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# Introduction





# About Blackstone

Blackstone Inc. ("Blackstone") is the world's largest alternative asset manager.

We seek to deliver compelling returns for institutional and individual investors by strengthening the companies in which we invest. Our more than \$1 trillion assets under management<sup>1</sup> include global investment strategies focused on real estate, private equity, credit & insurance and multi-asset investing.

Our sustainability efforts are anchored in our goal of generating strong returns for investors to fulfill our fiduciary duty. We believe these efforts reflect what are simply good business practices that position our investments for success.



## Blackstone's sustainability strategy prioritizes:

### 1 Accelerating Decarbonization

Accelerating decarbonization by investing in the energy transition and driving value-accretive emissions reduction in our portfolio.

We believe the transition to clean energy will be an enduring trend and that global decarbonization goals create meaningful investment opportunities for private capital. For more than a decade, we have pursued attractive investments in companies and assets that support the energy transition.

We continue to invest in such opportunities and believe our portfolio of companies and assets across sectors and geographies informs the range of energy transition-focused investment strategies we offer investors.

### 2 Building Strong Workforces

Building inclusive workplaces by expanding talent pools.

We believe great investments begin with great talent and that when you put people first, strong businesses follow. That means creating an environment where many perspectives are welcome, opportunities for advancement, training and upskilling are plenty and mentorship and sponsorship are encouraged.

Through Blackstone Career Pathways™ we aim to broaden the high-quality talent networks from which our portfolio companies can recruit, develop and advance talent. We believe these efforts position companies to access historically untapped talent pools and foster inclusive cultures that generate lasting value for our investors.

### 3 Reinforcing Good Governance

Reinforcing strong governance, a foundation of resilient companies.

We continue to implement sustainability policies and governance systems at our business units and within our Portfolio Operations and Asset Management teams.

By embedding sustainability and risk management through the organization, we seek to ensure strong oversight and compliance systems are in place to enhance the evaluation of material risks and opportunities in our investment decisions and asset management activities. This includes leveraging firmwide policies including the Blackstone Code of Business Conduct & Ethics, Code of Ethics for Finance Professionals, Governance Policy, Compliance Policies & Programs, Sustainability Policy and Blackstone Workforce Principles. Further information on our firmwide policies can be found on [Blackstone's website](#).

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1. As of December 31, 2024.



# Approach to Decarbonizing Our Portfolio

Across many of our business units, we engage with our portfolio companies and assets around climate and environmental performance to manage climate-related risks and execute opportunities for climate-related value creation. We seek to remove barriers to execution and support the development of a broader climate and emissions measurement strategy. We aim to equip our companies and assets with resources to support decarbonization, including providing playbooks, expertise and support from our Sustainability teams.

Our climate programs include our Emissions Reduction Program ("ERP"), our Carbon Accounting Program and our recently launched Decarbonization Accelerator. These programs are supplemented by unique approaches for each business unit.<sup>2</sup>

## Blackstone Emissions Reduction Program

Our ERP serves as the foundation for engagement on active decarbonization with a focus on driving near-term value-accretive energy and emissions reductions for select portfolio companies and assets. Building on a decade of operational experience, we have built capabilities that we believe can support competitiveness through cost savings, more consistent energy costs and preparedness for regulatory and customer expectations.

Beginning in 2021, we expanded the scope and ambition of the ERP by launching a target, which aims to reduce Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 15% on average across in-scope new investments made since 2021 in the first three full calendar years of ownership, where Blackstone controls the energy usage (the "15% Target").<sup>3</sup> The 15% Target utilizes a cohort model to accommodate our large and dynamic portfolio. Each participating portfolio company or real estate asset that we have determined is within scope of the 15% Target is a member of a cohort composed of in-scope companies or assets acquired in the same year.

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Since launching the ERP in 2021, we have identified<sup>4</sup>



4,000+

Real estate assets in scope of the 15% Target

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Companies in scope of the 15% Target



2,300+

Decarbonization opportunities across participating companies and assets



\$40M+

Anticipated annual savings from decarbonization opportunities at participating companies and assets when fully implemented

345k+ MTCO<sub>2</sub>e

Anticipated annual emissions reduction from decarbonization opportunities at participating companies and assets when fully implemented

These concerted efforts have produced strong initial results at participating companies and assets<sup>4</sup>



\$15M+

Estimated annual savings from implemented decarbonization projects

220k+ MTCO<sub>2</sub>e

Estimated annual emissions reduction from implemented decarbonization projects

2. Not all Blackstone programs may be relevant and/or implemented for BPPEH.
3. The 15% Target aims to reduce Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 15% on average across each applicable cohort of in-scope new investments. See "Important Disclosure Information", including "15% Target".
4. A decarbonization opportunity is a discrete effort that may involve, for example, engineering or a change of behavior at a company or asset location. In this report, examples would include on-site solar at a single site or building, or an LED change-out at a facility. A rollout of solar cell installations at five locations would be considered five opportunities. We endeavor for these decarbonization opportunities to be implemented in the time frame of the 15% Target. However, individual project results and impact are not guaranteed and are subject to change due to further engineering design, regulatory approvals, shifting priorities within portfolio companies and assets and other external factors. Opportunities are in varying stages of maturity, including under investigation, to be implemented, implementation commenced and implemented. Anticipated savings from decarbonization opportunities includes projects in all stages of maturity and is measured in metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e). Implemented projects only include projects in the implemented stage of maturity. Projects that are deemed not to have been implemented by portfolio companies are removed from aggregate metrics. Emissions reduction opportunity impacts are calculated primarily using data self-reported by our portfolio companies and assets. The underlying source of this self-reported data varies and includes, but is not limited to, measured and verified results following project implementation, engineering proposals, third-party or in-house professional engineers, third-party subject matter experts and in-house non-professional engineers. In some cases, mostly for early-stage projects, our Sustainability team may support portfolio company estimations using industry accepted methods from credible external sources. While the data reported by portfolio companies and assets is believed to be reliable for purposes used herein, it is subject to change, and Blackstone has not fully verified, and does not assume responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of this information.



# About Blackstone Real Estate

Blackstone Real Estate is the largest owner of commercial real estate globally,<sup>5</sup> with a \$586 billion global real estate portfolio, and a €127 billion portfolio across 21 countries in Europe as of December 31, 2024.

Within Blackstone Real Estate, we believe that having a robust sustainability program can help drive value and enhance returns. Our Real Estate Sustainability Framework (the "Sustainability Framework") outlines our three sustainability pillars,<sup>6</sup> reflecting current and relevant sustainability topics, as well as our expectations for integration and management of sustainability considerations across our portfolio. The Sustainability Framework is designed to align with global reporting standards, such as GRESB, and guides our sustainability engagement with our portfolio companies and operating partners. We believe Blackstone Real Estate is well-positioned to leverage our scale and experience to address what we believe are important issues for our portfolio or assets for long-term value creation.



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## Blackstone Real Estate Sustainability Framework

### ACCELERATING DECARBONIZATION

Delivering resource management and emissions reduction strategies to enhance value

#### Sustainable Operations

- Resource Management
- Benchmarks & Performance Targets

→ Green Leases

- Certifications, Labels & Ratings

#### Climate Resiliency

- Energy Transition
- Biodiversity
- Climate Risk & Opportunity

### BUILDING STRONG WORKFORCES

Investing in our people and communities creates lasting value

#### Talent Strategies

- Recruiting Best Practices
- Career Development

- Employee Engagement & Retention

#### Strategic Engagement

- Investors
- Tenants & Residents
- Employees

### REINFORCING GOOD GOVERNANCE

Ensuring robust oversight and enhancing sustainability reporting

#### Management and Compliance

- Leadership & Accountability
- Regulatory Compliance
- Sustainability Policies & Procedures

#### Transparency and Reporting

- Transparent Reporting
- Data Management
- Ownership, Accountability & Accuracy

Blackstone Real Estate seeks to utilize a dynamic risk oversight process to identify, evaluate and manage risks across the portfolio, including the physical risks of climate change. Blackstone Real Estate's climate scenario analysis, conducted in 2022, included screening the majority of the Blackstone Real Estate funds' global assets to help us better understand the climate resilience of our portfolio.<sup>7</sup> To further develop a holistic view of resilience, Blackstone Real Estate is collaborating with our property insurance partner and working with select portfolio companies to identify assets for deeper analysis. This analysis will leverage a physical climate resilience self-assessment tool in order to inform portfolio risk identification and potential resiliency plans for our funds' assets.

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Nuremberg, Germany Achieved EPC A rating

5. Largest owner of commercial real estate based on estimated market value per Real Capital Analytics, as of December 31, 2024.

6. The three sustainability pillars are: Accelerating Decarbonization, Building Strong Workforces and Reinforcing Good Governance.

7. Physical climate risk screening included equity and real estate debt portfolios. Blackstone Real Estate evaluated eight climate change-related physical risks using two well-recognized climate scenarios from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ("IPCC"), RCP 2.6 (1.5°C increase by 2100) and RCP 8.5 (3 °C increase by 2100). Representative Concentration Pathways ("RCPs") describe different pathways of greenhouse gas atmospheric concentrations in the 21st century, as adopted by the IPCC.



# About BPPEH

Blackstone Property Partners Europe Holdings S.à r.l. ("BPPEH" or the "Issuer") seeks to acquire high-quality, substantially stabilized real estate assets across Europe. Investments are concentrated primarily in the logistics, residential and office sectors, with a focus on major European markets and key gateway cities. BPPEH is 100% owned by Blackstone Property Partners Europe ("BPPE"), an open-ended core+ real estate fund managed by Blackstone Real Estate.

Blackstone Real Estate's access to real-time, proprietary information from its global portfolio, coupled with the breadth and expertise of its team, provides BPPEH with competitive advantages that guide our investing, asset management and disposition decisions.

Blackstone Real Estate has also developed an unrivalled network of relationships with real estate owners, operating partners and agents, which provides BPPEH with access to the full spectrum of potential transactions. In addition, we target opportunities where our ability to navigate complexity and transact quickly can allow us to invest on favorable terms.

BPPEH is focused on value creation through active asset management, including physical renovations, sales of non-core assets and leasing / re-leasing. This is driven by Blackstone Real Estate's dedicated asset management professionals and more than 23,000 employees within our portfolio companies across Europe who have deep-rooted expertise in our major markets.

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Amsterdam, Netherlands Achieved EPC A rating



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## BPPEH Sustainability Program

BPPEH seeks to incorporate the principles of Blackstone Real Estate's sustainability program into the way we operate the business. By integrating sustainability considerations into our investment process where applicable, from acquisition to portfolio management, we seek to create lasting benefits for our portfolio companies and investments. By sharing expertise across our portfolio, we support our companies and investments and aim to improve performance.

We have established a systematic approach to incorporating sustainability into our financing efforts, which we believe can deliver favorable results on performance across our portfolio. This approach is aligned with certain UN Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs").

### ACCELERATING DECARBONIZATION

- Expanding the use of renewable energy through on-site solar at select properties
- Evaluating potential climate risks to our portfolio including completing a physical climate risk assessment
- Implementing green clauses in new commercial leases to facilitate value-accretive sustainability initiatives<sup>8</sup>

### BUILDING STRONG WORKFORCES

- Tenant engagement surveys being administered across the residential portfolio
- Established a Community of Practice for European portfolio companies to share best practices across the portfolio<sup>9</sup>
- Supporting Blackstone's goal of 2k refugee hires at portfolio companies and real estate properties

### REINFORCING GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Conducting consistent due diligence to promote high standards for investing and transparency
- Directly monitoring our portfolio's adherence to strong governance policies
- Strong Sustainalytics score, placing BPPEH in the Low Risk category<sup>10</sup>

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8. Green lease clause requirements were mandated in Q4 2020. Applicable to investments where Blackstone Real Estate has majority control. Green clauses will be implemented on a rolling basis.

9. Facilitated by Revantage & Blackstone Real Estate, working groups are split by asset type to cover topics such as on-site solar and D&I. Meeting commenced in 2024.

10. As of January 2025. Sustainalytics ESG risk rating provides investors with insights to the materiality and management of certain sustainability risks and issues.





# Green Financing Framework

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# Green Financing Framework

BPPEH published its first Green Financing Framework in March 2021 and has updated the framework to the present Green Financing Framework (the "Framework"). This new Framework supersedes the March 2021 Green Financing Framework.

In accordance with our sustainability program, this Framework outlines how we utilize Green Financing Instruments to fund investments that are intended to enhance sustainability, help create value and enhance investor returns. BPPEH intends to allocate an amount equal to the net proceeds of any Green Financing Instrument to eligible green investments (the "Eligible Green Investments") defined, selected, tracked and reported on in accordance with this Framework.

The Framework may be updated from time to time to reflect market developments. Any new issuance will be aligned with the latest version of the Framework.

We intend for this Framework and any issuance by us to be aligned with the latest versions of the Green Bond Principles<sup>11</sup> ("GBP") administered by the International Capital Markets Association ("ICMA"), and the Green Loan Principles<sup>12</sup> ("GLP") administered by the Loan Market Association ("LMA"), and their four components, as applicable:

- Use of Proceeds
- Process for Project Evaluation and Selection
- Management of Proceeds
- Reporting

Each of these principles referenced are voluntary process guidelines for best practices when issuing relevant instruments that recommend transparency and promote integrity in the relevant markets in line with market practice.



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**Rennerod, Germany** Achieved EPC A rating

11. ICMA Green Bond Principles – June 2021 (with June 2022 Appendix 1).


12. LMA Green Loan Principles – February 2023.



# Use of Proceeds

BPPEH intends to allocate an amount equal to the net proceeds of any Green Financing Instrument to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, new and/or existing Eligible Green Investments, in accordance with the criteria set out in the table below.

## Eligible Green Investments

GBP Eligible Project Category	Eligibility Criteria
Green Buildings (SDG 9 and 11)	<p>Investments related to the acquisition, financing, refinancing or refurbishment of new and existing properties, or expenditures to cover consulting and certification costs, which meet at least one of the following certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ BREEAM: Very Good or above</li> <li>→ LEED: Gold or above</li> <li>→ DGNB: Gold or above</li> <li>→ HQE: Excellent or above</li> <li>→ Miljöbyggnad: Silver or above</li> <li>→ EPC: A or above</li> </ul>
Renewable Energy (SDG 7 and 9)	<p>Investments in or expenditures related to the acquisition, refurbishment, development, construction and/or installation of new and existing energy transition investments. Energy transition investments can include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Solar panel installations</li> <li>→ Battery storage installations</li> </ul>
Energy Efficiency (SDG 7 and 9)	<p>Investments in or expenditures related to the acquisition, refurbishment, development, construction and/or installation of activities that contribute to the reduction of energy consumption. Energy efficiency investments can include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Energy efficiency equipment (including upgrades to insulation, lighting and heating)</li> <li>→ Smart building technology (including smart meters, load control systems and building management systems)</li> <li>→ Facade improvements</li> </ul>
Clean Transportation (SDG 11)	<p>Investments in or expenditures related to the acquisition, refurbishment, development, construction and/or installation of new and existing investments that support clean transportation. Clean transportation investments can include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Electric vehicle charging stations</li> <li>→ Transport and cycling facilities, such as cycling lanes or bicycle storage</li> </ul>
SDG Alignment	

# Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

## Green Finance Committee

BPPEH has established a dedicated internal Green Finance Committee (the "Committee") to identify and select the Eligible Green Investments. The Committee is comprised of members of the senior management of the Issuer and professionals from various disciplines and business units.

The selection of Eligible Green Investments will be monitored by the Committee with the following approach:

- The Sustainability team determines the list of Eligible Green Investments within BPPEH's portfolio and/or development pipeline based on the eligibility criteria
- This list is reviewed by the Committee, which verifies the total amount of eligible assets available in relation to the amount of the issue
- The Committee intends to review and approve, as necessary, the proposed allocations and ensure that these are in alignment with the Framework

## Sustainability Risk Management

Sustainability risk assessment is built into our investment processes, helping BPPEH to identify and address material risks related to environmental management practices, working and safety conditions, anti-bribery and corruption practices, and compliance with relevant local and international laws and regulations.

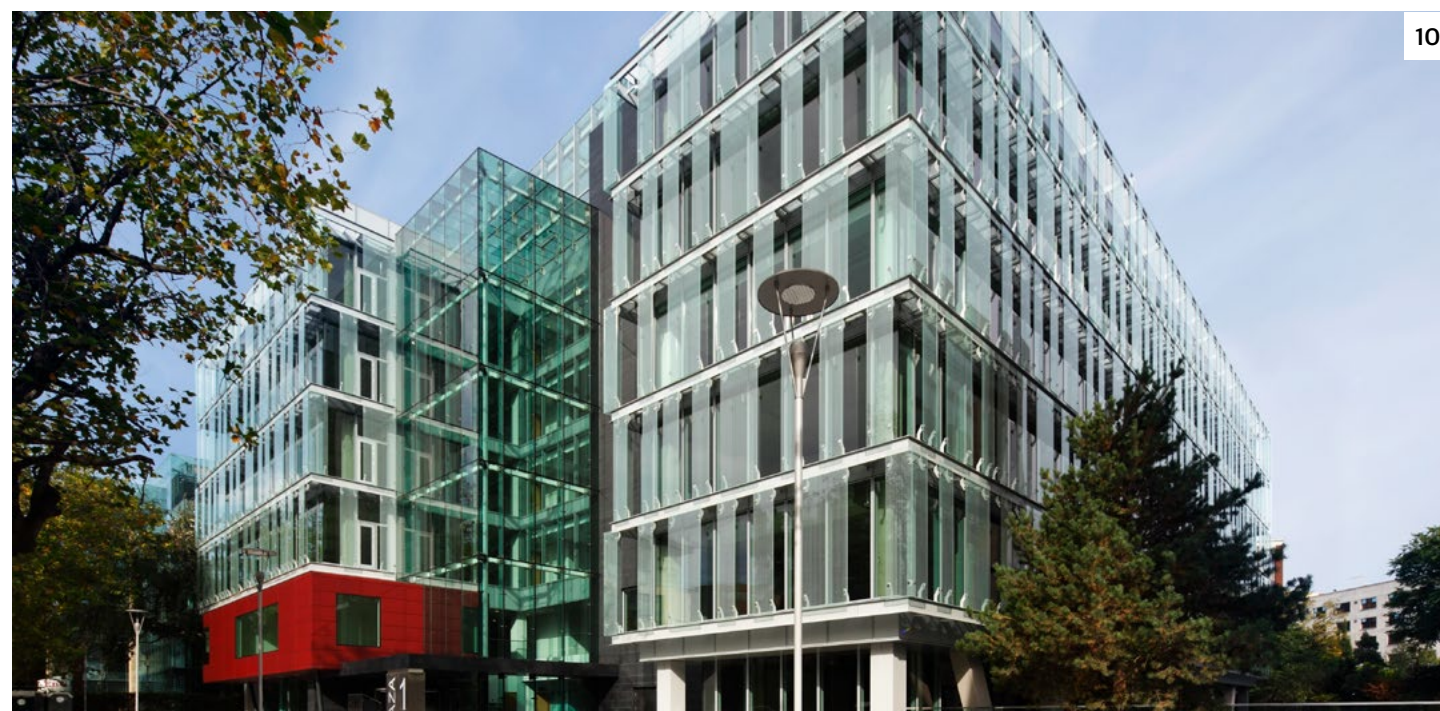
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Milan, Italy Solar panels installed on roof





# Management of Proceeds

Criteria	Description
Management of Proceeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The Issuer, under the supervision of the Committee, intends to allocate an amount equal to the net proceeds from the issuance of Green Financing Instruments to the Eligible Green Investments</li> <li>→ The Issuer will strive, as long as the applicable Green Financing Instruments are outstanding, to achieve a level of allocation for the Eligible Green Investments which, after adjusting downwards for "Intervening Circumstances" (including, but not limited to, sales, repayments and possible loss of certifications), matches the balance of net proceeds from its outstanding Green Financing Instruments</li> <li>→ The Issuer will endeavor to substitute any Eligible Green Investments that are no longer eligible</li> <li>→ The Issuer will internally track the allocated proceeds on a portfolio basis</li> </ul>
Unallocated Proceeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Pending the allocation of the net proceeds of a Green Financing Instrument to Eligible Green Investments, all or a portion of the net proceeds may be used for the payment of outstanding indebtedness or other capital management activities</li> </ul>
Lookback Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Investments in and expenditures relating to Green Buildings shall qualify for financing or refinancing without a limitation on the lookback period provided that they meet the relevant eligibility criteria</li> <li>→ Investments in and expenditures related to other Eligible Green Investments will qualify for financing or refinancing with a maximum two-year lookback period from the date of the issuance of the relevant Green Financing Instruments</li> </ul>



# Reporting

BPPEH is committed to transparent and timely disclosure of our sustainability activities through our reporting as well as participation in the annual GRESB assessment.

The Issuer intends to report on the allocation of net proceeds from the issuance of Green Financing Instruments to the Eligible Green Investments on an annual basis. The Green Finance Report will be made publicly available on the Documentation section of BPPEH's website. This reporting will be updated annually until the full allocation of the net proceeds from the Green Financing Instrument is completed or until the applicable Green Financing Instruments are no longer outstanding. The Issuer intends to report the allocation of the Use of Proceeds to the Eligible Green Investments at least at the category level and on an aggregated basis for all the Issuer's Green Financing Instruments for so long as such Green Financing Instruments remain outstanding.

To the extent practicable, the Issuer will, alongside the allocation report, also detail the associated impact metrics under the eligible categories as set forth in the Use of Proceeds section.

## Allocation Reporting

To the extent practicable, the Issuer will provide information such as:

- The total amount of proceeds allocated
- The list of Eligible Green Investments (re)financed
- The geographical split of the proceeds
- The balance of unallocated proceeds (if any)

## Impact Reporting

Where feasible, BPPEH will adopt the guidance in the Harmonized Framework for Impact Reporting (June 2024) and plans to report one or more core metrics determined most relevant for Eligible Green Investments. The Impact Report will include, on a best-efforts basis, (i) quantitative environmental impacts of Eligible Green Investments, and (ii) case studies with additional information on highlighted investments.

Examples of possible environmental indicators could include:

- **Green Buildings**
  - Certification scheme and level
- **Renewable Energy**
  - Additional capacity of renewable energy plants constructed (MW)
  - Annual renewable energy generation (MWh)
- **Energy Efficiency**
  - Annual energy savings (MWh)
  - Annual GHG emissions reduced / avoided (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- **Clean Transportation**
  - Number of charging stations installed and/or % of total parking spaces

## External Review

### Second-Party Opinion

The second-party opinion ("SPO") provider Sustainalytics has reviewed the Framework and certified its alignment with ICMA's Green Bond Principles 2021 and the LMA's Green Loan Principles 2023.

### External Verification

An independent third-party verifier appointed by the Issuer will verify, on an annual basis, upon a new allocation or reallocation of proceeds of Green Financing Instruments:

- Proceeds allocated to Eligible Green Investments and the remaining balance of unallocated proceeds
- Conformity of the Eligible Green Investments with the eligibility criteria defined under the Framework

The SPO and the relevant sustainability reporting materials will be available at: [bppeh.blackstone.com/documents](https://bppeh.blackstone.com/documents)



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Except with respect to Blackstone Real Estate, this target applies to majority owned operating companies. For the purpose of this target, a company is "majority owned" if Blackstone meets all of the following criteria: (a) holds greater than 50% of the company's common equity (inclusive of co-investments aggregated across Blackstone business units), (b) has the right to appoint a majority of the board of directors and (c) has majority voting rights.

For Blackstone Credit and Insurance ("BXCI"), from January 1, 2023 onward, the target only applies to operating companies in which BXCI obtained majority ownership at the time of its original investment (and not through any follow-on investments). Prior to such date, certain companies that became "majority owned" through follow-on investments were included in the target.

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The target excludes investments in companies primarily focused on generating energy (e.g., electric power plants, solar and wind farms) because the target is focused on "energy usage" rather than energy production, which will fluctuate as a function of customer demand and/or regulatory requirements. The target also excludes investments or assets where Blackstone is unable to establish a relevant Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions baseline (e.g., developments).

The 15% Target utilizes a cohort model to accommodate our large and dynamic portfolio. Each participating portfolio company or real estate asset that falls within scope of the 15% Target joins a "Cohort" composed of in-scope companies acquired in the same year. For purposes of measuring success against the 15% Target, the individual emissions reduction over a three-year period of each member of a given Cohort is averaged with that of other members of that Cohort. A Cohort's emissions reduction is calculated as a weighted average for the members in the Cohort based on the emissions of each member in the baseline year. The 15% Target is not a 15% reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions for each portfolio company or asset; rather, the target applies on a Cohort-by-Cohort basis based on the reductions achieved by that Cohort.

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