



A MESSAGE FROM THE MD

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LEAVING OUR MARK IN CHANGING THE WORLD

Conversations about the kind of world we want to live and raise our kids in are becoming increasingly more frequent and intense across the spectrum of social interaction. For us as an investment business, we care deeply about conscientiously allocating capital in ways and in areas that will result in a positive impact for all stakeholders, beyond our promise to pursue excellent return outcomes for our clients. This is Impact Investing for a sustainable future and is a growing movement across the globe. Once a movement like this gains critical mass, it can change the world and at that point, it becomes an unstoppable force that is self-propelling. As we and other large corporates and institutions continue to staple our credentials to this movement, it will continue to grow and have a real tangible impact on the trajectory we are currently on.

On the other side of the coin is another growing movement which is gaining a lot of traction amongst individuals. Individual consumers are increasingly aware of where they buy their goods and services; they care about the core values of organisations they choose to work for and, as we have recently seen, they are protesting and demanding action on climate change. Twenty years ago, this was not the case. We are already seeing evidence of this movement converging with the movement around Impact Investing. The opportunity for these two movements to become one powerful driving force to truly change the world for the better excites us.

As investors, we have a deep responsibility to our clients to invest for their long-term goals in a sustainable manner. Our approach to sustainable investing has evolved given an increased understanding of how various actions can affect economic growth, the environment, confidence in sound governance practices and financial markets. Sustainably allocating our clients' capital has become a core focus of our portfolio of assets and we believe that this should increasingly become our new standard for investing.

We are excited to announce that we are partnering with Global Steering Group for Impact Investment (GSG) and Impact Investing South Africa (IISA) in hosting the 2020 annual GSG Impact Summit in Johannesburg early September. This will be the first of its kind on the African continent. The Summit assembles leaders and practitioners from across the globe for a two-day conference, where they discuss the current state of Impact Investing and work together to identify global priorities, key action areas and milestones necessary to establish impact investing in the mainstream economy.

The movement is continuing to grow and it's becoming the new way of how we go about our everyday living. As fiduciaries of our clients' assets and having a key role to play in the communities we operate in, we will continue to sharpen our focus in this area and aspire to impact and change the world we live in, in a meaningful way.