the aluminum capsule, is subsequently recycled and turned into compost. The **compost** is purchased and used for the **cultivation of rice**. The rice, purchased by Nespresso, is donated to **Banco Alimentare** in Lombardy and Lazio.



One of the activities included in the Green Procurement programme of DeA Capital Alternative Funds is Green Mobility. Since 2020 the SGR is **increasing and encouraging the choice of hybrid cars** with low environmental impact: out of a current total of 18 company cars, **50%** is **mild hybrid**. In an impact analysis, the substitution of petrol and diesel cars by "so called" green cars makes it easy to calculate CO₂ savings given the number of kilometres driven. Already in 2021, the **savings in terms of emissions** resulting from the new internal policy were significant, with an estimated improvement of between 30 and 40%.

Dea Capital Alternative Funds' **shift towards green mobility** is consistent and aligned with the whole Dea Capital Group.





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DeA Capital Alternative Funds's sustainability process was inspired by the indications of supra-national institutions such as the United Nations. that have created a movement based on principles such as human rights, environmental protection, honesty, and transparency.

To obtain coherence between internal rules and what can be defined as best practice, DeA Capital Alternative Funds is committed to checking regularly its sources aiming to be consistent with its codes and regulations.

The main sources and principles behind the sustainability process of DeA Capital Alternative Funds include:



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UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)

The backbone of DeA Capital Alternative Funds' sustainable value creation strategy are the six principles defined by the United **Nations** – supported initiative Principles for Responsible Investments (PRI). DeA Capital Alternative Funds, signed the PRI in January 2019, starting its journey towards a formal integration of ESG criteria in its investment process.

As requested to all PRI signatories, DeA Capital Alternative Funds completed the annual report on its responsible investment practices and activities for 2019, receiving a rating of "A" in Governance, Indirect Investments and Direct & Active Ownership.

The Strategy & Governance module includes information on the organization's approach to responsible investment and the incorporation of ESG issues into asset allocation.

The Indirect Investments module comments on the incorporation of ESG criteria in the selection, appointment and monitoring of external investment managers (such as for Funds of Funds).

Finally, the Direct & Active ownership module applies to direct investors in portfolio companies.

Principles for Responsible Investments

DeA Capital Alternative Funds will

incorporate ESG factors into the

investment analysis and decision-

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will work together to enhance

effectiveness in implementing the

making processes.

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DeA Capital Alternative Funds will be the active owner and incorporate ESG analysis into its ownership policies and practices.

will seek appropriate disclosure on ESG by the entities in which it

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DeA Capital Alternative Funds will promote acceptance and implementation of the Principles within the investment industry.

DeA Capital Alternative Funds will report on activities and progress towards implementing the Principles.

Industry engagementparticipation to ESG focus groups

In line with **PRI's principle no. 4**, on promoting acceptance and implementation of the Principles within the investment industry, DeA Capital Alternative Funds participate to the following initiatives:

From 2021. the Head of ESG is a member of the steering committee on ESG of AIFI

- "Associazione Italiana del Private Equity,

Venture Capital e Private Debt" - which intends to define common guidelines in order to simplify and unify ESG reporting across its members.

Furthermore, with the aim of enhancing good practices and contributing to the analysis and dissemination of sustainable investments, DeA Capital Alternative

Funds became a **member of the Forum** per la Finanza Sostenibile, actively participating in ESG initiatives such as conferences, seminars and cultural events.



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UN Global Compact principles

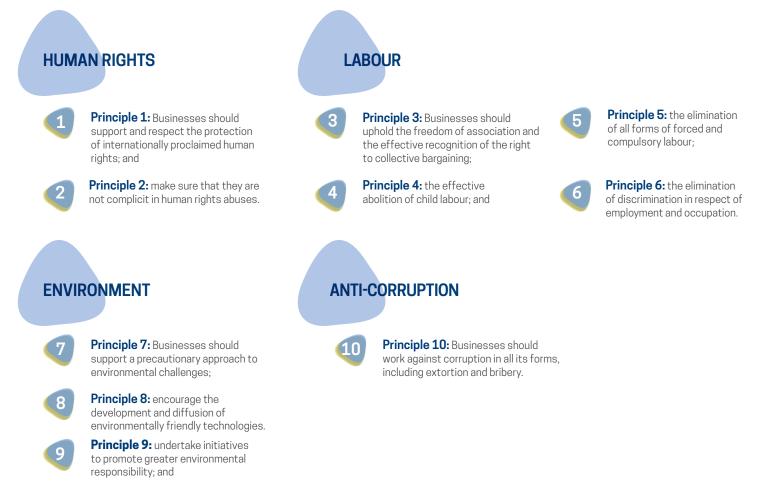
The United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) is the world's largest strategic corporate citizenship initiative. It stems from a desire to promote a sustainable global economy that respects human and labour rights, that protects the environment, and that fights corruption.

It represents a voluntary initiative to adhere to a set of principles that **promote the values** of sustainability through policy actions, business practices, and social and civic behaviour that are responsible and consider future generations.

By becoming a signatory, DeA Capital Alternative Funds will operate in a way that satisfies core responsibilities in the fields of environment, labour, human rights and anti-corruption. By integrating the UN Global Compact's commitments into its business, DeA Capital Alternative Funds not only accepts all the principles, but can also enhances its activities.



The 10 principles of the UN Global Compact are in turn divided into macro areas depending on the area of interest



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Sustainable **Development** Goals at SGR level

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With the aim of identifying the contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals, DeA Capital Alternative Funds explored how the UN SDGs can be examined through the lens of ESG materiality. To better understand the most relevant SDGs' contribution offered by the SGR the SASB materiality matrix has been used.

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UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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DeA Capital Alternative Funds has developed a methodology that would consistently link its investments to the UN Goals, after studying and analysing carefully the **17 SDG's targets** and indicators for two years.

DeA Alternative Funds worked mainly on the business models and the materiality of each portfolio company.

Welfare services recognized to employees such as contribution to supplementary pension scheme, reimbursement of medical expenses for spouses, children and other family members, subscriptions to sports activities and travel.

25 hours of training per employee.



Sviluppo Sostenibile and TOI 2 investment funds are sustainable products classified as art.8 under SFDR.

NPL servicers questionnaire carried out.

Code of Ethics implemented to all portfolio companies.

Organizational, Management and Control Model implementation (231 Model) to all portfolio companies.

UN PRI Signatory, Engagement with AIFI to promote responsible investment in Italy, Member of "Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile".



Human Capital

Employee Engagement, **Diversity & Inclusion**

Human Capital

Employee Engagement, **Diversity & Inclusion**

Social Capital

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ESG framework

ESG Policy

DeA Alternative Funds' ESG Policy, reviewed in March 2021 according to SFDR directive, states and clarifies how the Responsible Investment Principles subscribed by DeA

Alternative Funds are integrated into its investment process.

The scope of the Policy includes all direct and indirect investment activities performed by the SGR, through each phase of the investment lifecycle, from pre-investment through ownership to exit. The ESG Policy also sets the governance of responsibilities within DeA Alternative Funds and outlines an implementation approach tailored for each asset class.

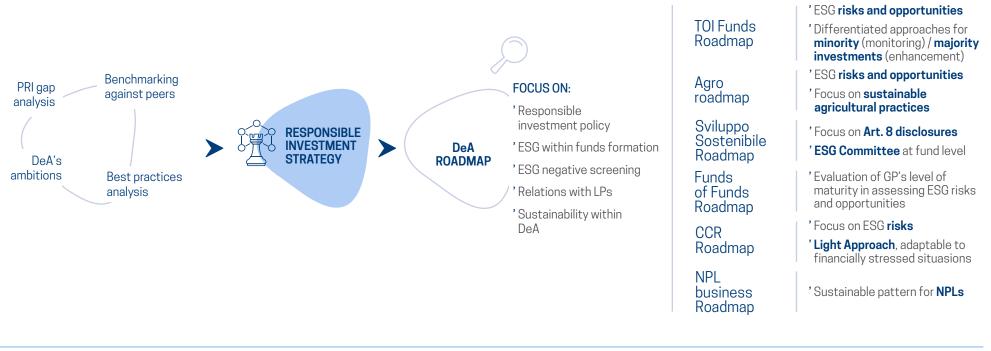
ESG framework

The development of the ESG framework started in 2019:

- inputs collected from the Investor Relations, the Compliance Officer and Investment teams;
- analysis of sector trends, investors' expectations and PRI recommendations;
- benchmarking with responsible investment practices within the broader international industry.

The work described above resulted in the **definition of our ESG roadmaps tailored to main** type of investment: private equity direct investments, indirect investments (funds of funds), turnaround funds.

Finally, the different roadmaps, serving as an initial ESG action plan for the SGR, set the steps to complete the formal integration of ESG considerations in the investment process and governance.



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ESG framework



ESG management system	RI Policy drafted and communicated	2019	\oslash
	Asset class-RI guidelines drafted and communicated	2019	\oslash
	All new fund placement documents including RI reference	2019	\bigotimes
	ESG Head appointed	2019	\bigotimes
	ESG Champions appointed	2020	\bigotimes
	Training plan drafted and training contents defined	2019	\bigotimes
	100% investment team trained on ESG	2020	\bigotimes
	Remuneration Policy drafted and communicated	2021	\bigotimes
	ESG data quarterly reporting for direct funds	2021	\bigotimes
	Implement ESG monitoring at NPL portfolios	2022	\bigcirc
Communication & transparency	1 report per year on ESG performances distributed to investors	2020	\oslash
	ESG general approach presented to investors	2019	\oslash
	ESG approach and details on performances presented to investors	2021	\oslash
	Procedure for managing and reporting incidents drafted	2019	\oslash
ESG at SGR	Improvement of diversity in the industry	2023	
	Development of 3 ESG Action Plans to portfolio companies per annum	2021	\bigotimes
	Data integration of Principal Adverse Impact Indicators	2023	- -
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ESG in the investment process

Responsible investing is more than a matter of compliance with the regulatory framework. It means to achieve a comprehensive understanding of the multiple factors that may affect the investment portfolio, the underlying risks and opportunities aiming at maximizing value in the long term in a sustainable way.



When evaluating the best way to implement such principles, DeA Capital Alternative Funds realized that each phase of the investment lifecycle, from investment selection through ownership, to divestiture, may be reconsidered from any ESG point of view.

DeA Capital Alternative Funds ESG Policy, with its revised investment procedure and its developed tools differentiates the approach considering the peculiarities of the different investment classes. The Value Creation Tool, the proprietary tool developed for the analysis and monitoring of the data of the individual portfolio companies is customized for each fund and for any investment company so that each qualitative and quantitative KPIs depend on the industry to which they belong.

DeA Capital Alternative Funds' VCT is constantly evolving and will be further developed and customized in the coming years.

On the right side, a description of DeA Capital Alternative Funds' ESG approach implementation along the different investment phases is provided.

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Responsible investing means to achieve a comprehensive understanding of the multiple factor



Responsible revised Investment investment procedure



VALUE CREATION TOOL (VCT)

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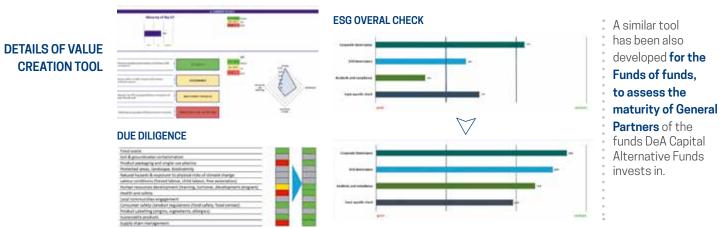
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Value Creation Tool Alternative Funds

In 2019, DeA Capital Alternative Funds developed internally an ESG proprietary tool to support the investment teams in ESG assessment, to monitor and to enhance companies in line with its new ESG framework. The tool was developed considering the international standards such as UN PRI, SASB and the Global Reporting Initiative Standards.

SUMMARY RESULT OF OVERALL MATURITY



The ESG tool consists of 4 modules:



ESG materiality checklist:

to identify -during the pre-investment phase- the relevant topics for the target investment to scope the due diligences and to check that all relevant topics have been covered.

ESG Assessment - overall:

an **ESG questionnaire** which allows to check if the company is facing major ESG issues and **to assess its overall ESG maturity**. It can also be used for the pre-investment phase for minority investments in case ESG full due diligence are not performed directly by DeA Capital Alternative Funds and during the annual monitoring update in the post investment phase to encourage findings from the DD to be followed up and incidents to be reported. **ESG Assessment – Specific topics:** the ESG Assessment module is integrated with a

section on specific topics to assess the maturity of the Company's approach for relevant ESG topics, based on a materiality assessment in order to have a tangible impact.



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ESG KPIs: this module is used to collect a set of ESG KPI's to evaluate and monitor the investment's ESG performance and to quantify the ESG improvements to be highlighted in the exit phase.

The tool is equipped with a dashboard summarizing the results of the Portfolio's Company performance. In particular, the dashboard displays the overall maturity of the Company, the findings from the due diligence.

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The materiality checklist of Value Creation Tools Alternative Funds

Part of the ESG tool, during the preinvestment screening and due diligence phases, DeA Capital Alternative Funds might evaluate the target company on the following ESG topics. Guidance guestions accompany each topic to support the investment team in evaluating the topic materiality. Each topic has been linked to those SDGs on which it realistically believes and makes a difference through constant and programmable commitment:

SUSTAINABLE GOALS



ESG TOPICS	SDGs
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Protected areas, landscape, biodiversity	14 Secure 15 Sec
Natural hazards & exposure to physical risks of climate change	13 ilisti ••••

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•	Product Labelling (origins, ingredients, allergies)	3 mmba. _4n/ቅ
•	Sustainable products	3 models
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ESG approach implementation along investment phases

Pre-Investment

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The main conclusions from the ESG screening and due diligence process, together with the analysis of the Risk Management Department, are included in the investment memorandum submitted to DeA Capital Alternative Funds's Board of Directors for approval.

Exit

DIRECT INVESTMENTS

Private Equity, Corporate Credit Recovery Funds

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Using the ESG tool, the ESG Champion compiles a checklist to identify material topics.



Eligible majority investments are analyzed through an ESG Due Diligence process to assess the existence and severity of potential ESG concerns and to identify risk mitigation measures and untapped ESG opportunities. This process typically includes an assessment of the maturity of the company's approach in managing material issues, a reputational check and a benchmarking exercise to gain an understanding of the company's positioning on sustainability. The ESG Due Diligence is performed through review of public documentation.

For prospect minority investments, a tailored questionnaire is sent to the company, aimed at gaining a better understanding of the company's practices and management of potential material issues and will serve as a monitoring tool through periodic update and engagement.

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Using a **proprietary questionnaire**, the relevant Q ⊠ ESG Champion engages with the potential GP to understand the awareness and maturity of the GP on ESG areas and how ESG factors are integrated in the investment process. Commitment by the GP on these areas is also assessed by review of public information, including adherence by GP to networks and/or associations promoting responsible investments and sustainable finance.

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ESG approach implementation along investment phases

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DeA Capital Alternative Funds constantly engages with its portfolio company's top management to promote a proactive approach on sustainability and ESG-related incidents prevention and reporting. For this reason, each portfolio company has appointed an ESG Manager in 2021.

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The **Board of Directors** of the portfolio companies are responsible for the **management of ESG issues**. The **ESG Champion** shall monitor the **ESG performance of the investments**, through the review of the reports to be provided by the portfolio companies and by actively engaging with them.

As established in DeA Capital Alternative Funds' Private equity and CCR ESG roadmaps, by 2020 **all direct investments** are subject to **periodic data collection** and required to **report on selected cross**- **portfolio ESG KPIs**. These KPIs will serve as fund monitoring tool to highlight trends and to report risk mitigation measures if necessary.

By 2021 **majority investments** are required to develop **ESG action plans** to enhance their ESG performance on material topics, including the closure of any due diligence findings if relevant. The action plan is **developed through an analysis of the company's value chain**, a benchmark with peers on ESG issues and the **identification of best practices for the specific sector**. The plan defines objectives, activities to be performed, targets, timeframes and responsibilities and its application is monitored through the periodic reporting tools that DeA Capital Alternative Funds has put in place for all its investments.

For **minority investments** and **CCR funds**, **reporting requirements** and recommended actions **are fine tuned to the degree of pervasiveness** which DeA Capital Alternative Funds can implement depending on the Governance of the investment.

MULTIMANAGER FUNDS Funds of Funds, Managed Accounts

The relevant ESG Champion monitors the **ESG performance** of the investments, **through the review of the information** that the **GPs provides annually**, and **by actively engaging** with GPs to explain DeA Capital Alternative Funds' ESG strategy and goals.

ESG INCIDENTS

Where applicable, DeA Capital Alternative Funds has **Board representation in its Portfolio Companies** and actively manages them through the Investment Teams to ensure that **incidents are adequately identified and addressed**. Finally, all investments are required to fill in the annual reporting on ESG, which also includes information on incidents. During the annual ESG training for the investment team, a specific exercise was performed on incidents reporting. The ESG Champion of each fund **oversees the collection of incident reports from portfolio companies**.

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In the divestment phase, DeA Capital Alternative Funds reports an information Memorandum consisting in a summary of:

- ESG factors that the SGR deemed relevant for the specific investment:
- relevant ESG performance registered during ownership;
- potential improvements;
- current initiatives in the ESG area.

MULTIMANAGER FUNDS Funds of Funds, Managed Accounts



Exit

An ESG full assessment with performance improvements connected with initiatives carried out during ownership and any residual ESG risk that might exist.

In line with the monitoring activity performed by the ESG champion throughout the whole investment lifecycle, also during the harvesting phase of the underlying portfolio the team monitors that the funds' managers incorporate ESG considerations in the exit processes. This latter activity may have different applications. depending on the specific type of underlying funds and the related strategy (i.e. infrastructure, private equity, private credit).

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Compliance and risk management process

The European Commission's Sustainable Action Plan is adopting new rules for integrating sustainability considerations to already implemented regulations or directives. Among them its the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088, the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR), which entered into force on 10 March 2021.

This regulation, directed to financial market participants, includes transparency requirements and integration of sustainability risks for all funds.

The SFDR also requires the investment funds to declare themselves as either funds with a sustainable objective (article 9), funds that promote ESG characteristics (article 8), or "standard" investment funds (article 6) and able to provide investors sufficient information to understand the investment process.

Sustainability Risk integration

With reference to investment activities, the analysis of ESG factors is integrated during the entire process and considers the peculiarities of the investments, for each asset class of managed funds:

• During the **investment phase**, eligible opportunities, considered compatible with the selection criteria by DeA Capital Alternative Funds, are analyzed through an ESG due diligence process to evaluate the possible presence of ESG criticalities to identify the mitigation measures of potential risks.

- The monitoring phase of portfolios is based on strong interaction with the ESG representatives of the investee companies and is carried out on a recurring basis.
- In the **divestment phase**. DeA assesses the ESG initiatives implemented during the management phase.

In particular, DeA evaluates the improvement of the ESG profile of the investment and the degree of residual ESG risk, identifying, among the viable exit options, the one that can best guarantee, in the medium-long term, the correlation between financial value and social value of our investments

Transparency of adverse sustainability impacts at entity level

DeA Capital Alternative Funds pays constant attention to regulatory and context changes. New regulatory interventions can contribute actively to increase sensitivity to ESG topics and the consequent action on the part of the whole industry.

The SGR maintains a proactive approach in defining the indicators and metrics with which determine the aforementioned negative impacts, also monitoring the evolution of regulatory provisions of reference. Thus, the SGR will be responsible for providing promptly updates on this aspect.

"ARTICLE 8" INVESTMENT FUNDS (REGULATION (EU) 2019/2088)

Taste of Italy 2 and Sviluppo Sostenibile have been classified under art. 8 funds and are committed to invest in companies that promote Environmental or Social characteristics and demonstrate appreciation and commitment to sustainability throughout their activities. Both funds aim to invest in companies with strong ESG profiles, meaning they manage ESG risks or have serious ESG commitments in place compared to their peers and competitors.

The ESG commitment is demonstrated through exclusion of companies in the investable universe according to DeA Capital Alternative Funds ESG policy. These exclusions range from investments industries to markets where business practice is controversial, where human rights are not respected and where more generally confidence is low in adherence to sustainability principles.

In addition, portfolio managers select key Environmental or **Social indicators** with the aim of improving these indicators during the fund entire lifetime:

- Taste of Italy 2, Sectorial fund specialized in the Food&Beverage sector, selected Environmentally challenging indicators (i.e., GHG emissions, environmental pollution, habitat destruction and species extinction).
- Sviluppo Sostenibile, selected Social challenging indicators instead.

Both funds aim to support only those companies which are focusing on continuing their investments and activities in a sustainable way.

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DeA Capital Alternative Funds developed an ESG roadmap for each main type of investment fund.

Encouraging its portfolio companies to make sustainability a priority by requesting a greater disclosure of key ESG risks and metrics and by assisting and supporting the companies in the process of undertaking major sustainable improvements.

IDeA Taste of Italy, launched in 2014 is the company's first fund entirely focused on investments in the food & beverage sector and all the industrial supply chains that specifically serve it.

The fund focuses on Italian SMEs, looking for investments with a mix of "made in Italy", technological excellence and potential for growth.

The fund's underlying strategy was mainly based on the **enormous potential** in terms of the number of investments offered by the agri-food sector in Italy, also fragmented into dozens of highly specialized sectors.

In addition, the strategy sought to identify small or medium-sized companies with a leadership position in their respective market niche, that would facilitate future aggregations and a possible increase in size.

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		ESG checklist drafted and approved	2019	\oslash	
		100% ESG DD performed on majority investments	2019	\oslash	CCR
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	Pre-investment	Draft Investment Memorandum ESG info template	2019	ê).	FOF
		100% Investment Memorandum containing ESG information	2020	\oslash	
		Draft ESG clauses template for investment documentation	2019	ê.	ND
		100% investment documentation containing ESG clauses	2020	\bigotimes	NPL
		100% portfolio companies with ESG reference person identified and corporate governance minimum requirements	2020	\otimes	
	Ownership	Data collection tools developed for both majority and minority investments	2019	\oslash	
S Achieved		100% portfolio companies with data annually collected	2020	\oslash	
🤗 Work in progress		100% majority investments with approved ESG Action Plans	2021	\oslash	
> To be started	Exit	100% exit memorandum/data room including ESG information for majority investments	2021	¢¢	

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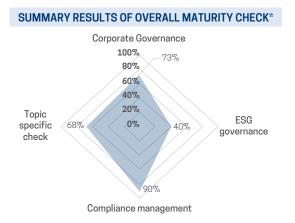
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IDeA Taste of Italy is a closed-end investment fund dedicated to the food & beverage industry. The fund invests in mid-sized companies that have proved good profitable growth potential, with solid and focused operational models.



Corporate Governance: the Governance structure adopted by the Investment and the related tools and system implemented to improve the management and reduce risks.

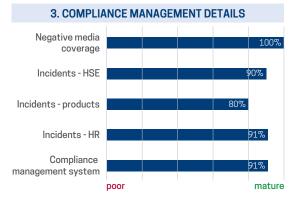
>ESG Governance: Investment maturity in terms of sustainability programs and risk management tools.

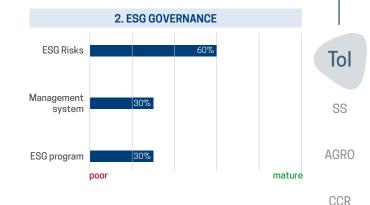
Compliance management: Investment maturity to ensure compliance. Tools in place and incidents, violations, sanctions and negative media campaigns.

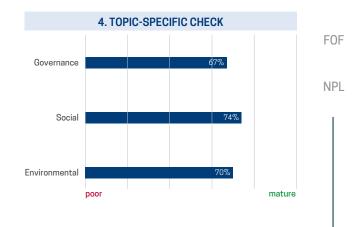
, Topic specific check: how the Investment manages the ESG specific topics: findings from the due diligences. management systems and certifications, monitoring systems and improvement plans in place.

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* The chart defines the maturity of the fund in terms of Corporate Governance, ESG Governance and Compliance Management. Maturity is the difference between the aggregate data of the single portfolio companies and the respective best practice in each area and KPI, assuming a different ranking among the KPIs.

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Alice ALICE PIZZA

Alice Pizza is a primary food retail chain with more than 170 stores in Italy offering sliced pizza. Founded in 1990 in Rome, the company expanded in Italy mainly through franchising until the acquisition of IDeA Taste of Italy with the aim of boosting Direct Stores opening mainly in Northern Italy.



The most relevant Alice Pizza's ESG facts & figures in 2021 were:

- Adoption of an organizational model by appointing new managers in each critical function. The Company aims at adopting a L.231 Model in 2022.
- The introduction of a welfare system involving all in-store employees in order to increase the brand loyalty and the average compensation based on selected monthly KPIs.



Sliced Pizza Selection



Launch of Project Welcome in cooperation with Welcome. Working for refugee integration, an international association rewarding companies that have hired asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection or have favored their job placement through internship and training programs (7 new hires so far). The **plastic free conversion** of all disposable items

in the store.

The adoption of a waste sorting system through dedicated bins in each store.

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TURATTI GROUP

Turatti Group, located in the Italian region of Veneto, is a world-leading designer and manufacturer of machinery and complete processing lines for the food industry, specifically for fresh cut vegetables.



Turatti's ESG activity was particularly intense in 2021, especially following an ESG action plan implemented in 2020.

A new organizational and Management model was launched (based on Legislative Decree 231, 8 June 2001) as part of a broader corporate governance policy, sensitive towards the ethical principles of corporate management.

In addition to 231 Model, Turatti's most relevant ESG facts & figures in 2021 were:

Replaced all the old euro **1-2-3-4 cars** and trucks.

Completed all the **safety training** for all employees.

Set up continuous learning and training on soft and hard skills for all employees. **Kick off the Lean Manufacturing** set up (to be completed by June 2023).





Reduced the scrap of the steel in production by **40%**.

Introduced the electro polishing technology reducing **90%** of the acid used.

Introduced the **new Vortex H** and **1050 v.21** with upgraded Hygienic design.

Completed the cleaning of the backyard with the recycling of all the recyclable material (**180** tons) and properly disposal of **9** tons of special waste not

 New website and communication
 AGRO

 plan with the sustainability
 at the center of all communication

 (Go live by December 2021).
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 Dismissed obsolete machine tooling, parts and component.
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recyclable.

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wisecap WISECAP

Founded in 1977, Wisecap is a leading European producer of closures for the beverage industry. The company operates in five production facilities located in Italy, Spain, Czech Republic and Poland. It produces over 11 billion closures annually.

On the Governance side, since IDeA Taste of Italy inception, CDS has adopted an Organizational and Management model (based on Legislative Decree 231, 8 June 2001) as part of a broader corporate governance policy, sensitive towards the ethical principles of corporate management.

Wisecap* was able to significantly reduce the energy consumption per tons of transformed resin over the last 10 years, with a 60% reduction of CO₂ emissions. Wisecap has also focused its investments on sustainable caps and closures such as extra-small caps, reducing materials and emissions.



Example of sustainable caps

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Investment:

March 2017

Furthermore, Wisecap supports collection, recycling and circular economy initiatives, partnering with customers and industry associations to promote a wise use of plastic. Wisecap's most relevant ESG facts & figures in 2021 were:

The substitution of two older production lines with a new more efficient one, with	Tol
65% of energy saved.	SS
An annual incentive and welfare plan involving 30 employees implemented.	AGRO
The launch of a new fully recyclable	CCR
product line in aluminum.	FOF
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GELATO D'ITALIA

Gelato d'Italia is a primary producer of private label icecream mainly distributed in modern trade chains in Italy and co-developer for major international player in the ice-cream market. Based in Reggio Emilia, the production site covers an area of 25,000 sgm, with more than 20 state-of-the-art production lines.

Gelato d'Italia has adopted an Organizational and Management model (based on Legislative Decree 231, 8 June 2001) as part of a broader corporate governance policy. sensitive towards the ethical principles of corporate management.

Gelato d'Italia is compliant with the rigorous International Food standards (IFS) and the British Food Standard (BRC) for the English market.



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	June 2016

Gelato d'Italia's most relevant ESG facts & figures in 2021 were:

acting as a CMO/CDMO, the company is always required to keep up with both the production lines (e.g. production efficiency, lower power consumption, less production waste) and the packaging (e.g. new environmental friendly solutions, single materials

packaging). The company already purchases **100%** of energy from renewable energy sources.

Several investments completed in 2021 allow to address some key ESG issues:

The semi-automation of two new mixing systems for ice-cream and ice-based products allows raw material savings due to perfect dosage and less risks related to human movement of big boxes.

New extrusion line replacing the old

one (installed before 2000) with energy

savings in the range of **E20k** per year.

New HQ with best building technologies allowing heating and electrical saving (e.g. full LED lighting to reduce energy

New ammonia cooling system for the entire production site which allows an increase in capacity, eliminating nitrogen cooling tunnels replaced with a much cheaper form of energy.

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ABACO GROUP

Founded in 1990, Abaco Group is a leading European player in software for agriculture. Company solutions include software for managing public grants to the farmers, precision farming and supply chain control and product traceability for the F&B industry. The company has offices in Italy and England and generates 50% of revenue abroad.

Investment: June 2019

Abaco has adopted an Organizational and Management model (based on Legislative Decree 231, 8 June 2001) as part of a broader corporate governance policy.



Monitoring product traceability



Innovation in agriculture

In 2021 Abaco Group continued its virtuous ESG path:

Implementing a long-term incentive plan for employees. The plan is

currently available to **10%** of the workforce and has a total value of €1 million at a money multiple of 2x at exit (growing for larger values of the exit money multiple).

Developing a software for tracking organic waste in agriculture.

Developing a software for tracking areas undergoing deforestation.

Developing a software for tracking and reducing plastic at sea.

Holding an advanced course on "leadership and management" for **50%** of total employees.

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Taste of Italy 2 fund invests in the **food & beverage sector and its production chain**. Target companies have between €20 and €200 million in turnover, with good fundamentals, implicit sustainability principles and generally need an anchor investor to make the dimensional leap. The fund aims to invest in 9 to 12 majority or minority positions in companies with positive EBITDA. The management team considers of greatest importance a **very active stewardship with the portfolio companies**.

Taste of Italy 2 aims to invest up to 30% in other European markets, in particular in Spain. The fund is classified under **Article 8** of the SFDR.

In fact, on the one hand, it invests in a sector that allows the **identification of investments that largely fall within the sustainable principles**, sensitive towards stakeholders and with strong elements of circularity of production factors. Many of the identified target companies has already **integrated** these principles **into their business models**. On the other

hand, the management team's objective and commitment is **to continue improving the KPIs of the investments** and the fund identified on both a specific and aggregate basis over time.

TASTE OF ITALY ROADMAP	Pre-investment	ESG checklist drafted and approved 100% ESG DD performed on majority investments Questionnaire to assess ESG risks and opportunities for target investments drafted and approved Draft Investment Memorandum ESG info template 100% Investment Memorandum containing ESG information Draft ESG clauses template for investment documentation 100% investment documentation containing ESG clauses	2019 2019 2019 2019 2020 2019 2020		AGRO CCR FOF
		100% portfolio companies with ESG reference person identified and corporate governance minimum requirements	2020	\bigotimes	NPL
	Ownership	Data collection tools developed for both majority and minority investments 100% portfolio companies with data annually collected	2019 2020	\bigotimes	
🤔 Work in progress		100% majority investments with approved ESG Action Plans	2021	$\check{\otimes}$	
▶ To be started	Exit	100% exit memorandum/data room including ESG information for majority investments	2021	¢¢	

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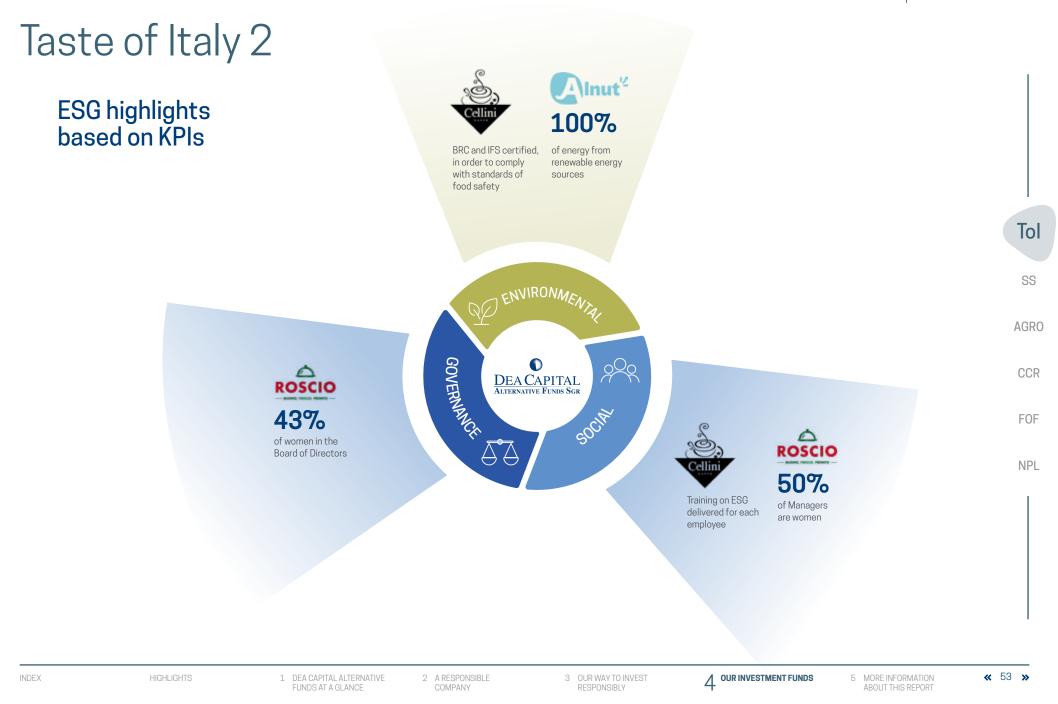
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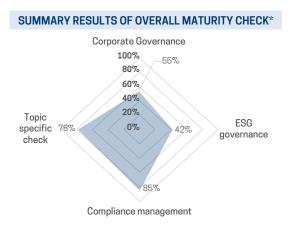






DIRECT FUNDS - Taste of Italy 2

Taste of Italy 2 ("Tol 2") is a closed-end investment fund dedicated to the food & beverage industry. The fund invests in mid-sized companies that have proved good profitable growth potential, with solid and focused operational models. The fund is classified as Art.8 under SFDR Regulation.



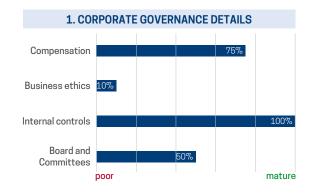
Corporate Governance: the Governance structure adopted by the Investment and the related tools and system implemented to improve the management and reduce the risks.

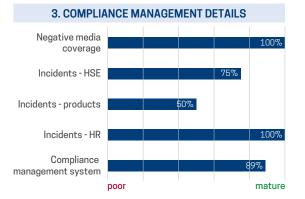
>ESG Governance: Investment maturity in terms of sustainability programs and risk management tools.

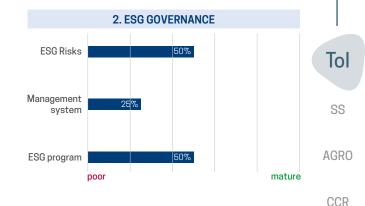
Compliance Management: Investment maturity to ensure compliance. Tools in place and incidents, violations, sanctions and negative media campaigns.

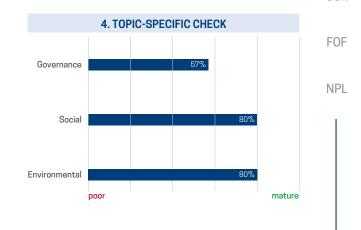
• **Topic specific check:** how the Investment manages the ESG specific topics: findings from the due diligences. management systems, certifications, monitoring systems and improvement plans in place.

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* The chart defines the maturity of the fund in terms of Corporate Governance, ESG Governance and Compliance Management. Maturity is the difference between the aggregate data of the single portfolio companies and the respective best practice in each area and KPI, assuming a different ranking among the KPIs.

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channels and geographic areas.

Ekaf Group produces and distributes roasted coffee, coffee capsules and pods. The company is well balanced in its product range, sale



Software monitoring of production



Ekaf Group with the help of DeA Capital Alternative Funds' management team is implementing a series of actions, such as:

ESG linked financing: subscription with Intesa Sanpaolo of an S-Loan ESG, created by the bank to support mid-market companies intended to improve their sustainability profile. The company is free to select 2 KPIs out of 6 in the "E" "S" "G" areas.



Duration: 84 months.

Margin impact: 25bps

reduction based on the achievement of the selected KPIs:

- Environment: introduction of a Green Procurement Policy in terms of purchasing
- Governance: hours of training for each worker on environmental/ social sustainability issues per year.

Solar panels: under evaluation project to build new coverage structures for current parking lots and install solar panel on top for photovoltaic energy production.

Trash compactors: to comply with the requirements of ISO 14000 certification the company is buying 3 different trash compactors for trash differentiation.

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Alimentación y Nutrición Familiar S.L. ("Alnut") produces and sells different varieties of baby food.



The company is in line with the principal "mega-trends" of the market and approximately 50% of its SKUs are BIO certified. In 2021 Alnut made in revenues, mainly in Spain (70%) and through private label (90%), serving leading retailers, both Spanish (mainly Mercadona) and international (such as Carrefour and E. Leclerc). Moreover, Alnut produces under its own brand, "Sun&Vegs", focused on the European market, and "Byba", focused on the APAC region.

Alnut's action plan has been implemented in 2021.

The plan included the construction of an internal framework with the ESG Policy approved by the Board of Directors as the main document.

Operationally, various activities have been implemented, especially in the environmental and social fields, to ensure maximum protection of the products given the very high sensitivity of the industry. such as:



• ESG POLICY IMPLEMENTATION: elaboration of an ESG plan. Nomination of a responsible manager in the company, also in charge of quality assurance, and a set of managers involved in the project, with guarterly meetings and a member of the investment team from DeA Capital Alternative Funds accompanying in the implementation of the ESG plan.

• ESG ACTION PLAN / FACTS & FIGURES

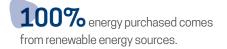
Innovation: **78%** of new SKUs in BIO products.

Substitution of lightning by LEDs.

Auto-consumption (**110 kw**) capex approved to be installed in 2021-22

Increase the electricity and water meters to detect leaks.

Add ISO 50001.



New protocol for luminaries, to reduce energy consumption, including stickers in the office serving as friendly reminders to personnel.

Re-audited (internal) for ISO 14001.

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Coil exchange process improvements to NPL reduce risk for employees.

New draft plan for equality.



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ROSCIO

A market-leading player in the production and distribution of ready-to-eat meals. Its product portfolio includes fresh and frozen ready-to-eat meals.

Investment: November 2020

The company's clients include Italian and international retailers, as well as market-leading foodservice operators. Roscio has also worked for many years as a **co-packer for** renowned international brands, developing and producing ready-to-eat meals.

Thanks to these long-established relationships, the company has developed strong R&D skills, enabling cross-selling towards modern trade and foodservice clients.

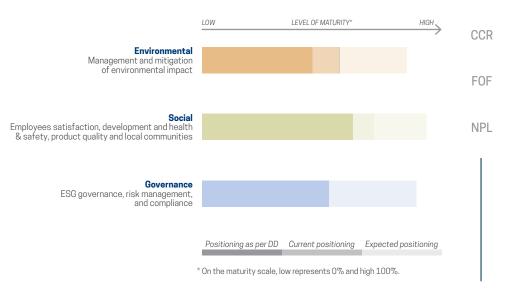
Gastronomica Roscio was the first fund's portfolio company to implement an ESG action plan. The plan was finalised in May 2021.



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Achieved 🤣 Work in progress 🕞 To be started

BUSINESS	231 Model and Code of Ethics	Legislative Decree no. 231 developed and implemented Company Code of Ethics and whistleblowing procedure developed and approved.	2022 2022	6 6
ETHICS	Business Ethics training	Training contents on 231 Model. Code of Ethics. Whistleblowing	2023	Þ
		ESG reference person responsible and sustainability related activitles appointed.	2021	 ⊘
SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE	Sustainability management and	Sustainability reporting and monitoring system for ESG KPIs to track and evaluates company's annual performance full implemented.	2022	ţÇŶ
	reporting system	performance full implemented. Include company's sustainability performance and initiatives in Board of Directors agenda.	2022	Þ
	Sustainability policy	Sustainability policy drafted and approved.	2023	Þ
	Sustainability communication on website	Sustainability section on Gastronomica Roscio's website describing main ESG performance, results and company's overall commitments created.	2022	Þ
	Inclusion or	Suppliers qualification questionnaire and audit checklist updated with ESG criteria.	2023	Þ
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	sustainability criteria into suppliers' management	Draft and share the Suppliers' Code of Conduct with all group suppliers.	2024	Þ
	Environmental Responsibilities	Appoint a person responsible for Environmental aspects.	2023	
MANAGEMENT	Environmental	Development of an environmental management system (e.g. Policy, Procedures, Risks & Opportunities:	2023	
>⊚	Management System	Assessment.etc.). Management system certified accordingto ISO 14001 standard.	2023	

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	Energy Management	Assess company's energy sources and consumption to identify energy consumption reduction initiatives and related target (e.g. old machinery revamping, LED lighting substitution, etc.)	2022	
MANAGEMENT >⊚	Environmental Training	Training contents on environmental management system and related procedures defined.	2023	\triangleright
PACKAGING	Definition of sustainable packaging alternatives	Identify alternative packagings and start testing them on Gastronomica Roscio's branded products to proactively address potential clients and incoming regulatory pressures.	2023	⊳
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SUBSTANCES	Phase-out of gas R-22	Complete the phase out of R-22 gas among all the machineries.	2026	¢¢°
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	HR Responsibilities	Appoint a person responsible for HR aspects (verifying compliance with legal threshold, development of hiring plans, manage training needs, collect relevant KPIs).	2022	\otimes
🎽 MANAGEMENT,	Responsibilities Employees'		2022 2023	⊗ ⊘
	Responsibilities	hiring plans, manage training needs, collect relevant KPIs).		-
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Sviluppo Sostenibile is the latest private equity fund launched by DeA Capital Alternative Funds. Started with the aim of being an Art. 8 of the SFDR, the Fund gives priority to scouting and preinvestment phases to those companies ESG oriented.

The strategy is based on both minority and majority investments. The average equity ticket is between €10 and €30 million and may include co-investments by the Fund's Limited Partners or other investors able to bring in sector specific expertise.

The investment Fund has been structured with the aim of being **entirely dedicated** to ESG with a unique ESG framework not only characterized by the Art.8 compliance requirements, but also by:

> An ESG Committee at fund level, which supports the Board of Directors and complements the presentation of investment proposals with an ESG perspective.

An ESG Pre-screening tool, developed with the intention of ensuring that the Investment Team avoids investing in sectors or companies which are considered incompatible with the Fund exclusion list.

The Pre-screening tool also

indicates potential ESG issues on the basis of the industry/sector materiality.

A portion of **carried interest** linked to ESG performance of the portfolio.

An ESG Action Plan for each portfolio company in which the Fund invests in.

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Before making the first investment in Sviluppo Sostenibile, an intensive exercise was carried out to identify the mandatory RTS KPIs under SFDR, which was accompanied by a selection of Environmental Additional/Opt-in KPIs.

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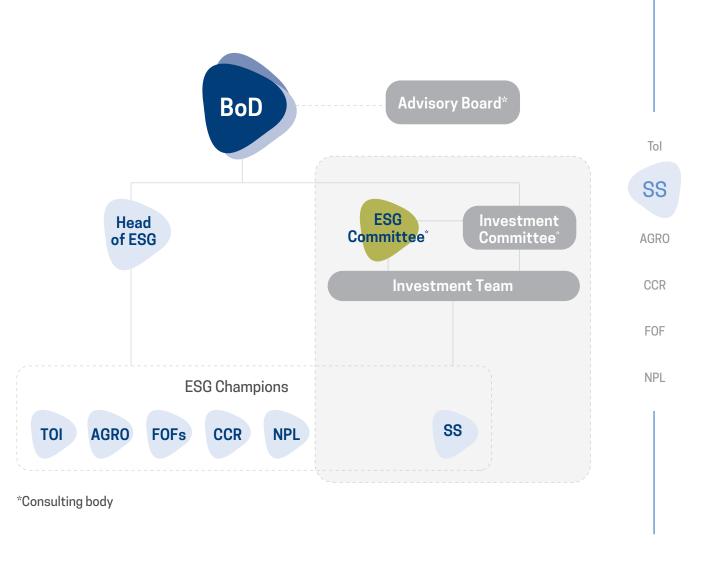


ESG COMMITTEE

The ESG Committee of Sviluppo Sostenibile is an **advisory** body supporting the Board of Directors which integrates the presentation of investment proposals with an ESG perspective. This approach characterizes the target companies from time to time, in order to guarantee the pursuit of the Fund's sustainable and responsible investment objectives.

The ESG Committee is composed of **5 members**, in charge for three years: a chairman and an independent majority. The members are appointed by the SGR, considering the specific experience gained in the assessment and management of ESG issues as well as responsible investments, in multi-sector industrial contexts and services, asset management and research.

The Fund's Managing Directors and other team members are invited to attend the ESG Committee meetings if necessary/appropriate, as well as any relevant third party to support the discussion of specific issues when the investment requires it.



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ESG highlights based on KPIs



In 2021 joined the Sustuntech (Sustainable tuna fisheries through advanced earth observation technologies) project



All employees have received metal bottles to reduce the use of plastic bottles

ZEPHYR Organizational, Management and Control Model implementation

OMB SALERI

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(231 Model)

In September 2021 joined the UN Global Compact

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Became a signatory member of the Neptune Declaration, aimed at improving working conditions for marine crew members and seafarers



Joined the Confindustria project to support fundraising activities for vaccines destined to low-income countries

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ZEPHYR **ACZEPHYR**

Zephyr Group is one of the main European companies active in the distribution of spare parts for merchant ship engines and slow ferries, as well as for engines active in power plants. In 2018, thanks to the acquisition of the Spanish competitor Skandiaverken, Zephyr Group consolidated its leadership position in Europe among independent distributors.

The company is able to offer a wide range of over 30,000 products, high know-how and level of service, representing a point of reference in the sector. In 2020, Zephyr Group served more than 2,000 ships. Additionally, 60% of its revenues came from abroad, in particular Spain, Europe and Latin America.

Since the transaction happened in June 2021, the company has adopted best-practice actions in governance, with the establishment of a Board of Directors. The Fund has also introduced a **long-term incentive plan** for key management within the company. In addition, the company is working with Fieldfisher in the establishment of a corporate organizational and management model as per the Legislative Decree 231.



Headquarter and warehouse

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Investment:

June 2021



Marine shipping is the main transport mode for global trade

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Among the 2021 ESG activities:

The company will start its ESG Action Plan drafting activities in the IQ 2022.

In September 2021 Zephyr became a signatory member of the Neptune Declaration, which aims at improving working conditions for marine crew members and seafarers.

As of October 2021, the **Sustuntech project** is a nominee for the **Tuna Awards**, the benchmark for the international tuna industry with a focus on the sustainability efforts occurring in the sector.

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OMB SALERI OMB SALERI GROUP

OMB Saleri was founded over 40 years ago as a manufacturer of gas safety valves for domestic use. Over the years, it has specialized in high-pressure valves, establishing itself as a primary operator in LPG and natural gas (CNG / LNG) for automotive and, since 2012, as a technological leader in the valves and pressure regulators for hydrogen applications.

OMB Saleri is a company devoted to innovation with a cutting-edge manufacturing and has become the reference partner for leading transportation OEMs (Heavy Duty, Bus, Train, Aerospace&Defence, Shipping) and TIER 1 system integrators, with most revenues generated from international clients. Since Sviluppo Sostenibile investment, the company has adopted best-practice actions in governance, with the establishment of a Board of Directors.

Following governance best practice, key managers have invested in the company alongside the Fund and the founder.

The company has also announced that in 2022 will start its work to publish a Sustainability Report from 2023. R&D and Quality Control department



Among the 2021 ESG activities:

In September 2021 OMB Saleri joined the UN Global Compact.

Car-pooling: OMB started offering to all of its employees an internal car-pooling platform with monetary incentives to employees that share their journey towards the company.

OMB has also offered to some of its employees E-Bikes to reach OMB's premises. The company has setup the charging areas in the parking lot.

The company has improved its best practices to reduce plastic consumption: all employees have received metal bottles to reduce the use of plastic bottles.

Moreover, the following training/seminars have

been offered: EY workshop "Sustainability as a key driver of business development", "ESG and relationship with stakeholders" offered by Confindustria Brescia and a course promoted by the municipality of Brescia focused on improving employees' mobility from their homes to the workplace.

OMB has also joined the Confindustria project called "A Vaccine for all" to support fundraising activities for vaccines destined tolow-income countries.

OMB Saleri joined the "Save the Farm" project, adopting **50** fruit trees to support Italian farmers and helping **CO., reduction** (est. in 2,750kg of CO., equivalent yearly)

dispensers use **100%** recyclable cups and bins are made of recycled plastic.

OMB has already in place a giveback scheme with its employees, with a

15% profit-sharing mechanism based on yearly results.

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To emphasize its commitment to sustainability, OMB Saleri became Benefit Company in its bylaws.

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IDEA AGRO ROADMAP

IDeA Agro, launched in 2018, invests in the agricultural sector and undertakes various types of investment (buy-out, buy-in, growth capital also in the form of POC) both as majority and qualified minority shareholder to finance the development of the production chain in the agri-food field. The investment targets are agricultural companies with at least 150 hectares in landholdings, to be managed with **innovative farming techniques**, and primary production/processing companies which are linked supply chains and have a turnover of at least €10 cases, IDeA Agro invests directly in agricultural of activities related to the production of fruit and v

For example, the fund has built a new planting of yellow kiwi fruit of the G3 (Zespri) variety on an area of around 100 hectares in the province of Latina. The operation was carried out in partnership with Agrintesa Cooperativa Agricola, world leader in the marketing of kiwifruit. Due to nature of agriculture itself, it takes time for agricultural development to reach maturity. The management team tries to focus on *made in Italy*, sustainability and possibly short

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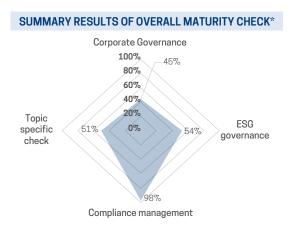
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IDeA Agro is a private equity fund dedicated to investments in agricultural businesses which are situated in Italy and operate in an eco-sustainable manner. The fund manages about 1.100 hectares of land which includes about 990 thousand of new plants.



Corporate Governance: the Governance structure adopted by the Investment and the related tools and system implemented to improve the management and reduce the risks.

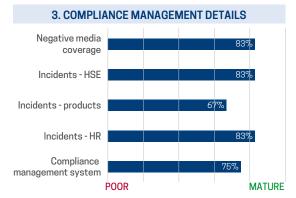
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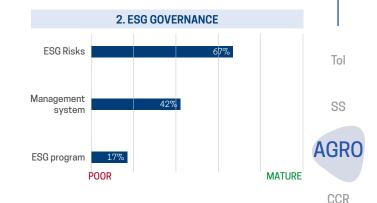
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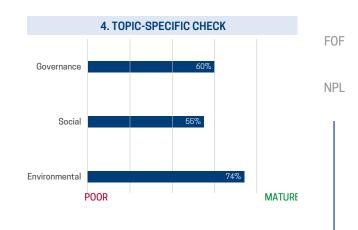
• **Topic specific check:** how the Investment manages the ESG specific topics: findings from the due diligences. management systems, certifications, monitoring systems and improvement plans in place.

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* The chart defines the maturity of the fund in terms of Corporate Governance, ESG Governance and Compliance Management. Maturity is the difference between the aggregate data of the single portfolio companies and the respective best practice in each area and KPI, assuming a different ranking among the KPIs.

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Agrofocciole AGRO NOCCIOLE

Società Agricola Agro Nocciole Srl was founded in 2019 by the IDeA Agro team to acquire arable land and convert it into hazelnut orchards. Italy is the second largest producer by

volume and the first by quality of hazelnuts in the world. Agro Nocciole currently owns approximately 300 hectares of land around Alessandria,

with more than 150.000 hazelnut trees.

Through Ascopiemonte, the company is taking part in the **Italian Hazelnut** Project launched by Ferrero Hazelnut Company to

encourage international cultivation. which involves purchasing 75% of the harvest from the adherents at a price that guarantees the producer a certain level of profitability based on a 15-year contract.



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Ploughing hazelnut field

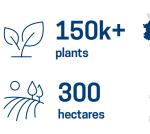
Hazelnut plants have been planted (571 plants/ha) of the Tonda Gentile Trilobata and Tonda di Giffoni varieties. The planting of the last plots acquired is currently underway, including the development of a small experimental field that includes the introduction of innovative varieties.

Measures adopted by Agro Nocciole to **optimise the use of resources sustainably**:

All hazelnuts are equipped with a **drip irrigation system** that allows natural watering of the roots and an increase in water resource use. The systems can be programmed and controlled from the touch of a button, using a tablet or smartphone, which saves significant amounts of time and resources.

Machines and equipment are furnished with sensors for point release of fertilisers (barred or variable dosage) and health and hygiene products. which means that, in addition to reducing the use of technical equipment, distribution takes place in real time.

The periodic use of the drone makes it possible **to update the** mapping of land: the data acquired are cross-referenced with those collected by meteorological centres located in the fields, which can record climatic data and information on soil water requirements. It is thereby possible to obtain maps of prescriptions on which the agronomist applies farsighted interventions.



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Agro Noce AGRO NOCE

Società Agricola Agro Noce Srl was founded in 2019 by the IDeA Agro team with the aim of purchasing land and converting it into walnut groves. The company recently purchased a 170-hectare plot of land in Bondeno, in the province of Ferrara, an area particularly suited to walnut cultivation.

The Agro Noce project envisages the production of **two varieties of walnuts**:

"Lara", the most valuable and early ripening product;

"**Chandler**", a more common type of walnut destined for both the fresh and processed markets.

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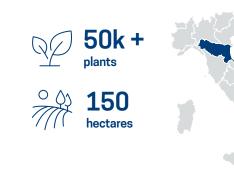
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This project is a response to the "**Emilia Romagna Regional Development Plan**", proposed in 2010, which triggered a movement in the region by consortia and farmers to enhance local walnut production.

Agro Noce, which is currently working with **Agrintesa** on the establishment and development of a large Italian walnut-growing hub, has focused in 2021 on implementing a formal procedure for monitoring and reporting critical issues (non-compliance, sustainability, inclusiveness, health and safety risks).





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GRUPPO TARULLI

Antonio Tarulli Srl has about 130 hectares of land, mostly owned, cultivated with organic and biodynamic table grapes. The production is delivered and marketed by the OP Gruppo Tarulli, established in 2007. Investment: November 2019

The company, managed by the Tarulli family, has **produced table grapes** since the beginning of their business over 20 years ago, for the **organic**, and more recently the **biodynamic** (8% of turnover), segment of the market.

The aim of the company is to expand the production of table grapes to additional land owned by the company, in order to meet the demands received from the markets-mainly abroad.

The most relevant ESG issues for the Tarulli Group are **traceability** and **packaging**. With the aim of being able to trace products, a complete system has been created following latest EU Reg. which allows us to track the entire path of the product.

Beyond the implementation of quarterly ESG data collection, voluntary activities were implemented in 2021 for:

sustainable agricultural practices

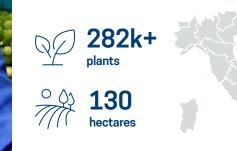
(reduced use of non-organic pesticides and fertilisers).

Manual grapes harvest

optimisation of packaging and

reduction of material use with increased use of compostable/recyclable materials.







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The company has recently purchased about 380 hectares of land on the border between Lazio and Tuscany, of which 250 hectares can be converted to olive groves.



The project was proposed by the Buccelletti family, industrial partners in the venture with consolidated experience in the production, construction and management of intensive olive groves with a cultivation model based on the Spanish experience. With a full production of over 1000 tons of olives, the plant is one of the most important in central Italy, an area of **excellence for extra virgin olive oil** production.





Secular olive trees

consumption.

implementation of a control system for health, safety and quality aspects.

The reduction of diesel and electricity

The completion of monitoring and reporting procedures to identify noncompliance activities.



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GRUPPO INGINO

The Ingino Group is active in the processing and marketing [<u>;;;;;</u>] of fresh and frozen chestnuts as well as other frozen fruits. The Group was founded in the 1950s in Montoro Inferiore, in the province of Avellino. It accelerated its development in the 2000s, partly as a result of small acquisitions of competing companies.

Over the years, the Group has become a leader in the market for frozen fruit and fresh chestnuts. The latter is produced for national and European supermarkets (large-scale retail trade) and even in the USA and Canada - where it has its own commercial platform. Currently, the Ingino Group processes over 25,000 tonnes of fruit (60% of which is chestnuts) in one of the largest plants of its kind in Europe: a 67,000 square metre plant in Atripalda (AV).

In addition to product quality, the Ingino Group also focuses on research and development with the aim of optimising the entire process. This is based on technologies for preserving fruit products in the various stages of processing, postharvesting, sanitising, and innovative packaging.



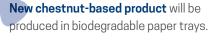
Beyond the implementation of quarterly ESG data collection, voluntary activities were implemented in 2021 for:





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gias GRUPPO GIAS

Founded in 1978 in Mongrassano, in the province of Cosenza, the Gias Group operates in the frozen food market, mainly vegetable based. The company is managed by Gloria Tenuta, the founder's daughter and the company's point of contact since 2005. She is renowned both regionally and sector-wide, being made a "Cavaliere del Lavoro" in 2018. Investment: December 2020

The main supplier of agricultural raw materials and semi-finished products is the **COTRAPA agricultural cooperative**, which brings together around 60 members located in Puglia, Calabria and Basilicata and with which a multi-year supply chain contract is in place.

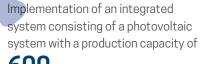
The quality of certifications is of crucial importance. The **Quality System** is certified according to the international standards for the safety of food products- BRC (British Retail Consortium) and IFS (International Featured Standards).

The numerous certifications of the **integrated pest management cultivation techniques** adopted by the company, by the contributing members and by all the other suppliers, makes it possible to reduce the use of pesticides and chemical fertilisers to a minimum and consequently to limit the impact on the environment.

This is a further guarantee of **safety for the health of operators, consumers** and for **the protection of the production habitat**.

The Gias Group has also developed an **innovative information technology system** to guarantee the authenticity of food products and to combat the phenomenon of Italian sounding with the support of the European Community, the Ministry of Economic Development and the PON.

Beyond the implementation of quarterly ESG data collection, voluntary activities were implemented in 2021 for:



600 kW/h and a trigeneration plant powered by natural gas.



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AGRO GOLD Agro Gold

IDeA Agro, through Agro Gold Società Agricola srl, has recently reee embarked on the "yellow kiwi project". This consists of the longterm lease of about 160 hectares of land to be converted for the production of SunGold in the Province of Latina, the most suitable area in Italy for kiwi fruit, in addition to the 60 hectares already converted.

Agrintesa, the operational partner of the project, is one of the four Italian licensees of the Zespri consortium (owner of the exclusive rights and genetics of the SunGold variety).

Agrintesa will not only manage the packaging and distribution to Zespri but will also take care of the operational management of the newly established farm. The decision to invest in a SunGold yellow kiwi production project is linked to several factors: this variety allows higher yields and prices than the traditional Hayward green kiwi. In addition, Italy is the best suited area in Europe and the largest producer of yellow kiwi fruit.

Beyond the implementation of quarterly ESG data collection, voluntary activities were implemented in 2021 for:

implementation activities on water assets for the full eco-sustainable use of local waters.

Implementation of procedures for the application of "agriculture 4.0" systems on water and operational control operations in general.

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IDeA CCR I and IDeA CCR II are closed-end investment fund of DIP (Debtor-in-Possession) Financing, reserved to qualified investors. The funds aim to contribute to the **recovery** of mid-size Italian companies, which are under financial strains but show sound industrial fundamentals. The funds are both composed of two pockets: Credits Pocket and New Finance Pocket. Starting from December 2018, for IDeA CCR II was launched a new pocket dedicated to Shipping credits.

Achieved 🤣 Work in progress 🕟 To be started

IDEA CCR ROADMAP FOR EQUITY INVESTMENT ONLY	Pre-investment	ESG checklist developed 100% ESG DD performed and 100% ESG risk assessment profile developed 100% Investment Memorandum containing ESG information Draft of ESG clauses template for investment documentation 100% contracts containing ESG clauses	2019 2020 2020 2019 2020	() () () () () () () () () () () () () (
	Ownership Exit	100% portfolio companies where ESG items are discussed 100% companies with ESG risk profile monitored and updated ESG data collection tool developed 100% companies collecting data Enhanced ESG risk profile improvements, if any	2020 2020 2020 2021 2021	ର ର ର ର ର ର

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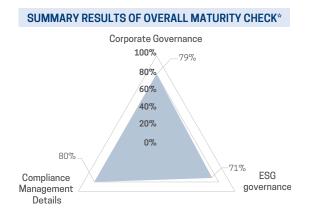
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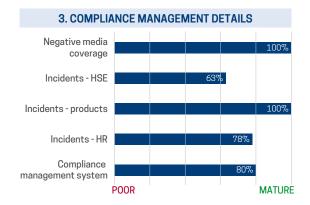


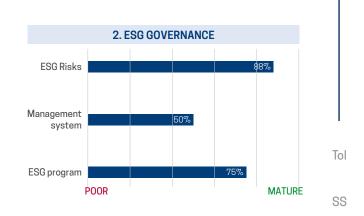
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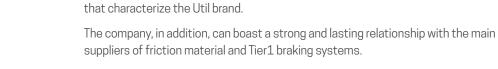
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UTIL UTIL GROUP

Util Group is a company founded in 1959 and active in the production of metal parts processed in fine and traditional blanking, mainly intended for the automotive brake market. Particularly, it is the leading manufacturer of plates and shoes for vehicle braking systems, providing products and services to the whole world and meeting high standards of quality and efficiency, in full compliance with customer expectations.



Manufacturing of metal parts



From an international point of view, as evidence of Util's global presence, the Company sells its products both on the OEM market but also aftermarket in Europe, America, the Middle East, Asia and Australia and, moreover, has production plants located in Italy, Canada, Mexico and China.

The customer portfolio is broad and diversified and includes important global players in

the **automotive sector**, including Bosch and Continental, giving the **solidity** and **reliability**



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FOCUS ON - UTIL ACTION PLAN (2022 - 2024)

In 2021 the company started, with the support of ERM, the definition of an ESG action plan whose implementation is currently ongoing.

The main ESG activities that Util implemented during 2021, as part of its path towards industry best practices:

Installation - to be completed in 2022 - of a 1,600 kw industrial photovoltaic plant that will allow the Company to generate energy that will be used to meet the plant's energy needs.

Support to Volare, an association that has been active for years in **sustaining** socially useful sports projects for people with disabilities.

Employees - training: specific training activities and reskilling programs.

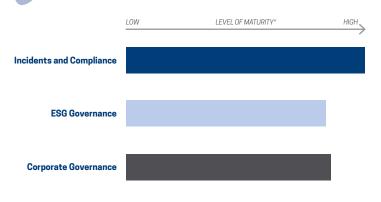
Replacement of the cleaning operator with an ISO 14000 certified person. The assignment of waste collection to them is being assessed.

Employees - training: identified a selfassessment and goal-setting tool for employees and officers.

Creation of a new ESG section on the Website.

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Installation of water purifiers.



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PIERALISI PIERALISI GROUP

The Pieralisi Group, whose origins date back to 1888, globally produces and distributes machines and plants for the extraction of olive oil - where is market leader - and machinery that develops centrifugal force for various industrial processes, such as ecology, food and beverage, recycling and recovery, mineral fuels and lubricants, chemicals and pharmaceuticals and animal product.

The **design and production of the machines** are mainly carried out by Pieralisi Maip S.p.A. in the Jesi (Marche, Italy) plants. The Group sells products and related after-sales services through the network of commercial companies operating in various geographic markets (Mediterranean area, Northern Europe, North America and Brazil).

FOCUS ON - REBRANDING CAMPAIGN

ESG Communication: a rebranding campaign has been pursued based on the Pieralisi plants' commitment. which is:

to produce more and to waste less.

to optimise waste disposal. to give new life and new value to the raw materials.

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This commitment is coherent to the **circular economy model**, which is "a model of production and consumption, which involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products as long as possible". The rebranding campaign has involved the creation of a new logo which, also from a figurative perspective, is linked to the concept of circular economy;

In parallel to the **Circular Thinking Approach**, Pieralisi has introduced the strategy of Safety Thinking to promote a careless way for human resources.

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Decanter centrifuge for solid-liquid separation

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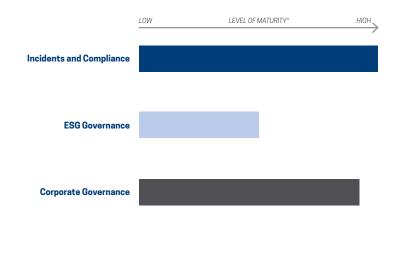
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PIERALISI FOCUS ON - PIERALISI ACTION PLAN (2021 - 2023)

The team performed a full ESG due diligence before the investment, completed in July 2020. In 2020 the company started, with the support of ERM, the definition of an ESG action plan whose implementation is ongoing.

In addition to the rebranding campaign, the main **ESG activities** that Pieralisi implemented during 2021 are:



In the context of the company's production plants re-layout- which imply, inter alia, an optimisation of resources and higher safety - the extension of the existing photovoltaic system.

Appointment of a person responsible for ESG aspects.

Started to implement an ESG data **collection tool** in line with internal management system and investor request. Appointment of a person responsible for HR aspects. Performed the Asbestos periodical monitoring campaign. Implementation of a machinery

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improvement plan to raise the safety standard of the equipment. 2022 **BUSINESS ETHICS** ESG MANAGEMENT SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAIN **ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGEMENT** PERMITTINGS **RESTRICTED SUBSTANCES (ASBESTOS, PCBS, ODS, GHG)** STRUCTURES AND MACHINERIES EMPLOYEES MANAGEMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING PRODUCT COMPLIANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY 2024

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SNAIDERO snaidero

Founded in 1946 in Majano (Udine), Snaidero is one of the most renowned Italian manufacturers of modular kitchens. as well as an established distributor in Europe. Snaidero

Investment: July 2018

boasts a strong international presence mainly because of its care in craftsmanship and technological research, elements that have always been a concrete guarantee of guality and durability for Snaidero kitchens.

The well-groomed and innovative design, conceived as a window on the future, has established itself over time as the Company's point of strength. As proof of this, a Snaidero's kitchen has been recently awarded with the prestigious Good Design Award 2018 for the 15th time.

Below are some examples of the **ESG activitie**s implemented in 2021: Renewal of **14001** certification.

Various investments in fire prevention to improve current standards.

Removal of asbestos roofing in our car parks, covering a total of around **900** square metres.

Start of activities aimed at improving/ updating the **231** Model.

Start of activities aimed at obtaining ISO 45001 certification.

Replacement of disposable plastic

cutlery with steel cutlery in our dining hall.

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Feasibility study on the use of packaging that already contains some recycled material.



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Funds of Funds

The fund of funds as an investment class is part of the **historical DNA** of DeA Capital Alternative Funds. The first fund of funds (IDeA I Fund of Funds) dates back to 2007 and the latest, DeA Endowment Fund, currently being the sixth, has been launched in 2019 and has just reached its Final Close. Across the multiple funds, the management team weighed the strategies differently in each case:

IDeA | Fund of Funds (2007), the first strategy was Small/Mid buyout, with approximately **34%** of the portfolio ICF II (2009), the Small/Mid buyout accounted for around **34%** of the portfolio. IDeA Global Growth (2013) the Buyout (including large companies) weighed in at over **50%** The same strategy based on Buyouts, with over **53%**, also drove ICF III (2014). DeA Endowment Fund (2019) is based on return, liquidity, risk and allocation

objectives that are consistent with the requirements of its investors.

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The contribution of DeA Capital Alternative Funds' management team to sustainability principles consists of a very active stewardship activity.

The active approach is carried out by sending questionnaires to the managers, in which the adherence to the ESG principles of the fund is highlighted. At the same time, the VCT is used for **monitoring and** statistics.

Active

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Other

Europe

Not active

As required by the ESG Policy of DeA Capital Alternative Funds, the identification of investments that do not commit their portfolio companies to certain sustainability principles lead to a stricter monitoring activity with the objective of identifying any potential issue at the earliest stage, allowing the team to evaluate the correct responsive action.

During the course of the past year, the team has screened the portfolios of all funds that were invested before the adoption of

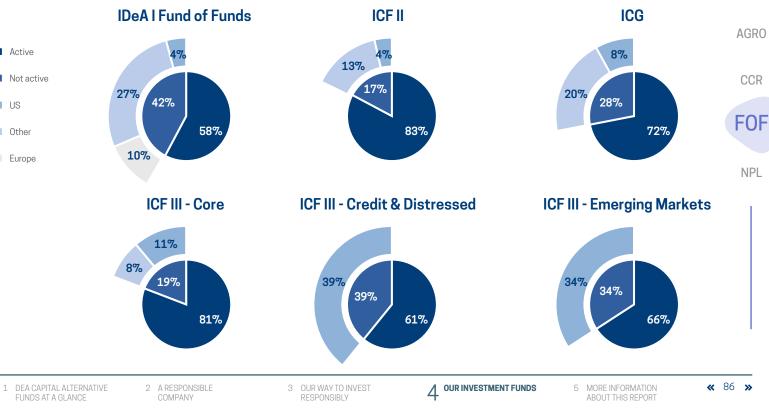
the UN PRI and of the VCT tool. in order to evaluate the effort of all portfolio GPs under ESG terms. The results are displayed in the graphs below: what the results show is that the funds in the portfolios have initiated a gradual ESG improvement process (on average, 70% of funds in each portfolio either have an ESG policy and/or have shared ESG reports), whilst the lowest level of ESG activity is being reported from GPs

that operate in the emerging markets and/or

in the private credit asset class.

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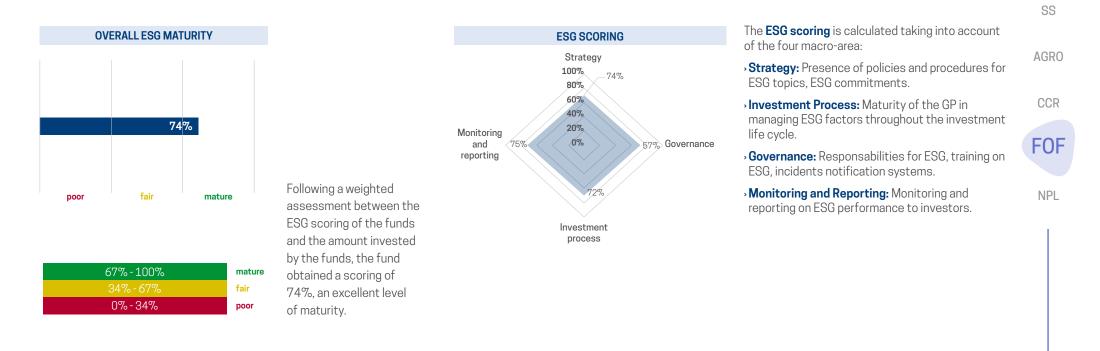
Focus on DeA Endowment Fund

DeA Endowment Fund is an alternative investment fund reserved to Banking Foundations according to performance targets, liquidity, risk and consistent allocation with the indications of the Foundations themselves.

The pre-identified asset classes contemplate investments in private equity, private debt and infrastructure having a predominantly international **geographical focus**, mainly in Europe and the United States.

DeA Endowment Fund has been the first multimanager program initiated after the adoption of the UN PRI and the related ESG VCT tool. As such, every investment of the Fund has been subject to a specific ESG due diligence, aimed at measuring the level of ESG maturity and effort of each GP and fund.

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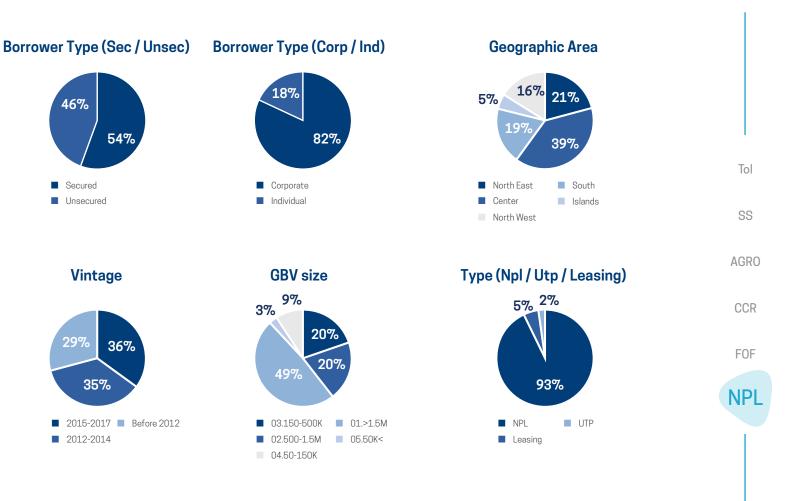
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DeA Capital Alternative Funds entered into the NPL business in November 2019 following the acquisition of the NPL business division from Quaestio SGR. Italian Recovery Fund, now managed by DeA Capital Alternative Funds, is one of the largest NPL fund in Europe that acquired c. EUR30bn (notional) of non-performing loans in different transactions from Italian banks. IRF typically acquired notes of different seniorities (mainly mezzanine and junior tranches) issued by SPV130 vehicles in the context of securitization transactions.

The NPL portfolios acquired by IRF are extremely variegated and diversified.

The main area of "sensitivity" for the NPLs business is the compliance with ESG best practises, codes and policies by Special Servicers to which are delegated the credit management and recovery activities.



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	Engagement with the Special Servicers	100 % of Special Servicers engaged on ESG (ESG assessment results, improvement areas and DeA Alternative Funds's objectives)	2022	¢¢	
	Monitoring of Special Servicers	Annual monitoring of Special Servicers performances on ESG metrics and evaluation of scoring improvement (with respect 2021 assessment)	2022	¢¢	Tol
	Share ESG commitments and best practices among Special Servicers	100% of Special Services acknowledged DeA Alternative Funds's ESG Policy	2021	Þ	SS AGRO
		Organize an annual meeting/seminar with Special Servicers to share best practices	2022	Ŷ	CCR
	Identify main information available for real estate collaterals	Perform an analysis to identify the available information on real estate collaterals.	2021		FOF
	Evaluate the possibility to identify and assess the ESG	According with the properties mapping performed in the previous phase, ESG risks assessment performed for some properties in portfolio.	2021	⊘	NPL
	risks of the repossessed properties in leasing, periodically monitoring them	Increasing the annual ESG risks monitoring for selected properties in portfolio (following 2021 assessment).	2022	¢¢	



Questionnaire to Special Servicers

In the ESG process, DeA Capital Alternative Funds NPL Investment team's efforts focused on the relationship with servicers while for the future the aim is to increase sustainability into the NPL collection process of those servicers.

Following the NPL business unit's acquisition, external consultants have been identified to help the investment team building a roadmap to make the goal of a more sustainable approach to the business more achievable.

To identify any ESG issues within special servicers, a **proprietary questionnaire** has been developed, focusing on a series of detailed questions on several ESG aspects for the evaluation of the awareness and maturity of Special Servicers. Feedback has been received and shows that overall, all Servicers complies with main ESG principles.

The most interesting ESG aspects that emerge from the Servicers' responses in the questionnaire are the following:

all Servicers used by **DeA Capital** Alternative Funds implement energy efficiency systems.

80% are implementing Green Mobility.

80% are improving their carbon footprint or plan to do so in short time.

The gender mix among employees is perfectly balanced (about **50%**).

90% of their employees have permanent contracts

All Servicers have 231 Model with related policies and a compliance system in line with best practices.

17 is the average training hours for person.

>50% out-of-court settlement

(on all managed portfolios historically)

which is faster. less burdensome and

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Our next steps

This year we have taken significant steps to become an **increasingly responsible investor**, by defining an ESG framework and formalizing our ESG commitments as transparently described in this report.

Looking ahead over the next year, we plan to continue on our path towards **strengthening our responsible investment approach in line with the objectives and targets set out in our ESG Action Plan and in the specific ESG roadmaps developed for each fund**.

In particular, in the coming years, we are committed to perform an ESG Due Diligence assessment on all our potential investments and to adopt our Value Creation Tool to monitor the ESG performance of all our investments. In this context, a core priority for us will be to support all our Portfolio Companies in implementing the ESG improvement plans, also developed based on the Value Creation Tool's results.

In the coming years we want to continue to contribute to the diffusion of Responsible Investment within the industry through the engagement with sector associations and organizations.

Finally, to enhance our employees soft and technical skills in relation to ESG aspects we will continue to provide training and communication activities.

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