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### Introduction

As the importance of sustainable and socially responsible real estate continues to grow amongst lead investors and prospective tenants; the benchmarking and continual improvement of existing and new commercial building stock sustainability offers a way to increase real estate sale and lettable value.

The S<sub>2</sub> Partnership is a premier partner of The Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB) and as such allows an opportunity to work at the forefront of the sustainable real estate sector; sharing and contributing to an ever-growing knowledge base.

### **GRESB Aspects:**

GRESB is an industry-driven organisation committed to assessing and improving the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) performance of real assets worldwide – at an investor and portfolio level. The GRESB Survey is a tool used for the annual assessment of real estate portfolios; which helps to identify ESG strengths and weaknesses throughout the sector – allowing for ESG improvements to be implemented year-on-year. The recently completed 2016 GRESB Survey was completed by 759 entities, over 63 countries, attributing to a total gross value of \$2.8 trillion.

Real estate portfolios are currently assessed in seven key areas: management, policy & disclosure, risks & opportunities, monitoring and environmental management systems, performance indicators (energy, GHG emissions, water and waste), building certification, and stakeholder engagement. A new module – health & well-being – has recently been trialled in the 2016 GRESB Survey to reflect the increasing importance amongst stakeholders of the critical role that human health and well-being plays in assessing real estate value.

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Here at the S<sub>2</sub> Partnership we can use our wealth of experience in the Health, Safety and Environmental sectors and knowledge of the GRESB platform to help you analyse your 2016 assessment results, plan and implement actions to improve your 2017 score, and help process your 2017 survey.

Ultimately, the S<sub>2</sub> Partnership are committed to helping you reduce the environmental, health, and social impacts of your real estate holdings, and in turn helping you to increase your real estate value through improved ESG aspect management.



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