

# Galaxy ESG Snapshot

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# About Galaxy

Galaxy (TSX: GLXY) is a digital asset and blockchain leader providing access to the growing digital economy. We serve a diversified client base, including institutions, startups, and qualified individuals. Since 2018, Galaxy has been building a holistic financial platform spanning three complementary operating businesses: Global Markets, Asset Management, and Digital Infrastructure Solutions. Our offerings include, amongst others, trading, lending, strategic advisory services, institutional-grade investment solutions, proprietary bitcoin mining and hosting services, network validator services, and the development of enterprise custodial technology. The company is headquartered in New York City, with offices across North America, Europe, and Asia.

#### **Operating Businesses**



#### **Global Markets**

Trading · Lending · Derivatives · Advisory



**Asset Management** 

Passive · Active · Venture Strategies

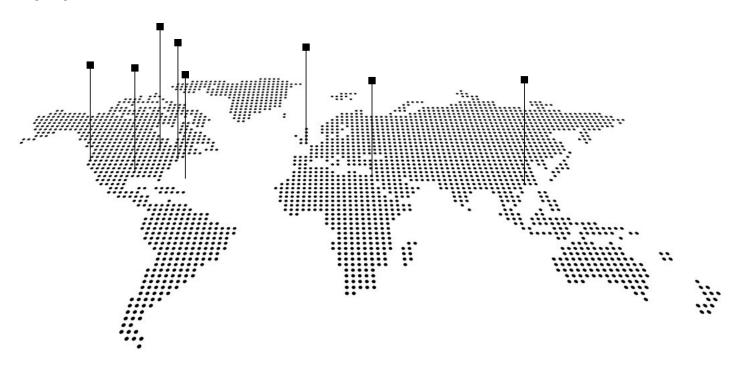


#### **Digital Infrastructure Solutions**

Mining · Validator Services · Custodial Technology

#### Locations

The Company is headquartered in New York City, with offices in Dickens County (Texas), Chicago, San Francisco, Tel Aviv, London, Hong Kong, and the Bahamas.



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### **Our ESG Strategy**

Galaxy is a young company in hyper-growth mode, operating at the forefront of the rapidly maturing digital asset ecosystem. As a leader in the space, Galaxy is committed to developing this new frontier in a sustainable manner that prioritizes the issues that matter most to our business and stakeholders.

Our ESG program focuses on the following three key tenets:

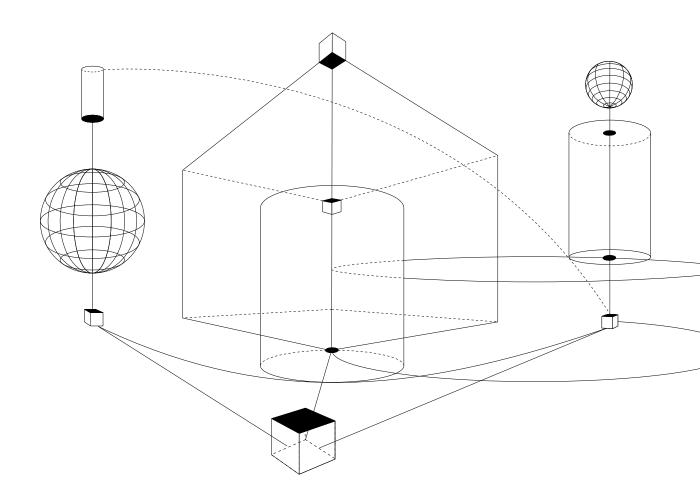
#### Environmental

Managing and improving our environmental and carbon footprint by integrating sustainable practices and increasing the use of sustainable energy across our operations. Social

Investing in our people by fostering a diverse, equitable and inclusive culture and ensuring our employees are inspired by our mission.

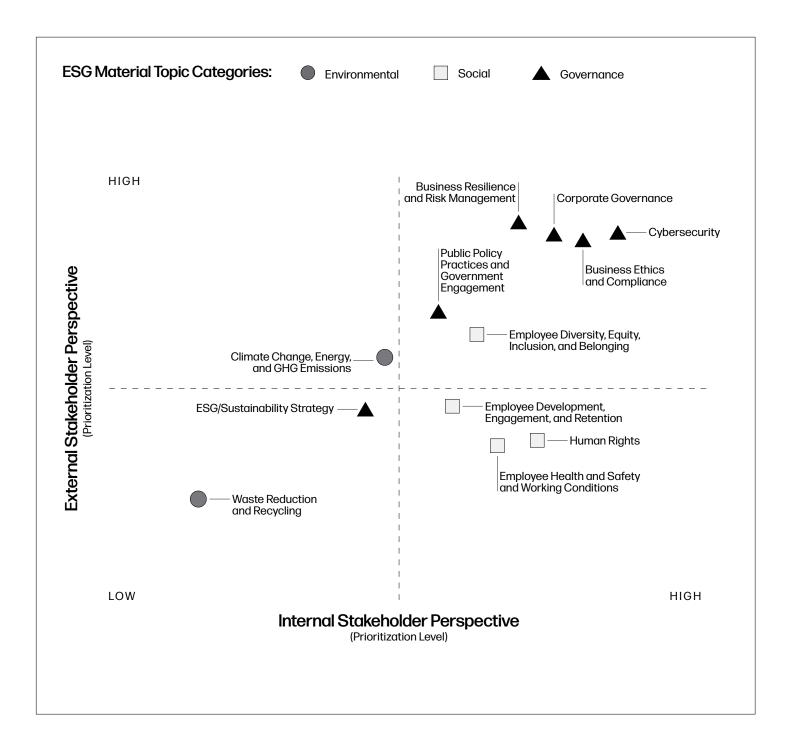


Establishing strong corporate governance to maintain a culture of integrity, all while creating value for all our stakeholders.



# **ESG Materiality Assessment**

On a biennial basis, Galaxy conducts an ESG materiality assessment to deepen our understanding of the ESG-related topics that matter most to our stakeholders. Our last materiality assessment was conducted in 2021, and included the steps as listed on the right. The results of the ESG materiality assessment help shape our ESG program strategy, prioritize our focus, and ensure that our reporting is aligned with addressing the ESG issues of greatest importance to our stakeholders.



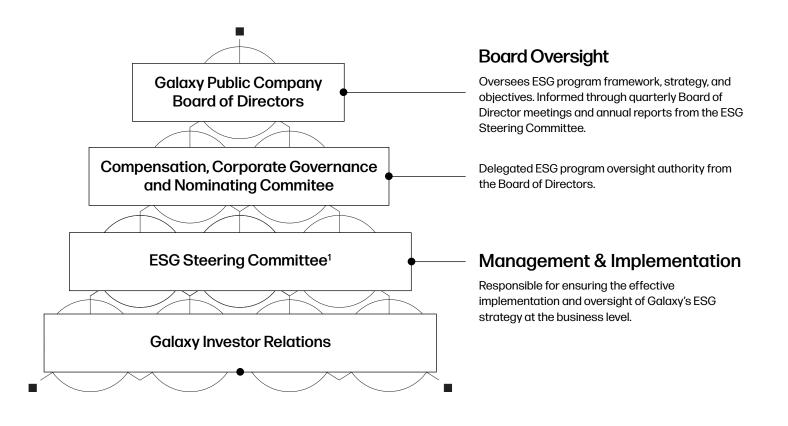
### Governance

#### **Corporate Governance**

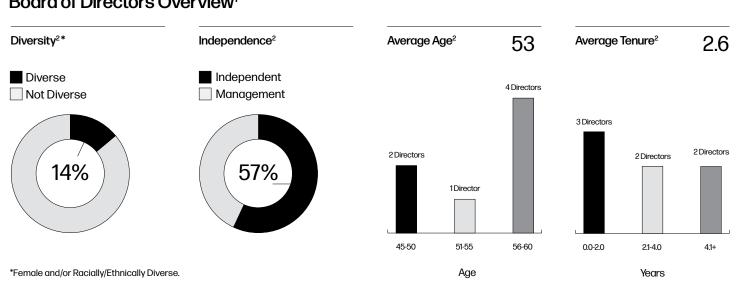
Our Board of Directors is actively engaged in the oversight of Galaxy's ESG program. Our Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating (CGN) Committee oversees Galaxy's ESG framework, strategy, and objectives and, along with the broader Board, is informed on key ESG-program initiatives and updates through Board meetings and annual reports from the ESG Steering Committee.

Our ESG Steering Committee is comprised of senior executives across business lines and regions and is charged with ensuring the effective implementation and oversight of the Company's ESG strategy at the business level.

Our ESG strategy is developed and executed by Galaxy's Investor Relations team, who regularly meet to review and evolve the Company's ESG strategy for the benefit of all our stakeholders.



[1] Chair: Global Head of Asset Management | Membership: Director, Office of the CEO, Chief Marketing Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Chief People Officer, Chief Security Officer, Galaxy Investor Relations, Galaxy Mining.



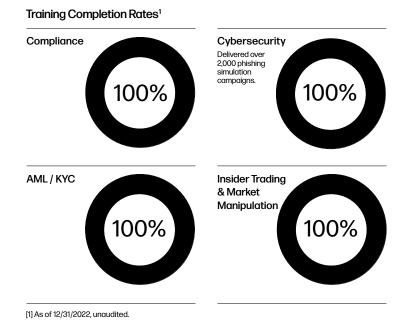
[1] Directors of Galaxy Digital Holdings Ltd., the Public Company. Galaxy Digital Holdings GP LLC, our Operating Company, has two additional board members: Chris Ferraro and Rhonda Adams Medina. [2] As of 10/11/2023, unaudited.

#### **Risk Management & Cybersecurity**

We deliver a wide breadth of services and solutions, including a sophisticated digital assets financial platform - with a strong focus on compliance and risk management.

Our exacting standards help even the most judicious businesses gain exposure to digital assets. Managing and mitigating risk in a constantly evolving environment is fundamental to our ability to run our business and serve our clients.

We approach risk management as an essential business process integrated throughout our business lines and corporate functions. We believe risk management is the responsibility of everyone at Galaxy.

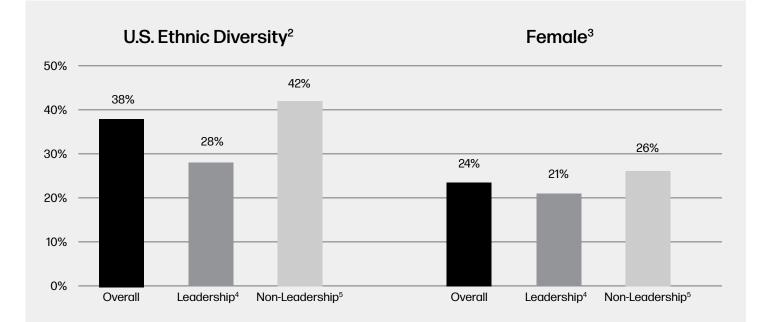


#### Board of Directors Overview<sup>1</sup>

### Social

We are a dynamic team united by our passion for empowering investors and creators to drive positive change in the global economy. Our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) is deeply ingrained in our corporate ethos, reflecting our core principles, culture, and business philosophy. Oversight of our DEI strategy lies with our Board of Directors and the ESG Steering Committee.

Our DEI strategy embraces a comprehensive approach that encompasses both top-down and bottom-up initiatives. We acknowledge that diversity is not merely a social responsibility but also a strategic imperative, essential for achieving our goals and delivering value to all stakeholders. Diverse perspectives not only safeguard against groupthink but also unlock the full spectrum of talent, fortifying our problem-solving capabilities, organizational resilience, and innovation potential. This holistic framework provides a clear and strategic direction for our ongoing DEI endeavors.



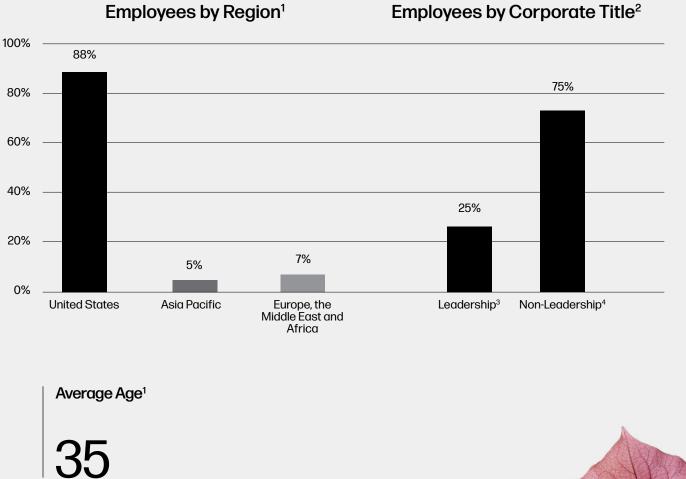
#### Employee Gender and Ethnic Diversity<sup>1</sup>

[1] As of 12/31/2022, includes Helios (41 employees), unaudited.

[2] Diversity metrics include U.S. based employees who identify as Asian, Black, LatinX and Two or More Races. 22 employees prefer not to disclose ethnicity.
[3] Four employees prefer not to disclose gender.

[4] Leadership metrics include employees who are Managing Directors and Directors.

[5] Non-Leadership metrics includes all employee levels except Managing Directors and Directors.



#### Total Number of Employees<sup>1</sup>

390

[1] As of 12/31/2022, includes Helios (41 employees), unaudited.

[2] As of 12/31/2022, excludes executive assistants, unaudited. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

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### Environmental

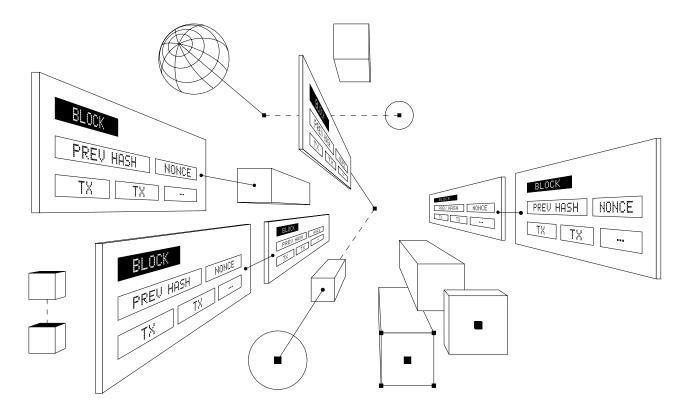
#### **Bitcoin Mining**

Galaxy launched its Mining business in 2021, with a focus on providing financial services to Bitcoin miners including trade and risk management solutions, asset-backed lending, equity investments, and M&A advisory services. Over the past two years, the business has grown in scale and capabilities, notably following our acquisition of the Helios Bitcoin mining facility in December 2022. The acquisition significantly increased our proprietary and hosting Bitcoin mining operations and shifted the geographic location and sustainable energy mix of our mining activities. Importantly, the Helios facility is located in West Texas, where there is high marginal wind production and solar farms are currently being built. While these are multi-year projects, we are encouraged by the production of new renewable energy sources in the region, which offer Galaxy a path to increase its sustainable energy mix.<sup>1</sup>

Galaxy is a founding member of the **<u>Bitcoin Mining Council</u>** (BMC), a voluntary and open forum of Bitcoin miners committed to the network and its core principles. The BMC promotes transparency, shares best practices, and educates the public on the benefits of Bitcoin and Bitcoin mining. The BMC believes that transparency around energy usage for mining is important and agree to voluntarily share their energy mix and total hashrate for research and educational purposes.

Galaxy Mining remains committed to achieving its long-term goal of expanding its use of sustainable energy<sup>2</sup>, which we believe will help drive down our marginal cost of production, while also indirectly helping decarbonize our Scope 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Galaxy formed a dedicated Environmental Sub-Committee of our ESG Steering Committee to help the Company manage our environmental sustainability strategy and execute on our commitment to expand our use of sustainable energy. The Environmental Sub-Committee maintains representation from Galaxy's Mining, Investor Relations, and Global Markets teams.



[1] "Sustainable Energy Mix" is defined by the BMC as energy sourced from hydro, wind, solar, nuclear and geothermal energy sources.

[2] The BMCs "Sustainable Energy" definition is based on the principles brought forward by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Net Zero by 2050 Report.

The definition was updated in the fourth quarter 2022 to exclude carbon-based energy with net carbon credits.

For more information, reference Galaxy Annual ESG Report 2022 - Environmental Section, Page 42-46.

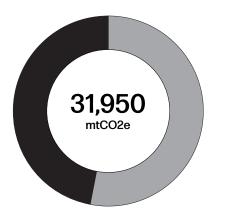
#### Galaxy's Carbon Footprint

In 2022, we again engaged Apex Group to conduct Galaxy's greenhouse gas (GHG) assessment covering Scope, 1, 2, and 3 emissions. Apex Group follows the GHG Protocol methodology for calculating emissions and uses nationally recognized emissions factors, published by regulated authorities, to ensure the robustness of calculations.

Galaxy's Scope 1, 2, and 3 GHG emissions were approximately 31,950 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (mtCO2e).

#### **Galaxy Carbon Footprint Assessment**

#### Total Carbon Footprint<sup>1</sup>



Transmission & Distribution Network Loss:	0%
Waste Generation:	0%
Purchased Goods & Services: (includes Hardware, Servers, Software, Victuals, and Machinery & Electrical Infrastructure associated with the Helios Mining acquisition)	51%
Employee Commute & Work From Home: (includes Electricity & Fuel Consumption)	0%
Business Travel: (includes Commercial & Private Air Travel, Car Rental & Ride Share, Hotel)	2%
Electricity Consumption <sup>2</sup> : (includes BTC Mining Electricity Consumption and Electricity Consumption across Galaxy's Offices)	47%
Scope 1 <sup>3</sup> 0 n	ntCO2e
Scope 2 <sup>4</sup> 15,042.40 n	ntCO2e
Scope 3 5 16,907.40 n	ntCO2e
Emissions Intensity 81.9 mtCO2e/Em	ployee <sup>6</sup>

[1] As of 12/31/2022. Some estimations were used to cover electricity consumption of coworking spaces outside of the United States. Financed emissions and water consumption were not covered in this assessment.

[2] Derived from Galaxy's Bitcoin mining energy mix across our onshore third-party facility operator, as provided. As of 12/31/2022, unaudited.

[3] Scope 1: Direct emissions from owned or controlled sources.

[4] Scope 2: Indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy.

[5] Scope 3: All other indirect emissions sources including supply chain spend, employee commute, work from home and business travel.

[6] Emissions Intensity/Employee = total carbon footprint/total number of employees.



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