

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURES - GLOBAL EQUITY OF STRATEGIES

The Global Equity Strategies promotes environmental and social characteristics as the Investment Manager integrates environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) factors into its investment process.

In identifying investments which allow the strategies to promote environmental and social characteristics, the Investment Manager adopts the following strategies:

- The Investment Manager integrates an analysis of companies’ ESG performance into its investment analysis and investment decisions. Companies are rated on an AAA-CCC scale relative to the standards and performance of their industry peers, which is then translated into an ESG score. The Investment Manager gets a single ESG score for each stock from MSCI ESG Research (the “Data Provider”), each stock receiving a score of between 0 and 10, with the highest scoring company receiving a 10.
- The portfolio construction process employed by the Investment Manager excludes holdings deemed inconsistent with its Responsible Investment Guidelines or that are involved with certain controversial sectors, as determined by the Investment Manager’s Responsible Investment Committee. The strategies cannot invest in companies which are involved in certain activities including tobacco manufacturing, coal extraction and coal-fired electricity generation, in excess of certain thresholds. Full details of the exclusions and thresholds are available in the Responsible Investing Policy of the Investment Manager, which can be viewed on its website at www.kbiglobalinvestors.com.
- The Investment Manager monitors the carbon intensity of companies in which the strategies invest and aims to construct a portfolio whose carbon intensity is lower than the Index. Carbon intensity is a measure of greenhouse gas emissions, in tonnes, relative to the revenue of the company or portfolio. The Investment Manager obtains carbon intensity data from the Data Provider.

The Investment Manager also assesses the governance practices and governance performance of companies in which it invests. This assessment is based on specialised governance information and ratings from the Data Provider in order to satisfy itself that the relevant issuers follow good governance practices, in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the social and/or environmental characteristics outlined above on a regular basis through the use of research and ratings from external data providers.

The Investment Manager monitors a range of sustainability indicators to measure the environmental and social characteristics outlined above, including:

- The weighted average ESG rating of the portfolio, as determined by the use of ESG ratings of companies, supplied by an external data provider of ESG research and ratings.
- The carbon intensity of the portfolio (see above for more information) measured by an external provider of carbon footprint measurement services.

- The percentage of board members of companies in which the strategies invests which are female.

Each of the strategies has designated the Index as a reference benchmark as outlined below.

Global Equity Strategy – MSCI World index

Global Small Cap Strategy – MSCI World Small Cap Index

EAFE Strategy – MSCI EAFE Value Index

Emerging Market Strategy – MSCI Emerging Market Index

The Index is not aligned with all the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the strategies, as its methodology does not take account of environmental or social characteristics of companies when determining the inclusion of companies in the Index.

Sustainability Risks

The likely impacts of sustainability risks are difficult to quantify. Although the ESG practices of a company may influence its long-term value, there can be no guarantee regarding the performance of individual investments, nor on the returns of the strategy, despite the integration of sustainable risks