



HOW THE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND EMBRACES RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

Responsible investment has become increasingly important to our business, as we work towards becoming Net Zero by 2050. The relaunched Global Equity Fund is now managed by three new fund managers, each of which take into account environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors when making investment decisions. This new structure aims to lower the carbon footprint, while still allowing managers to invest in a diverse set of companies.

GLOBAL EQUITY FUND FEATURES (AS AT 16 JANUARY 2022)

A+

PRI RATING

A+ average rating of the Strategy & Governance module, awarded by the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment.



- 63%

LOWER CARBON INTENSITY

63% less carbon intensive than the MSCI All Country World Index.

Fund structure



-  MAN Numeric (33.3%)
-  Los Angeles Capital (33.3%)
-  State Street Global Advisors (33.3%)

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MEET THE FUND MANAGERS



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Each manager looks after a third of the Global Equity fund. Here are some of the ways they consider ESG factors in their investment decisions.

LOS ANGELES CAPITAL

- Los Angeles Capital considers ESG when making investment decisions and calculating expected returns. In particular, it emphasises ESG issues most likely have an impact on financial performance.
- The manager works with its companies to improve their consideration towards ESG factors and long-term value creation through proxy voting and collaborative engagement.

Investing in electric infrastructure

LA Capital has investments in a Swiss capital goods company which specialises in green technologies, such as electrification, automation and robotics. It is a major player in developing electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

As an increasing proportion of cars sold become electric, there is an opportunity to invest in the infrastructure that will be required to go alongside them.

MAN NUMERIC

- Man Numeric considers 15 principle-based ESG topics – for example resource usage and employee diversity – when investing and monitoring.
- It monitors its companies for situations where they could better manage any ESG risks, and works with them to improve their consideration towards ESG factors and long-term value creation.

Investing in the future economy

One of Man's investments is into a German industrial manufacturing conglomerate that has committed to going carbon neutral by 2030. 17% of its revenue comes from 'clean' technologies, and the company has invested heavily into clean technology research.

This company has a focus on sectors which will form the backbone of tomorrow's economy, including infrastructure, transport and healthcare.

STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS

- State Street uses their in-house system to measure the performance of a company across all ESG factors. It uses this score to tilt its investments toward companies with better ESG characteristics. Carbon emissions are considered within this wider process.
- It has dedicated ESG and Asset Stewardship teams, who devote their time to these matters.

Investing in the water supply

State Street invests a higher percentage of its funds into companies with ambitious targets and low carbon intensity compared to competitors in its sector.

For example, one US water company that does this saves over 3.5 billion gallons of water every year through efficiency measures. As well as helping the planet, this also has a positive effect on the company's bottom line.

Responsible Investing is just one element these managers will consider when making investment decisions. To understand this fund in a wider context, please see the fund factsheet, or speak to your St. James's Place Partner.

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