

# The Calvert Principles for Responsible Investment

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We believe that most corporations deliver benefits to society, through their products and services, creation of jobs, payment of taxes, and the sum of their behaviors. As a responsible investor, Calvert Research and Management seeks to invest in companies and other issuers that provide positive leadership in the areas of their business operations and overall activities that are material to improving long-term shareholder value and societal outcomes.

Calvert seeks to invest in companies and other issuers that balance the needs of financial and nonfinancial stakeholders and demonstrate a commitment to the global commons as well as to the rights of individuals and communities.

The Calvert Principles for Responsible Investment (Calvert Principles) provide a framework for Calvert's evaluation of investments and guide Calvert's stewardship on behalf of clients through active engagement with companies and other issuers. The Calvert Principles seek to identify companies and other issuers that operate in a manner that is consistent with or promote:

## **E** ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

- Reduce the negative impact of operations and practices on the environment
- Manage water scarcity and ensure efficient and equitable access to clean sources
- Mitigate impact on all types of natural capital
- Diminish climate-related risks and reduce their carbon emissions
- Drive sustainability innovation and resource efficiency through business operations or other activities, products and services

## **S** EQUITABLE SOCIETIES AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- Respect consumers by marketing products and services in a fair and ethical manner, maintaining integrity in customer relations and ensuring the security of sensitive consumer data
- Respect human rights, respect culture and tradition in local communities and economies and respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights
- Promote diversity and gender equity across workplaces, marketplaces and communities
- Demonstrate a commitment to employees by promoting development, communication, appropriate economic opportunity and decent workplace standards
- Respect the health and wellbeing of consumers and other users of products and services by promoting product safety

## **G** ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENT OPERATIONS

- Provide responsible stewardship of capital in the best interests of shareholders and debt holders
- Exhibit accountable governance and develop effective boards or other governing bodies that reflect expertise and diversity of perspective and provide oversight of sustainability risk and opportunity
- Include environmental and social risks, impacts and performance in material financial disclosures to inform shareholders and debt holders, benefit stakeholders and contribute to strategy
- Lift ethical standards in all operations, including in dealings with customers, regulators and business partners
- Demonstrate transparency and accountability in addressing adverse events and controversies while minimizing risks and building trust

## Through the application of the Calvert Principles, Calvert could have no or limited exposure to issuers that:

- Demonstrate poor management of environmental risks or contribute significantly to local or global environmental problems.
- Demonstrate a pattern of employing forced, compulsory or child labor.
- Exhibit a pattern and practice directly or through the company's supply chain of human rights violations or are complicit in human rights violations committed by governments or security forces, including those that are under U.S. or international sanction for human rights abuses.
- Exhibit a pattern and practice of violating the rights and protections of Indigenous Peoples.
- Demonstrate poor governance or engage in harmful or unethical business practices.
- Manufacture tobacco products.
- Have significant and direct involvement in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages without taking significant steps to reduce the harmful impact of these products.
- Have significant and direct involvement in gambling or gaming operations without taking significant steps to reduce the harmful impact of these businesses.
- Have significant and direct involvement in the manufacture of civilian handguns and/or automatic weapons marketed to civilians.
- Have significant and direct involvement in the manufacture of military weapons that violate international humanitarian law, including cluster bombs, landmines, biochemical weapons, nuclear weapons, blinding laser weapons, or incendiary weapons.
- Use animals in product testing without countervailing social benefits such as the development of medical treatments to ease human suffering and disease.

### About Calvert

Calvert Research and Management (Calvert) is a global leader in Responsible Investing. With roots in Responsible Investing back to 1982, the firm seeks to generate favorable investment returns for clients by allocating capital consistent with environmental, social and governance best practices and through structured engagement with portfolio companies. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., Calvert manages assets on behalf of funds, individual and institutional separate account clients, and their advisors. For more information, visit [calvert.com](http://calvert.com).

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