

A sub-fund of Ninety One Funds Series ii managed by Ninety One Fund Managers UK Limited

The Investment Manager for this Fund is Ninety One UK Limited. Throughout this document, any reference to 'Ninety One', 'our' or 'we' refers to the Investment Manager.

# What are the Fund's key sustainability characteristics?

#### The Fund will invest in:

Shares of emerging market companies the manager defines as "leaders". These are companies that typically show leadership through:

- Structural growth above-average revenue growth for at least five years, through offering products and/or services that benefit from (e.g. in technology, consumption, decarbonisation, financial services and healthcare);
- Competitive advantages and a strong financial position; and
- Sustainability considerations (assessed under the Fund's sustainability framework)

#### The Fund won't invest in:

Shares of emerging market companies that:

- derive more than 5% of revenues from tobacco, thermal-coal power generation, or oil and gas exploration, production and refining:
- produce or are directly involved with controversial or nuclear weapons;
- increase production or capacity in thermal coal or unconventional oil and gas;
- manufacture tobacco products;
- exceed revenue thresholds from hard coal/lignite (1%), oil fuels (10%), gaseous fuels (50%), or high-carbon electricity generation (>100 g CO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh, 50%); or
- violate the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines.

Additional exclusions may be added and will be announced on our website before future updates.

# Emerging Markets Leaders Fund

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#### Sustainability label

#### This product does not have a UK sustainable investment label.

This product evaluates the sustainability of the companies it invests in but it does not have a specific sustainability objective. It does not, therefore, meet the criteria under the Financial Conduct Authority's Sustainability Disclosure Requirements ('SDR') for a Sustainability label, which helps identify products with specific sustainability goals.

# Sustainability Approach

We seek companies that we believe are leaders or those becoming leaders within their industries and regions. Sustainability assessment is central to our investment process, conducted through our proprietary framework, which evaluates companies comprehensively in three distinct areas:

#### Structural growth:

We identify companies benefiting from exposure to long-term structural growth areas underpinned by sustainability, including technology advancement, consumer spending patterns, decarbonisation, and improvements in access to and quality of healthcare and financial services

#### **Externalities:**

We assess the broader social and environmental impacts of a company's operations. Companies selected generally operate in a way that creates significant net benefits for all stakeholders or demonstrate credible commitments, plans, and measurable targets aimed at significantly reducing harmful impacts.

# Carbon-emissions targets:

We examine how ambitious, credible, and science-based a company's carbon reduction plans are. Specifically, we target that by 2030 (or sooner), 100% of our holdings have credible net-zero pathways, defined by external standards such as the Science Based Targets initiative (SRTi)

Active engagement is critical to our sustainability approach. We actively engage with investee companies, regularly discussing and challenging them on material environmental, social, and governance issues. Progress against agreed targets is continuously monitored.

Importantly, while sustainability analysis strongly informs our decisions, it complements and does not replace detailed fundamental financial research. Companies must meet both rigorous financial and sustainability investment criteria to be considered for inclusion in the Fund.

# Sustainability Metrics

#### **Emerging Markets Leaders Fund**

We report annually on several key sustainability indicators, including:

Metric	Fund
Percentage of Fund's investments that:	
Discloses its emissions to CDP, (indicating high-quality emissions reporting)	79%
Publicly committed to net zero by 2050 latest	14%
Has set credible net zero emissions targets, e.g. science-based targets (SBTi)	21%
Sustainable solutions exposure	62%

This data has been applied to the Fund weightings as at the end of December 2024

#### CDP

CDP is a global disclosure system that tracks environmental impacts. It sets a standard for environmental reporting and provides extensive data on company and city actions.

#### Science-based targets

Specific goals companies set to cut greenhouse gas emissions in line with what's scientifically needed to avoid the worst effects of climate change.

## Credible net-zero targets

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets that are science-based and consistent with the reduction pathway required to achieve agreed global climate goals. Net zero refers to reaching the point where total GHG emissions are equal to the emissions removed from the atmosphere.

#### **Externalities**

Costs or benefits affecting people who aren't directly involved in an economic activity—like pollution impacting local residents.

#### Carbon emissions

Carbon reporting is improving but may still involve estimates due to data limitations. Where company-reported data isn't available, MSCI or internal estimates are used. Results may vary across data providers.

#### **Carbon footprint**

This measures the total carbon emissions 'owned' by the fund per US\$ million invested. This enables comparability across different investment types.

#### Carbon 'Scope'

Scopes categorize different types of emissions:

- Scope 1: Direct emissions from company-owned sources, like fuel use onsite or company vehicles.
- Scope 2: Indirect emissions from energy the company buys (e.g., electricity).
- Scope 3: Emissions related to a company's supply chain and product use.
  There are 15 categories, covering both upstream (supply chain) and downstream (product usage) emissions.

### **UN Global Compact**

A global initiative encouraging companies to run responsibly by aligning operations with principles around human rights, labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption.

#### Sustainable solutions

Sustainable solutions are companies whose products and/or services address environmental and social challenges by growing the provision of such products and/or services over at least 5 years. These companies are deemed to have significant potential for long-term, structural growth due to expanding addressable markets for the products and/or services.

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#### Links

This document provides you with sustainability-related information about this Fund. Investors must read the Key Investor Information Document and Prospectus prior to investing. For latest copies of these documents as well as the Fund's annual and semi-annual Report & Accounts and Instrument of Incorporation, please visit <a href="https://ninetyone.com/en/united-kingdom/funds-strategies/literature-library">https://ninetyone.com/en/united-kingdom/funds-strategies/literature-library</a>

#### Important information

All investments carry the risk of capital loss.

This communication is not an invitation to make an investment nor does it constitute an offer for sale.

For an explanation of technical terms not explained in this document, please refer to <u>ninetyone.com/glossary</u>

For a comprehensive explanation of the various labels and their meanings, please refer to the FCA website: https://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/sustainable-investment-labels-greenwashing