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AB Adopts ESG Statements on Climate Change and Forced Labor

AB has adopted statements and policies to address key environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues: climate change and forced/unethical labor. The policies include specific expectations for vendors' behaviors. It's another step forward in the unwavering pursuit of responsibility at all levels—from how we work and act to the solutions we deliver to clients.

The documents were endorsed by AB's senior leadership and were unanimously approved by the firm's Board of Directors. "In order to succeed, we must lead in corporate responsibility. AB will be relentless in ensuring that the path of responsibility leads upward. These documents are critical steps in our responsibility journey," said **Seth Bernstein**.

The climate-change Statement details how AB addresses climate change across its business, including investment integration, governance, risk management, and metrics and targets. It aligns with guidance from the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), which AB strongly supports. TCFD guidance advocates better identification, evaluation and reporting of climate risks and opportunities.

Climate change is a clear threat to the planet, and AB is addressing mitigation and adaptation in its business operations and investment processes. Through our collaboration with Columbia University's Earth Institute, we have produced a jointly developed climate-change curriculum completed by every AB investment professional in the past year.

AB opposes modern slavery in all its forms. We have adopted a Global Slavery and Human Trafficking statement addressing the issue of forced labor across the investment processes, business operations and our supply chain. To improve the identification and assessment of forced labor through our investment processes, AB has created a proprietary research framework and trained investment professionals on how to apply it. We have also bolstered our vendor selection and management procedures and developed a new Vendor Code of Conduct to address forced labor among other topics. The procedures and codes not only cover business practices but also issues including global slavery and human rights, diversity and inclusion, and environmental behaviors.

You can access AB's Climate-change statement, Global Slavery and Human Trafficking statement, and Vendor Code of Conduct by following the links below.

- [Climate-Change Statement](#)
- [Global Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement](#)
- [Vendor Code of Conduct](#)