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ABBREVIATIONS AND GLOSSARY FUND REQUIREMENTS

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ABBREVIATIONS

- ABC – Avoid, Benefit, Contribute
- CEO – Chief Executive Officer
- FM – Fund Manager
- FPIC- Free, Prior and Informed Consent
- GS4GG – Gold Standard for the Global Goals
- GSF – Gold Standard Foundation
- IMP – Impact Management Project
- ISEAL - International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labeling
- SDG – Sustainable Development Goals
- SFDR – Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation
- SRM – Solar radiation modification
- TA – Technical Assistance
- UNICEF – United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund

GLOSSARY

Baseline Assessment	Assessment which must be carried out during the due diligence process to identify the baseline scenario of an investment
Baseline Scenario	Defined as the reasonable, conservative scenario that would exist in the absence of the investment (i.e. ‘business as usual’ activity and narrative in nature)
Carbon Credits	Tradable certificate representing a reduction, removal or avoidance of one tonne of carbon dioxide (tCO2) - or its equivalent (tCO2e)
Climate Change Adaptation	Taking action to prepare for and adjust to both the current effects of climate change and the predicted effects in the future.

Do No Harm Approach	Ensure that no negative consequences arise as a result of the exit strategy deployed by the Fund
Due diligence	A systematic process to collect and interpret information about a potential investment to confirm all facts, such as reviewing all financial records, plus anything else deemed material.
Enterprise	A firm, sole proprietorship, partnership, association, corporation, or other business entity of any kind including, but not limited to, a limited liability corporation, incorporated professional association, joint venture, estate, or trust. A Fund Manager is an enterprise and may manage a number of Funds.
Ex- ante impacts	Projected, or estimated quantified SDG impacts
Ex- post impacts	Actual, or recorded quantified SDG impacts
Exclusion List	Established by the Fund as a list of activities, technologies or sectors that are excluded from investment opportunities in support of reaching the Impact Goals set by the Fund. This must include any ineligible activities/investments noted in GS4GG.
Exit	When an investor decides to exit their stake in a company or project.
Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)	Consent given that is voluntary and without coercion, sought in advance and based on sufficient information and engagement.
Fund Boundary	The defined boundary of the Fund in terms of a geographical area e.g. municipality, region within a country, country or several countries within which all investments to be included in the fund will be implemented.

Fund Manager	A fund manager is responsible for implementing a fund's investment strategy and managing its portfolio trading activities. A fund can be managed by one person, by two people as co- managers, or by a team of three or more people.
Geo- engineering	The deliberate and large scale intervention in the Earth's climate system.
GS4GG Requirements –	The core Standard that underpins Gold Standard certification. It is comprised of Principles and Requirements, Safeguarding Principles and Requirements, Gender Equality Requirements and Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement, as well as specific requirements that only apply to certain investment types (e.g. Activity Requirements)
Impact	A measurable positive outcome that contributes to Climate Security and Sustainable Development. The outcome must be quantifiable against an identified baseline and result from an investment made by a Fund.
Impact (or internal) assessment	Internal annual assessment on investee impacts, consisting of an ex-post evaluation of the impact of an investment against the identified baseline
Impact Fund	A fund whose goal is to implement investments that generate a measurable, beneficial social and/or environmental impact, in addition to a financial return.
Impact Management Project ABC Classification	Developed by the Impact Management Project (IMP) to categorise Fund impact in relation to achieving chosen SDGs, divided into Act to avoid or reduce harm, Benefit Stakeholders and Contribute to solutions.

Impact Report	External disclosure report that occurs at the same frequency as financial reporting, detailing any impacts produced as a result of Fund investment. Any claims made in the impact report must follow Gold Standard Claims Guidelines and transparently declare if the impact report was audited or certified.
Impact Strategy	An impact strategy clearly outlines the purpose of the investment, it is a detailed roadmap to achieve the impact.
Investee	A company or entity in which an investor makes a direct investment.
Investee Screening	The application of filters to lists of potential investments to rule investments in or out based on their ability to comply with fund screening criteria.
Investment	For the purposes of the Fund Requirements, it's defined as a company or project that receives capital in the expectation of financial and impact returns.
Investment Strategy	A detailed roadmap to achieving the fund's financial and impact targets.
Investor	Any person or organization who commits capital with the expectation of financial returns.
Monitoring Assessment	The monitoring process that will occur throughout the life of the Fund to provide ex -post impact data for use in impact assessment.
Portfolio	A range of investments held by a Fund Manager.
Safeguarding Assessment	Assessment carried out during due diligence and other phases of the investment cycle, using GS4GG Safeguarding Principles and Requirements.

SDG	The Sustainable Development Goals or Global Goals are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". The SDGs were set up in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030.
Technical Assistance	Operational or management assistance including fundraising assistance, budgeting and financial planning, program planning, legal advice, marketing, and other aids to management.