

# Emphasising the positives

BMO Responsible Global Equity Fund



Many people want to align their financial decisions and values. That may mean avoiding investing in companies and sectors deemed to be unethical or unsustainable, whilst at the same time emphasising those that make a positive contribution to the world. Our BMO Responsible Global Equity Fund is designed with that need in mind.

The fund is orientated around a clear ethos of avoid, invest and improve.



### Screening out negatives

We work to avoid companies with damaging or unsustainable business practices relating to their products and/or conduct.



### Emphasising the positives

We seek out quality and attractively valued companies that make a positive contribution to society and the environment.



### Driving improvement

We are active owners, encouraging best practice of environmental, social and governance issues through engagement and voting.

The fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in a well-diversified portfolio of carefully selected companies. A clear focus on sustainability-orientated areas and an active approach to share ownership supports our ambition to make a positive impact with our investment activities.

### Sustainable opportunities

There is growing recognition that economic activity and development needs to be conducted in a more sustainable manner – a move illustrated by initiatives like the United Nations developed Sustainable Development Goals. We see opportunity in this transition and actively seek companies making a positive contribution, focusing our efforts within defined sustainability related themes. These include:

Sustainable mobility    Health  
Technological            and  
innovation                wellbeing  
Energy                      Resource efficiency  
transition                Access to finance

“We have no doubt that global sustainability and financial performance can go hand in hand.”

**Jamie Jenkins, Managing Director, 2020**



**Investing checklist**

- ✓ **Quality matters** – Alongside factors like ‘competitive advantage’ we look for companies that effectively manage environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues – factors integral to assessing risk and reward potential.
- ✓ **Well managed** – Companies should be run by proven management teams, responsible in how they do business, appropriately incentivised and open to shareholder engagement.
- ✓ **Price matters** – We have a disciplined approach to valuation with a view to investing in companies at an attractive price and maintaining our holding for 5+ years.
- ✓ **Approved names** – Ahead of inclusion in the portfolio, companies are screened against defined criteria by our Responsible Investment team. Independent oversight of ratings is provided by the external Responsible Investment Advisory Council.

As well as avoiding those that do harm, our aim is to identify sustainable companies that are making a positive impact on society and the environment.

**Key risks**

The value of investments and any income derived from them can go down as well as up as a result of market or currency movements and investors may not get back the original amount invested and in a worst-case scenario there is a risk of total loss.

Screening out sectors or companies may result in less diversification and hence more volatility in investment values.

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**Screening – exclusions based on**

**Product-based**

- Alcohol
- Gambling
- Nuclear power generation
- Oil, gas and coal reserves
- Pornography
- Tobacco
- Weapons

**Conduct-based**

**Environment**

- Arctic and ecologically sensitive operations
- Environmental management

**Social**

- Animal welfare
- Health and safety
- Human rights and oppressive regimes
- Labour standards

**Governance**

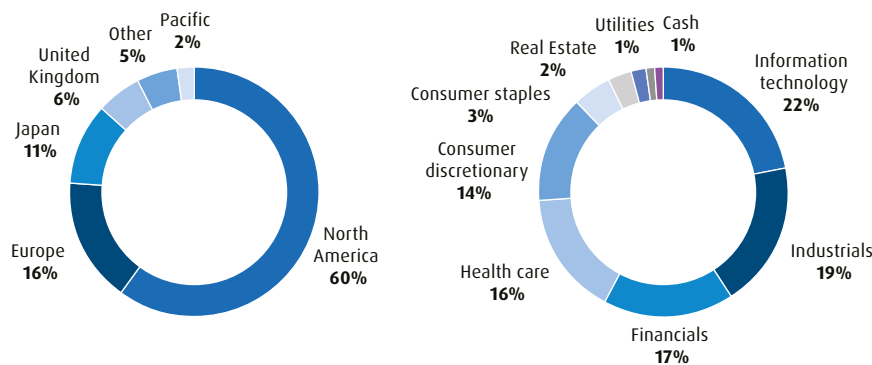
- Business ethics

You can get the full details on our Responsible Investment criteria at [bmogam.com](http://bmogam.com)

### BMO Responsible Global Equity Fund – facts and stats

The BMO Responsible Global Equity Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in an ethically screened and diversified fund of global equities. The fund seeks to invest in companies making a positive contribution to society and the environment, while avoiding investment in companies with damaging or unsustainable business practices.

#### Typical geographic and sector allocations



Source: BMO Global Asset Management, 31-May-20, for illustrative purposes only.

### BMO Global Asset Management – heritage and innovation

Over 35+ years we’ve developed a range of specialist ESG products, ESG-integrated investment strategies, a deep commitment to active ownership and our Responsible Engagement Overlay service, **reo**®.

#### Globally connected investing

Our Global Equities team is responsible for stock picking and day-to-day portfolio management. Based in London, they are able to draw on BMO Global Asset Management’s entire active equities expertise, including specialists in developed and emerging markets. Throughout the process, our fund managers work alongside our Responsible Investment team – an approach that ensures ESG-related factors are hardwired into company analysis and engagement.

- **60+ specialists** researching companies for potential inclusion in the portfolio.
- **19-strong** Responsible Investment team working within the SDG framework to drive improvement through engagement.
- **35+ years** of responsible investing.

#### Key facts

<b>Name</b>	BMO Responsible Global Equity Fund
<b>Launch date</b>	13-Oct-87
<b>Invests in</b>	Global Equities
<b>Style</b>	Quality growth
<b>Holdings</b>	40–60
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI World
<b>Fund managers</b>	Jamie Jenkins, Nick Henderson



**Jamie Jenkins**  
Managing Director and Co-Head of Global Equities

Jamie joined the firm in 2000 and is the lead manager. He holds an MA in History from the University of Edinburgh and is a member of the CFA Society of the UK.






**Nick Henderson**  
Director, Global Equities

Nick joined the firm in 2008 and is the alternate manager. He holds a BSc in Economics from the University of Bristol and is a CFA Charterholder.

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