Close Select Global Equity Fund

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Sustainability Approach

The Close Select Global Equity Fund aims to provide capital growth over the medium term. The fund will invest at least 80% of its portfolio in equities and equity-related securities of companies from anywhere in the world, in any sector and of any market capitalisation. The Fund seeks to maintain a weighted average carbon intensity (tonnes of Scope 1 and 2 CO_2e per US$m of revenue) below a benchmark of the MSCI All Countries World Index, targeting a level 50% below this benchmark by 2030 from 2019 baseline, and net zero by emissions by 2050. The Fund also aims to lower its carbon intensity over time, while ensuring that it reduces its exposure to companies that may have harmful effects on society and the environment.

Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. This fund does not have a UK sustainable investment label. The fund is currently going through the FCA approval process to obtain a sustainable investment label.

Responsible Investment Process

1 Research
Reviewing ESG factors in our investment research can provide a more holistic view, from which the sustainable case may be considered

2 Screening
Screening allows for the identification and possible exclusion of any companies from investment which may be deemed harmful to society or the environment

3 Carbon Emissions
Evaluating the carbon emissions of companies supports the creation of portfolios that contribute to our lower emissions and net zero objectives

4 Engagement
Using our influence as investors to encourage change and more sustainable practices within companies where appropriate

The Investment Adviser identifies opportunities through detailed analysis to assess both the financial and non-financial sustainability of investments. This is informed by public data, third-party insights, and proprietary models. Decisions consider environmental and social factors such as carbon goals. The focus is on what matters most to each company and its stakeholders, rather than adhering to a sustainability theme. In certain market conditions, the Fund may hold up to 20% in assets such as cash, bonds, money market instruments, and other securities outside its main equity holdings.

Avoiding Environmental and Social Harm

The Select Global Equity Fund employs strict inclusion and exclusion criteria to ensure alignment with sustainability objectives. The fund excludes companies that derive more than 10% of their revenues from the following sectors.

| Thermal Coal | Tobacco Manufacture | Gambling | Adult Entertainment | Controversial Weapons | Civilian Firearms |

Additionally, companies in violation of the UN Global Compact principles or responsible for significant environmental harm are excluded. Companies no longer meeting these criteria are divested within 90 days.

Sustainability Metrics and Progress

Sustainability is measured using the carbon intensity compared to the relevant benchmarks. Carbon intensity is the volume of carbon emissions (tons) per million dollars of revenue. Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI) measures a portfolio's exposure to carbon intensive companies. Calculating a portfolio's WACI is achieved by calculating the carbon intensity (scope 1 and 2 emissions / $M Sales) for each portfolio company and calculating the weighted average by portfolio weight. Carbon Intensity of the fund against relevant benchmarks is presented below.

Carbon Intensity against Benchmark

	Fund	MSCI All Countries World Index 31/10/2024	MSCI All Countries World Index 31/10/2019
Intensity*	58.74	124.36	184.00

*Data as at 31/10/2024

Risks

In addition to financially material sustainability risks that can impact any investment, the financial return of the Fund may be affected by the constrained investable universe created by our screens and demanding carbon intensity thresholds for inclusion in the fund.

Useful Links: Further fund information | TCFD Product Report | TCFD Entity Report