

## **SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURES – GLOBAL NATURAL RESOURCES STRATEGY**

The strategy promotes environmental and social characteristics by investing in companies which, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, generate a substantial proportion of their turnover from and operate on a sustainable basis in the environmental sector by providing solutions to environmental challenges. The strategy may invest across all facets of the environmental sector including but not limited to energy solutions, clean energy, water infrastructure and technology, energy efficiency, waste management and recycling and carbon trading. The provision of solutions to environmental challenges is, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, a benefit to the environment and to society.

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

- The Investment Manager identifies companies which operate in the environmental solutions sector and integrates an analysis of such companies' Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") performance into its investment analysis and investment decisions.
- The Investment Manager carries out its own assessment of the environmental and social performance of companies in which it invests, based on its own research and knowledge of the companies, public information and information (including specialised ESG information) and ratings from external data providers ("Data Providers").
- 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 Strategy does not invest in any company which is not involved with energy solutions, clean energy, water infrastructure and technology, energy efficiency, waste management and recycling and carbon trading. Further, the Strategy 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 screens and thresholds are available in the Responsible Investing Policy of the Investment Manager which can be viewed on its website at [www.kbiglobalinvestors.com](http://www.kbiglobalinvestors.com).

The Investment Manager also assesses the governance practices and governance performance of companies in which it invests. This assessment is based on the Investment Manager's own research and knowledge of the company based on its direct interactions with companies, its analysis of the financial statements and related materials of companies, and information including specialised governance information and ratings from at least one 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 both its own ongoing research and monitoring of portfolio companies as well as through the use of research and ratings from Data Providers.

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

- The percentage of revenues earned on an estimated basis by portfolio companies which are generated from the provision of solutions to environmental challenges.
- The weighted average ESG rating of the portfolio, as determined by the use of ESG ratings of companies, supplied by Data Providers.
- The carbon intensity of the portfolio measured by an external provider of carbon footprint measurement services.
- The percentage of board members of companies in which the strategy invests which are female.

The strategy has designated the S&P Global Natural Resources Index as a reference benchmark. The Index is not aligned with all of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the strategy, as it comprises, in part, companies which are not providing solutions to environmental or social challenges.

#### *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 as a whole, despite the integration of sustainable risks