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#### Series MF

#### Fundamental - Global Equity

As of March 31, 2024

Overall Morningstar Rating <sup>™1</sup>	**
Morningstar Category	Global Equity
Performance Start Date (PSD)	December 31, 1991
Overall Fund Net Assets	\$614.9 million
MER <sup>2</sup>	2.08%
Trading Expense Ratio	0.12%
Risk Profile	Low Med High

Benchmark MSCI World Net Index

<sup>1</sup> Compared with 1,427 funds in the Global Equity category as of March 31, 2024.

# Fund Codes\*

Series	CAD
MF	9623
F	6250
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\* Strategy also available through an ETF vehicle. Visit AGF.com for more information.

# Distributions (Series MF)

	2023	2022	2021
\$Amount/ Unit	0.02	0.00	0.00
Quarterly Frequency <sup>3</sup>		l on: 2023-1 .019/Unit	2-19

Please refer to AGF.com for distribution information.

# Key Reasons to Invest

- The Fund focuses on companies that meet the sustainability issues facing the world using a disciplined thematic investment framework.
- For investors interested in sustainable investing but still seeking the potential growth offered by global diversification.

# **Investment Objective**

The fund's objective is to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of equity securities, globally, which fit the Fund's concept of sustainable development.

# **Investment Strategy**

The Fund invests primarily in a broad selection of global equity securities including convertibles, warrants and income trust securities.

The portfolio manager looks for companies with no capitalization bias and that may typically possess proven management, proprietary/strategic advantages and financial strength. In the portfolio manager's opinion, these companies have above-average sales or earnings growth potential and favourable valuation levels with respect to these growth expectations.

The portfolio manager has identified a number of sustainability themes such as those associated with the energy transition, circular economy and sustainable agriculture, which may provide an investment framework through which to identify attractive opportunities. As a result of this process, the portfolio manager does not invest in certain sectors, such as fossil fuel producers, and may have a reduced weighting in others, due to their lack of positive exposure to sustainability themes.

The portfolio manager also looks for companies that fit the environmental concept of sustainable development, which as defined in a 1987 report of the World Commission on Environment and Development and updated in 2015 through the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), is economic development that meets the needs of current generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs. This concept may be modified by the portfolio manager without securityholder approval.

The Overall Morningstar Ratings<sup>™</sup> and Morningstar Quartile Rankings are series specific as inception date, performance and fee characteristics vary by series. The Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> measures risk-adjusted returns and is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) rating metrics.

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<sup>2</sup> MER as of September 30, 2023. AGFI may, in its discretion, temporarily waive some or all of the expenses of the Fund, which will result in a reduction in the MER. AGFI may cease to offer any such waiver at any time without notice.

<sup>3</sup> The distribution is not guaranteed, may be adjusted from time to time at the discretion of the fund manager and may vary from payment to payment.

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Net Compound Returns (CA	D) (%)									
	1 MO.	3 MO.	6 MO.	YTD	1 YR.	2 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	10 YR.	PSD <sup>+</sup>
Fund	1.6	6.2	14.5	6.2	5.7	2.8	1.0	8.2	6.8	6.5
Morningstar Quartile Ranking <sup>++</sup>	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	-
Number of Funds in the Category	1,837	1,812	1,772	1,812	1,694	1,572	1,427	1,258	609	-

\* Performance start date as of December 31, 1991. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Rates of return for greater than one year have been annualized.

# Net Annual Returns (CAD) (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	6.9	-22.3	16.6	33.7	21.2	-5.9	16.5	-0.1	14.8	-0.8
Morningstar Quartile Ranking**	4	4	3	1	2	3	1	3	2	4
Number of Funds in the Category	1,920	1,918	1,857	2,041	2,086	1,721	1,525	1,334	1,302	1,176

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

<sup>++</sup> The Morningstar category for the Fund changed from Global Small/Mid Cap Equity to Global Equity on July 31, 2017.

Morningstar Quartile Rankings are calculated as of March 31, 2024 and subject to change monthly. They are calculated based on the Fund's total return percentile rank compared to other funds in the Morningstar Global Equity category. Percentile ranks are then mapped into quartiles with (1) representing 1-25, (2) representing 26-50, (3) representing 51-75 and (4) representing 76-100 percentile ranks.

# Top 10 Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Total Holdings: 46

Company Name	Country	Sector	Weight
Ecolab Inc.	United States	Materials	4.72%
Trex Co Inc.	United States	Industrials	3.94%
Amphenol Corp.	United States	Information Technology	3.55%
Kingspan Group PLC	Ireland	Industrials	3.46%
Garmin Ltd.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	3.44%
Denso Corp.	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	3.39%
Tetra Tech Inc.	United States	Industrials	3.28%
Keyence Corp.	Japan	Information Technology	3.24%
Prysmian SpA	Italy	Industrials	3.23%
Schneider Electric SE	France	Industrials	3.19%
Total			35.4%

# AGF Global Sustainable Growth Equity Fund

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0.0

-9.0

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# **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Portfolio
Active Share	97.3%
Price to Earnings	30.8
Forward Sales Growth	4.0%
Forward Earnings Growth	18.3%
Forward Price to Earnings	24.0
Return on Equity	13.2%
Turnover	54.4%
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$ billions)	64.3

**Region Mix\*** 

58.3%
34.7%
7.0%

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# Risk vs. Returns 3-YR 14.0 7.0 7.0

# **Sector Allocation**

	Portfolio
Industrials	40.6%
Information Technology	21.9%
Materials	11.5%
Consumer Discretionary	8.3%
Health Care	5.8%
Consumer Staples	2.8%
Financials	2.7%
Real Estate	2.1%
Utilities	1.5%
Energy	1.0%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.7%

#### **Risk Characteristics** (3 & 5 Year Annualized)

5-Year
16.7%
0.37
1.09
8.0%
91.2%
111.4%

Morningstar Global Equity Category^	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	13.6%	14.2%
Sharpe Ratio	0.40	0.56
Beta	0.98	0.98

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13.6

Risk (Standard Deviation)

36.2

 Funds in the Morningstar Global Equity category<sup>^</sup>

\* Cash is not included.

^ Morningstar category performance is calculated as the average return of a portfolio constructed of all series of all funds in the category as of the end of each month.

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# Investment Management Team

Specialists Martin Grosskopf and Vishal Bané cover environmental thematics and lead the strategy. They interact with the various AGF Investments teams located in research centres across the globe who uncover additional opportunities in more traditional industries where the environmental technology / service is a growing part of the business.

# **Portfolio Managers**



# Martin Grosskopf, MES, MBA

- VP & Portfolio Manager AGF Investments Inc.
- Industry Exp: since 1994
- Firm Exp: since 2011



#### Vishal Bané, MSc Green Economy, CA (India), CFA® Co-Portfolio Manager AGF Investments Inc. • Industry Exp: since 2009

• Firm Exp: since 2017

# Investment Team/Resources



#### **Manna Neghassi** Director, Sustainability Portfolio Specialist AGF Investments Inc.

- Industry Exp: since 2006
- Firm Exp: since 2022

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# **Term Definitions**

# **Active Share**

Active Share tracks the disparity between a portfolio manager's holdings and that of its benchmark index. A low Active Share score indicates that a portfolio manager is closely replicating the target index, while a high Active Share score indicates that a fund's holdings diverge significantly from the target index.

# Beta

A measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (as represented by a benchmark index). The benchmark index has a Beta of 1.0. A Beta of more (less) than 1.0 indicates that a fund's historical returns have fluctuated more (less) than the benchmark index. For example, a Beta of 1.10 shows that the fund performed 10% better than its benchmark index in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant.

# Downside Capture (Ratio)

The Downside Capture Ratio is calculated by taking the portfolio's return and dividing it by the benchmark's return in periods when the benchmark return was negative. A Downside Capture Ratio of less than 100% is considered desirable.

# **Forward Earnings Growth**

Forward Earnings are an estimate of a company's earnings for an upcoming period; their growth rate is calculated based on forecasted earnings.

# Forward Price/Earnings (Forward P/E)

A Forward P/E is calculated based on forecasted earnings per share; a stock's current price divided by next year's expected earnings.

# **Forward Sales Growth**

Forward Sales are an estimate of a company's revenues for an upcoming period; their growth rate is calculated based on forecasted revenue.

# **Information Ratio**

The Information Ratio is the ratio of the portfolio returns above the returns of the blended benchmark to the volatility of those returns. It's designed to measure the ability to generate excess returns relative to a benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis.

# Management Expense Ratio (MER)

The Management Expense Ratio, commonly referred to as MER, is a measure of the total expenses (fees and other costs) borne by the mutual fund or ETF, expressed as a percentage of the fund's net asset value. The ratio is calculated by dividing the total annual expenses by the average net asset value of the fund for the given year.

# **Price/Earnings**

(P/E ratio or P/E) The ratio of share price to earnings per share.

# **Return on Equity**

A profitability ratio calculated as net income divided by average shareholders' equity.

# **Risk Profile**

The Risk Profile is based on the historical volatility of a fund, as measured by the 10-year annualized standard deviation of the 10-year average returns of the fund. The investment risk level is required to be determined in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators' standardized risk classification methodology.

#### **Sharpe Ratio**

Sharpe Ratio characterizes how well the return of a fund compensates the investor for each unit of absolute risk they assume, as measured by the Standard Deviation of the fund. The greater a fund's Sharpe Ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been.

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# **Standard Deviation**

A statistical measure of the range/dispersion of a fund's performance. The more variable the returns, the larger the Standard Deviation. When a fund has a high Standard Deviation, it means that its range of performance was wide for the given period, i.e. greater historical volatility. Standard Deviation does not predict the future volatility of a fund.

# **Tracking Error**

The Tracking Error represents a fund manager's added value variability. It reports the difference between the return received and that of the benchmark being compared to. It is reported as a Standard Deviation percentage difference.

# Trading Expense Ratio (TER)

The total gross expenses divided by the fund's average net assets.

# Turnover (Ratio)

The portfolio Turnover Ratio is the rate at which assets in a fund are bought and sold by the portfolio managers. It is calculated as the minimum of securities bought or sold divided by the average assets over the period.

# Upside Capture (Ratio)

The Upside Capture Ratio is calculated by taking the portfolio's return and dividing it by the benchmark's return in periods when the benchmark return was positive. An Upside Capture Ratio of greater than 100% is considered desirable.

# Weighted Average Market Cap

Market cap is the market value of all the outstanding shares in a company. In a portfolio the Weighted Average Market Cap is the sum of the products of a company's market cap and its percentage allocation in the portfolio.