



Exclusion Policy



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### 1. Background

Credicorp Capital Asset Management is committed to generating superior returns for its clients as part of its fiduciary duty. Incorporating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors improves the assessment of risks and opportunities that may affect the financial performance of investments. Every company and investment project can be affected by ESG risks or enhanced by related opportunities. Likewise, each operation has intentional or unintentional impacts on the environment and society. The proper management of these risks, opportunities, and impacts is essential for the sustainability of the investees' companies and projects to ensure their ability to continue operating and generating value in the future for investors and their other stakeholders.

Credicorp Asset Management recognizes the opportunity and responsibility it has to contribute to the sustainable development of Latin America, promoting good corporate sustainability practices among the companies and projects in which it invests and the financial industry in general. Also, it recognizes that clients and investors who choose Credicorp Capital Asset Management as a manager may have objectives in terms of sustainability impacts or outcomes in addition to the financial ones. A responsible and sustainable investment approach contributes to the generation of integral value for customers, the investees' companies, and society.

Credicorp Capital Asset Management's responsible and sustainable investment approach includes a combination of strategies focused on mitigating risk, preserving value, and enhancing our investments. Exclusions are among these strategies. This Exclusion Policy<sup>1</sup> defines investments in sectors or companies that Credicorp Capital Asset Management avoids based on sustainability concerns from economic, environmental, and social perspectives. This policy, the responsible and sustainable strategies and practices are aligned with globally accepted codes, including the Principles for Responsible Investing convened by the United Nations (UN PRI). Since June 2020, Credicorp Capital Asset Management has been a PRI signatory.

## 2. Policy scope

This Policy applies to Credicorp Capital Asset Management and its operations through the local subsidiaries of Credicorp Capital Ltd. Additional policies and guidelines may complement this document at the subsidiary level. The following guidelines apply to all funds and strategies over which Credicorp Capital Asset Management has full discretion as an investment manager in the decision-making process.

This policy does not apply to the following portfolios or investment products:

 Funds or products for which Credicorp Capital Asset Management as the investment manager has delegated the investment management activity to another entity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Responsible Investment Policy was approved by the first time on May 25th, 2020. The approval includes the initial adequacy and implementation period of 180 days. The 2023 update was approved by the Board of Directors of Credicorp Capital Asset Management on January 19, 2023, with a 3-month adaptation period for its entry into force.



- Funds or products for which Credicorp Capital Asset Management is not the management company but has received the investment management activity through a delegation by another entity
- Passively managed funds or index products
- Third-party non-discretionary portfolio mandates managed by Credicorp Capital Asset Management
- Funds of Funds in which the underlying funds or instruments are not managed by Credicorp Capital Asset Management

In the case of funds managed by third parties, the ESG analysis will be carried out considering the information provided by the managers and public sources, when available.

### 3. Exclusion Rationale and Criteria

Exclusions, also known as negative screening, are strategies to avoid investing in companies or sectors involved in activities or conducts with negative ESG impacts or that are not in compliance with international conventions or principles (also known as norms-based exclusion). Credicorp Capital Asset Management and the Credicorp group have identify activities and conducts that are excluded due to concerns regarding its sustainability, or economic, environmental, and social effects.

Conduct-based exclusions are:

- Activities or companies involved in child labor, human trafficking or forced labor, as defined in the ILO Conventions.
- Activities or companies that incur in acts of corruption, bribery, or fraud, in accordance with the guidelines set forth by Credicorp and local regulation.

Exclusions based on economic activity include companies whose primarily activities fall within the following ambits:

- Controversial weapons
- Tobacco cultivation and production
- Coal production or commercialization
- Activities related to pornography
- Games of chance, casinos, other similar activities

#### Controversial Weapons

Controversial weapons include cluster bombs, land mines, weapons containing depleted uranium, chemical and biological weapons, blinding laser weapons, weapons with undetectable fragments and incendiary weapons (white phosphorous). These weapons have indiscriminate and disproportional impacts on civilian populations and the environment. These effects can persist long after the end of military conflicts. As a result, their use, stockpiling, and production has been prohibited by several international conventions or treaties (Box 1). Credicorp Capital Asset Management considers that investments related to these weapons are not consistent with its responsible and sustainable investment approach.

Exclusions in this sector comprise:



Investments in companies whose primarily activity is the production or commercialization of cluster bombs, land mines, weapons containing depleted uranium, chemical and biological weapons, blinding laser weapons, weapons with undetectable fragments and incendiary weapons (white phosphorous).



### Tobacco

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Objective

Tobacco consumption is associated with pervasive health consequences and fatalities for smokers and non-smokers. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), tobacco generates social and economic costs as it causes premature deaths and losses in productivity, leading to reduced household income, increases in poverty, and healthcare expenses. As a result, the WHO member states adopted the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in 2003 to reduce tobacco demand and supply (Box 2). Producers of tobacco are subject to increasing regulatory pressure, taxes, and potential lawsuits that may affect their financial prospects. Regulatory and reputational risks in the industry are likely to be underestimated, leading to inadequate risk analysis. Due to environmental, social, and economic considerations, Credicorp Capital Asset Management decided to avoid investments in tobacco.





Source: World Health Organization, FCTC (WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control).

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Exclusions in this sector apply to:

 Investments in companies whose primarily activity is the cultivation and production of tobacco.

#### Coal

Coal is the most carbon-intensive energy source. Its extraction and use produce high levels of greenhouse gas and polluting emissions. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), past and ongoing emissions are causing global warming. Carbon emission reduction is crucial to mitigate the social and environmental risks derived from climate change. Hence, companies in this sector face high risks associated with increasing regulatory pressure and potential reductions in demand as the economy transitions to low-carbon energy sources.

Credicorp Capital Asset Management considers that addressing climate change is consistent with its responsible investment approach. Thus, it has decided to avoid the following:

 Investments in companies whose primarily activity is the production or commercialization of coal.

#### Activities related to Pornography

The adult entertainment industry is highly exposed to risks related to human and labor rights violations, human trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

Exclusions in this activity apply to:

 Investments in companies whose primarily activity is the production or commercialization of pornography-related content.

#### Games of Chance, Casinos, and other Similar Activities

Addictive gambling is harmful to both individuals and vulnerable communities. Additionally, the gambling industry is exposed to risks of violations of data privacy and money laundering.

Exclusions in this activity apply to:

 Investments in companies whose primarily activity is games of chance, casinos, and other similar activities.

### 4. Implementation and Governance

The definition of activity and conduct-based exclusions occurs at the corporate level in the Credicorp Group. Credicorp Capital Asset Management Sustainable Investments team participates in elaborating proposals for the design and update of the exclusions through the Sustainable AUMs working group at Credicorp.

The implementation of the exclusion process varies depending on the type of exclusions:

Conduct-based Exclusions



At the corporate level, the Credicorp Group has defined a committee of experts to analyze on a case-by-case basis the controversies related to child labor, human trafficking, forced labor, corruption, bribery, and fraud and identify excluded issuers. This list is shared with the Sustainable Investments team at Credicorp Capital Asset Management and the Risk team at Credicorp Capital to be socialized with the investment team. The Risk team monitors the investment portfolios to identify positions for divestment and communicates the results to the Sustainable Investments team and the Portfolio Managers quarterly.

#### Activity-based Exclusions

The Risk team at Credicorp Capital maps annually the primarily activities of the listed issuers that conforms the universe for direct investment, using research platforms from external providers. The list of excluded issuers is shared with the investment team at Credicorp Capital Asset Management. The Portfolio Managers are responsible of the implementation of the exclusions identified. For new issuers or assets, the Portfolio Managers review the primarily activity before the investment. In case of doubt, they may consult the Sustainable Investment team at Credicorp Capital Asset Management or the Risk team at Credicorp Capital. The Risk team monitors the portfolio holdings on a quarterly basis to ensure the compliance of the policy.

If the application of this policy requires divestments, the portfolio managers shall exit the position within the following six months. Divestments should consider constraints associated with the market, liquidity, and portfolio investment policy. If any of these factors limit the ability of the portfolio managers to comply with the exclusion, possible extensions or exceptions may be decided by the Investment Committee or the relevant governing body on a case-by-case basis at the request of the investment team.



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