

contributor of GRESB data. The new UK data showed a dynamic market

and continued ESG leadership. UK companies registered one of the highest

increases in scores - by 9%, from 58 in 2015 to 63 in 2016, and continue

to outperform the European average score on environmental, social and

governance (ESG) aspects. The UK's success can be attributed to the strict

environmental regulation, demand for ESG disclosure, and long-term

sustainability commitments from leading property companies and fund

managers. The new data GRESB also show that overall ESG performance

is supported by increasing engagement from senior leaders, more formal

policy commitments, and increasingly sophisticated information systems.

For example, this year's benchmark includes asset-level operational

performance data for more than 20,000 individual buildings, often flowing

These trends show UK property companies and funds in a race to improve

ESG performance – reducing greenhouse gas emissions, saving energy,

conserving water, and providing healthier indoor environments. The

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leaders in this competition benefit from more efficient and more desirable

properties. Their investors benefit from higher returns and lower risk.

directly to GRESB from third-party tools.

The COP 21 climate agreement marked a watershed moment with the adoption of the first-ever legally binding global pact to reduce carbon emissions and avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

Notwithstanding recent political turmoil, climate policy in the UK remains among the most stringent in the world. Particularly relevant to the real estate sector, UK legislation includes the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards, a first-of-its kind regulation putting an energy performance floor on energy performance. Along with other important provisions, these requirements represent a broad-based effort to transform the UK building stock and accelerate the transition to a clean, low-carbon economy. Institutional investors are increasingly recognizing that these considerations create both risks and opportunities for real estate companies and funds. Consequently, investors are increasingly requesting high quality information about environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance.

GRESB meets this need with systematic assessment, objective scoring, and peer benchmarking. With 152 property companies and funds participating in the 2016 GRESB Real Estate Assessment, the UK is the second largest

**GRESB Model** 



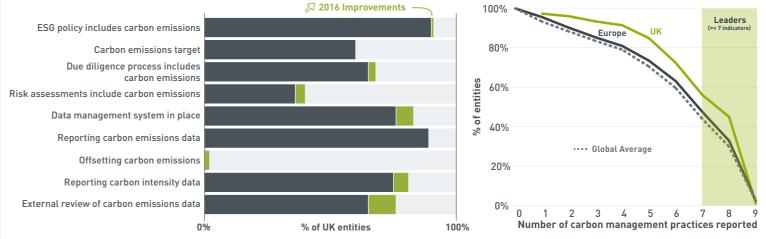


**Response Rate Development** 



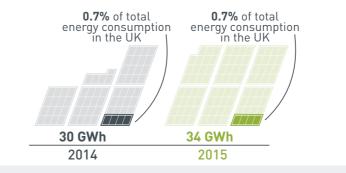
## **Carbon Management**

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.



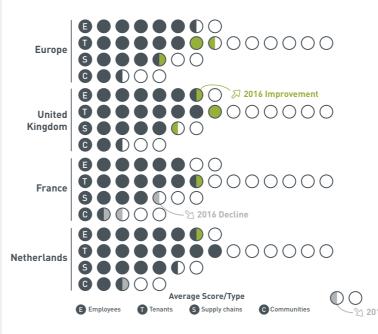
## Renewable Energy (generated on-site)

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 the United Kingdom. The light shading indicates renewable energy generated elsewhere in the world.



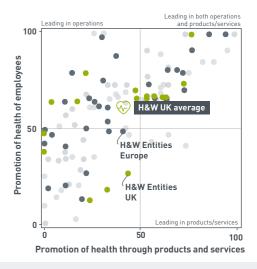
# Stakeholder Engagement

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.



# Health & Well-being

New data for Europen 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**



"Against the backdrop of the Business Energy Tax Reform, the change of Government leadership and the prospects of Article 50 being launched sometime in late 2016 and early 2017, industry-led disclosure of environmental and social governance via GRESB is all the more important."

Melanie Leech, Chief executive, BPF



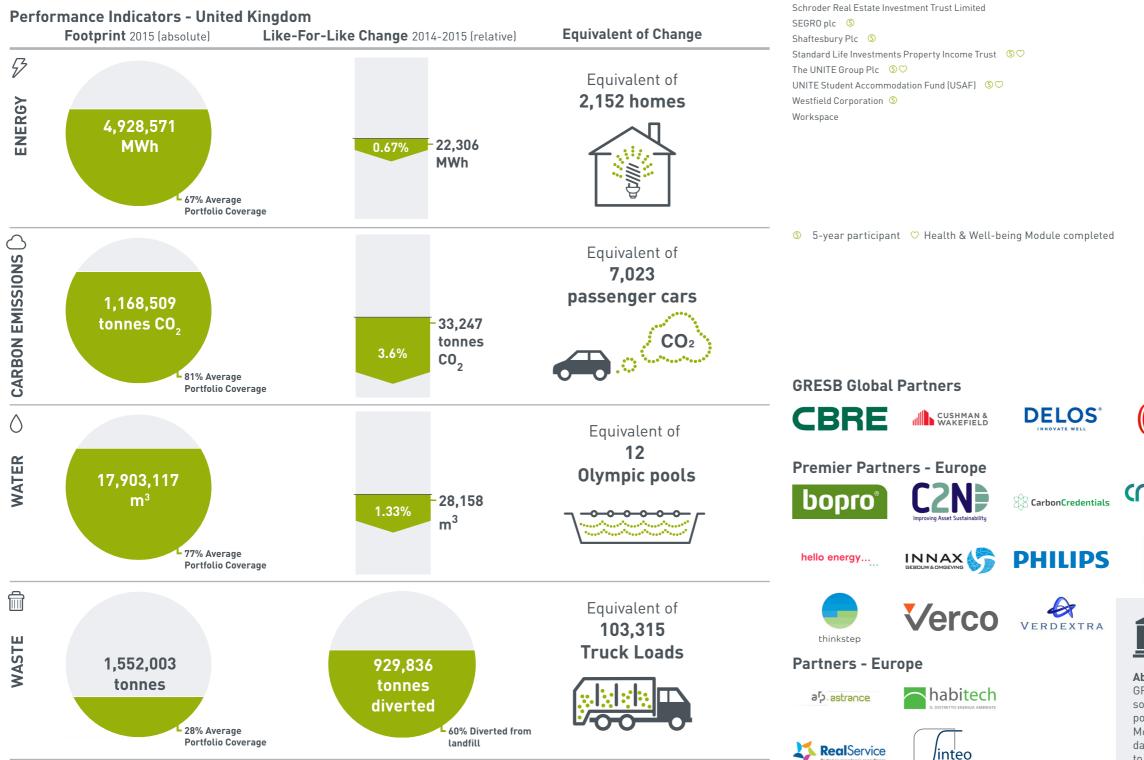
"The value of ESG data in the real estate decisionmaking is of ever increasing importance. GRESB provides a robust, yet simple and clear response on these issues, ensuring that the best decisions are made to the benefit of both the investment and our planet's natural resources. Using GRESB makes it all absolutely transparent, ensuring we all do the right thina.

Gavin Dunn, Head of Building Performance Group & Director of BREEAM, BRE

# Sector Leaders - Europe

Entity name
Altarea Cogedim 🕀
Steen & Strom AS
Cegereal
Central Saint Giles Limited Partnership - Legal and General Property 🕀 🕅
Prologis European Properties Fund II - Prologis
UBS (CH) Property Fund Direct Residential
CSA Real Estate Switzerland Residential - Credit Suisse 🕀
Achmea Dutch Health Care Property Fund - Syntrus Achmea Real Estate & Finance 🕀
Leisure Fund Property Partnership - Legal and General Property 🕀 🕅
Credit Suisse Real Estate Fund LivingPlus
Linked Life Fund - Legal and General Property $^{ m \odot}$
British Land Company Plc 👳
Managed Fund - Legal and General Property 🤗
Castellum AB 🕀
Credit Suisse Real Estate Fund SIAT - Credit Suisse

🕀 Global Sector Leader UK participant



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.

# 2016 GRESB Participants - United Kingdom Listed

AEW UK REIT plc

Big Yellow Plc (5)

Grainger plc 5 ♡

Intu Properties plc (5)

McKay Securities PLC

NEWRIVER REIT PLC

LPT - Office

British Land Company Plc ⑤♡

Capital & Counties Properties PLC

Derwent London Plc 50

F&C UK Property Fund ICVC

Great Portland Estates plc (5)

Land Securities Group PLC ⑤♡

LondonMetric Property Plc (5)

Redefine International P.L.C.

Ignis UK Commercial Property Trust 🜼

Henderson UK Property Open Ended Investment Company

About GRESB

# Private

- Ardstone Capital Ltd
- British Land Company plc (5)
- Brockton Capital LLP (5)
- Canary Wharf Group plc
- Capital and Regional (5)
- CBRE Global Investors (5)♡
- Commercial Estates group (5)
- Curlew Capital
- Delancey
- DTZ Investors Ltd
- Fidelity International FORE Partnership
- Forum Partners
- Grainger Asset Management Ltd
- Kames Capital Plc
- Legal and General Property (5)
- LGIM Real Assets
- Lothbury Investment Management Limited (5)
- M&G Real Estate 🔇
- Mayfair Capital Investment Management
- MedicX
- Moorfield Investment Management Limited
- Royal London (5)
- Savills Investment Management
- Schroder Real Estate Investment Management Limited (5)
- Standard Life Investments S♡
- The Crown Estate
- Threadneedle Portfolio Services Limited (5)
- UBS Asset Management
- Universities Superannuation Scheme



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