

# Proxy Voting Policy

March 15, 2023

## I. Policy

The following are the procedures for Intech, with respect to the voting of proxies on behalf of all clients for which Intech has been delegated the responsibility for voting proxies, and the keeping of related records.

### General Policy

Intech's buy and sell investment process is determined solely by a mathematical algorithm that selects target holdings and weightings without any consideration of the fundamentals of individual companies or other company-specific factors. As such, Intech does not perform extensive corporate research or analysis.

Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS"), an independent proxy voting service provider, performs extensive research on factors relevant to proxy voting, such as company management, policies, and practices. Based on its research and experience, ISS has designed and maintains several proxy voting guidelines which vary by country or by specialty factors such as environmental, social, religious or other issues. Intech has engaged ISS to vote proxies on behalf of all clients who delegate their proxy voting rights to Intech.

While clients are always free to vote their own proxies, for those that delegate that to Intech, we have pre-selected certain of the ISS proxy voting guidelines for use by our institutional clients including certain specialty

guidelines. At their discretion, Intech clients may direct ISS to apply any one of the following proxy voting guidelines when voting their shares: Benchmark Proxy Voting Guidelines, Taft-Hartley Proxy Voting Guidelines, Public Fund Proxy Voting Guidelines, Socially Responsible Investment Proxy Voting Guidelines, or Sustainability Proxy Voting Guidelines, (collectively referred to herein as the "ISS Recommendations"). Clients may change their selected ISS Recommendations at any time as long as they select from the options offered by Intech.

Intech will vote all proxies on behalf of clients' accounts in accordance with the ISS Recommendations that best represent the client type. Specifically, unless otherwise directed by a client, Intech will vote:

- Corporate, Mutual Fund/Sub-Advised, and Commingled Pools in accordance with the ISS Benchmark Proxy Voting Guidelines. ISS developed these management-oriented guidelines to increase total shareholder value and risk mitigation.
- Union and Union Taft-Hartley clients in accordance with the ISS Taft-Hartley Proxy Voting Guidelines. ISS developed these guidelines in conjunction with the AFL-CIO, to vote shares in the interests of plan participants

and beneficiaries based on a worker-owner view of long-term corporate value.

- Public Fund clients in accordance with the ISS Public Fund Proxy Voting Guidelines. ISS designed these guidelines to help ensure that public funds fulfill all statutory and common law obligations governing proxy voting with the intent of maximizing long-term economic benefits of its plan participants, beneficiaries and citizens of the state in which the fund resides.
- Not-For-Profit (including Endowments and Foundations) clients in accordance with ISS Socially Responsible Investment Proxy Voting Guidelines. These guidelines recognize that socially responsible institutional shareholders are concerned not only with economic returns to shareholders and sound corporate governance, but also with the ethical behavior of corporations and the social and environmental impact of their actions.
- Clients seeking environmental, social and corporate governance ("ESG") integration with the Sustainability Guidelines. These guidelines are designed for investors seeking environmental, social, and corporate governance ("ESG") integration. They seek to promote support for recognized global governing bodies promoting sustainable business practices advocating for stewardship of the environment, fair labor practices, non-discrimination, and the protection of human rights. Generally, the Sustainability Guidelines will take as their frame of reference internationally recognized sustainability-related initiatives such as the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI), United Nations Global Compact, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), Carbon Principles, International Labour Organization Conventions (ILO), CERES Principles, Global Sullivan Principles, MacBride Principles, and environmental and social European Union Directives. Each of these

initiatives seeks to promote a fair, unified and productive reporting and compliance environment which advances positive corporate ESG actions that promote practices that present new opportunities or that mitigate related financial and reputational risks. On matters of corporate governance, executive compensation, and corporate structure, the Sustainability Guidelines are based on a commitment to create and preserve economic value and to advance principles of good corporate governance.

Intech will not accept direction in the voting of proxies for which it has voting responsibility from any person or organization other than ISS and shares will only be voted in accordance with the ISS Recommendations selected or accepted by the client. Additional information about ISS and the ISS Recommendations is available at [www.issgovernance.com](http://www.issgovernance.com). To review specific aspects of the ISS Recommendations, select "Policy Gateway" from the ISS website's menu, then "Current Policies," and either "Americas" for the U.S. Benchmark Proxy Voting Guidelines or "Specialty Policies" for any of the other ISS Recommendations offered by Intech.

Intech will only accept direction from a client to vote proxies for its account pursuant to the ISS Recommendations selected or accepted by the client. Of course, clients are always welcome to retain proxy-voting authority, revoke previously granted proxy-voting authority, or select one of the other proxy voting guidelines offered by Intech and ISS at any time.

In the rare event that a client chooses to delegate proxy voting to Intech, does not wish to choose any of the ISS Recommendations offered by Intech, and is not subject to any legal duty to vote in accordance with any specific guidelines, the client may opt to direct ISS to auto vote all of its proxies in favor of management.

Intech understands the importance of exercising its clients' votes and will take all reasonable steps to exercise this right in all cases. However, in some circumstances, it is impractical or sometimes impossible for Intech to vote. For example, with respect to clients that have elected to participate in securities lending, it is

generally impractical and sometimes impossible for Intech to call back securities to vote proxies.

Some markets require that securities be “blocked”<sup>1</sup> or re-registered to vote at a company’s meeting. Absent an issue of compelling economic importance, Intech will generally not vote due to the loss of liquidity imposed by these requirements. Further, the costs of voting (e.g., custodian fees, vote agency fees) in emerging and other international markets may be substantially higher than in the U.S. As such, Intech, through its agent, ISS, will limit voting on securities in instances where the issues presented are unlikely to have a material impact on shareholder value.

## Delegation of Proxy Voting Administration

Pursuant to an agreement, Intech has engaged the services of the Janus Henderson Denver Operations Control Group, a division of Janus Henderson Group plc (“Janus Henderson” or “JHG”) (Intech’s former parent company), to oversee ISS in the administration of its proxy voting. Reliance on the Janus Henderson Denver Operations Control Group for this service provides Intech with operational efficiency.

## Janus Henderson Denver Operations Control Group

The Janus Henderson Denver Operations Control Group works with ISS on behalf of Intech with proxy voting responsibilities. It is responsible for ensuring that all proxies for which Intech bears responsibility are voted appropriately.

## Voting and Use of Proxy Voting Service

Intech has engaged ISS to assist in the voting of proxies. ISS is responsible for coordinating with clients’ custodians to ensure that all proxy materials received by the custodians relating to clients’ portfolio securities are

processed timely. ISS is responsible for working with the Janus Henderson Denver Operations Control Group to coordinate the actual votes cast. In addition, ISS is responsible for maintaining records of all votes cast on behalf of client accounts and copies of all proxy statements received by issuers and for promptly providing such materials to Intech, Janus Henderson or clients, upon request.

ISS uses an electronic vote management system that automatically populates each ballot with vote recommendations based on the specific proxy-voting guidelines selected by the client without prior review by Intech, thereby enabling the automatic submission of votes in a timely and efficient manner. The pre-population of voting recommendations on a ballot strictly adheres to each client’s selected proxy voting guidelines. Under no circumstances is ISS authorized to deviate from a client's proxy voting guidelines.

ISS will not proceed with the automatic voting of pre-populated ballots if it has become aware that an issuer intends to file or has filed additional soliciting materials before the submission deadline. In such instances, ISS will consider such information prior to voting to ensure that it is voting in clients’ best interests. ISS has policies and procedures in place to ensure that proxy-voting recommendations are based on current and accurate information from issuers.

## Conflicts of Interest

Intech is committed to acting in a consistent and transparent manner. Our principal objective when voting proxies or when deciding whether and, if so, how to engage with a company is to ensure that we fulfill our fiduciary duty by acting in the interests of our clients at all times. Intech has adopted the following procedures and controls to avoid conflicts of interest in connection with proxy voting:

- ISS shall vote all proxies on Intech’s behalf in accordance with the ISS Recommendations

---

<sup>1</sup> Share blocking is a mechanism used by certain global jurisdictions, which prohibits trading shares to be voted for a specified period of time prior to a shareholder meeting. Share blocking is intended to facilitate the voting process. However, it constrains share trading, because a pending trade intended to settle during a blocked period may fail.

selected by each Intech client, which has not retained proxy voting responsibility or the auto voting instructions given to Intech and ISS for any client that has delegated voting to Intech but rejected all of the Intech-approved ISS Recommendations. In its capacity as administrator, JHG shall conduct periodic reviews of proxy voting records on a sample basis to ensure that all votes are actually cast in accordance with this policy.

- The Janus Henderson Denver Operations Control Group is not authorized to override any recommendation except upon the receipt of express written authorization from Intech's Chief Compliance Officer. The Janus Henderson Denver Operations Control Group will maintain records of all overrides, including all required authorizations.
- Without limiting the foregoing, the Janus Henderson Denver Operations Control Group shall not give any consideration to the manner in which votes are being cast on behalf of Janus Henderson or its other advisory affiliates with respect to a particular matter.
- Any attempts to influence the proxy voting process shall be reported immediately to Intech's Chief Compliance Officer.
- All client accounts are prohibited from investing in securities of JHG or its publicly traded affiliates. Intech maintains a restricted list of securities that may not be purchased on behalf of individual accounts, which includes, among other things, affiliates of such accounts. Intech's trading system is designed to prohibit transactions in all securities on the restricted list.
- At least annually, Intech reviews ISS' Policies, Procedures, and Practices Regarding Potential Conflicts of Interest ("ISS' Conflict Policy"), which addresses conflicts of interest that could arise in connection with advisory services provided by ISS or its affiliates, to ensure ISS' Conflict Policy is reasonably designed to minimize any such potential conflicts of interest.

In light of such procedures and controls, potential or actual conflicts in the proxy voting process are rare. In the unusual circumstance that a particular proxy vote may present a potential or actual conflict, the matter shall be referred to Intech's Proxy and Engagement Review Group ("PERG"), which is composed of Intech's Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer. To the extent that a conflict of interest is identified, Intech will vote the proxy according to the ISS recommendation unless otherwise determined by the PERG.

## Reporting and Record Retention

On a quarterly basis, Intech will provide its clients with the proxy voting record for that client's account. Janus Henderson, on Intech's behalf, retains proxy statements received regarding client securities, records of votes cast on behalf of clients and records of client requests for proxy voting information. In addition, Intech will retain copies of its Proxy Voting Procedures and the relevant ISS Proxy Voting Guidelines. Proxy statements received from issuers are either available on the SEC's EDGAR database or are kept by ISS, and are available on request. All proxy voting materials and supporting documentation are retained for a minimum of 6 years.

## Monitoring of Proxy Voting Service Provider

Intech monitors the services provided by ISS to evaluate whether it has the capacity and competency to adequately analyze proxy issues and make recommendations in an impartial manner, and in the best interests of Intech's clients. Our monitoring may include some or all of the following:

- Sampling of votes cast by ISS to confirm that the ISS Guidelines selected by the client are being followed;
- Participating in annual due diligence meetings with ISS and having discussions with its personnel to determine if ISS continues to have capacity and competency to carry out its proxy obligations;

- Reviewing ISS' policies and procedures, with a particular focus on those relating to identifying and addressing conflicts of interest and ensuring that current and accurate information is used in creating recommendations;
- Inquiring as to ISS' compliance with relevant regulatory regimes, including the SEC and the European Union; and
- Requesting ISS to notify Intech if there is material change to ISS' policies and procedures, particularly with respect to conflicts, ownership changes, or material business practices (e.g., entering or exiting new lines of business), and reviewing any such change.

## Review of Policy

From time to time, Intech reviews this policy and the services provided by ISS to determine whether the continued use of ISS and the ISS Recommendations is in the best interests of clients.