

Investment Philosophy

The team employs a differentiated, thematic approach to target companies that offer a product or service that is a solution to a sustainable issue.

The team invests globally in companies that have positive outcome, focusing on four broad macro themes: Energy Transition, Circular Economy & Pollution Abatement, Water Services & Climate Adaptation, and Food & Health.

Investment Process Overview



Investment Process

Our investment process combines thematic analysis with fundamental stock selection. We map 1,000 companies to four sustainable themes (energy transition, circular economy & pollution abatement, water services & climate adaptation and food & health). We then identify accelerating sub-themes by examining societal trends, demand, cyclicalities, growth, margin potential, regulatory drivers, pricing power, competition, and barriers to entry. We further examine sub-themes across GICS sectors to identify which segments of the Value Chain (materials, suppliers, producers) contain the most attractive investment opportunities.

Our fundamental analysis seeks to identify companies with revenues accelerating in line with our sub-themes. Our Stage Appropriate Analysis allows us to consider stocks across the maturity spectrum and assesses fundamentals such as revenue and earnings growth, margins, management, free cash flow, valuation, and sustainability of competitive position. ESG analysis examines risks and opportunities related to climate, diversity, and human capital, and our active ownership stance governs our proxy voting and corporate engagements.

Our objective is to outperform broad global equity markets by constructing a differentiated portfolio of 25 to 40 holdings from all capitalization ranges, each providing solutions to key sustainability challenges.

Quick Facts

Investment Style
Growth

Investment Approach
Thematic, Fundamental, Bottom up

Strategy Inception Date
December 31, 2018[^]

Benchmark
MSCI World Net Index

Investment Team

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Additional investment resources

Canada: 47

United States: 4

Ireland: 1

[^]Inception Date is of the Composite for the AGF Global Sustainable Equity ADR strategy. For dealer and advisor use only.

Annualized Performance (%) - USD

	Gross	Net ⁰	Benchmark *	Active (Gross)	Active (Net)
3 mo.	-6.5	-6.7	0.1	-6.6	-6.8
YTD	0.1	0.0	2.8	-2.6	-2.8
1 year	-1.2	-1.9	15.6	-16.8	-17.5
2 year	4.5	3.8	20.2	-15.7	-16.4
3 year	-0.1	-0.8	10.2	-10.3	-11.0
4 year	0.2	-0.5	10.3	-10.2	-10.9
5 year	7.7	7.0	13.9	-6.2	-7.0
SPSD ¹	9.5	8.7	13.9	-4.4	-5.2

Calendar Year Performance (%) - USD

	Gross	Net ⁰	Benchmark *	Active (Gross)	Active (Net)
2024	2.0	1.3	18.7	-16.7	-17.4
2023	12.3	11.5	23.8	-11.5	-12.3
2022	-27.4	-27.9	-18.1	-9.2	-9.8
2021	21.9	21.1	21.8	0.1	-0.8
2020	35.4	34.4	15.9	19.4	18.5
2019	27.0	26.2	27.7	-0.6	-1.5

Sector Allocation (%) ²

	Portfolio [^]	Benchmark *	Active
Industrials	35.4	10.8	24.7
Info. Tech.	18.1	24.6	-6.5
Materials	10.9	3.3	7.6
Health Care	9.4	10.9	-1.4
Cons. Staples	6.9	6.2	0.7
Cons. Disc.	5.7	10.6	-4.9
Financials	4.6	17.0	-12.4
Energy	3.5	3.8	-0.3
Utilities	2.9	2.5	0.4
Real Estate	2.4	2.1	0.3
Comm. Serv.	-	8.2	-8.2

Regional Allocation (%) ²

	Portfolio [^]	Benchmark *	Active
North America	66.7	75.3	-8.6
Europe	30.0	16.5	13.5
Pacific Rim	3.3	7.9	-4.6
Middle East & Africa	-	0.2	-0.2
Latin America	-	0.1	-0.1

Top 10 Holdings (% of total assets)

Total Holdings: 39

Company Name	Country	Sector	Weight [^]
Ecolab Inc.	United States	Materials	5.0
Prysmian SpA ADR	Italy	Industrials	4.2
Sprouts Farmers Market Inc.	United States	Cons. Staples	3.7
Eli Lilly and Co.	United States	Health Care	3.6
Amphenol Corp.	United States	Info. Tech.	3.6
Schneider Electric SE ADR	France	Industrials	3.3
Secure Waste Infrastructure Corp.	Canada	Energy	3.3
Cie de Saint-Gobain SA ADR	France	Industrials	3.2
Denso Corp. ADR	Japan	Cons. Disc.	3.1
Analog Devices Inc.	United States	Info. Tech.	2.9
Total			35.9

Portfolio Characteristics

	Portfolio [^]	Benchmark *
Active Share	96.9%	-
Price to Earnings	29.1	26.4
Forward Earnings Growth	21.3%	17.2%
Forward Sales Growth	4.9%	4.2%
Forward Price to Earnings	22.3	20.2
Price to Earnings Growth	2.3	2.2
Return on Equity	13.2%	16.8%

Risk Characteristics (3 year annualized) - USD

	Portfolio [^]	Benchmark *
Beta	1.2	1.0
Information Ratio	-1.2	-
Sharpe Ratio	0.0	0.7
Standard Deviation	20.3%	16.3%
Tracking Error	8.2%	-

Market Cap Allocation - USD

	Portfolio [^]	Benchmark *
More than \$50 billion	35.7	75.4
\$10 to 50 billion	45.6	22.2
\$5 to 10 billion	8.5	2.2
Less than \$5 billion	10.2	0.2
Weighted Average Market Cap (billions)	82.5	699.3

[^] AGF Global Sustainable Equity ADR Strategy; ⁰Portfolio (net of max. institutional fee); * MSCI World Net Index; ¹SPSD is Since Performance Start Date of the composite for the AGF Global Sustainable Equity ADR strategy, December 31, 2018. Performance and risk is based on AGF Global Sustainable Equity ADR composite. Strategy characteristics are based on the AGF Global Sustainable Equity ADR (non-fee paying) representative account. ² Does not include cash position of 6.48%. Top 10 Holdings represent approximately 35.9% of total assets of the AGF Global Sustainable Equity ADR (non-fee paying) representative account as at February 28, 2025 which is subject to change. This information is additional to the GIPS compliant presentation found at the end of the document. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Source: AGF Investments, as at February 28, 2025. This report is not complete without disclaimer.

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AGF Global Sustainable Equity ADR Composite (USD)

January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023

Year	Gross of Fee Composite Return (%)	Net of Fee Composite Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Composite AUM (\$USD mil)	Firm AUM (\$USD mil)
2019	27.05	26.18	27.67	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.47	23,185
2020	35.35	34.43	15.90	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.64	24,066
2021	21.89	21.05	21.82	2	N/A	18.20	17.06	12.91	26,706
2022	-27.38	-27.90	-18.14	2	N/A	23.69	20.43	9.35	23,091
2023	12.31	11.54	23.79	2	N/A	21.33	16.75	8.26	24,659

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Benchmark Description

The benchmark is the MSCI World Net Index.

Composite Description

The Global Sustainable Growth Equity ADR Composite's mandate is to provide capital growth potential by investing in a diversified portfolio of companies around the world, via securities listed on North American exchanges, that fit the composite's concept of sustainable development. The mandate focuses on four major themes: energy and energy efficiency, water/waste water solutions, waste management and pollution control and environment and health and safety, while also performing thorough due diligence on company fundamentals.

Composite Creation Date and Inception Date

The Composite was created on December 31, 2018. The composite's inception was in December 2018.

Currency

Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars.

Minimum Portfolio Size

There is no minimum portfolio size required for inclusion into the composite.

Calculation Methodology

Results reflect the reinvestment of dividends, income and other earnings.

Gross-of-fees returns are presented before management expenses and custodial fees, but after all trading expenses and withholding taxes.

Net of fees returns are calculated by deducting the maximum institutional fee charged from the gross of fee return.

Composite returns are calculated using asset-weighted returns by weighing the individual account returns using beginning-of-period values.

Internal Dispersion Measure

Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of all accounts included in the composite for the entire year; it is not presented for periods less than one year or when there were five or fewer portfolios in the composite for the entire year as this is not considered meaningful.

Three-Year Annualized Ex-Post Standard Deviation

The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is presented once the composite has three full calendar years of performance. Gross returns are used to calculate risk measures.

Fee Schedule

The maximum management fee for the strategy is 0.70% per annum.

Additional Information

The portfolios in this composite are valued at systematic adjusted fair value. Policies for fair value and systematic adjusted fair value portfolios, calculating performance, preparing compliant presentations, and a complete list and description of firm composites are available upon request at GIPS@AGF.com.

As at December 31, 2023, 100% of this composite was represented by non-fee paying portfolios.

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