

## Environmental, Social and Governance

Communication of Progress 2023

## Doing the right thing is always the right thing to do

Prescient continued full steam ahead on our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) journey in 2023:

We started the year by joining the United Nations Global Compact initiative, publicly declaring our support for the UN's ten universal principles on human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption.



Over the summer, we updated our articles of association to require the company's directors to consider stakeholders beyond just shareholders in their decision making. Although the change was precipitated by our upcoming B Corp application, it aligns with our new mission, which is to harness the power of prescience to unlock the full potential of biopharma innovation, significantly improving lives worldwide. The progress we have made was recognized at the beginning of the fall, when we earned a silver medal from EcoVadis. Our sustainability performance was rated as being in the top 13% of companies in our industry, compared to the top 30% the year before.

In the fall, we also joined the Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi), committing to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions our offices generate by 42% by 2030, compared to our 2022 baseline.

Before the year ended, we submitted our B
 Impact Assessment to B Lab, the first step in our quest to become certified as a B Corp.

Although there is always more to be done to make the world a healthier, more equitable place, I am proud that our accomplishments in 2023 are already making a difference. I invite you to read more about these achievements over the following pages.

Sincerely, Dr. Debasish Talukdar, CEO



"To best serve our clients in their efforts to improve the wellbeing of patients around the world, Prescient's actions enhance the wellbeing of its internal and external stakeholders, the communities in which it operates and the planet as a whole."

Dr. Nick Edwards, Chairman

#### About Prescient Healthcare Group

Prescient<sup>®</sup> is a specialist, strategic partner to global biopharma companies, with the expertise and experience to bring value across the full drug life cycle from preclinical to loss of exclusivity and beyond. We partner with leading global biopharmaceutical companies, fast-growing mid-caps and cutting-edge emerging biotechs to unlock the full potential of their innovation to significantly improve people's lives around the world.

Founded in 2007, we have developed into a highly diverse global business with a footprint on three continents. This diversity is our strength. Our team is spread across thriving global hubs, such as Boston, New Delhi, London, Beijing, Munich and Barcelona, providing truly integrated global perspectives that allow us to see further and go deeper.

We build from a foundation of scientific knowledge and deep insights into molecules, markets and customers. This intersection and application of market, competitor and customer perspectives is where our rigorous strategic thinking thrives.

Prescient has been a portfolio company of Bridgepoint Development Capital since 2021 and Baird Capital since 2017.

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## Our ESG Approach

Prescient is committed to building a longterm, sustainable business that will grow, provide employment and generate economic benefit in an environmentally and socially responsible manner across all the geographies in which we operate.

Responsible leadership requires proper analysis, judgment and mitigation of risk. Prescient aims to always take a responsible approach toward the environment, society and corporate governance. Our ESG program is driven by an ESG committee that regularly reports to our Board of Directors. The diverse membership of the ESG committee includes stakeholders representing:



Our ability to make progress on ESG matters depends on embodying our Prescient values:



We must challenge ourselves to **go beyond** "business as usual" to effect meaningful change



We must **adapt** to a changing world to make our operations sustainable



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We must **collaborate** with each other and external stakeholders to maximize our impact

We must take a **considered** approach to mitigate the potentially negative consequences of any of our action



## **ESG Calendar**

Prescient engages in a variety of ESG-related initiatives over the course of the year.



- Year-end emissions calculations
- Year-end questionnaires
- Purchase of carbon offset
- Annual review process and promotion cycle
- Selection of charities for fundraising and volunteer activities
- Recognition of Black History Month and International Women's Day
- Publication of impact report
- Q3
- Mid-year questionnaires
- EcoVadis assessment
- Annual anti-bribery and anticorruption training
- Mid-year review process and promotion cycle



 CEO recommitment to the UN Global Compact

Annual ethics refresher



#### Commuter survey

- Annual outside interests
   disclosure certification
- ESG goal review
- Recognition of Mental Health
   Week and Movember





### Our ESG Goals

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Area	Goal and Aligned UN SDG Number(s)	Prescient Priorities
	Climate Action (#13, #14)	Monitor and evaluate our emissions footprint with a target of reducing controllable emissions by eliminating unnecessary travel and offsetting emissions
Environmental	Responsible Consumption (#2, #12, #14)	Drive responsible consumption within all of our operations; help build our reputation both internally and externally as an environmentally conscious company
Enviror	Sustainable Cities and Communities (#11)	Help make the cities we work in more breathable, livable and sustainable; help build our reputation both internally and externally as an environmentally conscious company
	Clean Energy (#7)	Work with the landlords of our offices to accelerate the shift to renewable and clean energy suppliers; encourage staff to make a change to renewable energy for residential providers
Social	Fairness and Equal Opportunities (#1, #8, #10)	Create jobs and programs that improve lives in the communities we operate in; foster a culture where employees can enjoy equal opportunities and rewards and can reach their full potential as we grow
	Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (#5, #10)	Foster gender equality and diversity in all its forms, and create an inclusive working environment with a zero-tolerance approach to discrimination of any kind
	Good Health and Wellbeing (#3)	Ensure good health and wellbeing in the workplace; cultivate a workplace where teams feel their mental health is supported
	Continual Learning and Development (#4)	Create a culture of lifelong learning that enables teams to develop their skills and take advantage of career mobility
Governance	Highest Ethical and Governance Standards (#16)	Instill transparency and strong ethics in governance; clearly demonstrate a company stance against corruption and unethical behavior, and work in compliance with all relevant regulatory bodies
	Data Rights and Information Security (#16)	Treat employee, candidate and client data with respect to ensure that data privacy and security are maintained at all times; develop systems and controls to earn internal and external data subjects' confidence



# 01.

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## ESG Goals: Environmental Impact (1/3)

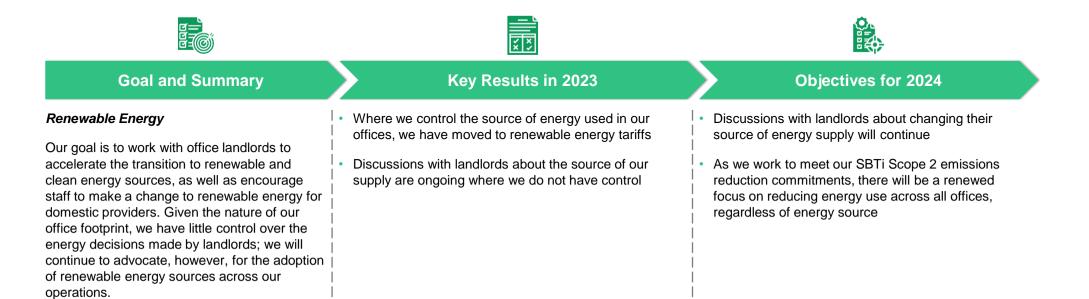
The depletion of natural resources and the threat of climate change have raised concerns about the environment and the potential financial impact on businesses. While the nature of our business is such that we do not create significant environmental damage, we understand that we nonetheless have a responsibility to minimize the impact that we do have on the environment.

Goal and Summary	Key Results in 2023	Objectives for 2024	
<b>Climate Action</b> Using the calculation methodology we adopted in 2022, we continued to monitor our emissions on a quarterly basis during 2023. As the world opened up again in the aftermath of the pandemic, we saw an increase in business travel compared to 2022. In part to control the increase in emissions, a ban was placed on internal non-essential, non-project travel for several months in 2023.	<ul> <li>We increased our environmental score on EcoVadis' sustainability scorecard by 10 points relative to 2022</li> <li>We offset the 667 tCO2e emissions we produced in 2022 by purchasing a carbon credit that supports a wind power project in India</li> <li>We updated our travel expense policy to include environmental impact as a factor for how and whether employees decide to travel for Prescient</li> <li>We supplemented our Code of Conduct with a code directed to our suppliers, setting expectations for our partners to control their emissions</li> <li>We committed to a near-term emissions reduction target through the Science-Based Target Initiative (SBTi)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>We will offset our 2023 emissions</li> <li>Guided by two years of emissions data, we will devise a plan to reduce emissions that are within our control</li> <li>Through the SBTi, we will aim to reduce our Scope 2 emissions by 42% relative to 2022</li> <li>We will mobilize our local Health, Safety and Environment Representatives to drive progress</li> <li>We will continue to develop the scope and relevance of our emissions reporting and will, at the appropriate time, commit to third-party verification of the data reported</li> </ul>	

## ESG Goals: Environmental Impact (2/3)



## ESG Goals: Environmental Impact (3/3)





- · Scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas emissions
- Energy consumption
- kWh of energy consumed from renewable sources
- Percentage of energy consumed from renewable sources

#### Environmental KPIs: Greenhouse Gas Emissions



	2022	2023	% Change		
Scope 1 emissions (fleet)	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Scope 2** emissions (offices)	77,588 CO2e kg	84,040 CO2e kg	8%		
Scope 3* emissions (business travel)					
Flights	493,496 CO2e kg from 4,798.149 km flown	656,644 CO2e kg from 6,628,894 km flown	33% CO2e kg; 38% km		
Land travel	2,184 CO2e kg	4,413 CO2e kg	102%		
Hotels	49,853 CO2e kg from 3,087 nights	58,987 CO2e kg from 3,657 nights	18%		
Commuting	44,152 CO2e kg	57,321 CO2e kg	30%		

\* Our Scope 3 emissions are tied to business travel, and most of our business travel is related to covering medical congress and leading workshops. In 2022, the world was still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, and virtual events were common. As Prescient's business grew and more events were held in person, our travelrelated emissions increased year on year. The 29% increase in emissions exceeded Prescient's 9% year-on-year increase in revenue, as the rate of increase in client demand for travel ran ahead of the rate of business growth.

\*\* Our Scope 2 emissions increased as well, as we opened new offices in Spain and Germany.

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## 02.

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#### ESG Goals: Social Impact (1/5)



We recognize that our ability to excel depends on the integrity, knowledge, imagination, skill, diversity and wellbeing of our employees. The social factor in the ESG equation evaluates a company's diversity, equality and inclusion policies, as well as the impact of these considerations on the company's employees, local communities and society overall.

After Strategic North joined the Prescient family in 2022, the work of bringing the two companies together continued in 2023. The People Team concentrated its efforts on defining our newly integrated structure, ensuring the fair administration of employee benefits, consolidating the company's career architecture and implementing a new human resources information management system (HRIS).





#### ESG Goals: Social Impact (2/5)





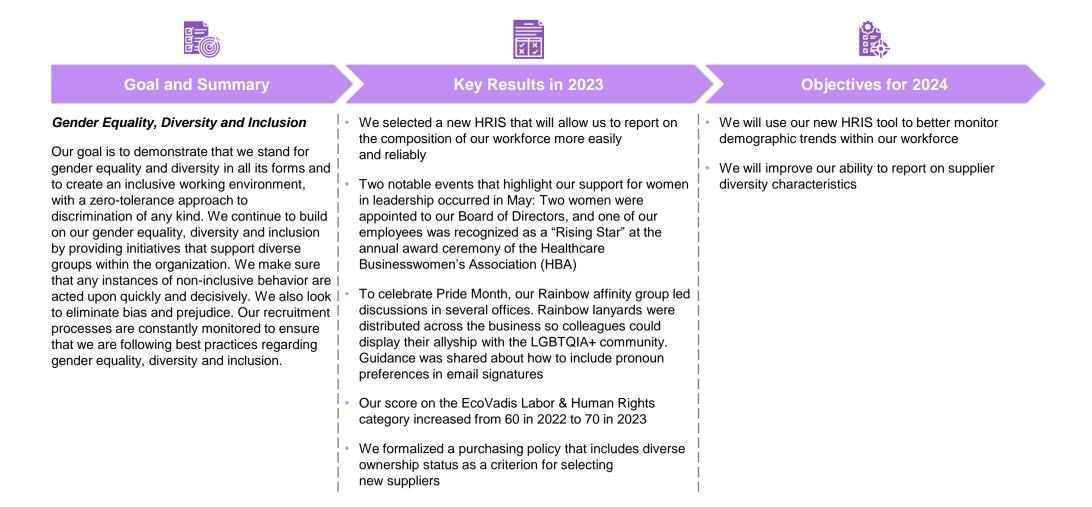
#### **Objectives for 2024**

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access to opportunities, too.

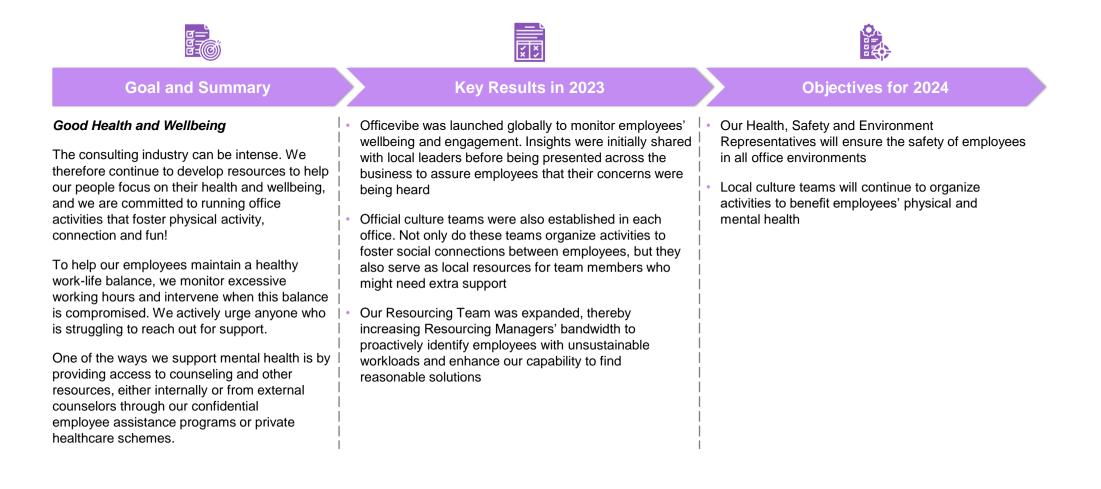
#### ESG Goals: Social Impact (3/5)





#### ESG Goals: Social Impact (4/5)





### ESG Goals: Social Impact (5/5)





#### Social KPIs

- Percentage of employees that own equity in the company
- Amount donated to charity
- Charitable donations as a percentage of our revenue
- Percentage of employees who are women
- · Percentage of women in leadership positions

- · Reportable health and safety incidents
- Officevibe wellness results
- Learning and development hours per employee: Developing and delivering learning and development content
- Learning and development hours per employee: Completing learning and development activities

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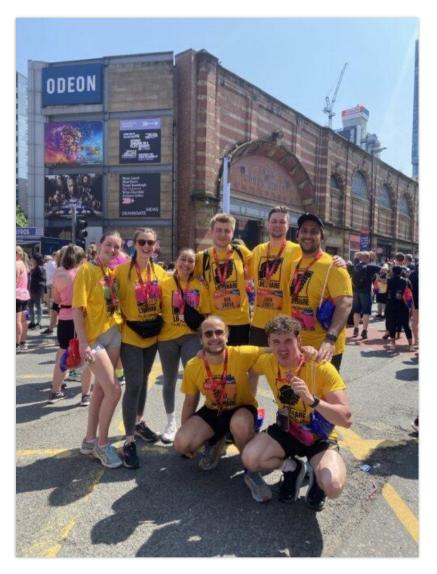
## Social KPIs (1/2)



**External Impact** 

Charitable donations made in 2023:

Charity	Amount (£)
Movember	957
UNICEF Syria and Turkey Earthquake Appeal	2,500
Pride fundraiser	403
World Central Kitchen	403
American Friends of Magen David Adom	403
Save the Children	403
TOTAL	5,069



## Social KPIs (2/2)



#### **Internal Impact**

Accidents: 0

Officevibe wellness results (global composite for year): 6.2 (out of 10)

Employee hours spent on developing and delivering learning content: 4,898.75

Employee hours spent on completing learning activities: 8,422.50

Among employees who spent time on completing learning activities in 2023, the average amount of time spent was: 3 days





## 03.

Environmental Social Governance

## ESG Goals: Governance Impact (1/3)



Through our unwavering commitment to the highest ethical standards, we earn the trust and confidence of our clients and other stakeholders.



#### Goal and Summary

Highest Ethical and Governance Standards

At Prescient, we demand transparency and strong ethics in governance. We strive to clearly demonstrate our company's stance against corruption and unethical behavior, as well as work in compliance with all relevant regulatory bodies. 

#### Key Results in 2023

- For the first time, we delivered the annual ethics refresher to all employees through our web-based Academy, which allowed for more consistent delivery, increased engagement through interactive activities and enhanced reporting capabilities
- The Academy was also used to deploy two new training modules that are now required for all employees: One on bribery and corruption, and another on speaking up
- We launched our standalone External Conflicts of Interest Policy in late 2022. Since then, all newly hired employees have been required, upon receipt of a job offer and again upon hiring, to disclose situations that could create conflicts of interest for Prescient or its clients. After their initial disclosure, all employees must certify annually that any new situations or changes in previous relationships are communicated to Prescient's Compliance Department
- In Q4 2023, we conducted a fraud risk assessment to review the controls we have in place to prevent, detect and address fraud



#### **Objectives for 2024**

- The fraud risk assessment will become an annual exercise
- We will implement an anonymous whistleblower reporting service that will be available to employees and all other stakeholders

## ESG Goals: Governance Impact (2/3)





#### **Goal and Summary**

#### Data Rights and Information Security

Prescient takes its legal, professional and ethical obligations to protect confidential information, personal data and sensitive personal data very seriously.

Prescient has implemented comprehensive organizational, technical and administrative security measures conforming to the ISO 27001 framework and pursuant to applicable data protection regulations, including the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the UK's Data Protection Act of 2018 and the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA) as amended by the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA), to protect any data we hold, transmit, store or otherwise process from accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, unauthorized disclosure or access, to ensure the ongoing confidentiality, integrity and availability of information assets.



#### Key Results in 2023

During 2023, no material security incidents or reportable data breaches occurred. We appointed a dedicated Director of Information Security and a new Data Protection Officer who work in tandem to ensure our systems comply with regulatory requirements and our contractual obligations to clients. These standards extend to our providers as well and are outlined in our Supplier Code of Conduct. Suppliers are now subject to an enhanced due diligence process in accordance with the Purchasing Policy we finalized in 2023.

Artificial intelligence (AI) has become an increasingly hot topic. Our Director of Information Security and our Data Protection Officer have been indispensable assets as we evaluate what impact AI will have on our business and how we can use it responsibly.

- We took several measures to improve our security infrastructure, including:
- Deployment of Qualys Vulnerability Management Detection and Response Agents for proactive patch management and mitigation of risks
- Deployment of SentinelOne Complete for endpoint detection and response to protect against various cyber security threats, including malware, ransomware and other advanced persistent threats
- Deployment of Zscaler Internet Access, providing best-in-class cyber threat protection, data protection and access control by encrypting internet connectivity regardless of location
- Decommissioning of obsolete computer hardware
- · Implementation of a new mobile application security vulnerability tool

As a result of these measures, we scored highly on a third-party security assessment conducted by Kroll.

**Objectives for 2024** 

We will continue to progress on our journey toward ISO 27001 certification by establishing an information security steering committee, testing our incident response and business continuity plans, implementing a security information and event management tool, and performing detailed risk assessments

### **ESG Goals: Governance Impact (3/3)**





- Training completion rates
- Whistleblower reports
- Cyber Essentials Plus certification
- First-stage ISO 27001 audit

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