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On The Cover

The red-shanked douc is considered the "Queen of primates" thanks to their distinctive and unique appearance which is one of the most colourful amongst primates. They are endemic to Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia and directly benefit from the Asian Species programme. More details can be found on page 14.

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Dudley Cottingham
Chairman, Aurum Fund Management Ltd.

An introduction from our Chairman

2021 was the year environmental action moved from vague rhetoric to tangible action. The pandemic took a backseat relative to 2020, although the unequal distribution of vaccines and the associated impact brought global inequality into the spotlight.

This focus on global inequality is key to ensuring that a ‘just’ transition to a greener and more sustainable economy is implemented. In practice this means ensuring the economy becomes as inclusive as possible by maximising the social and economic opportunities of climate action, whilst minimising and carefully managing any challenges.

This holistic and people-centric approach to philanthropy is something Aurum Fund Management Ltd. (“Aurum”) has been supporting for a number of years via our Embedded Impact® approach. This means donations are made by Aurum from the investment management fees of our two Embedded Impact Funds to a range of environmental and humanitarian programmes, as well a percentage of Aurum’s bottom line profits. To date, we have donated in excess of \$15m to such programmes.

At a group level (“Aurum Group”) we want to ensure all colleagues have the opportunity to create their own real-world direct impact so have relaunched our volunteering programme. We have also been proud to launch a bursary programme for two university students, in conjunction with Ark Schools, which offers a first full cost bursary alongside a structured internship programme and we will be welcoming the bursary recipients in summer 2022.

Aurum is an Embedded Impact® business where donations are structured to proportionately increase as firm AUM increases. Donations are made to selected environmental and humanitarian charities.

For this year’s report, we have updated how we categorise our programmes and projects to better reflect evolution in the ESG space and to more accurately reflect the interlinked nature of the project approaches:



Following delays caused by the pandemic, 2021 was a year of significant developments in policy and global co-operation in ESG.

In February 2021, the groundbreaking Dasgupta review on the “Economics of Biodiversity” commissioned by the United Kingdom’s HM Treasury, was published. This is the first time a national finance ministry has authorised a full assessment of the economic importance of nature. The report focused on how nature is frequently ignored in economic models, and how to ensure a prosperous future for our planet we will need to adapt and reform how economic success is measured and to account for natural capital.

The Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (“TNFD”) officially launched in June 2021 with the aim to align corporate reporting and financial spending to alleviate nature-related risks. As a Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (“TCFD”) supporter, Aurum were excited to see this development and are watching developments with keen interest.

August saw the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (“IPCC”) release the first instalment of their sixth assessment report. The headline of which was that greenhouse gases from human activities are responsible for approximately 1.1°C of warming since 1850-1900, and on average over the next 20 years, this global temperature warming is expected to reach or exceed 1.5°C.

In October, TCFD-Aligned Disclosures became mandatory for the first time, with the UK’s largest pension schemes already needing to report in-line with the TCFD framework. In 2022, this will be expanded to more than 1,300 of the largest UK-registered companies and financial institutions who will be required to disclose climate-related financial information. We hope this additional transparency and focus will help to stimulate the real-world changes required to effectively tackle the climate emergency.

After the 26th Conference of the Parties (“COP26”) in Glasgow was delayed by a year due to the pandemic, the long-awaited summit took place in November 2021. Following the findings of the IPCC report this was seen as the world’s last best chance to get runaway climate change under control. As a Paris Agreement Supporter, we were pleased that the Glasgow Climate Pact, combined with increased ambition and action from countries, means that 1.5°C warming cap remains achievable. A key outcome was that for the first time both China and India have agreed pledges to target net zero by 2060 and 2070 respectively.

A COP26 outcome almost as noteworthy was that for the first-time countries explicitly recognised the interlinked biodiversity and climate crises. This included the critical role that nature could play in delivering benefits for both climate adaptation and mitigation.

This joined up thinking is something we have been advocating for a number of years, and via our Embedded Impact® approach we have been careful in selecting programmes that not only focus on this from a practical but also a policy perspective. We hope you enjoy reading about these projects and seeing their real-world effects in this Impact Report. If you would like to get more directly involved, you may like to fund these directly or via [Synchronicity Earth](#) and The Seneca Trust – two of the principal charities that Aurum uses to affect the change that we would like to see in the world.

Looking ahead, we hope 2022 maintains the positive momentum in ESG. From an Aurum perspective, we are excited to be hosting our first ESG in-person event, the Alternative ESG Symposium. This will focus on providing education and solutions to the alternative investment industry to energise and embed ESG positive change.



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Aurum's 2021 ESG timeline



Asian Species
programme supporting on the ground conservations



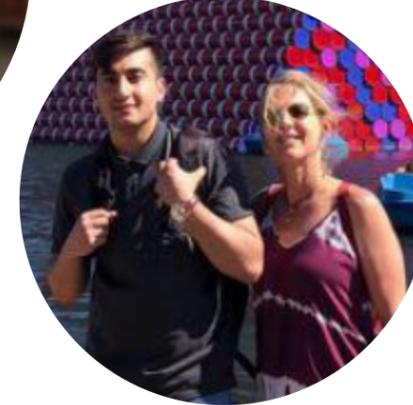
WindReach
follow on grant made



Acumen
Academy for future sustainable business leaders took place



Adara
Baby Ubuntu early intervention programme supported



JUMP Befrienders
day out to Margate



COP26
International Union for Conservation of Nature initiating change



More Than Carbon – Hutan
71 species seen in reforestation sites



More Than Carbon – Hutan
back in the field monitoring



Kinshasa proxy
International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress



Africa Food for Thought
donation made



Ark bursary
students start university



Hope and Homes
group homes completed ready for government sign-off





Environmental protection and justice

KEY STATS

IUCN*



\$900,000
donated since
inception

Asian species
programme



Support
protection of
95,000
hectares

More than carbon
programme



71 animal
species spotted

Living Nature –
three day
event series



Recordings
viewed more than
4,000 times

* International Union for Conservation of Nature

More Than Carbon | Alternative Approach to Carbon Offsetting

SUMMARY

Aurum takes a holistic approach to carbon offsetting which focuses on building resilience and regenerating ecosystems alongside sequestering carbon, while avoiding some of the pitfalls associated with some lower quality schemes.

OVERVIEW

In 2015 the Synchronicity Earth More Than Carbon programme was created in collaboration with Aurum.

The More Than Carbon programme is an initiative to create strategic funding partnerships between corporates and environmental non-government organisations (“NGOs”) in order to regenerate natural habitats.

The programme offers users the option to select from a portfolio of pre-vetted, NGOs that engage in environmental conservation and are subject to ongoing monitoring and evaluation. This provides a scalable solution to offsetting Aurum’s carbon footprint, while enhancing biodiversity. It can be adopted by anyone looking to engage in environmental philanthropy.

OUTCOME

Aurum’s donation was made to the More Than Carbon partner Hutan, an NGO is a locally based conservation in Sabah, Indonesia. This enabled the following:

- intensive maintenance of reforested sites, particularly trees that were planted over the last three years.
- the costs of four full time staff and vital equipment.
- a monitoring project to look at the presence of wildlife across the reforestation sites.



IMPACT

Aurum’s donations covered the costs of essential equipment and planting of 7,000 native tree seedlings across 17 different species. This planting effort is reduced relative to pre-COVID-19times, however even with the threat of the Omicron variant, the team is hoping to return to their normal process of seedling planting and maintenance.

Increase in biodiversity and rapid species recolonisation of the area with 71 animal species spotted over the year. Over 2021, the reforested area has been visited forty times by an adult female elephant called Celeste and for the first time the Hose’s pygmy shrew, which has been sighted here as a new location for the species. There have also been sightings of the critically endangered Bornean Orangutan and the endangered and endemic Proboscis monkey.

Employed four local women directly supported by Aurum. These women have been trained and have become highly skilled in their work. Their employment status acts to empower them and gives them greater autonomy and decision-making power within the community. This is not only key in reducing gender inequality but also for making better decisions for the family and wider community, which are more likely to protect the environment.

Sustainable development goals:



Acumen | Changing the way the world tackles poverty

SUMMARY

Acumen is a global non-profit that invests in sustainable businesses leaders and ideas. This is done by supporting grass roots projects to reduce poverty and create opportunities for marginalised communities across healthcare, energy, agriculture, financial inclusion and education.

OVERVIEW

Acumen takes a different approach to investing. Rather than investing in traditional capital, Acumen invests in philanthropic, or “patient”, capital that provides start-ups the flexibility and security to grow their businesses.

By making seed and early-stage investments, this enables social enterprises to validate their assumptions, bring products and services to market, and begin to scale. To help their invested companies grow and scale, Acumen provides guidance in the areas of strategy, governance, customer insights and fundraising.

A key part of Acumen’s offering is their Academy - where they provide courses to young social entrepreneurs across the globe to become social leaders and go on to operate their own NGO’s or other initiatives to tackle challenges within their local communities.

This is about supporting change at a fundamental level by ‘growing’ social entrepreneurs and facilitating their development.

OUTCOME

Acumen Fellows who are committed to ending poverty and injustice in their community, run programmes in countries such as Senegal, Uganda and Nigeria addressing issues to tackle the challenges faced by people with disabilities.



IMPACT

In 2021, Acumen Academy’s Build Conference titled “Purpose, Pitfalls and Pivots” blended a conference and community experience into one, having the following impact:

- took place over five weeks in May and June featuring virtual events, keynote speakers, and training
- more than 3,000 members of the Acumen community, ranging from Fellows to online course takers to partners attended the event.
- nearly 60% of attendees were new community members and another 30% had never participated in an Acumen Academy programme or event.



Sustainable development goals:



SUMMARY

Black Mangroves are an essential part of Bermuda’s wetlands. Mangroves are key to providing protection from coastal erosion and a protected nursery area for fish, birds and other wildlife.

OVERVIEW

The Black Mangrove is native to Bermuda and was made a protected species in 2011, due to their rapid decline due to storm damage and coastal development. Aurum’s donation to the Bermuda Zoological Society (‘BZS’) will be used to create a saltwater pond to support the growth of Black Mangroves.

OUTCOME

The saltwater pond will provide a safe environment for the germination and growth of Black Mangroves. The Black Mangrove seeds do not grow in the water and require a suitable habitat for successful germination. The habitat will be adjacent to a coastal Red Mangrove habitat so students can learn about and understand these vital ecosystems together and how they interact.

This regenerated mangrove ecosystem will sequester carbon from the atmosphere and deposit it mainly around their aquatic root

structures. Also known as Blue Carbon, this carbon capture aids in the reduction of greenhouse gases in our efforts to combat climate change.

IMPACT

Once established, this saltwater habitat will enable the education team the opportunity to teach thousands of students the importance of the Black Mangroves to Bermuda’s wetlands as part of the 8,000 free educational experiences provided by BZS each year.

Sustainable development goals:



International Union for Conservation of Nature (“IUCN”)

SUMMARY

Aurum supports the IUCN. Created in 1948, IUCN has evolved into the world’s largest and most diverse environmental network. The IUCN harnesses the experience, resources and reach of its 1,500+ member organisations and the input of some 18,000 experts. IUCN is the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it. IUCN provides public, private and non-governmental organisations with the knowledge and tools that enable human progress, economic development and nature conservation to take place together.

OVERVIEW

Donations which help to cover the core costs of the IUCN are crucial for delivery of a range of activities: maintenance of the Red List of Threatened Species, innovation in programme development and delivery, championing nature’s role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Aurum’s donation to core funding allows the organisation to remain strategic and deliver its mission to ‘Influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.’

OUTCOME

Aurum has provided over \$900,000 in donations to assist in covering the core costs of the IUCN since 2012.

IMPACT

The impact of the IUCN is vast and therefore difficult to quantify. As the world’s leading association of conservation agencies, the IUCN is

in a unique position to reflect and promote the priorities of the global conservation community, on behalf of its members. The IUCN is the only environmental organisation with observer status at the United Nations General Assembly, delivering the membership’s policy perspectives at the highest international level of diplomacy. The concept of “Nature-based Solutions” to development challenges was introduced by IUCN as far back as 2012, and has progressively been adopted at all levels. Many major international conventions have their roots in the IUCN, like the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). In 2021, IUCN Red List assessments continued to grow, and they continue to make progress against their objective of assessing 160,000 species.

Sustainable development goals:



SUMMARY

In 2021, the IUCN World Conservation Congress was held in Marseille, convening diverse stakeholders and providing the latest science, objective recommendations and on-the-ground expertise. The message and knowledge gained from the Congress was shared at the G20 and the COP26 in Glasgow.

OVERVIEW

The key messages from the IUCN Congress are: that nature is a powerful ally in the fight against societal challenges - starting with climate change, and that investing in Nature-based Solutions provides a cost-effective and accessible way to address both adaptation and mitigation simultaneously.

IUCN shared this message at Rome's G20, and called on world leaders to step up efforts and live up to their role and commit to a truly nature-based recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

IUCN further promoted this message at COP26 in Glasgow, where it worked alongside the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change high-level Champions for Climate action to accelerate Nature-based Solutions. This was part of a historic effort to mobilise the water community and partners in the global climate action community to debut the COP's first-ever Water & Climate Pavilion.



OUTCOME

At the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseille, held in September 2021, 1,500 of IUCN's Members highlighted the interlinked nature of the biodiversity and climate crises.

At COP 26, for the first time, world leaders clearly recognised the interlinked relationship between the global biodiversity and climate crises and the critical role that nature plays in both adoption and mitigation simultaneously. A number of large-scale initiatives to conserve, restore and sustainably manage forests, oceans and other ecosystems were announced.

IMPACT

A large number of commitments were announced during IUCN Congress:

- the establishment and implementation of the Great Blue Wall Initiative; the first regionally connected network to develop a regenerative blue economy in the Western Indian Ocean.
- the implementation of the first IUCN Global Indigenous Agenda for the Governance of Indigenous Lands, Territories, Waters, Coastal Seas and Natural Resources, a self-determined strategy developed and owned by indigenous peoples.
- the International Hydropower Association has committed to a binding no-go commitment to operations within World Heritage Sites.

Sustainable development goals:



Freshwater programme | Conservation

SUMMARY

Freshwater habitats cover less than one per cent of the Earth's surface but are of critical importance for global biodiversity, human health, wellbeing and prosperity, and climate mitigation and adaptation. Despite this, wetlands are being destroyed three times faster than forests and third of species are at risk of extinction.

OVERVIEW

Freshwater habitats host some of the most diverse and productive ecosystems on Earth. However, they are facing an urgent but largely unrecognised conservation crisis. The people and wildlife that are most impacted by their rapid loss and degradation are not receiving the attention or support they need to avoid further declines. This degradation has been exacerbated by dams which can have a devastating impact on freshwater ecosystems by submerging forests, impacting migratory patterns of fish and drying up riverbeds.

OUTCOME

We support biodiversity conservation by bridging the gap between international decision-making processes and our partners' local contexts.

Local communities, whose well-being and livelihoods are most closely intertwined with freshwater ecosystem health. This means they are the first to feel the impacts of the global freshwater biodiversity crisis and are also the first to develop plans to protect, conserve and restore freshwater life. Yet, local freshwater conservation action and needs are often overlooked in high-level policy decisions.

In mid-2021, Synchronicity Earth brought together its local partners from the Congo Basin, International Rivers Africa Programme, the Freshwater Conservation Committee and its Chief Scientific Adviser to facilitate a mini IUCN World

Conservation Congress in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, to allow local partners and NGO's to engage with, and virtually attend the larger congress being held in France. The event was a huge success with partners able to share successes and challenges of conservation work within the Congo region, as well as resulting in a commitment to create a new Democratic Republic of Congo based IUCN National Committee.

IMPACT

Aurum's donation helped to deliver conservation impacts over 2021, including:

- six local communities supported to protect their wetlands ;
- fourteen freshwater ecosystems granted legal protection; and
- two international policies and agreements integrating freshwater conservation priorities.

Sustainable development goals:



Ocean programme | Conservation

SUMMARY

Synchronicity Earth’s Ocean Programme focuses on critical, yet less familiar and vastly underfunded, conservation challenges for the global ocean. The programme encompasses three strands: Communities and Culture, Species and Ecosystems, and Research and Policy.

OVERVIEW

The Synchronicity Earth Ocean Programme channels support to locally-led grassroots organisations, whilst at the same time funding strategic research and advocacy to build a joined-up response to key threats and challenges facing the ocean. The last year has seen the addition of five new partners to the programme working in: the Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, and the United Kingdom. This includes work on building connections between traditional cultures and marine conservation under the Communities and Culture strand, and targeted work on seagrasses in the Species and Ecosystems strand.

OUTCOME

Aurum’s initial grant was specifically deployed to build up the Communities and Culture strand with an allocation made to six underlying partners. An additional grant was made to the Donation

Ocean Stewardship Initiative (‘DOSI) that works to improve protection and management of the deep ocean – in particular its work on the environmental impacts of fisheries and other activities in the deep sea and high seas.

IMPACT

In 2021, Aurum’s grant supported:

- 171 reports or communication materials
- Achievement of seven legislative/policy changes
- Increased protection for more than 654 million hectares of ocean

Sustainable development goals:



Asian species | Conservation

SUMMARY

Southeast Asia hosts a huge array of amazing species, many of which are found nowhere else in the world. Some of these species are at risk of extinction due, primarily, to exploitation and habitat destruction which are happening faster in this region than elsewhere in the world.

OVERVIEW

Synchronicity Earth's Asian Species Programme has ten current partners and focuses on three areas:

1. supporting on-the-ground species conservation over the long-term,
2. building species conservation capacity so groups are better equipped to protect threatened species,
3. supporting the collection and dissemination of knowledge and research to support conservationists and decision makers.

OUTCOME

Aurum's funding has been used to support:

- the Saola Foundation, which seeks to save the Saola, this antelope-like creature is one of the world's most elusive animals. The Saola is one of the most endangered mammals and is endemic to the forests of the Annamite Mountains of Laos and Vietnam.
- GreenViet which works to protect three species of douc langur (monkeys), through education, ecosystem management and helping to collect scientific data to support policies to protect these and other species

- Asian Species Action Partnership ("ASAP"), which focuses on providing support for Critically Endangered species. They do this through a small grants programme and by offering training to its partners.
- In 2021, ASAP delivered training to 15 women from six countries, in Conservation Leadership to build leadership skills in women across Southeast Asia. This programme of training is on-going.

IMPACT

Over 2021, the Asian Species Programme has supported partner organisations to:

- directly monitor and/or protected more than 51 species
- help provide environmental education to nearly 3,000 people.
- support the protection of over 95,000 hectares of land.

Sustainable development goals:



Wildscreen - Communicating COP 26 | Education

SUMMARY

On Monday 15 November, Wildscreen hosted their first hybrid event which focused on communicating the key topics from the UN's COP26 summit in Glasgow. 'Communicating COP26' welcomed delegates from across 21 countries to the Bristol Harbour Hotel both in-person and through a live-stream to our virtual event platform.

OVERVIEW

Wildscreen has a worldwide reach and uses this to spotlight the crucial role that visual media plays in communicating complex but critical science.

Communicating COP26 discussed how natural world storytellers can do this effectively; from documenting intangible impacts, engaging audiences and minimising production footprint.

The event included 25 speakers representing a variety of sectors, from finance to film making, charity to conservation. Wildscreen hosted a full day of panel sessions, interviews and screenings delving into vital topics around the climate crisis and providing concrete actions which delegates could take to protect the planet.

OUTCOME

The panel sessions, interviews and conversations used accessible language and involved speakers working across the world to conserve nature. We reflected on and discussed the key themes of green finance, youth and public empowerment, nature and sustainable land use, practical solutions, natural world storytelling, indigenous wisdom and leadership.

Aurum provided carbon balancing and emerging talent sponsorship. This ensured the event was carbon emission aware and that delegates who would otherwise be unable to participate were included.

IMPACT

- Nine out of ten delegates are "very likely" to recommend a Wildscreen event to a friend or colleague.
- Representatives from 21 countries attended, with delegates travelling from six different countries and from all around the UK, with 76% using public transport.
- As a carbon balancing sponsor, aiming to eliminate the carbon generated by the event, Aurum were able to ensure the carbon emitted by the event was appropriately balanced.



Sustainable development goals:



Living Nature – Three day event series | Education

SUMMARY

Ahead of the COP26 in Glasgow, Living Nature was a three-day event series produced in collaboration by Invisible Dust and Flourishing Diversity in partnership with the British Library and Synchronicity Earth.

OVERVIEW

A week before the COP26 climate change conference, Living Nature brought together leading artists, scientists and indigenous representatives to explore questions such as what can humans learn from the rest of life? What do creativity and diversity bring to a threatened planet? Why is it critical to listen to indigenous voices now? Through talks, discussions, screenings, and listening sessions, the audience spent three days considering the future of human-nature relationships through a lens of art, science and indigenous wisdom.

OUTCOME

Aurum sponsored the Living Nature event to raise awareness of invaluable indigenous insights and perspectives which are crucial if we are to sustain a healthy planet.

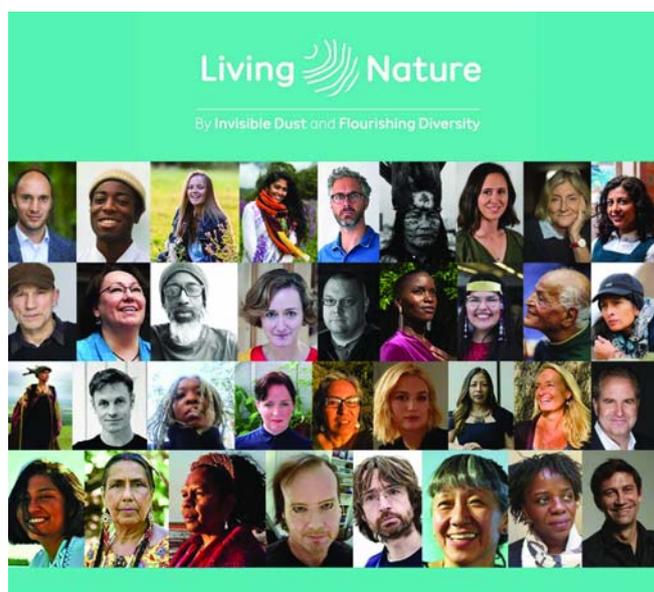
Collectively, the event envisioned how to create a future that's not just sustainable but flourishing.

IMPACT

By ensuring a diverse collaboration between different groups and perspectives, the Living Nature event highlighted the full systems thinking required to effectively tackle the twin climate and biodiversity crises.

This is reflected in the following:

- 1,700 people from 41 countries booked to attend across the three days
- The recordings have been viewed more than 4,000 times
- Post-attendance survey on emotions experienced due to the programme, found that 81.8% felt hopeful and 90.9% felt inspired.



Sustainable development goals:





Diversity, equity and inclusion

KEY STATS

Aurum bursary programme



2 students fully sponsored at university

Hope and Homes for Children



1 orphanage closed and **3** group homes built

Biocultural diversity programme



156 forests registered

Africa Food For Thought



90 daily meals for vulnerable children

Biocultural diversity programme

SUMMARY

Synchronicity Earth’s Biocultural Diversity Programme aims to promote and enhance a way of life that is sustainable for the planet in the long term, supporting groups across the globe to defend Indigenous and community Territories of Life, and protect and revive biocultural diversity.

OVERVIEW

Biological and cultural diversity are deeply intertwined, due to society’s reliance on, and relationship with, nature. There is now solid evidence to support the fact that indigenous people and local communities protect huge swathes of land and water through, often unrecognised, traditional systems of protection and regeneration. This is especially important in the current ecological and climate crises we face, as 80% of Earth’s terrestrial biodiversity falls within lands managed by indigenous peoples and local communities. If the international community can better support the people living among the species and ecosystems that are needed for all life on earth to sustain, then progress towards biodiversity and climate targets could be much more readily achieved.

OUTCOME

The programme focuses on regions where diversity is greatest and most threatened. This is where Synchronicity Earth has experience, expertise, existing partners, collaborators, staff or affiliates, such as the Amazon, the Congo Basin, and Melanesia.

IMPACT

In 2021, Aurum’s donation:

- supported 16 local partners and global funds or alliances, making it Synchronicity Earth’s fastest growing programme.
- supported over 21 communities involved in reviving biocultural and biodiversity integrity, and;
- supported partners to register 156 community forests for indigenous peoples.

Sustainable development goals:



World Jewish Relief – Uyghurs | Refugee support

SUMMARY

The Uyghurs are a predominately Muslim community numbering close to 12 million in the North-west of China. Human rights groups believe that since 2017, more than a million Uyghurs have been detained in 're-education camps' with numerous reports and claims of compulsory sterilisation, physical and sexual abuse, repression of religion and the destruction of religious buildings.

OVERVIEW

11,000 Uyghur people have fled China to Turkey to escape persecution, where they are living in overcrowded housing, without the right to work, income, food, healthcare or support. This extremely vulnerable community in exile has one of the most desperate plights in the world today.

OUTCOME

By offering matched funding, Aurum's donation via The Seneca Trust inspired other donors, both new and lapsed, to get involved. This led to the campaign attracting more than 950 donors in total and exceeding the initial target.

IMPACT

The project has reached 9,894 participants, providing:

- 1,500 food packages and hygiene kits
- psychological support for 251 people
- access to healthcare for 46 people
- language courses for 83 people
- legal assistance for 39 people

Sustainable development goals:



One to One Children's Fund | Transforming vulnerable lives

SUMMARY

One to One Children's Fund aims to rebuild and transform the lives of vulnerable children. One to One identifies the greatest risks children and adolescents face and then works with partners to pilot and deliver cost-effective interventions in healthcare, psychosocial services and education.

OVERVIEW

Around the world, children are living with trauma and disease. The impact on their life chances can be devastating. One to One Children's Fund trains and empowers people who can best fill the critical gaps in care. This is by providing relatable role models to make healthcare more inclusive.

OUTCOME

Aurum has been supporting One to One Children's Fund with regular grants since 2004, this support has allowed the organisation to focus on core gaps in care for some of the world's most vulnerable children, providing support to children and their families.

Aurum's focused support over the last year has enabled One to One Children's Fund to continue the flagship Mentor Mother programme in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. This enabled five Mentor Mothers to provide door-to-door vital healthcare to the most vulnerable pregnant women, mothers and children under five years old.

IMPACT

Mentor Mother: Since launching in 2016, Aurum has supported this project to bring healthcare out of the clinic and into the community.

Despite the unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19 and associated lockdowns, Aurum's donation allowed One to One Children's Fund to support five Mentor Mothers who in turn supported 235 women and 208 children, with the following outcomes:

- 96% of pregnant women attended all four of their antenatal care appointments
- 90% of children who were underweight at birth are now improving or rehabilitated
- 92% of children have full immunisation records
- 0% HIV transmission at birth in an area where 23% of beneficiaries are living with HIV
- 80% of children are receiving child support grants



Sustainable development goals:



Adara – Baby Ubuntu | Early childhood health and development

SUMMARY

The Baby Ubuntu programme aims to help improve the lives of children with developmental disabilities in low and middle income countries ('LMIC') such as Uganda.

OVERVIEW

Adara implements the Baby Ubuntu programme in Uganda, in partnership with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine ('LSHTM'). This programme is an early-intervention, community-based programme that supports children with a disability and their caregivers. It ensures caregivers understand their child's disability and provides them with practical skills to help feed, communicate and play with the child. This community-based programme is led by healthcare workers and expert parents that have a child with a disability.

OUTCOME

By supporting Adara, Aurum are helping to improve the lives of affected children and their families, particularly those in rural communities. The focus is on supporting all children in the crucial first 1,000 days after birth. This has the potential to ensure all children not only survive but thrive. As well as empowering families to care for their children and to transform communities to improve circumstances for the children and their family.

This approach is gaining momentum on the global health agenda, however, there is still a significant gap in care in LMICs, which this programme fills, ensuring enhanced inclusion and participation for disabled children.

IMPACT

Over 2021 there were a number of strict COVID-19 lockdowns in Uganda, which limited the ability for groups to meet in person, however telephone call check-ins were used during this period.

Since the lockdowns, the following highlights have happened:

- 32 children are participating in the Baby Ubuntu programme across four groups in three districts of Central Uganda
- nine new Baby Ubuntu facilitators were trained

between October and December 2021

- 14 children have been referred to the programme, ready to start in early 2022.

Following the much appreciated introduction to the Baby Ubuntu programme via Adara, the Seneca Trust have been working directly with the LSHTM on how best to scale up and replicate this innovative and impactful programme.

In early 2022, three year funding was put in place for two posts to work directly on Baby Ubuntu, with the aim to expand the programme to more clinics and locations around the world.



Sustainable development goals:



Hope and Homes for Children | Child protection

SUMMARY

Hope and Homes for Children (“HHC”) is a charity with a vision of a world in which children no longer suffer institutional care, working towards a day when every child can grow up in a loving family.

OVERVIEW

In 2021, Aurum continued to support HHC via The Seneca Trust which receives Embedded Impact donations. The Seneca Trust is a charity focused on disability, health, displacement and education.

While orphanages and other institutions may have been set up with good intentions, the evidence shows that the damage caused to children living in institutions is both physical and mental, and in most cases irreparable. This provides an urgency to ensuring children are placed within families or alternative family-type arrangements.

OUTCOME

The Seneca Trust is co-funding the closure of Bistrita Institution in Romania, which housed 38 children and young adults with a variety of disabilities.

The closure is vital for demonstrating that all children in Romania can grow up with the love, safety and nurturing care of families. Encouraging systemic change and the transition to a system of safe, supportive family and community-based care the project is reintegrating children from the institution into families and small group homes (for those where family-based care is not possible), preventing children from entering institutional care, supporting young adults to leave care, training professionals and advocating for reform.

IMPACT

Since the start of the project, Aurum’s donations have:

- paved the way for all 38 children and young adults to move out of institutionalised care into appropriate nurturing and caring environments
- provided two small group homes which have been completed and a third is now under construction with expected completion by early 2023.

- empowered 21 children and their families to remain together within their community
- supported advocacy work by influencing the Romanian Government’s Strategy for the Protection and Promotion of Children’s Rights in coordination with UNICEF
- ahead of the publication of this report, in April 2022 the institution was closed and the children were moved into the two completed small group homes. This is a landmark achievement as it is the last orphanage remaining in Bistrita-Nasaud County. The remaining adults are staying in temporary accommodation ahead of group home three being completed in 2023.



Sustainable development goals:



Africa Food for Thought | Supporting vulnerable children

SUMMARY

Africa Food for Thought (“AFFT”) provides food security for children, in support of education. Currently, they support nearly 17,000 children in the West Rand of Johannesburg, South Africa.

OVERVIEW

AFFT believes in supporting families caring for orphaned and vulnerable children. Early childhood development nutrition and a nurturing environment are critical components in a person’s life. By removing food insecurity, children are able to learn more easily and a significant improvement in academic, sporting and social integration can be seen.

OUTCOME

AFFT focuses on providing food to orphaned and vulnerable children (“OVCs”) and early childhood development (“ECD”) centres.

The OVC recipients are children who live in households affected by challenges such as unemployment, disease, loss of a parent, and severe poverty. Many live with grandmothers, or in child-headed households. A monthly delivery by our volunteers provides enough food to sustain the whole family on condition that they all support the sponsored child in his or her studies. This delivery also helps to build long-term trusted relationships and provide wider support as and when required,

The ECD recipients are based around ECD teachers who have proven track records. The programme ensures all children receive two cooked meals and two healthy snacks every day. This removes food insecurity and sets a foundation of good eating habits and life-long nutrition.



IMPACT

Aurum’s donation has enabled food support for:

- ten new families caring for orphaned or vulnerable children
- two new early childhood development centres
- 90 children, who would otherwise have been hungry this year, have been fed for the past six months



Sustainable development goals:



JUMP Befrienders

SUMMARY

The JUMP Refugee Befrienders programme provides one-to-one befriending for vulnerable young asylum seekers who have come to the UK without parents or a guardian. They are matched with a trained and committed adult volunteer befriender, which provides a stable and structured friendship plus support in navigating their way through life in the UK.

OVERVIEW

The programme matches young unaccompanied refugees from countries including Eritrea, Afghanistan and Sudan with a safe adult to build a friendship. This helps to improve their English language skills, grow their self-esteem and self-confidence in order to navigate their way around London and the asylum process. Pairs go for walks, explore London, do activities with other pairs, practice English, look at homework or paperwork, or just sit and chat over coffee or a meal.

OUTCOME

Aurum has donated to the Refugee Befrienders programme, which has supported 15 pairs over 2021. Over the year, the focus was on consolidating the project structures and to set strong and sustainable foundations to expand the project for 50 befriending pairs by the end of 2022.

IMPACT

Over 2021, Aurum's donation helped to:

1. support 15 pairs, including a group day-trip to Margate which gave the young people a chance to socialise and play cricket.
2. recruit and train 15 new befrienders to increase programme participation to 30 pairs with the target of 50 befriending pairs by the end of 2022.
3. provide a hardship fund to provide emergency support. This was predominantly for requests for clothes and mobile data but also food vouchers.

Sustainable development goals:



WindReach | Disability and inclusion

SUMMARY

WindReach is unique in that it offers a variety of therapeutic and educational experiences for people with varying physical and intellectual abilities, with participants ranging from pre-schoolers to older adults.

OVERVIEW

In 2021 Aurum continued to provide support for Windreach's programmes. WindReach is a fully-accessible four acre facility that offers a variety of therapeutic and educational experiences for people with varying physical and intellectual abilities. These activities include: arts and crafts, gardening and environmental education, animal interaction, adaptive sports and social gatherings.

OUTCOME

WindReach believe in inclusion and equal opportunity for all people, including those with special needs, empowering them to move from surviving to thriving. Aurum's support has impacted the lives of many people and their families.

This has been achieved through the following three key programmes:

Life skills

Designed for individuals of any age and ability. The programme is tailored to help individuals achieve personal goals and develop their levels of independence. The programme is being expanded to incorporate more work experience and job readiness skills.

Therapeutic riding

Recognised worldwide for its positive contributions to a wide spectrum of individuals, both cognitively, physically and emotionally. Not only does riding improve physical strength, balance and coordination, it has also been shown to increase self-esteem, concentration levels, health and social interactions.

Environmental education

Focus on participants understanding, exploration, use and enjoyment of the natural environment. There is a heavy focus on gardening in order to help the participants to be directly involved in the cycles that govern the natural world, as we encourage them to become a key part in the

development of the landscape throughout the seasons.

IMPACT

The impact of WindReach's programmes can be measured in the following ways over 2021:

- 6,947 session attendances with an average of 136 individuals attending each week.
- 100% of participants stated their quality of life has been enriched by participating in programmes.
- 13% increase in student skill assessment results. This was statistically significant across all three sub- categories; physical, socio-emotional and cognitive.

Sustainable development goals:



SUMMARY

iheart supports young people, parents, schools and educators by providing a range of specialised courses and programmes on mental health education, resilience and wellbeing.

OVERVIEW

When it comes to the mental health crisis enveloping our society, there is a huge emphasis on putting out fires. iheart prevents the fires. The transformative approach to supporting young people, teachers and parents is based on the core belief that wellbeing is innate. All iheart programmes work to uncover this resilience.

In the Autumn term of 2021, iheart launched a pilot project with selected Ark schools. The intended beneficiaries of the pilot were Year 6 students and selected staff.

OUTCOME

Since 2018 iheart has worked with 227 schools and reached over 8,000 young people.

During the pilot period September-December 2021, iheart delivered:

- resilience and Wellbeing Programmes to two Year 6 classes (60 pupils) at Ark Brunel School
- a wellbeing Course for Educators to staff from Ark Brunel and Ark Alexandra schools



IMPACT

Aurum's donation has enabled:

- six staff members to complete the Wellbeing Course for Educators. Five out of six said they would recommend the course to their colleagues.
- in total, 11 x 60-minute sessions were delivered to each class at Ark Brunel School
- specifically, pupils experienced improvements in the following areas of resilience, relationships and emotional self-regulation:
 - increased confidence to manage adversity/setbacks
 - respecting the views of others' viewpoints
 - managing anger.

Sustainable development goals:



Aurum bursary programme

SUMMARY

As part of Aurum’s commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, we have awarded two university bursaries to promising Ark Academy students who have chosen to follow one of two career streams; one in finance and one in environmental conservation.

OVERVIEW

The Aurum bursaries combine financial support, that covers both tuition fees and living expenses, with practical support in the form of a comprehensive internship programme and ongoing mentoring. This combined approach will remove the financial burden of higher education and provide excellent opportunities for the students in two competitive fields. From this ongoing relationship, we aim to build an enduring association with these students. The internships will be at both Aurum and our allied charity Synchronicity Earth. As part of the internship programme, the students will work on collaborative projects. This will expand their experiences by providing insight into another industry. And, by collaborating with Synchronicity Earth, we will continue our work to enhance the links between finance and conservation.

OUTCOME

Ark Schools provided a shortlist of candidates and a combined bursary committee of Aurum Group and Synchronicity Earth employees conducted a

tailored interview process. The feedback from the bursary committee was overwhelmingly positive and deciding on the two bursary recipients was particularly challenging given the strength of all candidates.

After significant deliberation and discussion, the committee unanimously agreed on the candidates to award the bursaries to.

IMPACT

The candidates were successfully accepted onto their university courses and started these in autumn 2021. Two members of Aurum Group staff have been acting as mentors, providing support and guidance. The Aurum Group look forward to welcoming the bursary recipients for their internships in summer 2022.

Sustainable development goals:



Aurum staff who are acting as mentors to students



Collaboration and leverage

KEY STATS

Innovative Financing



> \$15m
donated since inception

Manager Data



4 manager ESG policies created

Aurum Team



Gold giving quality mark for the **3rd** year

Aurum Team



donated **£30,000** of volunteering value

Aurum Embedded Impact® | Innovative financing

SUMMARY

Aurum's ESG approach has been to pioneer innovative financing models. This approach provides unrestricted and stable funding to our allied charities, alongside the ability to plan multi-year projects.

The core tenet of this is our Embedded Impact® Approach which provides profit with purpose. Our purpose as a business is to grow and protect capital. Not only our clients' capital, but also environmental capital; our planet and species and social capital; healthcare and education.

Aurum is an Embedded Impact business where donations are structured to proportionately increase as firm AUM increases. This ensures that as we grow and prosper as a business, we are using this success to create meaningful, positive impact.

Aurum also offers two specific Embedded Impact Funds where donations are made by Aurum from investment management fees:

- The first Embedded Impact investment solution, which launched in 2002, where Aurum makes donations from the investment management fees to environmental charitable causes including Synchronicity Earth, a registered charity that supports the conservation of biodiversity, ecosystems and species at risk around the world.
- The second Embedded Impact Fund, Aurum makes donations from the investment management fees to social causes namely through The Seneca Trust, a charity focused on disability, health, displacement and education. This is achieved through providing grants and direct assistance to charities and organisations.

Since inception, the Embedded Impact approach has given more than \$15 million to support charitable endeavours around the world.

ENDOWMENT FUND APPROACH

One of the biggest challenges for the NGO sector is in securing stable multi-year annuity style funding. To fill this gap, Aurum has worked with Synchronicity Earth to create a selection of endowment funds to secure stable programmatic funding.

Synchronicity Earth has three expandable endowment funds that can receive donations, two that are restricted to specific conservation issues, the Amphibian Fund and the Ape Fund, and the Synchronicity Earth Living Fund, which supports the long-term work of the organisation. The intention is that the endowments will spend down over a period of ten to 15 years, while supporting core costs for organisations that are delivering effective conservation outcomes.

This is then drawn down over time to support long-term incomestreams for key conservation work. Unlike most traditional endowments, both income and capital can be used. The choice to create expandable endowment funds significantly

assists Synchronicity Earth's mission to escalate conservation action dramatically over a ten-to-20-year period, to protect precious ecosystems and support wide-scale regeneration of degraded ecosystems.

In 2021, Aurum topped up the endowments across all the three Funds: Amphibian, Ape and Synchronicity Earth Living Fund.

Sustainable development goals:



Manager data | Advocacy and hedge fund engagement

SUMMARY

The Head of ESG at Aurum's UK based subsidiary engages with our underlying managers on ESG topics to drive evolution within the industry. The focus is on both the corporate and investment approach of the managers and how this is evolving through time.

OVERVIEW

ESG issues are incorporated into the investment decision-making process when Aurum considers prospective investments and when monitoring portfolio positions. Underlying managers complete an online ESG questionnaire and the results are aggregated to ensure effective engagement topics are identified and progress is measured.

The review focuses on ESG approach from both a corporate and investment perspective. As this is a rapidly evolving area, we also look at direction of travel and commitment to future developments as well as current status.

OUTCOME

The Head of ESG at Aurum's UK based subsidiary provides an independent review of our underlying managers. A key part of this is building trusted relationships to collaborate, engage and seek to positively influence and evolve ESG approaches. This differs from strategy to strategy, and approaches are tailored accordingly.

ESG considerations are incorporated into both new investment and annual monitoring processes.

IMPACT

Ongoing dialogue with managers regarding ESG issues. Discussions included, amongst other things, the establishment of formal ESG policies and how to implement a neurodiversity friendly and gender-neutral recruitment process. In 2021:

- ESG questionnaire was launched and completed by underlying managers which provided additional granularity around their ESG practices.
- One underlying fund acted to enhance their recruitment process
- Four underlying funds created ESG policies at our request.

The screenshot shows the 'AURUM Aurum's ESG Manager Questionnaire' interface. It includes a header with the Aurum logo and title, a sub-header with instructions, and a 'Required' section titled 'Investment Approach'. The form contains three questions: 1. Confirmation of management entity and fund, with a text input field. 2. How ESG is incorporated into the fund's investment approach, with radio buttons for 'Risk focussed', 'Opportunity focussed', and 'Other' (with a text input field). 3. Whether the portfolio management team has access to ESG data sources, with radio buttons for 'Yes', 'No', and 'Considering'. A 'Next' button is at the bottom.

Sustainable development goals:



Aurum business operations

SUMMARY

At Aurum we believe it is important to consider how our day-to-day operations can have an impact on environmental and social issues.

OVERVIEW

The Aurum Group continually review operations, seeking ways to improve efficiency and decrease negative impact.

OUTCOME

BERMUDA OFFICE

Energy saving:

- A 25 kwh solar panel system on the office building significantly reduces the amount of electricity bought from the grid.
- Rainwater runoff is captured in a large water tank built underneath the building, which provides all necessary water for the office.

LONDON OFFICE

Stationery and supplies:

- The main stationery supplier's offices are Commercial, their offices are part run on solar power and their use of electric and hydrogen fuelled delivery vans contributes to low carbon deliveries. Commercial use the Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA) to ensure their suppliers are working in an ethical manner. 20% of profits are directed to the Commercial Foundation to empower disadvantaged young people to develop skills and find employment in the UK.
- The manufacturer of printer paper used supports indigenous communities to preserve endangered rainforests in Peru. This locks in CO₂ long-term to mitigate the emissions of the production and the distribution of the paper.
- Hand towels are 100% bamboo. All packaging is either biodegradable, recyclable or completely plastic-free.
- Toilet paper and kitchen roll are environmentally friendly.
- Filtered, rather than bottled, water is provided.
- Paper, plastic, cardboard, cans, glass,

redundant IT equipment, coffee capsules and plastic bags are recycled.

Energy saving:

- Deliveries are kept to a minimum and with the same supplier to aid reducing our carbon footprint.
- The majority of lighting is LED and runs on proximity sensors, ensuring that only occupied areas are lit.
- All PC monitors are LED lit and desktop computers are shut down overnight.
- HVAC (heating ventilation and cooling) is centrally controlled with automatic switch off to ensure the units do not run out of hours..

Environment:

- Balcony space has been converted into a garden to attract wildlife. It is also used to grow herbs and tomatoes.
- Reusable shopping bags made available to team members.

Sustainable development goals:



Aurum team

SUMMARY

Aurum encourages group employees to support charities that are important to them and to use their skills and efforts to make a difference.

OVERVIEW

Aurum runs a programme that supports group employee fundraising by up to £1,000 annually per employee. Group employees are also able to give a £50 birthday donation to a charity of their choice.

In 2018 Aurum introduced a group employee volunteering programme, where staff are allocated two days per year to volunteer. This was enhanced in 2021 from providing London based volunteering opportunities, to the following three options:

1. access to the online volunteering platform Matchable.
2. for colleagues who already have volunteering commitments, to be able to use these days for charity of their choice.
3. to provide group volunteering opportunities to facilitate team building

OUTCOME

In 2021 Aurum's UK based subsidiary maintained an HM Government Payroll Giving Gold Award for the third year running. The Payroll Giving Quality Mark is an official government-backed accreditation. This celebrates the organisation's decision to foster a culture of philanthropy and committed giving in the workplace by making Payroll Giving available to employees.

Gold is awarded to employers that achieve 10% or more employee participation in Payroll Giving and either pay the administration charges, match donations or actively promote Payroll Giving.



IMPACT

Over 2021, Aurum Group colleagues:

- delivered £30,000 of "volunteering value" to impact organisations and their causes via Matchable
- took part in a 26 mile walk from Brighton to Eastbourne to raise money for Macmillan Cancer support.
- took part in the London Marathon to raise funds for the Haven House Children's Hospice which provides care for seriously ill children and support for their families.
- entered the Standard Chartered London City Race to fundraise for Stop Hate UK, which is a national organisation working to challenge all forms of Hate Crime and discrimination, based on any aspect of an individual's identity.
- held a bake-off in the Aurum London office to raise money for Breast Cancer Now. There were a wide range of entries including both savoury and sweet with the winner being a Biscoffcheesecake!



Mobilising the hedge fund industry

SUMMARY

The hedge fund industry deals with complexity and risk every day. Fundamental to the industry's success are analysis of data and the need to understand the impact of trends and systemic change. By extending this approach to environmental impact, the industry is ideally placed to both understand the problems and be part of the solution.

OVERVIEW

Aurum has a goal to galvanise the hedge fund industry to have a net positive environmental impact.

To achieve this the Aurum Group engages and collaborates with external stakeholders including underlying managers. This primarily involves candid discussion and providing educational materials and guidance on how environmental philanthropy can benefit both their businesses and wider society.

OUTCOME

In 2021:

- representatives of the Aurum Group and Synchronicity Earth worked to enhance our Synchronicity Earth's "More Than Carbon" approach for underlying managers. This focused on articulating on the business case for tackling the climate and biodiversity crises.
- representatives from Synchronicity Earth provided tailored webinar sessions for the hedge fund industry, to raise awareness of environmental issues and the impact of philanthropy.
- Synchronicity Earth continued to support ShareAction's work aimed at raising awareness and understanding among the finance sector of its impacts on nature and how companies should contribute to tackling biodiversity loss.

IMPACT

In 2021, Aurum helped to facilitate:

- a Chicago-based hedge fund renewed while increasing and broadening its support to contribute to the four biodiversity protection and regeneration projects of Synchronicity Earth's More Than Carbon initiative.
- a London-based hedge fund manager renewed its support for a nature reserve in Ecuador for the next five years.
- a UK-based hedge fund continued to provide and increased their annual unrestricted funding to Synchronicity Earth.
- an Asia-based hedge fund made its first annual unrestricted donation.
- an Asia-based hedge fund, through their corporate foundation, started supporting a research project on fisheries in Asia.



Sustainable development goals:



Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

SUMMARY

Reflecting the Aurum Group's focus on climate change and support for the Paris Agreement's aim of keeping the increase in global average temperatures to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, Aurum is a supporter of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD").

Aurum have always been cognisant of the environmental challenges of climate change and both the risks and opportunities this has for us as a business. This TCFD reporting is an important step to strengthening our reporting and transparency in this important area.

GOVERNANCE

Aurum believes a robust ESG approach is both our moral and fiduciary duty. Aurum Research Limited's ("ARL") Head of ESG is responsible for identifying climate risks and opportunities in collaboration with ARL's investment and operational due diligence teams. This information is provided to ARL's senior management team and ultimately Aurum's board who are able to opine on these matters. This is from both a company and investment perspective.

As well as having this formal process in place, Aurum also believes ESG is the collective responsibility of all group employees. This is reflected in ESG considerations being integrated into all employee objectives. These objectives range from limiting personal and professional environmental impact, ensuring inclusivity in all we do and looking to drive industry and wider societal change by collaborating with other industry participants.

At a business level, the Aurum Group have taken opportunities to reduce their carbon footprint and are particularly cognisant of suppliers and their impact on society. Further details on this can be found in the "Business Operations" section on page 23.

STRATEGY

The TCFD's framework around climate risks and opportunities has been a useful guide to overlay our existing processes.

Given the nature of Aurum's investments we primarily consider climate risks associated with the transition to a lower-carbon economy rather than physical climate risks. These consist of policy and legal risks such as carbon pricing and reporting obligations, market risks associated with

changing consumer behaviour and reputational risks around increased stakeholder concerns.

Aurum also consider climate-related opportunities. These consist of resource efficiency opportunities around improving recycling and increasing building efficiency, development of new products related to low emission goods and services, as well as participating in renewable energy programs and adopting energy-efficiency measures.

Aurum's approach regarding climate risks and opportunities is to work with our underlying managers to increase awareness and understanding of how these can be utilised in their investment processes. Given the nature of the investments it is difficult to be precise in terms of objectives in this area. Acknowledging this and wanting to support and collaborate with the wider industry, ARL's Head of ESG is a member of the Alternative Investment Management Association's working group on TCFD. The working group's paper titled, 'Environmental Integration for Alternative Investment Strategies: The TCFD approach' was released in September 2021. Our focus in collaborating on the paper was ensuring a proportionate approach should be taken for smaller managers; for example, by ensuring a pragmatic approach is taken to strategy and governance. The other key area was ensuring more niche strategies, with their associated data scarcity issues, also received guidance.

However, Aurum are always on the lookout for funds with exposures more consistent with principles of sustainable investing. Aurum's board regularly revisits the question of creating more sustainable products with climate change as a central part of the investment strategy.

Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

RISK MANAGEMENT

From a business perspective, each entity within the Aurum Group manages climate change risks and opportunities in the relevant departments, with oversight from senior management and the board. For example, each entity implements best practice with regards to efficiency opportunities and renewable energy.

From an investment perspective, we discuss the provision of TCFD information from all of the Aurum Funds' underlying managers and this is an area we are focusing on developing. We question the underlying managers and seek to understand their approach to climate-related risks ahead of investment. This is included as part of our provisional due diligence reports and manager assessment.

As part of the Aurum Group's ongoing monitoring process, we include an assessment of how the approach to climate-related risks has evolved through time.

Aurum believes it's important to have transparency around the emissions associated with our business activities which we have included below. Given the nature of the investment of the Aurum Funds, we are currently unable to calculate the carbon impact of our investments, so we apply a multiplier to our corporate footprint to account for this.

The office utilities included in Scope 2 are purchased electricity for business purposes. All other utilities are included in Scope 3.

In order to 'normalise' emission data and allow comparison year on year against growth, Aurum are using \$m AUM as a normalisation factor. Given the global lockdowns and associated emission reductions over 2020 and 2021, we will benchmark future years against 2019 and in the meantime, will continue to carbon offset on these figures.

METRICS

2021 was the Aurum Group's seventh consecutive year of carbon offsetting across our offices and the activities of our staff. We have been offsetting our carbon emissions through a regeneration portfolio since 2014 as detailed on page 7. We have taken this approach as we believe environmental regeneration of degraded ecosystems is an impactful way of offsetting carbon.

ESTIMATED TONNES OF CO2e EMISSIONS

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Office electricity* - Scope 2 | 18.6 | 14.8 | 9.5 | 7.6 |
| Data centres* - Scope 2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Office Utilities - Scope 3 | 196.1 | 199.1 | 95.9 | 155.1 |
| Business Travel - Scope 3 | 245.9 | 217.5 | 25.5 | 6.5 |
| Employee Commuting - Scope 3 | 24.5 | 21.8 | 4.9 | 104.0** |
| Total | 485 | 453 | 136 | 273 |
| Tonnes of carbon per \$m AUM | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.04 | 0.06 |

*The Aurum Group's London Office and data centres use renewable energy, but for transparency we have included the contribution of these in our emission calculations.

** For 2021, we have also included an allowance in 'Scope 3 - Employee Commuting' for the carbon emissions generated by home working in line with the framework detailed in EcoAct's Homeworking emissions Whitepaper.

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