

# SECOND PARTY OPINION (SPO)

Sustainability Quality of the Issuer and Sustainability Financing Framework

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# **VERIFICATION PARAMETERS**

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Type(s) of instruments contemplated	<ul> <li>Sustainable Financing Instruments</li> </ul>
Relevant standards	<ul> <li>Green Bond Principles and Social Bond Principles, as administered by the ICMA (as of June 2021 with June 2022 Appendix 1)</li> <li>Green Loan Principles, as administered by the LMA (as of February 2021)</li> <li>Social Loan Principles, as administered by the LMA (as of April 2021)</li> <li>Sustainability Bond Guidelines, as administered by the ICMA (as of June 2021)</li> </ul>
Scope of verification	<ul> <li>Trianon Sustainability Financing Framework (as of October 6, 2022)</li> <li>Trianon Selection Criteria (as of October 6, 2022)</li> <li>Trianon Asset Pool (as of September 23, 2022)</li> </ul>
Lifecycle	<ul> <li>Pre-issuance verification</li> </ul>
Validity	<ul> <li>Valid as long as the Framework remains unchanged.</li> </ul>





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### SCOPE OF WORK

Fastighets AB Trianon ("Trianon" or "the issuer" or "the company") commissioned ISS Corporate Solutions (ICS) to assist with its Sustainable Financing Instruments by assessing three core elements to determine the sustainability quality of the instruments:

- 1. Trianon's Sustainability Financing Framework (as of October 6, 2022)— benchmarked against the ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines (SBG), Green Bond Principles (GBP) and Social Bond Principles (SBP), as well as the LMA Green Loan Principles (GLP) and Social Loan Principles (SLP).
- 2. The Selection Criteria (as of October 6, 2022) and Asset Pool (as of September 23, 2022) whether the project categories contribute positively to the UN SDGs and how they perform against proprietary issuance-specific key performance indicators (KPIs) (See Annex 1).
- 3. Sustainable Financing Instruments link to Trianon's sustainability strategy drawing on Trianon's overall sustainability profile and issuance-specific Use of Proceeds categories.

### TRIANON BUSINESS OVERVIEW

Fastighets AB Trianon engages in the ownership, management, development, and construction of residential and commercial real estate properties. It operates through the following segments: Housing, Office, Commercial, and Community. The Housing segment covers acquisition, leasing, and construction of residential properties. The Office segment refers to office spaces. The Commercial segment covers properties for commercial purposes. The Community segment includes parks and public hallways. The company was founded on August 15, 1973 and is headquartered in Malmo, Sweden.

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# ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

SPO SECTION	SUMMARY	EVALUATION <sup>1</sup>
Part 1: Alignment with ICMA SBG/GBP/SBP and LMA GLP/SLP	The issuer has defined a formal concept for its Sustainable Financing Instruments regarding use of proceeds, processes for project evaluation and selection, management of proceeds and reporting. This concept is in line with the ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines (SBG), Green Bond Principles (GBP) and Social Bond Principles (SBP), as well as the LMA Green Loan Principles (GLP) and Social Loan Principles (SLP).	Aligned
Part 2: Sustainability quality of the Selection Criteria	The Sustainable Financing Instruments will (re-)finance eligible asset categories which include: Green & Energy Efficient Buildings, Energy Efficiency, and Affordable Housing.  Green & Energy Efficient Buildings use of proceeds categories have a significant contribution to SDG 11 'Sustainable cities and communities', and limited contribution to SDG 13 'Climate action'. Affordable Housing use of proceeds category has a limited contribution to SDGs 1 'No poverty' and 11 'Sustainable cities and communities'.  The remaining use of proceed categories improve the company's operational impacts and mitigate potential negative externalities of the issuer's sector on SDGs 7 'Affordable and clean energy' and SDG 13 'Climate action'.  The environmental and social risks associated with those use of proceeds categories are well managed.	Positive
Part 3: Sustainable Financing Instruments link to issuer's sustainability strategy	The Use of Proceeds financed through this Sustainable Financing Instruments are consistent with the issuer's sustainability strategy and material ESG topics for the issuer's industry. The rationale for issuing Sustainable Financing Instruments is clearly described by the issuer.	Consistent with issuer's sustainability strategy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The evaluation is based on Trianon's Sustainability Financing Framework (September 2022 version), the analysed eligibility criteria as received on October 6, 2022, the analysed Asset Pool as received on September 23, 2022 and on publicly available information.



# **SPO ASSESSMENT**

# PART I: ALIGNMENT WITH ICMA SBG/GBP/SBP and LMA GLP/SLP

This section evaluates the alignment of Trianon's Sustainability Financing Framework (as of September 23, 2022) with the ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines (SBG), Green Bond Principles (GBP) and Social Bond Principles (SBP), as well as the LMA Green Loan Principles (GLP) and Social Loan Principles (SLP).

SBG/GBP/GLP	ALIGNMENT	OPINION
1. Use of Proceeds	✓	The Use of Proceeds description provided by Trianon's Sustainability Financing Framework is <b>aligned</b> with the SBG, GBP and GLP.
		The issuer's green and social categories align with the project categories as proposed by the SBG, GBP, SBP, GLP and SLP. Criteria are defined in a clear and transparent manner. Disclosure of distribution of proceeds by project category will be provided in the subsequent Allocation reporting and environmental and social benefits are described. The issuer will allocate proceeds to assets which are eligible only under the green eligibility, or only under the social eligibility, or both. The issuer defines exclusion criteria for harmful projects categories.
2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection	✓	The Process for Project Evaluation and Selection description provided by Trianon's Sustainability Financing Framework is <b>aligned</b> with the SBG, GBP, SBP, GLP and SLP.  The project selection process is defined. ESG risks
		associated with the project categories are identified and managed through an appropriate process. Moreover, the projects selected show alignment with the sustainability strategy of the issuer.
3. Management of Proceeds	✓	The Management of Proceeds proposed by Trianon's Sustainability Financing Framework is <b>aligned</b> with the SBG, GBP, SBP, GLP and SLP.
		The net proceeds collected will be equal to the amount allocated to eligible projects, with no exceptions. The net proceeds are tracked in an appropriate manner. The net proceeds are managed on an aggregated basis for multiple sustainable finance instruments (portfolio approach). Moreover, the issuer discloses the temporary investment instruments for unallocated proceeds.





		The issuer has set an reallocation period of one year, in line with best market practices.
4. Reporting	✓	The allocation and impact reporting proposed by Trianon's Sustainability Financing Framework is <b>aligned</b> with the SBG, GBP, SBP, GLP and SLP.
		The issuer commits to disclose the allocation of proceeds transparently and to report in an appropriate frequency. The reporting will be publicly available on the issuer's website. Trianon explains the level of expected reporting and the type of information that will be reported. The issuer commits to report annually, as long as it has Sustainable Financing Instruments outstanding. Moreover, the issuer commits to get the allocation report audited by an external party, in line with best market practices.  The issuer is transparent on the information reported in the impact report, in line with best market practice.

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### PART II: SUSTAINABILITY QUALITY OF THE ISSUANCE

### A. CONTRIBUTION OF THE SUSTAINABLE FINANCING INSTRUMENTS TO THE UN SDGs<sup>2</sup>

Companies can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs by providing specific services/products which help address global sustainability challenges, and by being responsible corporate actors, working to minimize negative externalities in their operations along the entire value chain. The aim of this section is to assess the SDG impact of the UoP categories (re)financed by the issuer in two different ways, depending on whether the proceeds are used to (re)finance:

- specific products/services,
- improvements of operational performance.

### 1. Products and services

The assessment of UoP categories for (re)financing products and services is based on a variety of internal and external sources, such as the ISS ESG SDG Solutions Assessment (SDGA), a proprietary methodology designed to assess the impact of an issuer's products or services on the UN SDGs, as well as other ESG benchmarks (the EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Acts, the ICMA Green and/or Social Bond Principles and other regional taxonomies, standards and sustainability criteria).

The assessment of UoP categories for (re)financing specific products and services is displayed on 5-point scale (see Annex 1 for methodology):

Significant	Limited	No	Limited	Significant
Obstruction	Obstruction	Net Impact	Contribution	Contribution

Each of the Sustainable Financing Instruments's Use of Proceeds categories has been assessed for its contribution to, or obstruction of, the SDGs:

USE OF PROCEEDS (PRODUCTS/SERVICES)	CONTRIBUTION OR OBSTRUCTION	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
<ul> <li>Green &amp; Energy Efficient Buildings</li> <li>New buildings or existing buildings that either meet or with the objective to meet the requirements for Miljöbyggnad Silver<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	Significant contribution	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
<ul> <li>Green &amp; Energy Efficient Buildings</li> <li>New buildings or existing buildings with an energy performance certificate (EPC) A or B</li> <li>Existing buildings within the top 15% of the national building stock<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>	Limited Contribution	7 AFFORDABLE AND 13 CLIMATE CLEAR EMERTY 13 ACTION

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The impact of the UoP categories on UN Social Development Goals is assessed with proprietary methodology and may therefore differ from the issuer's description in the framework.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The review is limited to certifications spelled out in the Framework.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Trianon will use this report as a reference to determine the eligibility for the top 15%: link here





New buildings or existing buildings with an energy consumption at least 20% below the applicable national building regulation<sup>5</sup> **Green & Energy Efficient Buildings** Limited Contribution Major renovation that achieve primary energy demand savings of at least 30% Significant Contribution<sup>6</sup> **Energy Efficiency Investments** Limited Contribution Energy retrofits7 Infrastructure for electric vehicles or hybrid vehicles Limited Affordable housing Contribution New or existing buildings with rental apartments that have a regulated rent (more details on the regulated rent may be found in the Framework)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Boverkets byggregler (2011:6) – föreskrifter och allmännaråd, BBR https://www.boverket.se/contentassets/a9a584aa0e564c8998d079d752f6b76d/konsoliderad\_bbr\_2011-6.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For the projects to be financed under Use of Proceeds categories that are based on with the Technical Screening Criteria defined by the EU Taxonomy Technical Annex, a significant contribution to climate change mitigation is attested. Assets compliance with EU taxonomy is not evaluated under the SPO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The review is limited to the examples of projects spelled out in the Framework.

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### 2. <u>Improvements of operational performance (processes)</u>

The below assessment aims at qualifying the direction of change (or "operational impact improvement") resulting from the operational performance projects (re)financed by the UoP categories, as well as related UN SDGs impacted. The assessment displays how the UoP categories are mitigating the exposure to the negative externalities relevant to the business model and the sector of the issuer.

According to ISS ESG SDG Impact Rating methodology, potential impacts on the SDGs related to negative operational externalities<sup>8</sup> in the Real Estate (to which Trianon belongs) are the following:

Low exposure to negative externalities

Medium exposure to negative externalities

High exposure to negative externalities







The table below aims at displaying the direction of change resulting from the operational performance improvement projects. The outcome displayed does not correspond to an absolute or net assessment of the operational performance.

# USE OF PROCEEDS (PROCESSES)

OPERATIONAL IMPACT
IMPROVEMENT<sup>9</sup>

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### **Energy Efficiency Investments**

Energy retrofits such as 10

- installation of solar panels
- heating pumps
- improvements in ventilation systems
- extension of district heating and cooling systems
- improvements and implementation of control systems for energy consumption reduction







<sup>8</sup> Please, note that the impact of the issuer's products and services resulting from operations and processes is displayed in section 3 of the SPO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Limited information is available on the scale of the improvement as no threshold is provided. Only the direction of change is displayed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The review is limited to the examples of projects spelled out in the Framework.

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# B. MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SELECTION CRITERIA

The table below evaluates the Selection Criteria against issuance-specific KPIs. All of the assets are and will be located in Sweden.

### ASSESSMENT AGAINST KPIS

### **All Categories**

### Labour, Health and Safety

All Trianon's eligible assets are located in Sweden where high labour rights and health & safety standards are considered. Trianon confirmed that all applicable national and regional regulations are complied with.

### **User safety**

Trianon confirms that all the assets comply with EU regulation 305/2011 to ensure good measures for the safety of building users.

### Environment aspects of construction (or production) and operation

Trianon do not have a comprehensive environmental management system in place during construction and operation. However, Trianon confirms that all the assets comply with national regulation, includes planning and construction law of Sweden, Plan- och bygglag (2010:900) and Environmental Code (1998:808) to ensure proper and systematic implementation of required preventive/mitigation measures during construction and operation.

### **Green Buildings and Affordable Housing**

### Environment aspects of construction (or production) and operation

Trianon ensures the development of assets are not on key biodiversity area by confirming compliance with the planning and construction law of Sweden, Plan- och bygglag (2010:900). Responsible site selection is part of the building approval process by local authorities.

### **Construction standards**

Trianon do not have measures in place to ensure use of sustainable building material.

However, Trianon has acode of conduct to encourage suppliers to choose environmentally friendly materials as far as possible.

### Site selection

Trianon confirms that majority of Trianon's assets to be (re)financed are within 1km to public transport.

### Water use minimization in buildings

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O There is limited information to show that Trianon has measures in place to minimize water use in buildings.

### **Energy Efficiency**

### Environment aspects of construction (or production) and operation

Trianon confirms that buildings to be (re)financed comply with Directive 2012/19/EU on proper disposal waste electrical and electronic equipment. Moreover, Trianon has code of conduct for suppliers to ensure a system is in place to promote resuse and recycling of waste.

Trianon confirms that buildings to be (re)financed comply with RoHS Directive for fulfilling the defined threshold in electrical and electronic equipment. Moreover, Trianon confirms to comply Swedish waste ordinance, Avfallsförordning (2020:614) for proper handling of hazardous waste.

### **Affordable Housing**

#### Inclusion

Trianon has a flexible income requirement as part of the rental criteria to promote inclusion and non-discriminatory access for socially disadvantaged groups. For example, Trianon requires a net income corresponding to one time the monthly rent and allows different types of employment, such as hourly employment. Moreover, Trianon implements cost-effective renovations to ensure low rents. Although there is limited information to show the issuer has measures in place to prevent discrimination in the provision of the housing to different populations, Trianon commits to contributing to increased integration amongst the local communities.

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# PART III: SUSTAINABLE FINANCING INSTRUMENTS LINK TO TRIANON'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

### A. TRIANON'S BUSINESS EXPOSURE TO ESG RISKS

This section aims to provide an overall level of information on the ESG risks to which the issuer is exposed through its business activities, providing additional context to the issuance assessed in the present report.

### ESG risks associated with the issuer's industry

The issuer is classified in the Real Estate sector, as per ISS ESG's sector classification. Key challenges faced by companies in terms of sustainability management in this industry are displayed in the table below. Please note, that this is not a company specific assessment but areas that are of particular relevance for companies within that industry.

ESG KEY ISSUES IN THE INDUSTRY
Climate protection, energy efficiency and renewables
Environmental and social aspects in site selection
Green building considerations
Health and well-being of occupants
Occupational health and safety

### ESG strengths and points of attention related to the issuer's disclosures

Leveraging ISS ESG's Research, the following strengths and points of attention<sup>11</sup> have been identified:

STRENGTHS	POINTS OF ATTENTION
The company has adopted measures for the reduction of water use, such as measuring water consumption of all its properties annually and installing individual meters to measure hot water consumption in the new properties.	There is no clear information if the company's properties are certified to any green building standards. Further, there is no disclosure of green procurement of building materials, measures to minimize construction, and demolition waste reduction. Additionally, the measures to promote environmental awareness among tenants are limited.
The company has disclosed the major greenhouse gases by its scopes, i.e., scope 1 and scope 2 emissions. Further, it has adopted the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) protocol for	The company has not disclosed detailed greenhouse gas emission reduction targets such as a base year, target year, reduction from the base year, etc. Further, there is no

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Please note that Trianon is not part of the ISS ESG Corporate Rating Universe. Thus, the information is based on a disclosure review conducted by the analyst in charge of the Real Estate sector, based on publicly available information exclusively. No direct communication between the issuer and the analyst has taken place during the process. The below is not based on an ISS ESG Corporate Rating but considers ISS ESG Research's methodology.

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calculating its greenhouse gas emissions, which has been publicly disclosed.	reporting on amount of energy used by source such as biomass, coal, renewable, etc., and information on energy and carbon intensity by property types and floor area.
The company has implemented some elements of an energy management system including action plans, targets, and data compilation. It also uses renewable energy such as solar for electricity generation in some of its properties.	There is no disclosure if the company has adopted any measures or a strategy to reduce the negative effect of construction, refurbishments, and closure activities on the neighborhood. Further, the company has not provided a commitment responsible site selection and biodiversity management.
The company has implemented measures such as monitoring the mental well-being of its employees to prevent mental health problems.	The company's major operations in Sweden with high legal standards limit the risk of health and safety management, however, there are no disclosures on accident rate and fatalities of its employees and suppliers. Further, details on supplier standard with respect to labor rights and working conditions are also not disclosed.
	The company has not disclosed how it ensures the health of its tenants from various physical, biological, and chemical factors such as noise, VOCs, bacteria, and mold. Additionally, there is only a general statement on the safety and well-being of its tenants.

Please note that the consistency between the issuance subject to this report and the issuer's sustainability strategy is further detailed in Part III.B of the report.

# Sustainability impact of products and services portfolio

Leveraging ISS ESG's Sustainability Solutions Assessment methodology, the contribution of the issuer's current products and services portfolio to the Sustainable Development Goals defined by the United Nations (UN SDGs) has been assessed as per the table below. This analysis is limited to the evaluation of final product characteristics and does not include practices along the issuer's production process.

PRODUCT/SERVICES PORTFOLIO	ASSOCIATED PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE <sup>12</sup>	DIRECTION OF IMPACT	UN SDGS
Non-luxury residential properties (including affordable housing)	70%	CONTRIBUTION	2 ZERO 4 QUALITY EDUCATION

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Percentages presented in this table are not cumulative.

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# Breaches of international norms and ESG controversies

### At issuer level

At the date of publication and leveraging ISS ESG Research, no severe controversy in which the issuer would be involved has been identified.

### At industry level

Based on a review of controversies over a 2-year period, the top three issues that have been reported against companies within the Real Estate industry are as follows: Failure to respect the right to just and favourable conditions of work, Failure to pay fair share of taxes, and Failure to respect consumer health and safety.

Please note, that this is not a company specific assessment but areas that can be of particular relevance for companies within that industry.

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# B. CONSISTENCY OF SUSTAINABLE FINANCING INSTRUMENTS WITH TRIANON'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

### Key sustainability objectives and priorities defined by the issuer

In the autumn of 2021, Trianon updated its business plan and related sustainability goals, which include all environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects:

- Environment: the company's environmental objectives center around efficiency measures in the construction and use phases of the buildings owned by the company. For example, the company aims to reduce energy consumption in its property portfolio by 10% between 2022 – 2024.
- Social: social sustainability is an integral part of the administration, rental, and business
  development of the company. Priorities in this part of the strategy include improving
  inclusion, creating job opportunities and ensuring access to safe and affordable housing.
- Governance: the Board identifies how sustainability issues affect the company's risks and business opportunities and has several policies in place to address these (such as a code of conduct for employees and suppliers, as well as the sustainability policy and environmental policy).

Specifically, the company has set quantified ESG targets on the following topics between 2022 – 2024:

- Build more rental apartments with reasonable rents and renovate cost-effectively
- Reduce unemployment in residential areas
- Reducing homelessness
- Reduce energy consumption in the Company's properties and increase the proportion of renewable energy sources

### Rationale for issuance

Corresponding to Trianon's sustainability strategy, the company will finance new green buildings, improving the energy efficiency of their existing properties, as well as affordable housing.

In Sweden, the real estate sector accounts for a third of the total energy use and a sixth of  $CO_2$  emissions. The issuer will invest in green and energy efficient buildings because it plays a key role in the energy transition and climate change mitigation.

Moreover, the issuer wants to improve the social sustainability of its property portfolio. By defining a clear target population (i.e., population living in a vulnerable area as defined by the Swedish Police map) for its affordable housing offering, the issuer aims to increase safety in those areas.

This Sustainability Financing Framework forms the basis for future green and social bond and loan issuances of Trianon and contributes to both environmental as well as local social issues.

**Opinion:** The key sustainability objectives and the rationale for issuing Green Bonds are clearly described by the issuer.

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# ANNEX 1: Methodology

### Green/Social KPIs

The Green/Social Bond KPIs serve as a structure for evaluating the sustainability quality – i.e. the social and environmental added value – of the use of proceeds of Trianon's Sustainable Financing Instruments.

It comprises firstly the definition of the use of proceeds category offering added social and/or environmental value, and secondly the specific sustainability criteria by means of which this added value and therefore the sustainability performance of the assets can be clearly identified and described.

The sustainability criteria are complemented by specific indicators, which enable quantitative measurement of the sustainability performance of the assets and which can also be used for reporting. If a majority of assets fulfill the requirement of an indicator, this indicator is then assessed positively. Those indicators may be tailor-made to capture the context-specific environmental and social risks.

### Environmental and social risks assessment methodology

The Environmental and social risks assessment evaluates whether the assets included in the asset pool match the eligible project category and criteria listed in the Green/Social Bond KPIs.

All percentages refer to the amount of assets within one category (e.g. wind power). Additionally, the assessment "no or limited information is available" either indicates that no information was made available or that the information provided did not fulfil the requirements of the Green/Social Bond KPIs.

The evaluation was carried out using information and documents provided on a confidential basis by Trianon (e.g. Due Diligence Reports). Further, national legislation and standards, depending on the asset location, were drawn on to complement the information provided by the issuer.

### Assessment of the contribution and association to the SDG

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were endorsed in September 2015 by the United Nations and provide a benchmark for key opportunities and challenges toward a more sustainable future. Using a proprietary method, the extent to which Trianon's Sustainable Financing Instruments contributes to related SDGs has been identified.

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# ANNEX 2: Quality management processes

#### **SCOPE**

Trianon commissioned ICS to compile a Sustainable Financing Instruments SPO. The Second Party Opinion process includes verifying whether the Sustainability Financing Framework (as of October 6, 2022) aligns with the ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines (SBG), Green Bond Principles (GBP) and Social Bond Principles (SBP), as well as the LMA Green Loan Principles (GLP) and Social Loan Principles (SLP) and to assess the sustainability credentials of its Sustainable Financing Instruments, as well as the issuer's sustainability strategy.

### **CRITERIA**

Relevant Standards for this Second Party Opinion

- Green Bond Principles and Social Bond Principles, as administered by the ICMA (as of June 2021 with June 2022 Appendix 1)
- Green Loan Principles, as administered by the LMA (as of February 2021)
- Social Loan Principles, as administered by the LMA (as of April 2021)
- Sustainability Bond Guidelines, as administered by the ICMA (as of June 2021)
- Key Performance Indicators relevant for Use of Proceeds categories selected by the issuer

### ISSUER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Trianon's responsibility was to provide information and documentation on:

- Framework
- Eligibility criteria
- Asset pool

### ISS ESG's VERIFICATION PROCESS

ISS ESG is one of the world's leading independent environmental, social and governance (ESG) research, analysis and rating houses. The company has been actively involved in the sustainable capital markets for over 25 years. Since 2014, ISS ESG has built up a reputation as a highly-reputed thought leader in the green and social bond market and has become one of the first CBI approved verifiers.

This independent Second Party Opinion of the Sustainable Financing Instruments to be issued by Trianon has been conducted based on a proprietary methodology and in line with the ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines (SBG), Green Bond Principles (GBP) and Social Bond Principles (SBP), as well as the LMA Green Loan Principles (GLP) and Social Loan Principles (SLP).

The engagement with Trianon took place from September to October 2022.

### **ISS' BUSINESS PRACTICES**

ISS has conducted this verification in strict compliance with the ISS Code of Ethics, which lays out detailed requirements in integrity, transparency, professional competence and due care, professional behavior and objectivity for the ISS business and team members. It is designed to ensure that the verification is conducted independently and without any conflicts of interest with other parts of the ISS Group.

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# About this SPO

ISS ESG is one of the world's leading rating agencies in the field of sustainable investment. The agency analyses companies and countries regarding their environmental and social performance.

We assess alignment with external principles (e.g. the ICMA Green / Social Bond Principles), analyse the sustainability quality of the assets and review the sustainability performance of the issuer themselves. Following these three steps, we draw up an independent SPO so that investors are as well informed as possible about the quality of the bond / loan from a sustainability perspective.

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