

## **Gresham House leads the way in sustainability and natural capital in 2024 report**

London, May 8, 2024: Gresham House, the specialist alternative asset manager, today announced its latest Sustainable Investment Report, supporting its leading position in sustainable investment amidst global demand for assets that combine financial returns with environmental and societal impact.

Gresham House increased its assets under management to £8.5 billion in 2023, up £0.7bn (8%) on 2022, consisting of £5.0bn in sustainable assets, £2.2bn in responsible investment and £1.3bn of impact investments.

### **Natural capital leadership:**

Gresham House is the ninth largest natural capital asset manager globally, the largest commercial forestry manager in the UK, and seventh largest in the world (by value), managing over 193,000 hectares of forests. In 2023, it planted 6.4 million trees, contributing to an estimated 1.9 million tonnes of CO2 sequestration annually, showcasing a multifaceted approach to environmental stewardship.

This was complemented by investment in 'Habitat Banks' created by Environment Bank Limited (EBL) which led to 469 hectares of nature recovery in 2023. In February 2024, Gresham House launched a new biodiversity strategy to protect and restore nature while looking to deliver robust financial returns for investors. EBL aims to create approximately 8,000 hectares of Habitat Banks by 2026, potentially increasing UK species diversity by 20 times.

### **Renewable energy and battery storage**

Capacity in battery energy storage continued to grow in 2023, increasing from 550MW to 690MW, avoiding 680,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions, and supporting the UK's energy transition. Gresham House managed renewable energy assets also generated 418GWh, enough to power 130,000 homes.

### **Housing and infrastructure:**

Gresham House's UK Housing strategy generated impact across multiple areas, including the development of 126 new homes in 2023, focused on affordability, customer service, and community regeneration, with 41% of the portfolio receiving an EPC rating B or above, driving energy efficiency.

In addition to sustainable infrastructure investments in Habitat Banks and vertical farming that minimises the environmental impact of agriculture, Gresham House supported full-fibre broadband for 168,475 premises and 2,832 nursery places, demonstrating a holistic approach to sustainability.

Gresham House plans to further increase its sustainable infrastructure offering with new strategies focused on climate-related opportunities, to enhance ESG data for informed decision-making, and to launch its first Article 9-compliant fund under EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.

### **Commenting on the report, Tony Dalwood, Chief Executive of Gresham House, said:**

"We are proud to see continued growth in our sustainable investment portfolio. Our strategies reflect not only financial returns for our investors but also meaningful contributions to society and the environment. We look forward to expanding our capabilities in 2024 and 2025, driving both financial and sustainable outcomes."

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## **About Gresham House**

Gresham House is a specialist alternative asset management group, dedicated to sustainable investments across a range of strategies, with expertise across forestry, housing, sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy and battery storage, public and private equity.

Our origins stretch back to 1857, while our focus is on the future and the long term. We actively manage £8.5 billion of assets on behalf of institutions, family offices, charities and endowments, private individuals, and their advisers. We act responsibly within a culture of empowerment that encourages individual flair and entrepreneurial thinking.

As a signatory to the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment, we are committed to operating responsibly and sustainably. We believe taking the long view in delivering sustainable investment solutions will continue to be a growing factor in the strength of our market positioning.

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