# GRESB Real Estate Assessment



The GRESB Real Estate Assessment is the global standard for sustainability benchmarking and reporting for listed property companies, private property funds, developers, and investors that invest directly in real estate. The Assessment evaluates performance against three key components: Management, Performance, and Development. The methodology is consistent across different regions, investment vehicles, and property types and aligns with international reporting frameworks, such as GRI and PRI.

The GRESB Real Estate Assessment provides investors with actionable information and tools to monitor and manage the sustainability-related risks and opportunities of their investments and to prepare for increasingly rigorous regulatory and reporting requirements. Assessment participants receive comparative business intelligence on where they stand against their peers, a roadmap with the actions they can take to improve their sustainability performance, and a communication platform to engage with investors.



REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT (Standing Investments)

PERFORMANCE COMPONENT

(70% score)

MANAGEMENT COMPONENT

(30% score)

DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

(70% score)



REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT (New Buildings)

# Purpose of this Document

This document summarizes the full list of questions – called indicators – within each GRESB Real Estate Assessment. It outlines each indicator code, title, score, and 'Aspect' to which it belongs. When applicable, it also reveals the following information:

### Pre-fill status

GRESB pre-fills certain assessment fields with the previous year's response to mitigate reporting burden.

Note that some indicators marked 'Yes' to being prefilled are only partially prefilled; some fields within it may require new input. GRESB encourages reviewing these indicator responses carefully.

### **Evidence validation status**

GRESB and its third-party validation team manually validate certain evidence against reporting requirements. Refer to Appendix 4 of the <u>Reference Guides</u> for a high-level summary of these indicators' validation requirements.

### **Evidence pre-validation status**

GRESB 'pre-validates' certain evidence if the participant's response and supporting documentation remains consistent year-over-year. When applicable, this means previous year's validation decision is carried over to the current submission.

### **ENTITY AND REPORTING CHARACTERISTICS**

All indicators in the Entity & Reporting Characteristics Aspect are unscored and none require evidence.

| ASPECT                       | INDICATOR<br>CODE | SUMMARIZED INDICATORS       | PRE-FILL | WEIGHTING |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
|                              | EC1               | Reporting entity            | X        |           |
| Entity                       | EC2               | Nature of ownership         | X        |           |
| Characteristics              | EC3               | Entity commencement date    | X        |           |
|                              | EC4               | Reporting year              | X        |           |
|                              | RC1               | Reporting currency          | X        |           |
|                              | RC2               | Economic size               | X        |           |
| Reporting<br>Characteristics | RC3               | Floor area metrics          | X        |           |
|                              | RC4               | Property type and Geography |          |           |
|                              | RC5               | Nature of entity's business | X        |           |

# **MANAGEMENT**

| ASPECT             | INDICATOR<br>CODE | SUMMARIZED INDICATORS  | PRE-FILL | EVIDENCE<br>VALIDATED | EVIDENCE<br>PRE-<br>VALIDATED | WEIGHTING   |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
|                    |                   | ESG leadership commitments   |          |                       |                               |             |
|                    | LE1               | ESG leadership commitments   |          |                       |                               | 0.0   0.0%  |
|                    | LE2               | ESG objectives   |          |                       |                               | 1.0   3.3%  |
|                    |                   | ESG Decision Making  |          |                       |                               |             |
| Leadership         | LE3               | Individual responsible for ESG, climate-related, and/or human capital objectives |          |                       |                               | 2.0   6.7%  |
|                    | LE4               | ESG taskforce/committee  | X        |                       |                               | 1.0   3.3%  |
|                    | LE5               | ESG, climate-related and/<br>or human capital senior<br>decision maker           |          |                       |                               | 1.0   3.3%  |
|                    | LE6               | Personnel ESG performance targets  | X        | X                     |                               | 2.0   6.7%  |
|                    | P01               | Policy on environmental issues   | X        | X                     | X                             | 1.5   5.0%  |
| Policies           | PO2               | Policy on social issues  | X        | X                     | X                             | 1.5   5.0%  |
|                    | P03               | Policy on governance issues  | X        | X                     | Х                             | 1.5   5.0%  |
|                    | RP1               | ESG reporting  |          | X                     |                               | 3.5   11.7% |
| Reporting          | RP2.1             | Incident monitoring  | X        |                       |                               | 0.25   0.8% |
|                    | RP2.2             | ESG inciden occurrences  |          |                       |                               | 0.0   0.0%  |
| Risk<br>Management | RM1               | Environmental<br>Management System (EMS)   | X        | X                     | Х                             | 1.25   4.2% |
|                    | RM2               | Process to implement governance policies   | X        |                       |                               | 0.25   0.8% |

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|                           |                   | Risk Assessments                             |          |                       |                               |             |
|                           | RM3.1             | Social risk assessments                      | Х        |                       |                               | 0.25   0.8% |
|                           | RM3.2             | Governance risk assessments                  | X        |                       |                               | 0.25   0.8% |
|                           | RM4.1             | ESG due diligence for new acquisitions       | X        |                       |                               | 0.5   1.7%  |
|                           | RM4.2             | Embodied carbon in acquisitions              |          |                       |                               | 0.5   1.7%  |
| Risk                      |                   | Climate-related Risk Managem                 | nent     |                       |                               |             |
| Management                | RM5               | Climate resilience                           |          |                       |                               | 0.5   1.7%  |
|                           | RM6.1             | Transition risk identification               |          | X                     |                               | 0.5   1.7%  |
|                           | RM6.2             | Transition risk impact assessment            |          | Х                     |                               | 0.5   1.7%  |
|                           | RM6.3             | Physical risk identification                 |          | X                     |                               | 0.5   1.7%  |
|                           | RM6.4             | Physical risk impact assessment              |          | X                     |                               | 0.5   1.7%  |
|                           | RM7               | Biodiversity and nature-<br>related strategy |          |                       |                               | 0.0   0.0%  |
|                           | SE1               | Employee training                            |          |                       |                               | 1.0   3.3%  |
|                           | SE2.1             | Employee satisfaction survey                 | X        | X                     | Х                             | 1.0   3.3%  |
| Stakeholder<br>Engagement | SE2.2             | Employee engagement program                  | X        |                       |                               | 1.0   3.3%  |
|                           | SE3.1             | Employee health & well-<br>being program     | X        |                       |                               | 0.75   2.5% |
|                           | SE3.2             | Employee health & well-<br>being measures    | X        |                       |                               | 1.25   4.2% |

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|                           | SE4               | Employee safety indicators                      | X        |                       |                               | 0.5   1.7% |
|                           | SE5               | Human Capital                                   | X        | X                     | X                             | 0.5   1.7% |
|                           |                   | Suppliers                                       |          |                       |                               |            |
| Stakeholder<br>Engagement | SE6               | Supply chain engagement program                 | Х        |                       |                               | 1.5   5.0% |
|                           | SE7.1             | Monitoring property/asset managers              | Х        |                       |                               | 1.0   3.3% |
|                           | SE7.2             | Monitoring external suppliers/service providers | X        |                       |                               | 1.0   3.3% |
|                           | SE8               | Stakeholder grievance process                   | X        |                       |                               | 0.5   1.7% |

# **PERFORMANCE**

| ASPECT                       | INDICATOR<br>CODE | SUMMARIZED INDICATORS   | PRE-FILL | EVIDENCE<br>VALIDATED | EVIDENCE<br>PRE-<br>VALIDATED | WEIGHTING  |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
|                              |                   | Reporting Characteristics   |          |                       |                               |            |
| Reporting<br>Characteristics | R1                | The entity's standing investments portfolio during the reporting year |          | X*                    |                               |            |
|                              |                   | Risk Assessment   |          |                       |                               |            |
|                              | RA1               | Risk assessments performed on standing investments portfolio          | X        |                       |                               | 3.0   4.3% |
| Risk                         | RA2               | Technical building assessments  |          |                       |                               | 3.0   4.3% |
| Assessment                   | RA3               | Energy efficiency measures  |          |                       |                               | 1.5   2.1% |
|                              | RA4               | Water efficiency measures   |          |                       |                               | 1.0   1.4% |
|                              | RA5               | Waste management measures   |          |                       |                               | 0.5   0.7% |

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|-----------------------|-------------------|---|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
|                       |                   | Targets   |          |                       |                               |                 |
| Targets               | T1.1              | Portfolio improvement targets                               |          |                       |                               | 1.0   1.4%      |
|                       | T1.2              | Net Zero Targets  |          | X                     |                               | 1.0   1.4%      |
|                       |                   | Tenants & Community   |          |                       |                               |                 |
|                       | TC1               | Tenant engagement program                                   | X        |                       |                               | 1.0   1.4%      |
|                       | TC2.1             | Tenant satisfaction survey                                  | X        | X                     | X                             | 1.0   1.4%      |
|                       | TC2.2             | Program to improve tenant satisfaction                      | X        |                       |                               | 1.0   1.4%      |
| Tenants/<br>Occupiers | ТС3               | Fit-out & refurbishment program for tenants on ESG          | X        |                       |                               | 1.5   2.1%      |
|                       | TC4               | ESG-specific requirements in lease contracts (green leases) | X        |                       |                               | 1.5   2.1%      |
|                       | TC5.1             | Tenant health & well-being program                          | X        |                       |                               | 0.75   1.1%     |
|                       | TC5.2             | Tenant health & well-being measures                         | X        |                       |                               | 1.25   1.8%     |
| Community             | TC6.1             | Community engagement program                                | X        |                       |                               | 2.0   2.9%      |
| Community             | TC6.2             | Monitoring impact on community                              | X        |                       |                               | 1.0   1.4%      |
| Energy<br>Consumption | EN1               | Energy consumption  |          |                       |                               | 14.0  <br>20.0% |
| GHG<br>Emissions      | GH1               | GHG emissions   |          |                       |                               | 7.0   10.0%     |
| Water use             | WT1               | Water use   |          |                       |                               | 7.0   10.0%     |
| Waste<br>management   | WS1               | Waste management  |          |                       |                               | 4.0   5.7%      |

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|----------------------------|-------------------|---|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--|
|                            | MR1               | External review of energy data  |          | Х                     |                               | 1.75   2.5%      |  |
| Review, verification and   | MR2               | External review of GHG data   |          | Х                     |                               | 1.25   1.8%      |  |
| assurance of<br>ESG data   | MR3               | External review of water data   |          | Х                     |                               | 1.25   1.8%      |  |
|                            | MR4               | External review of waste data   |          | Х                     |                               | 1.25   1.8%      |  |
| Building<br>Certifications | BC1.1             | Building Certifications at the time of design/construction and for interior |          |                       |                               | 7.5**  <br>12.1% |  |
|                            | BC1.2             | Operational building certifications   |          |                       |                               | 8.5**            |  |
|                            | BC2               | Energy Ratings  |          |                       |                               | 2.0   2.9%       |  |

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# **DEVELOPMENT**

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|------------------------------|-------------------|--|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Reporting<br>Characteristics | DR1               | Composition of the entity's development projects portfolio during the reporting year |          | X*                    |                               | 4.0   5.7%  |
|                              | DRE1              | ESG strategy during development  | X        | X                     | Х                             | 4.0   5.7%  |
| ESG<br>Requirements          | DRE2              | Site selection requirements  | Х        |                       |                               | 4.0   5.7%  |
|                              | DRE3              | Site design and construction requirements  | X        |                       |                               | 4.0   5.7%  |
| Building<br>Certifications   | DBC1.1            | Green Building Standard<br>Requirements  |          |                       |                               | 4.0   5.7%  |
|                              | DBC1.2            | Green building certifications  |          |                       |                               | 9.0   12.9% |

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Materials                             | DMA1              | Materials selection requirements                     | X        | X                     | Х                             | 6.0   8.6% |
| мацепаіѕ                              | DMA2              | Embodied carbon measurement & disclosure             |          |                       |                               | 0.0   0.0% |
|                                       | DEN1              | Energy efficiency requirements                       | X        |                       |                               | 6.0   8.6% |
| Energy                                | DEN2.1            | On-site renewable energy and low carbon technologies |          |                       |                               | 6.0   8.6% |
|                                       | DEN2.2            | Net zero carbon design and standards                 | X        |                       |                               | 2.0   2.9% |
| Water<br>Conservation                 | DWT1              | Water conservation strategy                          | X        |                       |                               | 5.0   7.1% |
| Waste<br>Management                   | DWS1              | Waste management strategy                            | X        |                       |                               | 5.0   7.1% |
|                                       |                   | Stakeholder Engagement                               |          |                       |                               |            |
|                                       | DSE1              | Health & Well-being                                  | X        |                       |                               | 2.0   2.9% |
| Health, Safety<br>& Well-being        | DSE2.1            | On-site safety                                       | X        |                       |                               | 1.5   2.1% |
|                                       | DSE2.2            | Safety metrics                                       | X        |                       |                               | 1.5   2.1% |
| Supply Chain                          | DSE3.1            | Contractor ESG requirements                          | X        |                       |                               | 2.0   2.9% |
| Зирріу Спапі                          | DSE3.2            | Contractor monitoring methods                        | X        |                       |                               | 2.0   2.9% |
|                                       | DSE4              | Community engagement program                         | X        |                       |                               | 2.0   2.9% |
| Community<br>Impact and<br>Engagement | DSE5.1            | Community impact assessment                          | X        |                       |                               | 2.0   2.9% |
|                                       | DSE5.2            | Community impact monitoring                          | X        | Х                     | X                             | 2.0   2.9% |
| Targets                               | DT1               | Embodied carbon targets                              |          |                       |                               | 0.0   0.0% |

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# **RESIDENTIAL**

| ASPECT      | INDICATOR<br>CODE | SUMMARIZED INDICATORS                    | EVIDENCE<br>VALIDATED | PRE-FILLED | WEIGHTING  |
|-------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Residential | RES1              | Fair attribution of housing              |                       |            | 0.0   0.0% |
|             | RES2              | Local Infrastructure                     |                       |            | 0.0   0.0% |
|             | RES3              | Community safety                         |                       |            | 0.0   0.0% |
|             | RES4              | Affordability                            |                       |            | 0.0   0.0% |
|             | RES5              | Affordable housing                       |                       |            | 0.0   0.0% |
|             | RES6              | ESG-specific elements in lease contracts |                       |            | 0.0   0.0% |

