



## 2020 Annual Report on Voting Rights

*Proxy Voting is key component of our business, TOBAM uses its ownership position in companies to further its commitment to socially responsible investing on behalf of clients, and to improve corporate governance by exercising proxy voting rights. Voting is conducted in the sole interest of clients.*

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# About TOBAM – General Voting Rules

## Voting Scope

TOBAM votes for all open-ended funds managed by TOBAM, and for mandates and closed-ended funds, on specific request from the client.

TOBAM has not set up any minimum shareholding nor geographical restriction to exercise its voting rights.

## Exercising Voting rights

TOBAM has outsourced the exercise of its voting rights to ISS since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, under the supervision of the Risk management at TOBAM. TOBAM has outsourced the voting guidelines to ISS, using ISS "[SRI International Proxy Voting guidelines](#)" voting policy. However, TOBAM has decided in 2016 to implement, on top of ISS voting policy, some voting guidelines on specific topics that might differ from ISS SRI Guidelines: [TOBAM's Voting Policy](#).

For each meeting and resolution, ISS suggests a voting decision and automatically vote on behalf of TOBAM. ISS proxy voting policy is reviewed and validated once a year by an audit committee.

## Voting Perimeter

### Share Blocking Requirements

Some issuers require that shareholders who wish to vote must deposit their shares beforehand. The shares remain inaccessible for lengths of time that vary widely depending on the country, issuer, custodian and sub-custodian. TOBAM has expressed that it will not vote at meetings implying share blocking requirements.

### Securities Lending Programme

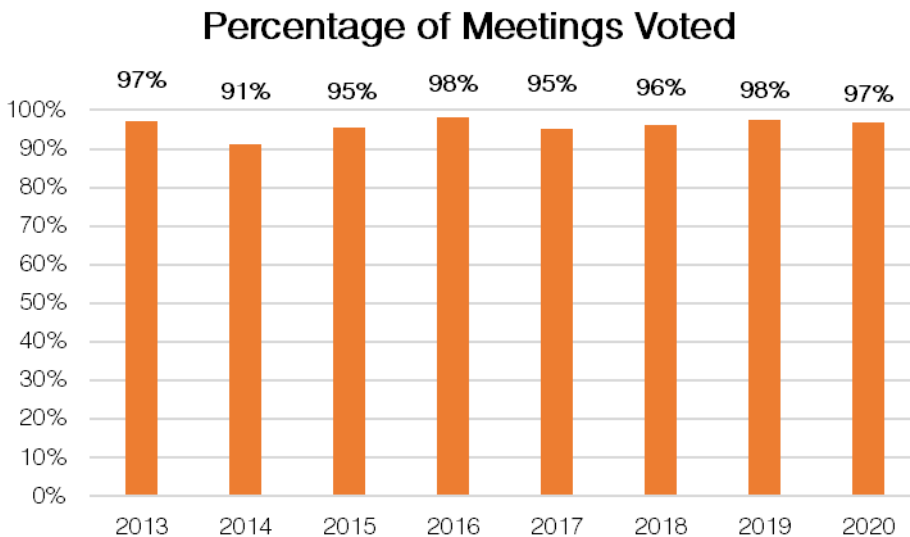
TOBAM does not recall lent shares for voting purposes.

## 2020 Analysis of Meetings

### 1. Participation Rate – Overall

Number of votable meetings	1287
Number of meetings voted	1244

**Participation Rate 2020:  
96.66%**



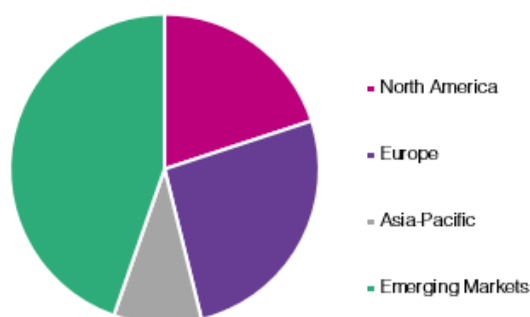
## 2. Participation Rate – By Region

	Number of meetings voted	Participation Rate
North America	257	100%
Europe*	337	88.4%
Asia-Pacific	118	100%
Emerging Markets	575	99.3%
Total	1,287	96.7%

\*: Participation rate in Europe excluding Switzerland & Luxembourg averages **95.7% in 2019**.

Switzerland: participation rate is at 78% due to share blocking requirements & Luxembourg is at 41% due to the TOBAM SICAV based in Luxembourg for which general meetings TOBAM doesn't vote.

Breakdown of voting by region



## 2020 Analysis of Votes

### Overall Analysis:

Number of votable items	14 763	
Number of items voted	14 196	96%
Number of Votes FOR	11 431	81%
Number of Votes AGAINST	2 546	18%
Number of Votes ABSTAIN	139	1%
Number of Votes WITHHOLD	84	0.6%

## For more information

TOBAM is an asset management company offering innovative investment capabilities designed to increase diversification. Its mission is to provide rational and professional solutions to long term investors in the context of efficient markets.

The Maximum Diversification® approach, TOBAM's flagship investment process founded in 2006, is supported by original, patented research and a mathematical definition of diversification and provides clients with diversified core exposure, in both the equity and fixed income markets.

In line with its mission statement and commitment to diversification, TOBAM also launched a separate activity on cryptocurrencies in 2017.

TOBAM manages US\$10 billion (at December 31, 2020). TOBAM's team is composed of 49 professionals.

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