

# 2016 GRESB Snapshot - Canada

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The Canadian government recognizes the necessity of a transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient economy. The government has advocated for increased accountability and transparency, investment in adaptation, and pursuit of cost-effective emissions reduction.

The Canadian property sector will need to play a significant role in this transition as commercial and residential real estate consume 47% of Canadian electricity and contribute directly to 11.9% of Canadian greenhouse gas emissions. Fortunately, real estate also offers some of the most costeffective opportunities for emissions reduction, while also benefiting social and environmental issues, such as water conservation, waste management, and public health. Canadian companies and funds have begun to create value by offering solutions to these challenges. Their investors have recognized that this is a significant area of differentiation and risk. Consequently, investors are increasingly asking for high quality information about environment, social, and government (ESG) performance.

GRESB strives to meet this growing need with systematic assessment, objective scoring, and peer benchmarking. The 2016 data reflect a continued

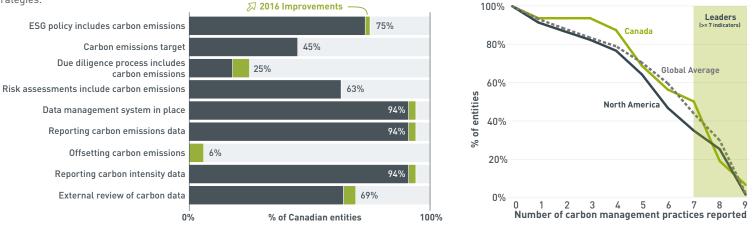
## **GRESB Model**

increase in Canadian participation with 16 companies and funds providing information about ESG performance. Multi-year participants demonstrate steady year-over-year improvements in overall ESG scores. The new GRESB data show that overall performance is driven by increasing engagement from senior leaders, more formal policy commitments, new and increasingly sophisticated information systems. For example, this year's global benchmark includes asset-level operational performance data for more than 22,000 individual buildings, often flowing directly to GRESB from third-party tools.

The new GRESB data show property companies and funds in a race for higher ESG performance - reducing greenhouse gas emissions, saving energy, conserving water, and providing healthier indoor environments. The leaders in this competition benefit from more efficient, more desirable properties. Their investors benefit from higher returns and lower risk. Over time, these actions contribute to Canada's national goal for a transition to a low-carbon, resilient economy as a part of the global effort to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change.

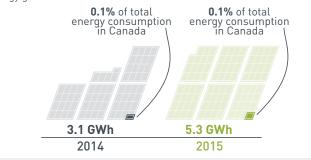
#### **Carbon Management**

GRESB indicators can be examined individually or as functional groups to understand management and performance in key areas, such as carbon, water, waste, and health. The charts below illustrate average responses to individual carbon management indicators and the cumulative achievement of the set of carbon management strategies.



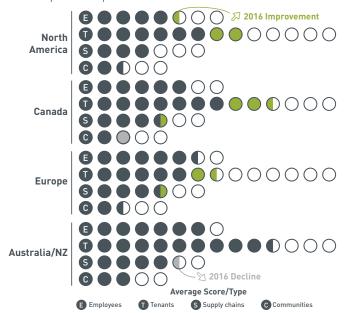
#### Renewable Energy (generated on-site)

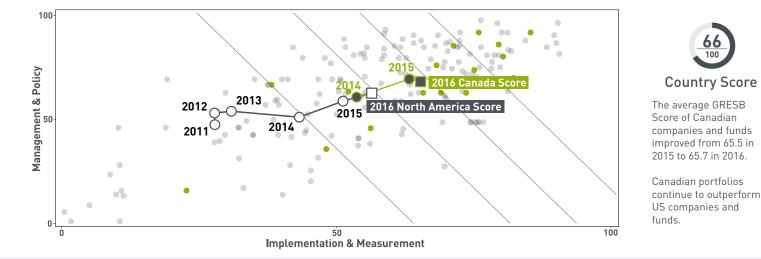
The GRESB Assessment provides data on year-over-year growth in on-site renewable energy. The dark shading indicates renewable energy generated by companies and funds based in Canada. The light shading indicates renewable energy generated elsewhere in the world.



### Stakeholder Engagement

GRESB includes 11 indicators addressing the engagement of property companies and funds with employees, tenants, supply chain, and community. Each circle represents a point available for these 11 indicators.





**GRESB** Aspects

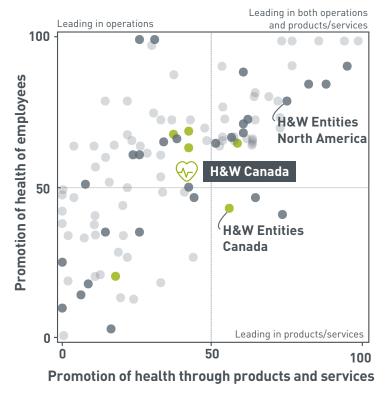


## **Response Rate Development**



## Health & Well-being

New data for North American property companies and funds show significant variation in health and well-being practices. Many companies are working to promote the health of their employees. A smaller fraction of participants complement these internal efforts with strategies to actively promote the health of customers through their products and services.



### **GRESB Industry Partners**



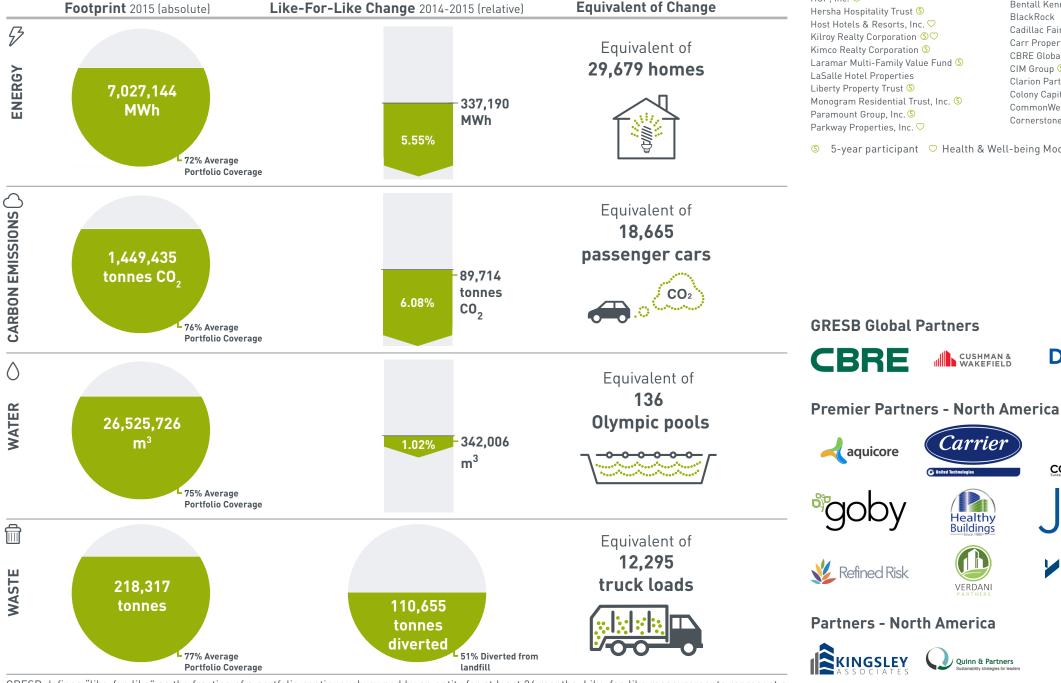
The annual GRESB Assessment process has become an important management tool for our members, and REALpac applauds the sustained progress and superior performance of Canadian companies to date. Michael Brooks - CEO, REALpac

# **Sector Leaders - North America**

Property type	Entity name	
Retail- Listed	The Macerich Company	
Retail - Private	Pine Tree	
Office - Listed	Kilroy Realty Corporation	
Office - Private	MetLife/Norges Bank Investment Management Joint Venture - MetLife Investment Management	
Industrial	Prologis	
Residential - Listed	Equity Residential	
Residential - Private	Rose New Jersey Green Affordable Housing Preservation Fund - Jonathan Rose Companies	
Residential - Private	Leslie York Mills (MLYM Inc.) - The Minto Group	
Residential - Private	Greystar Equity Partners Fund VIII - Greystar Investment Management	
Residential - Private	Invesco Real Estate	
Diversified	Invesco Real Estate 🕀	
Diversified - Retail/Office	Oxford Properties Group (OMERS) - Oxford Properties Group	
Diversified - Residential/Office	Multi-Employer Property Trust/MEPT Edgemoor - Bentall Kennedy Group 🕀	
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#### Performance Indicators



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2016 GRESB Participants - North America

AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (5) AvalonBay Fund II Communities Boston Properties (5) Brandywine Realty Trust 🔊 🗢 Brookfield Property Partners (5) Camden Property Trust (5) Corporate Office Properties Trust ♡ Cousins Properties Incorporated  $\heartsuit$ DiamondRock Hospitality Company Equity One 🜀 Equity Residential Essex Property Trust Federal Realty Investment Trust ♡ First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. (5) Forest City Realty Trust, Inc. Franklin Street Properties General Growth Properties **Government Properties Income Trust** H&R Real Estate Investment Trust 📀 HCP, Inc. (5) Hersha Hospitality Trust (5)

Post Properties, Inc. (5) Public Storage Regency Centers Corporation (5) Simon Property Group, Inc. (5) Taubman The Macerich Company ♡ TIER REIT ♡ U.S. General Services Administration  $\heartsuit$ Ventas, Inc. 🔊 🗘 Vornado Realty Trust S♡ Washington Real Estate Investment Trust Weingarten Realty Welltower, Inc. ♡

#### Private

Abacus Capital Group LLC AEW Capital Management ♡ Alberta Investment Management Corporation 🌣 🕅 American Realty Advisors Avison Young Bentall Kennedy Group (5) (> (>) BlackRock Cadillac Fairview 📀 Carr Properties CBRE Global Investors CIM Group (S Clarion Partners (5) 🗘 Colony Capital, Inc. CommonWealth Partners ♡ Cornerstone Real Estate Advisers

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GRESB defines "like-for-like" as the fraction of a portfolio continuously owned by an entity for at least 24 months. Like-for-like measurements represent a relatively stable sub-set of a portfolio, and they may better reflect management action to improve performance. GRESB like-for-like metrics do not directly account for variation in weather, occupancy, and other factors.

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#### About GRESB

GRESB is an industry-driven organization committed to assessing the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance of real assets globally, including real estate portfolios (public, private and direct), real estate debt portfolios, and infrastructure. More than 200 members, including 58 pension funds and their fiduciaries, use GRESB data in their investment management and engagement process, with a clear goal to optimize the risk/return profile of their investments. For more information, visit www.gresb.com.