Sustainable, responsible and impact investing (SRI) in the United States continues to expand at a healthy pace. Total US-domiciled assets under management (AUM) using SRI strategies grew from $8.7 trillion at the start of 2016 to $12.0 trillion at the start of 2018, a 38 percent increase. This represents 26 percent—or 1 in 4 dollars—of the total US assets under professional management.

### FAMILY OFFICE FINDINGS

The US SIF Foundation first tracked family offices, including trusts, in 2012. As in previous years, fewer than a dozen family offices, including both single-family offices and multi-family offices, were identified that incorporated environmental, social and/or governance issues in the investment process.

However, ESG assets under management, while small overall, increased 71 percent from $2.4 billion to $4.1 billion over the past two years.

The top criteria for family offices in 2018 related to community investing. This is in contrast to 2016 when environmental criteria were at the top.

Criteria favoring small and medium businesses ranked at the top with $3.0 billion in assets affected, followed closely by the $2.9 billion managed with microenterprises and community services criteria. Assets subject to these three community-investing criteria have more than doubled since 2016.

In terms of environmental criteria, the most prominent issue was climate change and carbon emissions, applied to $2.8 billion in assets.

Gender lens investing and labor were the most prominent social issues in asset-weighted terms, each affecting $2.5 billion.

Within governance criteria, policies on board issues and executive pay each affected $2.6 billion, increasing 98 percent and 183 percent respectively since 2016.
Report on US Sustainable, Responsible and Impact Investing Trends

The US SIF Foundation’s biennial Trends Report provides extensive data on the assets using one or more sustainable investment strategies and examines a broad range of significant ESG issues such as climate change, human rights, weapons avoidance and corporate governance.

This report is the only report of its kind in the United States and is extensively used by other institutions and organizations. To obtain a copy, visit www.ussif.org/trends.

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