

Domini Forests Project: A Timeline by Process

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This document provides a high-level historical overview and inventory of the process steps Domini has taken in implementing our Forest Project. It is organized by the six procedures that The Investment Integration Project has set out as part of a system-level approach and outlined in 21st Century Investing.¹ Highlights for each step in this process are listed chronologically. We have pursued these processes simultaneously in an effort to take a comprehensive approach to the implementation of the program.

	Process Highlights
#1. Establish	 2016 – Committed to system-level approach, introduced the concept to the firm.
Principles	2017 – Developed an Investment Beliefs Statement that included reference to the importance of system-
	related contexts. Published the IBS on our website.
	2018 – Developed our forest-IBS referencing forests.
	 2022 – Expanded our forest-related IBS to reference agricultural lands and biodiversity.
#2. Decide Where to	• 2017 – Initial experimentation with a comprehensive approach to multiple system-level risks and rewards.
Focus	 2018 – Reported on the results of our multi-focused system-level approach.
	 2018 – Decided to focus on a single system: forests.
	2019 – Interviewed industry experts and identified forest-related systems dynamics and their related leverage
	points.
	2019 – Justified selection of forests.
	 2019 – Analyzed our portfolio exposure to forest-related risks and rewards. Established KPIs.
	2019 – Developed forest-related system-dynamics maps.
	 2020 – Set goals for addressing impediments at key leverage points.
	 2022 – Expanded definitions of forest lands to include agricultural lands and expanded our emphasis on
	biodiversity and Indigenous peoples.
	 2022 – Began to track progress toward the goals set for key leverage points.

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#3. Allocate Assets	Under development.
#4. Apply	As part of this process, we extend several of our conventional investment tools to incorporate a system-level
Investment Tools	perspective.
	Investment Beliefs and Principles.
	2018 – Developed a forest-specific Investment Beliefs Statement and corresponding set of Principles.
	2022 – Expanded our forest-specific Investment Beliefs Statement to reflect a focus on regenerative
	agriculture, biodiversity, and Indigenous peoples.
	Engagement.
	2018 – Present. Continued forest-related engagements with corporations, focusing on issues relating to
	deforestation, palm oil, human rights abuses, and agricultural practices.
	2022 – Joined the Finance Sect0r Deforestation Action collaborative engagement coalition, agreed to lead on
	engagement with five international companies.
	 2023 – Collaborative engagement with members of the FSDA for 18 companies, lead on five companies.
	2023 – Initiated engagement with the six forest-product companies in our portfolios, raising issues related to
	climate change (land use and soil health), biodiversity (preservation), supply chains (standards setting and
	implementation), and circular economy (production wastes).
	Security Selection.
	2019-2020 – Developed and incorporated forest and biodiversity-related Key Performance Indicators for
	company evaluations for non-financial industries.
	 2023 – Enhanced analysts' training on forests and related issues.
	Due Diligence.
	2019 – Ongoing – Included descriptions of our Forest Project in our due diligence presentations with
	institutional clients.
	2022 – Began including forest-related companies' supply chain management in our due diligence of their
	environmental practices.
#5. Leverage	Domini has made use of seven advanced techniques to help manage forest- and agriculture-related risks at a system
Advanced	level. Recent examples include:
Techniques	
	Self-Organization.
	2020 – Present. Signed and took a leadership role Finance for Biodiversity Pledge, served as Vice Chair of the
	Advisory Board of the Finance for Biodiversity Foundation.
	2021 – Present. Participated in the 11-member launch group for Nature Action 100 and as a member of the
	Ceres Food Emissions 50 and FAIRR projects.

• 2021 – Present. Signed the Financial Sector Commitment Letter on Eliminating Commodity-Derived Deforestation and joined its Financial Sector Deforestation Action collaborative engagement team.

Interconnectedness.

- 2019– Present. Integrated our commitment to forests and system-level investment into our public presentations, webinars, and blog posts.
- 2017 Present. Featured on numerous investment industry panels concerning system level investing and our Forest Project.
- 2023 Posted on our website the foundational documents for the Forest Project, providing historical documentation, justification, goals and definitions, themes and leverage points, and a historical overview of our forest-related company engagements.
- 2023 Updated the forest-related risk-exposure analysis for our portfolios.

Public Involvement..

- 2023 The New York Tropical Deforestation-Free Procurement Act passed both houses of the legislature in 2023. Domini had testified and gathered investment community support for it several years.
- 2020 2022 Garnered support for "no-deforestation" preferential purchasing legislation in California as well as for the Resilient Federal Forests Act.
- 2021 Present. Participated in the Investor Policy Dialogue on Deforestation organization's Brazil working group.
- 2022 Submitted public comments to the Securities and Exchange Commission in support of its Requests for Information on Environmental, Social and Governance Disclosure in 2021 and its Rulemaking on Climaterelated Financial Disclosure in 2022, emphasizing the need for disclosure on forests, land use, and Indigenous peoples in the context of climate-risk mitigation

Standards Setting.

- 2019-20 Surveyed our financial services and other deforestation-risk-related holdings on their best practices with regards to policies and practices relating to forests and systemic risks.
- 2023 Deepened our understanding of the Forest Stewardship Council on their standards setting and implementation.
- Conducted three training sessions for Domini analysts on forest-related standards and key performance indicators and their incorporation into company analysis.

Diversity of Approaches.

• 2018 – Present. Intentionally adopted a variety of tools and techniques designed for system-level influence with regards to forest-related challenges.

Evaluations.

• 2019 – Initiated our Forest Value Creators project.

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#6. Evaluate Results Domini has reported on and evaluated its results externally and internally. 2016 – Present. Domini Annual and Quarterly Impact Reports provide on-going public reports on forest-related initiatives. 2017 – Present. Domini Annual Impact Reports include forest-related activities for the year. 2021 – Prepared an internal Self-Assessment report on the effectiveness of various initiatives and their presumed influence at key leverage points. 2023 – Update to website on the Forest Project. Two forest-related blogs included in Domini's blog series. 2023 – Expanded our Value Creators project and incorporated implications for the need for business model transitions

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