AGF Global Sustainable Equity

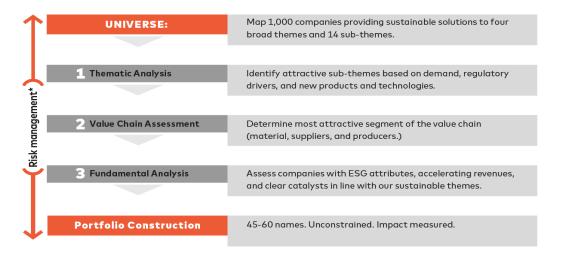


As of September 30, 2024

Investment Philosophy

We believe that a transition to a more sustainable economy is underway and is gaining velocity. Drivers include policy and regulation, changing corporate objectives, societal pressure, and technological advances. Our view is that investing in the thematic opportunities related to this transition forms a compelling and enduring strategy to deliver both positive impact and the opportunity for superior returns.

Investment Process Overview



Investment Process

Our investment process combines thematic analysis with fundamental stock selection. We map 1,000 companies to four proprietary sustainable themes (Energy & Power, Water Solutions, Waste & Pollution Control, and Health and Well Being). We then identify accelerating sub-themes by examining societal trends, demand, cyclicality, 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 subthemes. 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 45 to 60 holdings from all capitalization ranges, each providing solutions to key sustainability challenges.

Quick Facts

Investment StyleGrowth

Investment Approach

Thematic, Fundamental, Bottom up

Inception Date

December 31, 2007

Benchmark

MSCI World Index

Investment Team

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Additional investment resources

Canada: 51

United States: 4

Ireland: 1



Annualized Performance (%) - USD

	Gross ^	Net ⁰	Benchmark *	Active (Gross)	Active (Net)
3 mo.	7.3	7.1	6.4	0.9	0.7
YTD	10.4	9.8	18.9	-8.5	-9.0
1 year	22.3	21.5	32.4	-10.1	-10.9
2 year	14.9	14.1	27.1	-12.2	-13.0
3 year	-0.9	-1.5	9.1	-9.9	-10.6
4 year	6.4	5.6	13.7	-7.3	-8.1
5 year	10.5	9.8	13.0	-2.5	-3.3
7 year	9.3	8.6	11.1	-1.8	-2.6
10 year	8.9	8.1	10.1	-1.2	-2.0
SPSD1	5.1	4.5	7.2	-2.2	-2.8

Calendar Year Performance (%) - USD

	Gross ^	Net ⁰	Benchmark *	Active (Gross)	Active (Net)
2023	11.7	10.9	23.8	-12.1	-12.9
2022	-26.8	-27.3	-18.1	-8.6	-9.2
2021	20.4	19.6	21.8	-1.4	-2.3
2020	41.0	40.0	15.9	25.1	24.1
2019	30.5	29.6	27.7	2.8	1.9
2018	-11.0	-11.6	-8.7	-2.2	-2.9
2017	27.8	26.9	22.4	5.4	4.5
2016	5.9	5.1	7.5	-1.6	-2.4
2015	1.2	0.5	-0.9	2.1	1.4
2014	-5.0	-5.5	5.0	-10.0	-10.5

Sector Allocation (%)²

	Portfolio ^	Benchmark *	Active
Industrials	34.6	11.1	23.5
Info. Tech.	23.1	24.8	-1.7
Materials	13.4	3.8	9.6
Health Care	8.1	11.7	-3.6
Cons. Disc.	5.7	10.3	-4.5
Cons. Staples	4.8	6.5	-1.7
Financials	3.2	15.4	-12.2
Utilities	3.1	2.7	0.4
Energy	2.7	3.9	-1.2
Real Estate	1.2	2.3	-1.1
Comm. Serv.	-	7.6	-7.6

Top 10 Country Allocation (%)²

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	Portfolio ^	Benchmark *	Active
United States	53.2	71.2	-18.1
France	8.7	2.9	5.8
Canada	7.2	3.1	4.1
Japan	6.0	5.6	0.4
Italy	4.3	0.7	3.6
Sweden	3.5	0.9	2.6
Ireland	3.1	0.1	3.1
Denmark	3.1	0.8	2.3
Switzerland	3.0	2.5	0.5
United Kingdom	2.7	3.8	-1.1

Top 10 Holdings (% of total assets)

Total Holdings: 43

Company Name	Country	Sector	Weight [^]
Amphenol Corp.	United States	Info. Tech.	4.5
Prysmian SpA	Italy	Industrials	4.3
Ecolab Inc.	United States	Materials	4.1
Schneider Electric SE	France	Industrials	3.7
Quanta Services Inc.	United States	Industrials	3.5
Tetra Tech Inc.	United States	Industrials	3.5
Keyence Corp.	Japan	Info. Tech.	3.3
Kingspan Group PLC	Ireland	Industrials	3.1
DSM-Firmenich AG	Switzerland	Materials	3.0
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	United States	Health Care	3.0
Total			36.0

Portfolio Characteristics

	Portfolio ^	Benchmark *
Active Share	96.7%	-
Price to Earnings	31.1	27.2
Forward Earnings Growth	24.6%	20.9%
Forward Sales Growth	2.9%	2.7%
Forward Price to Earnings	23.1	19.9
Price to Earnings Growth	1.9	1.9
Return on Equity	14.4%	16.7%

Risk Characteristics (3 year annualized) - USD

	Portfolio ^	Benchmark *
Beta	1.3	1.0
Information Ratio	-1.1	-
Sharpe Ratio	-0.1	0.5
Standard Deviation	21.5%	16.8%
Tracking Error	8.9%	-

Market Cap Allocation - USD

	Portfolio ^	Benchmark *
More than \$50 billion	31.0	74.3
\$10 to 50 billion	55.7	23.3
\$5 to 10 billion	5.6	2.3
Less than \$5 billion	7.8	0.1
Weighted Average Market Cap (billions)	70.2	669.6

[^] AGF Global Sustainable Equity Strategy; [®]Portfolio (net of highest institutional fees) * MSCI World Net Index. ¹SPSD January 01, 2008
Source: AGF Investments, as at September 30, 2024. Performance and risk is based on the AGF Global Sustainable Equity Composite. Strategy characteristics are based on AGF Global Sustainable Equity (fee paying) representative account. This information is additional to the GIPS-compliant presentation found at the end of the document. Past performance is not indicative of future results. ² Does not include cash position of 2.37%. This report is not complete without disclaimer.

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As of September 30, 2024

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AGF Global Sustainable Equity Composite (USD)

January 1, 2014 - 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)*
2014	-5.03	-5.49	4.99	2	N/A	12.60	10.25	272.01	24,571
2015	1.23	0.52	-0.87	2	N/A	13.20	10.80	275.56	18,957
2016	5.87	5.14	7.51	3	N/A	13.22	10.91	291.01	20,143
2017	27.77	26.90	22.40	2	N/A	10.94	10.23	365.07	23,063
2018	-10.95	-11.58	-8.71	3	N/A	11.99	10.38	409.74	20,178
2019	30.51	29.61	27.67	5	N/A	12.49	11.14	532.30	23,185
2020	40.96	40.00	15.90	6	N/A	18.87	18.27	826.71	24,066
2021	20.39	19.56	21.82	6	N/A	17.20	17.06	1,335.23	26,706
2022	-26.77	-27.29	-18.14	6	0.81	22.88	20.43	1,013.33	23,091
2023	11.71	10.93	23.79	6	0.20	21.19	16.75	1,102.13	24,659

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Benchmark Description

The benchmark is the MSCI World Net Index. The MSCI World Net Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets. The benchmark from inception to February 28, 2014 was the MSCI World Index ex-Tobacco.

Composite Description

The Global Sustainable Growth Equity Composite's mandate is to provide capital growth potential by investing in a diversified portfolio of global companies 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 January 1, 2008. The composite's inception was in December 2007.

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 meaninaful.

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 both fair value and systematic adjusted fair value.

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