



€2.1bn of ESG-linked private lending

Pemberton is a responsible investor with a proactive and innovative approach to environmental, social and governance (ESG). Since December 2020, Pemberton funds have made **17 investments** incorporating financial incentives for borrowers to produce **Net Zero CO2 emissions** or to **reduce their CO2 emission by 20% YoY** as well as 5 other criteria.

“Pemberton was one of the first lenders that we have worked with to introduce ESG conditions into our loan documentation. We believe it is very important and ties in with our own ESG commitments.

We believe ESG will become very important in private equity and private debt and Pemberton appears to be at the forefront of this.”

Rogier Bruynzeel | Partner at Parcom, 2021

Case study



In July 2021, Pemberton arranged and underwrote a €265m financing to support circular economy and recycling leader ReLife Group, which is one of the leaders in waste recycling of urban and industrial dry waste in Italy*. ReLife is driving the concepts of sustainability and the responsible use of resources. The financing will also provide additional further resources to support future acquisitions.

Pemberton introduced **Positive** as well as **Negative screening** in 2015 and the investment in ReLife is a great example of the positive ESG screening Pemberton undertakes with new investment opportunities. ReLife’s 18 production sites are located in Liguria, Piedmont, Lombardy, Veneto and Tuscany and their activities are organised in 4 divisions: recycling, paper mill, paper packaging and plastic packaging.

The purpose of the financing was the acquisition of Gruppo Plastipolver, specialized in the treatment and recycling of plastics, as well as of Gruppo General Packaging, a producer of cardboard boxes made of recycled paper.

As well as the strong performance of the company and the attractive acquisition strategy of the owner, the positive impact of the business was a key factor in the investment.

*based on Boston Consulting Group analysis.



Our journey to Net Zero



Joined the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative. Backed by US\$32 trillion in assets, all committed to the goal of net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner. The initiative is designed to mobilise action by the asset management industry and delivers the ambitious action and investment strategies that will be necessary to achieve the goal of net zero emissions.

“I am delighted to welcome Pemberton to the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative. This is a vital decade with urgent action needed to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement and limit global warming to 1.5°C. Asset managers, including Pemberton, coming together to commit to net zero targets sends a clear signal that the financial firepower of institutional investors will be dedicated to delivering real progress towards a net zero and resilient future.”

Stephanie Pfeifer | CEO, IIGCC and Founding Partner of the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative, 2021

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Carbon offsetting in partnership with EcoAct. Over the past two years we have offset our carbon emissions (1,134t CO₂e) through the **Orinoco Climate Reforestation Project in Columbia** (737 tCO₂e) and the **Darfur Cookstoves Project in Sudan** (397 tCO₂e) and EcoAct are supporting our efforts to put in place initiatives that will help to continue to reduce our emissions going forward.



Darfur Cookstoves Project

- The first registered carbon credit to be developed in a conflict zone
- Developed to improve household health by replacing the burning of wood and charcoal inside homes with low smoke LPG stoves
- For every 10 trees cut down for burning only 1.5 are regrown
- Wood burning releases large amounts of particulates, carbon monoxide and other pollutants
- The project reduces both deforestation and risks to human health
- Cookstoves reduce pollutants by 95%+ and reduce energy consumption by 50-70%
- 26% of women are starting new income generating activities with the time saved collecting wood

Orinoco Climate Reforestation Project

- Located in eastern Columbia the project aims to reforest the land that is now largely savannah
- Reforestation via tree planting also facilitates sustainable timber production which protects indigenous rainforest from further deforestation, also protecting biodiversity
- The project creates local employment opportunities and reduced migration
- The project covers 76,356 hectares and around 80,000,000 trees have been planted
- Promotion of education including financial support for schools to prevent child labour
- Forest conservation creates natural corridors and ensures connectivity of native ecosystems
- Aligned with Sustainable Development Goals



Launched 'PembertonID'. Our Inclusion & Diversity Council that seeks to promote an inclusive working environment across our network of offices through mentorships and educational/ awareness initiatives as well as increase and retain diverse talent within the firm and the industry.



Symon Drake-Brockman appointed to the City of London Advisory Board for a Government commissioned taskforce to boost the socio-economic diversity at senior levels in UK financial and professional services. The taskforce has a vision of 'equity of progression', where high performance is valued over 'fit' and 'polish'.

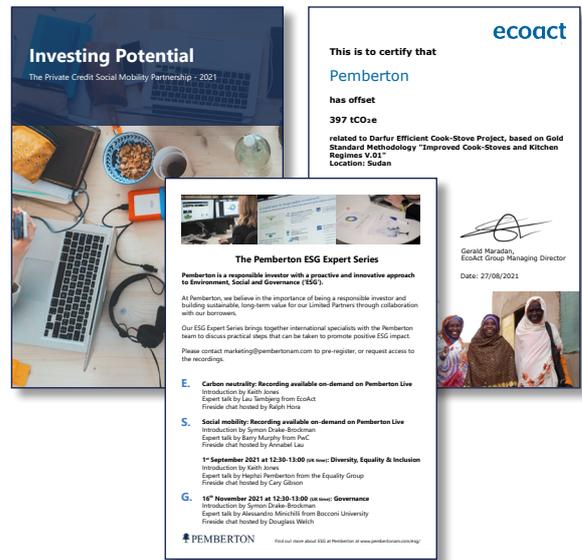
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PRI. Pemberton became a signatory of the PRI in 2018. As part of the firm's commitment to corporate sustainability, all employees receive ESG training to ensure they understand the importance of ESG, our commitment to the PRI charter and the environmental and social impact we can make together as an organisation.



Joined **#10000BlackInterns**, an initiative set up to help young black people break into asset management by providing work experience and exposure to the industry. We believe this is an important step towards creating a more inclusive environment in asset management.



Pemberton ESG Expert webinar series. Brings together international specialists with the Pemberton team to discuss practical steps that can be taken to promote positive ESG impact.

- Carbon neutrality with Lau Tambjerg from EcoAct
- Social mobility with Barry Murphy from PwC
- Diversity, Equality & Inclusion with Hephzi Pemberton from the Equality Group
- Governance with Alessandro Minichilli from Bocconi University

Watch live sessions or recordings on [Pemberton Live](#). To get your log in details, email: marketing@pembertonam.com.

Launched 'Investing Potential'. Through the 'Private Credit Social Mobility Partnership' initiative founded by Pemberton, Investing Potential aims to provide a combination of externship and internship opportunities to students from years 10 and 12 (first years of GCSEs and A Levels), as well as paid internships dedicated to university students from underprivileged backgrounds.

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