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## 1. Executive Summary of the Morgan Stanley Bank Asia Limited (“MSBAL”) Private Wealth Management Asia (“PWM Asia”) Climate Risk Management Business Control and Monitoring Policy (the “Policy”)

Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) risk is an increasingly important area for the global capital market. At PWM Asia, we place our initial focus on the environmental aspect of ESG and accordingly develop the Policy to set out how we address climate-related and environmental risks (collectively “climate risk” in the Policy) arising from the business activities of PWM Asia.

The PWM Asia business of MSBAL provides private wealth management services to ultra-high and high net-worth clients. Accordingly, we have developed the Policy for PWM Asia to outline our control and monitoring framework to address climate risks arising from the business activities of PWM Asia.

The Policy primarily defines (amongst others):

- Climate risk and our risk management philosophy
- Climate strategy, risk appetite and risk indicators for PWM Asia
- Control and monitoring framework for client, product and lending
- Risk management
- Disclosure

The Policy is applicable to the PWM Asia business and relevant to our business activities which include client acquisition, product management and margin financing.

## 2. Climate Risk

The section introduces the concept of climate risk and its implication to financial institutions.

### 2.1 Introduction

Climate risk generally refers to physical and transition risks experienced by financial institutions brought by climate change, such as impact of extreme weather events or decline in asset value in carbon-intensive sectors due to ongoing shift in carbon-related regulations<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (“HKMA”) Supervisory Policy Manual (“SPM”) GS-1 Climate Risk Management for elaboration of climate risks.

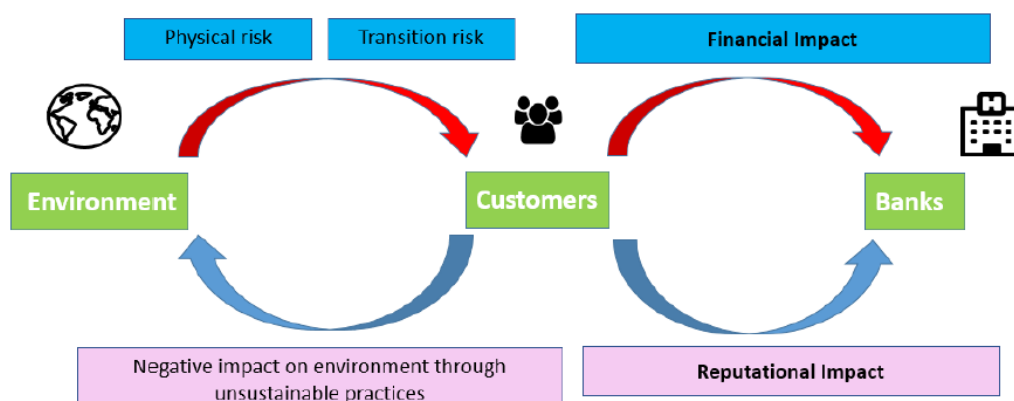
Environmental risk arises from the potential adverse impact of changes in the environment on economic activities and human well-being. Environmental issues that are of concern include climate change, loss of biodiversity, pollution and changes in land use<sup>2</sup>.

## 2.2 Driver

Climate risk may pose potential financial and reputational impact to financial institutions through physical and transition risks.

- Physical risks – asset damage and disruption of global supply chains due to the impact of extreme weather events and long-term climate change
- Transition risks – financial impact arising from a gradual shift towards an environmentally sustainable economy, induced by adjustment in global climate policies, technology advancement and shift in market sentiment

Please see below illustration for potential financial and reputational impact of environmental risk on banks:



Source: MAS Guidelines on Environmental Risk Management (Banks)

Given the unique characteristics of climate change and the implications<sup>3</sup>, there is growing expectation on financial markets whose core function is to allocate capital

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and channel finance to support carbon transition, and accordingly the inception of regulatory requirements for financial institutions to develop climate risk management frameworks.

## **2.3 Risk Management Philosophy**

The risks posed by climate change may affect us through traditional risk types and hence prompt us to enhance our existing business practices, operations and risk management framework to embed climate-related considerations.

Considering the regulatory landscape and vision of the Firm regarding sustainability leadership, PWM Asia defines its climate strategy and risk appetite, and leverages its market position to help combat global climate change.

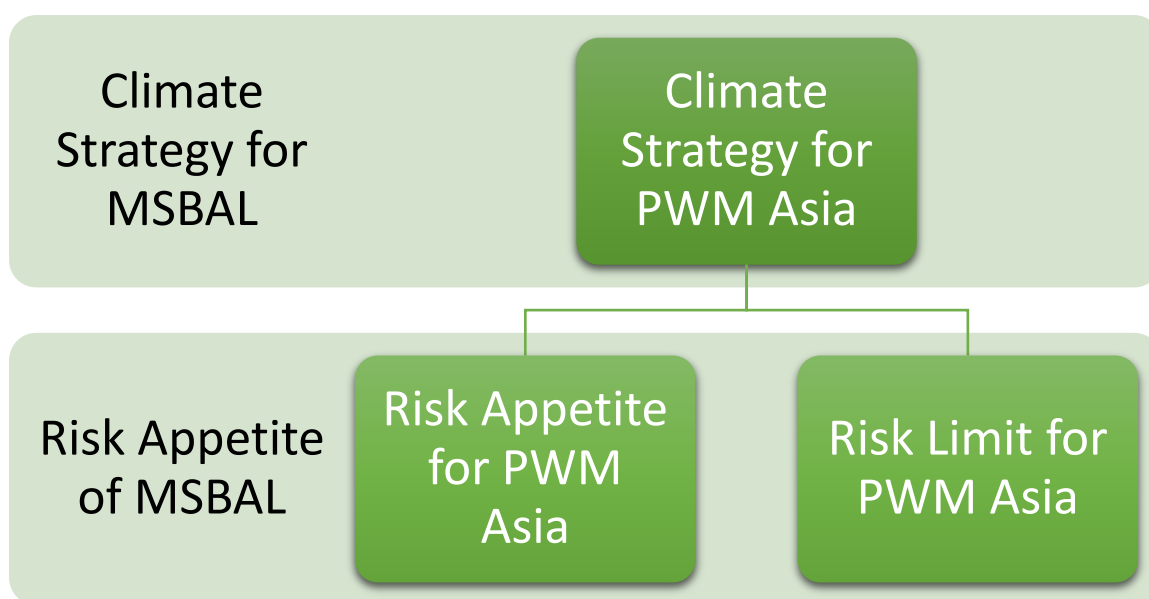
## **3. Roles and Responsibilities**

PWM Asia recognizes its role to identify, measure, mitigate, monitor and report climate risk exposure arising from business activities, and consider climate risks and opportunities on both a short-term and long-term basis. Climate-related considerations are embedded into risk appetite, strategies and business plan.

In line with the risk management principles of MSBAL, the responsibilities of managing climate-related risks are allocated among three lines of defense (Business Units and Support Functions (first line), Independent Risk Management and Compliance Functions (second line) and the Internal Audit Department (third line)), which is designed to separate risk owners from independent risk control functions.

#### 4. Overview of Climate Strategy, Risk Appetite and Risk Indicator

PWM Asia has its specific climate strategy and risk appetite, which underpin our approach to climate resilience and sets forth business control and monitoring processes to address evolving climate issues for PWM Asia.



##### 4.1 Climate Strategy for PWM Asia

The Firm's climate strategy is built on four pillars:

- Supporting the transition to a low-carbon and green economy by mobilizing capital toward low carbon and green solutions
- Managing climate risk by integrating climate change considerations into risk management processes and governance structures
- Providing relevant, transparent and useful climate-related disclosures in the Morgan Stanley ESG Report
- Enhancing the climate resilience of operations by minimizing footprint and enhancing operational resiliency

Climate strategy for PWM Asia is defined according to the climate strategy of the Firm and MSBAL, Morgan Stanley Environmental and Social Risk Management ("ESRM") Framework, and external factors such as regulatory requirements and evolving climate-related issues as applicable.

In line with the Firm's vision, PWM Asia pursues a strategy to embed climate-related considerations across business activities and existing risk management practices and seeks to:

- Leverage its market position and business infrastructure to promote awareness of sustainable investing
- Consider climate risk in our risk management framework

#### **4.2 Climate-related Risk Appetite for PWM Asia**

The risk appetite of PWM Asia is reviewed at least annually, taking into consideration evolving physical and transition risks arising from climate-related issues and the latest circumstances of PWM Asia and MSBAL.

Climate-related risk appetite for PWM Asia is generally and initially qualitative in nature and defined based on our climate strategy to promote awareness of sustainability, and climate-related risk appetite of MSBAL. It is set out in Section 5 of the Policy in accordance with the three core pillars of PWM Asia, namely client selection, product governance and lending, and subject to review at least annually together with the Policy.

#### **4.3 Climate-risk related metrics / Key Risk Indicators ("KRIs") for PWM Asia**

Where applicable, quantitative metrics such as KRIs of PWM Asia are defined (with regards to its climate strategy and risk appetite) on a step-by-step basis to facilitate tracking of the risk appetite for PWM Asia, and regular reporting of climate risk exposure in the form of management information reports at MSBAL PWM Asia ESG Committee ("ESGC"). Where deemed necessary, actions can be recommended to optimize the level of risks taken through PWM Asia's activities within climate risk related metrics / KRIs.

#### **4.4 Transition Planning**

The Firm has developed metrics and targets to guide efforts across the four pillar climate strategy and help manage the lending activity of the Morgan Stanley Group towards net-zero financed emissions by 2050. For details, including 2030 interim financed emissions reduction targets and the latest financed emissions tables, please refer to the "Climate Metrics and Targets" section of the latest Global MS ESG Report.

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The MSBAL Group is integrated into the Morgan Stanley Group's metrics and targets. In addition to the climate-related KRI and review of climate risk related incidents, the MSBAL Group will continue to assess whether additional metrics and targets would further assist in the development of its climate change strategy.

## 5. Climate Risk Appetite, Control and Monitoring

The section is to illustrate the climate risk appetite of PWM Asia in various pillars, and related controls and metrics to capture business opportunities and address climate-related risks

### 5.1 Client Selection

The Firm, assisted by the Firm Franchise Committee, seeks to manage franchise risk to prevent significant reputational damage to the Firm through the oversight of transactions, business practices, and clients or counterparties that may pose a significant reputational risk to the Firm.

PWM Asia does not have any appetite for transactions, business practices, clients or counterparties that pose a significant franchise risk and jeopardize the Firm's reputation.

PWM Asia recognizes the potential impact of clients' climate-related negative news on our franchise/reputational risk exposure. Accordingly, with growing market expectation on financial institutions in combat of climate issues, PWM Asia leverages on the Firm's franchise risk assessment framework and exercises prudent judgment on onboarding/offboarding of clients associated with climate-related negative news.

### 5.2 Product Governance

PWM Asia business is positioned to provide clients with a comprehensive suite of products and services that include investments in equity, FX, rates and fund products. However, PWM Asia currently does not market or classify any investment products as green and sustainable.

With regards to increasing market awareness and clients' potential preferences for sustainable investing, PWM Asia will optimize its product offerings through gradual incorporation of climate-related considerations as relevant to our advisory and discretionary portfolio management activities in the future.

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Consistently, PWM Asia seeks to avoid significant franchise and legal risks arising from the introduction of new products and onboarding of external parties (e.g., structured note issuers / OTC counterparties). If PWM Asia is to market or classify any investment products as green and sustainable, environmental and climate-related considerations will be subject to the same product risk governance process of PWM Asia to ensure sufficient management oversight and quality of due diligence results.

## **5.2.1 Advisory**

PWM Asia currently does not market or classify any investment products as green and sustainable. Though PWM Asia product shelf may contain any third-party investment products that have been indicated by their manufacturers or issuers as “ESG” related, it has not been endorsed by PWM Asia.

## **5.2.2 Discretionary Portfolio Management (“DPM”)**

PWM Asia currently does not offer any discretionary portfolio mandate with the contractual obligation to take climate-related risks into consideration in the investment mandate.

PWM Asia only has existing bespoke mandate with some clients to screen out certain sectors that are considered unethical from the “Social” aspect.

## **Investment Discipline and Stewardship**

The Firm embraces sustainable investing philosophy and recognizes its role to be good stewards of capital it manages/advises. Equities are largely covered by the Firm’s research team, with sustainability and ESG being one of the research areas as relevant to investee companies.

DPM investment activities are generally required to be aligned with the Firm’s research results (i.e., overall stock rating of “Overweight” and “Underweight”).

## **5.2.3 Structured Note Issuers / Counterparties**

The due diligence template has incorporated questions to gather any further information about the third parties’ ESG considerations / offering as reference.

## **5.3 Lending**

Margin lending is available to PWM Asia clients for general purpose of financing clients’ investment activities with their collaterals (e.g., holdings, properties).

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PWM Asia seeks to gradually incorporate climate considerations into credit risk management of its loan portfolios, which includes data accumulation to analyze the behavior of loan portfolios with regards to physical and transition risks, and, to the extent material, the formulation of mitigating actions to minimize our risk exposure to an acceptable level.

Lending parameters can be calibrated considering climate risks of lending portfolios, to the extent material as part of portfolio monitoring.

## 6. Risk Management

PWM Asia has in place management information reports that capture climate risks that have been identified for the pillars of client selection, product governance and lending for senior management and ESGC.

Such reports are reviewed against relevant climate-risk metrics and/or KRIs and tabled at ESGC for regular risk reporting, consideration of potential mitigation actions, and independent challenge by members of ESGC.

ESGC is also one of the first escalation points for any irregularities or material climate risk issues.

## 7. Disclosure

PWM Asia contributes content from the perspective of governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics and targets based on “Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures” to facilitate annual disclosure in the financial statements of MSBAL, which is published on our official website.

Please refer to section “Climate Risk Management” in MSBAL Annual Report and Financial Disclosure Statement as published on our official website: <https://www.morganstanley.com/about-us/global-offices/asia-pacific/hong-kong>

## 8. Training and communication

Given distinctive nature of climate risks, PWM Asia ensures sufficient resources are allocated to climate strategy implementation.



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Regular training is provided to PWM Asia staff to keep them informed of the latest climate-related issues and climate risk management framework for PWM Asia. Climate-related training is embedded in core curriculum for PWM Asia staff and subject to training policy of PWM Asia.

Quarterly newsletter of PWM Asia may include relevant topics like sustainable banking to keep the awareness of PWM Asia staff.