

AIMING FOR NET ZERO: MANAGING RISK AND CREATING OPPORTUNITY

The transition to a climate-safe world has already begun. As progressive businesses committed to a sustainable, thriving economy, we want to accelerate this transition in Scotland, the UK and globally.

We are already shifting our practices, supply chains and even business models to be fit for the future. We want to build resilience and reduce risks.

Businesses like ours need the right enabling frameworks and clear direction from governments to support low carbon investment and innovation to end our contribution to climate change once and for all. Scotland, with its proud tradition of innovation, a wealth of natural resources and a track record on climate change, has an opportunity to rise to this challenge and provide the necessary leadership.

The Paris Agreement is a landmark for international action on climate change. It commits nations to limit global temperature rise to well below 2°C, with efforts to limit this to 1.5 °C. This means all nations must aim for net zero emissions around mid-century. Advanced economies like Scotland must do this by 2050 at the latest.

We hope the Scottish Parliament seizes the chance to renew its position as a climate leader in the Climate Change Bill and look forward to working with government, businesses and people in Scotland to build a climate-safe future for all.

