**2015 GRESB Highlights**

**Investor Members**
- 46%
- 51

**Institutional Capital**
- $6.1 trillion

**GRESB Participants**
- 637
- 707

**New Construction and Major Renovations Assets**
- 3,329
- 4,127

**Company and Fund Manager Members**
- 56
- 87

**Associate Members**
- 21
- 28

**Partners**
- 12
- 13

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**2015 GRESB Response Rate**

**Total**
- 170
- 41
- 69
- 41
- 12
- 1
- 3
- 3

**North America**
- 41

**Europe**
- 69

**Asia Australia/NZ**
- 41

**South America**
- 12

**Africa**
- 1

**Globally diversified**
- 3

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**Property value**
- $2.1 trillion
- $2.3 trillion

**Assets covered**
- 56,000
- 61,000

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Global Trends
Better management, more action, improving outcomes

Management
Globally, most GRESB participants have established specific lines of responsibility for ESG management, integrated sustainability into their business strategy, implemented processes to periodically inform senior management, developed strategies to communicate performance to external stakeholders via reports and websites, and established clear policies for third-party contractors and the supply chain. Notable trends between 2014 and 2015 include:
- Sustainability objectives incorporated in overall business strategy: 95% from 85%
- Sustainability requirements for procurement: 76% from 65%
- Sustainable site development requirements: 85% from 80%

Disclosure & Assurance
Investor expectations for transparency, information availability, and data quality continue to rise. Consequently, GRESB has repeatedly included a set of criteria addressing internal and external communications and efforts to check, verify, and assure ESG information disclosure. Notable trends between 2014 and 2015 include:
- Review of sustainability disclosure by a third-party: 63% from 59%
- Integrated reports: 6% from 2%
- GRESB participants are using over 200 different building certification schemes

Energy
Efforts to address the cost and environmental impacts of energy consumption remain fundamental to ESG management around the world. GRESB participants have begun taking a set of coordinated actions, including setting organizational objectives, implementing a range of measures, and monitoring environmental performance. At the same time, these actions also increase the need for robust commissioning, effective management, leadership and communication in order to achieve efficiency goals. Notable findings include:
- Installation of high-efficiency equipment: 57%
- Building energy management: 56%
- Systems commissioning: 35%

Water & Waste
Global trends in energy management are mirrored by trends in water conservation and waste management. Overall, water conservation measures appear to be growing more slowly than energy-related practices. The largest increases are in low-cost, operationally controlled measures, such as leak detection or cooling tower management. Findings include:
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Health & Well-Being
Health, safety, and well-being are rapidly emerging as a global priority for property companies and funds. In 2015, the World Green Building Council issued a report calling this trend "the next chapter in green building". Investments in health and well-being have shown to provide disproportionate opportunities to reduce costs and create value. GRESB participants have begun to recognize this theme as a source of both risk and opportunity. Notable trends between 2014 and 2015 include:
- Employee health and safety check during the last three years: 85% from 77%
- Monitoring employee health and safety: 79% from 48%
- Community engagement program addressing health and well-being: 57% from 26%

Tenants & Community Engagement
Ultimately, relationships with tenants and local communities are essential to sustained income, environmental performance, and risk management. To create more productive workplaces and healthy and more efficient buildings, landlords and tenants will need to collaborate with each other on all the elements that contribute to shared goals. In 2015, tenant engagement by GRESB participants often focused on efforts to foster this collaboration. Notable trends between 2014 and 2015 include:
- Community engagement programs including sustainability-specific issues: 81% from 64%
- Sustainability-specific requirements in standard lease contracts: 60% from 43%
- Undertaken tenant satisfaction surveys during the last three years: 59% from 52%

Climate Risk & Resilience
Climate risk has now become a key consideration for companies around the globe, as extreme weather events and shifting weather patterns threaten economies and the built environment. Buildings play a critical role in reducing the drivers of anthropogenic climate change and for building urban resilience. The majority of GRESB participants have organizational policies to address climate change and a growing fraction is developing policies and interventions to promote resilience. Findings include:
- Environmental policies addressing climate change: 54% from 48%
- Environmental policies addressing resilience: 33%
- Climate change risk assessments for standing investments: 66% from 37%