

Wealth & Investment

## Investec Global Sustainable Equity Fund\*

\* The USD version of this fund is the **Investec Global Sustainable Equity Fund** and the rand version of this fund is the **Investec BCI Global Sustainable Equity Fund (ZAR)**. Refer to page 9 for more information.



At Investec our vision is to grow and preserve our clients' long-term wealth by allocating capital that not only achieves desired financial outcomes, but also ensures that future generations inherit a world they can be proud of.



# What does sustainability mean?

In 1987, the United Nations defined sustainability as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

At Investec, sustainability is fundamental to our investment approach. Our global investment process is designed to identify companies with strong business fundamentals, management teams who are adept at allocating their resources and is underpinned by analysing how these teams respond to ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) opportunities and challenges.

## The Fund's\* mission

The Fund\* seeks to capture the returns of businesses that are making a net positive impact towards the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The SDGs provide a globally accepted framework through which businesses can align their strategic goals with ESG considerations. The 17 SDGs are underpinned by 169 individual targets, which have been

encoded into governmental action plans. They represent observable and tangible opportunities for companies to offer solutions and services to help achieve them.

Through the Fund\*, investors are able to invest in companies that we believe can provide attractive investment returns over the long-term, through the lens of the SDG framework.



# Independently verified, sustainable impact

By investing in this Fund\*







You are investing in building the future you want to see.

You are participating in the growth of companies that are committed to protect resources for the next generation. Your capital will help mobilise global sustainable development.

# The Fund\* aims to identify investments with the following characteristics:

Companies that are making a net positive impact towards the achievement of the SDGs.

High quality, well managed global companies that have strong or improving ESG risk ratings. Businesses that incorporate sustainability into their decision making, thereby helping to deliver high returns on capital and long term profitable growth for the next generation.



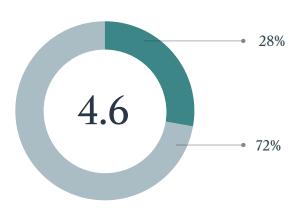
"We act to create financial value that also delivers social value in a sustainable and inclusive way"

### Independent verification of the Fund\*

- 100% NET POSITIVE IMPACT

Overall average SDG impact rating and segment percent by weight

### **PORTFOLIO**



- Signifcant Positive Impact (5.1 to 10)
- Limited Positive Impact (0.2 to 5.0)
- No Net Impact (-0.1 to 0.1)

The Fund\* impact is calculated using the ISS SDG Impact methodology. The scores of individual companies are assessed by ISS considering positive and negative contributions of revenue, operations and controversies towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Scores range from -10 (significant negative impact) to +10 (significant positive impact).

### **BENCHMARK**



- Limited Negative Impact (-5.0 to -0.2)
- Significant Negative Impact (-10 to -5.1)
- Not Collected

This data is aggregated to provide an overall score for the fund of +4.6.

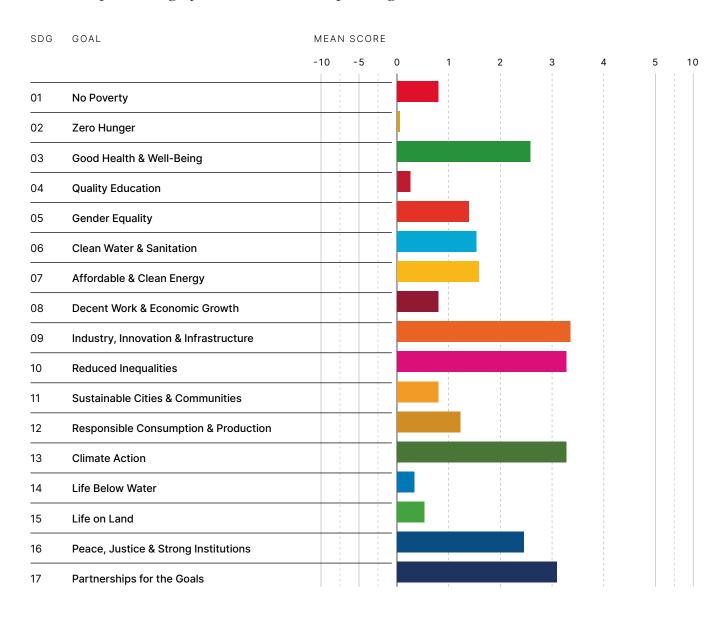
The benchmark (MSCI World) is calculated for reference and has an overall score of 0.8.

The Fund\* has no holdings in companies which have a limited negative or significant negative impact.

### Positive SDG impact - percentage by weight



### Fund\* impact rating by sustainable development goal



### Examples of investment impacts on specific SDGs

INVESTMENT	INDUSTRY	SDG IMPACT RATING	HIGHEST POSITIVE SDG IMPACT	
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	Health Care	7.8	SDG 10:	Reduced inequalities
DSM	Materials	8.8	SDG 13:	Climate Action
Vestas.	Machinery	5.0	SDG 7:	Affordable & Clean Energy
MIKE	Consumer Discretionary	4.9	SDG 12:	Responsible Consumption and Production
? Pearson	Communication Services	10	SDG 4:	Quality Education

### "The distance between sustainability and return is closer than you think"

CLASS OF 2030 CAMPAIGN



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Our Global Investment Strategy Group assesses the macroeconomic outlook to determine our preference for various asset classes and geographies.

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RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Our global research analysts determine what they consider to be the best-in-class companies, with an emphasis on sustainable return on capital and strong ESG characteristics.



We review our universe of research-recommended companies to determine which are making a positive impact towards achieving the 17 UN SDGs.

PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

A diversified portfolio of equities and funds is constructed, that expresses high levels of conviction and incorporates key W&I strategy recommendations.

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The portfolio is constantly monitored to ensure holdings continue to meet the investment criteria.

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We are active owners who engage and vote in line with best corporate governance practice.

Your investments will make a meaningful difference in achieving a more sustainable future.



### Fund\* facts

Asset class	Global Equity (collective investment scheme)			
Investment vehicle	Investec Global Sustainable Equity Fund Investec W&I International PCC Limited (Guernsey). The Fund is FSCA approved	Investec BCI Global Sustainable Equity Fund (ZAR)  Boutique Collective Investment (RF) (Pty) Limited. Investec Investment Management (Pty) Ltd is the appointed Investment Manager. The Fund is FSCA approved		
Investment style	Quality growth			
Return objective	Capital growth over the long term by identifying investments with strong sustainable and ESG characteristics			
Conviction	High (concentrated, 30 to 50 holdings)			
Investment universe	Listed global securities including equities, exchange traded funds and other regulated collective investment schemes.			
Benchmark	MSCI World Index Net Total Return	MSCI World Index Net Total Return (ZAR)		
Base currency	US Dollar	SA Rand		
Minimum investment	Class A: US\$ 10 000 Class B: US\$ 3,000,000	Class A: R100 000 Class B: R25 000 000 Class H (TFSA): R10 000		
Management fee	Class A: 1.25% Class B: 0.80%	Class A: 1.25% (excl VAT) Class B: 0.80% (excl VAT) Class H (TFSA): 1.00% (excl VAT)		
Trading terms	Daily, with one business days' notice for redemptions.			
Distributions	No distributions have been made			
Fund inception date	30 November 2020	29 October 2021		

# "Sustainability is no longer about doing less harm. It's about doing more good"

### Investec's sustainability journey

Pre 2002	Investec focuses on education and entrepreneurship in its Corporate Social Investments (CSI) and philanthropy endeavours	
2002	Published our first sustainability report	
2003	Investec becomes SA's largest black-empowered banking institution	
2004	Investec becomes a constituent of the JSE Socially Responsible Investment Index	
2006	Investec becomes a constituent of the Dow Jones Sustainability Investment Index	
2009	Submit first CDP response	
2010	Management dialogue the various perceived risks and opportunities relating to climate change	
2012	Johannesburg Stock Exchange Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) Index FTSE4 Good Index	
2013	CDP Gold recognition status for a score of A-Inclusion in CDP Leadership Index (Top 11 in South Africa across all sectors)	
2014	Active member for the UN Global Compact	
2015	One of the five companies in South Africa and 113 companies globally to make the CDP 2015 Climate A List	
2018	Committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and created a group SDG framework  Achieved Level-1 BBBEE status	
2019	CEO, Fani Titi joined the UN Global Investors for Sustainable Development (GISD)  Public support for the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)  (1st Bank in South Africa and 8th Bank in the UK)	
	Ruth Leas appointed CEO of Investec Bank plc making her one of only 2% of female bank chiefs worldwide	
2020	Carbon neutral status Public fossil fuel policy	
	Published first standalone TCFD report  1 of 8 banks to sign up to Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) UK and the 2nd bank to sign up to PCAF SA	
	Signed up to United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) and the Principles for responsible banking (PRB), and the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI)	
	Climate resolution passed at the AGM with >95% vote	
	Signed up to World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA)	

### The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

The 17 SDGs, which are intended to be achieved by 2030, are an evolution of the Millennium Development Goals and provide a roadmap to the future we need to build. They offer a solid framework for us to assess, align and prioritise activities across all sectors of government, business,

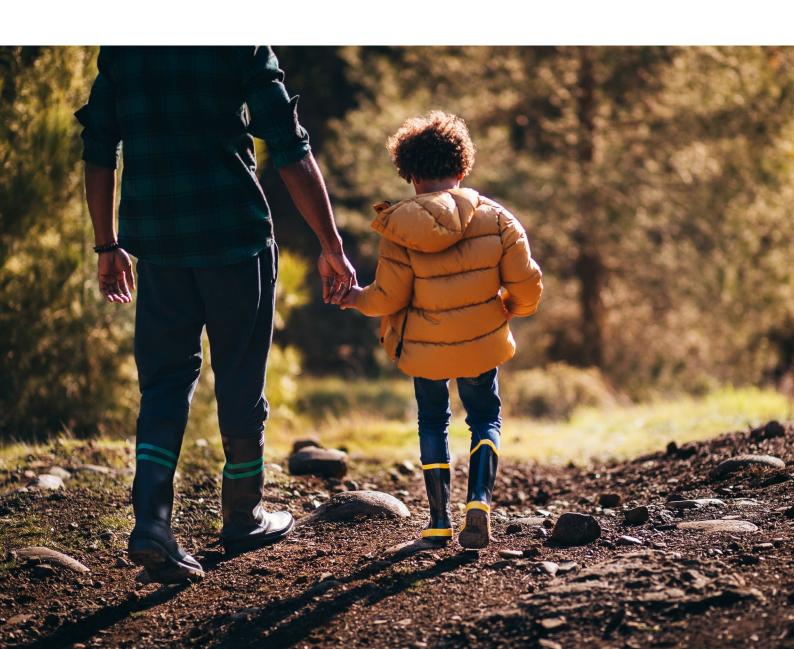
and civil society. The private sector, and in particular, the financial sector, has a pivotal role to play in their achievement through mobilising and enabling capital investment towards companies whose activities are aligned to SDG targets.

At Investec we have prioritised our

goals to be globally aligned yet locally relevant to our core geographies, reflecting our current business model and growth strategy.

The interconnected nature of the 17 goals brings a benefit of progress across multiple goals, even when efforts are focused on one.

Our strategy is to harness the expertise in our various businesses and identify opportunities to maximise their impact. Together with our investors and stakeholders, we aim to realise the goals of the SDGs in building an inclusive and thriving world.





"The fact is that no species has ever had such wholesale control over everything on earth, living or dead, as we now have. That lays upon us, whether we like it or not, an awesome responsibility. In our hands now lies not only our own future, but that of all other living creatures with whom we share the earth."

### Partnering with you

At the heart of our decision-making, is the objective of investing in companies that are able to deliver cost of capital beating returns on a sustainable basis in the long term, while retaining a commitment to all relevant stakeholders. Join us on our way to 2030 by investing today.

Learn more about responsible investing investec.com/en\_za/investment/responsible-investing.html

INVESTEC'S CREDENTIALS

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Sustainability Indices
In Collaboration with RobecoSAM (

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Top 15% in the global diversified financial services sector (inclusion since 2006)

FTSE/JSE Responsible Investment Index

Top 20% of globally assessed companies in the Global Sustainability Leaders Index



N-CDP

**ISS ESG ▷** 

Top 2% scoring AAA in the financial services sector by MSCI ESG Research

Score B against an industry average of C (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project) Top 20% of the ISS ESG global universe and Top 14% of diversified financial services







Included in the FTSE UK 100 ESG Select Index (out of 641 companies)

1 of 43 banks and financial services in the Global ESG Leaders Index (total of 439 components)

1 of 5 finalists for the ESG Sustainability Professional Award





Ranked number 1 for the 9th consecutive year by the Financial Times of London as the best Private Bank and Wealth Manager in South Africa, as well as by Euromoney in the Private Bank and Wealth Management Survey.











The fund has been awarded the coveted '5 globes' Morningstar Sustainability Rating which indicates that the fund is positioned in the top 10% of its peer group in terms of its management of ESG risk.

The Morningstar Sustainability Rating is designed to support investors in evaluating the relative environmental, social, and governance risks within portfolios. Ratings are determined using bottom-up assessments of the underlying holdings within a portfolio, underpinned by Sustainalytics' methodologies for assessing corporate and sovereign ESG risk.



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