

# Sustainable Investment Policy for UPES University

## Introduction:

UPES (University of Petroleum and Energy Studies) recognizes the importance of sustainable investing as a key component of our commitment to environmental stewardship and responsible financial management. As an institution dedicated to advancing knowledge and innovation in the fields of energy and sustainability, we understand the critical role that our investment decisions play in shaping a more sustainable future. Therefore, UPES has developed this Sustainable Investment Policy to guide our investment practices and ensure that our financial resources are aligned with our values and long-term sustainability goals.

## Policy Statement:

UPES is committed to integrating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into our investment decisions to promote sustainability, mitigate risk, and generate long-term value for our stakeholders. Our sustainable investment approach is guided by the following principles:

## Environmental Responsibility:

We prioritize investments in companies and projects that demonstrate a commitment to environmental sustainability, including renewable energy, clean technology, energy efficiency, and climate resilience.

We seek to minimize the environmental footprint of our investment portfolio by considering the carbon intensity, resource efficiency, and environmental impact of potential investments.

## Social Impact:

We aim to invest in companies and initiatives that promote social equity, human rights, and community development, particularly in the regions where we operate.

We prioritize investments that contribute to positive social outcomes, such as job creation, education, healthcare, and poverty alleviation.

## Governance and Ethical Standards:

We adhere to high standards of corporate governance and ethical business practices in all of our investment activities.

We consider factors such as transparency, accountability, board diversity, and ethical conduct when evaluating potential investments.

## Risk Management:

We recognize that ESG factors can have material impacts on investment performance and risk exposure. Therefore, we integrate ESG considerations into our risk management processes to identify and mitigate potential risks.

We conduct thorough due diligence and analysis to assess the sustainability and resilience of potential investments, taking into account both financial and non-financial factors.

Engagement and Advocacy:

We actively engage with companies, asset managers, and industry stakeholders to promote sustainability best practices and encourage positive change.

We exercise our rights as shareholders to advocate for greater transparency, accountability, and sustainability performance within the companies in which we invest.

### Implementation:

UPES will implement this Sustainable Investment Policy through the following actions:

Establishing clear criteria and guidelines for evaluating potential investments based on ESG considerations.

Conducting regular reviews and assessments of our investment portfolio to ensure alignment with our sustainability goals.

Engaging with investment managers, consultants, and other stakeholders to integrate ESG factors into our investment decision-making processes.

Reporting on our sustainable investment activities and outcomes to our stakeholders on a regular basis.

### Conclusion:

By adopting this Sustainable Investment Policy, UPES reaffirms its commitment to responsible investing and sustainability leadership. We believe that integrating ESG considerations into our investment practices not only enhances financial performance but also contributes to positive social and environmental outcomes. Through prudent and purposeful investment decisions, we strive to create a more sustainable and prosperous future for all.