Investment Commentary – June 2023



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INVESTMENT POLICY

The Guinness Sustainable Global Equity Funds are designed to provide exposure to high quality growth companies with sustainable products and practices. The Funds hold a concentrated portfolio of mid-cap companies in any industry and in any region. The Funds are actively managed and use the MSCI World Index as a comparator benchmark only.

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COMMENTARY

In May, the Guinness Sustainable Global Equity Fund provided a total return of 0.5% (GBP) against the MSCI World Index net total return of 0.4% (GBP). Hence the fund outperformed the benchmark by 0.1%.

Whilst there were pockets of strength in equity markets during May, it was a difficult month for most major regions with only the US finishing in positive territory (in USD terms). Strength within the US, however, was driven by only a handful of companies. The S&P 500's top 10 contributors have driven all of the index's total return year-to date (YTD). Artificial intelligence was the theme of the month, firing investor enthusiasm for technology stocks and pushing growth stocks to extend their 2023 run of outperformance. This was driven by 'Big Tech' in particular, lifted not just by AI exposure but by a rotation towards stocks with higher-quality attributes. Whilst a deal on the US debt ceiling was made at the end of the month, risks of default weighed on equities throughout the month, hence investors' preference for quality stocks with strong balance sheets and cash flow.

Strategy performance in May can be attributed to the following:

- Our relative overweight exposure to the IT sector (the best performing sector over the month) was a positive contributor to performance.
- Similarly, our underweight exposures to Consumer Staples and Energy were also positive contributors.
- However, our overweight position to Health Care and underweight position to Communication Services were drags on performance.
- Large-caps continued to outperform mid-caps in 2023 with the MSCI World Index outperforming the MSCI World Mid Cap Index by 1.5% (GBP) in May, bringing the total outperformance this year to 6.9% (GBP). Despite the mid-cap index being down 0.9% year-to-date, it is pleasing the Guinness Sustainable Global Equity Fund is up 4.0% in that time.



 Not owning the mega-caps that have driven that large-cap outperformance has been a drag on performance versus both the benchmark and peers. Whilst we make the argument that the Guinness Sustainable Global Equity strategy is differentiated in that the majority of ESG funds concentrate on large-cap stocks, there will be times when those stocks outperform and thus act as a drag on the strategy's relative performance.

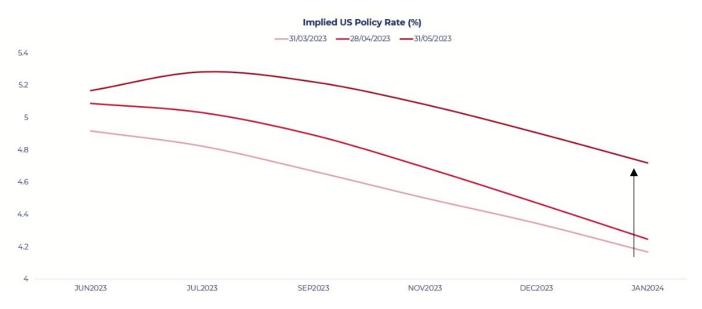
Data to 31- May-23	YTD	Rank (Quartile)	1 Year	Rank (Quartile)	Since Launch	Rank (Quartile)	2022	Rank (Quartile)	2021	ank (Quartile
Fund	3.1%		3.3%		10.9%		-16.3%		27.9%	
MSCI World	5.3%		3.8%		19.1%		-7.8 %		22.9 %	
IA Global Sector	4.1%		2.4%		10.0%		-11.1%		17.7%	
Avg. ESG peer fund*	4.5%	^	3.3%	30/71 (2nd)	9.1%	24/56 (2nd)	-13.3%	51/69 (3rd)	19.2%	3/58 (1st)

Source: Bloomberg, Cumulative Total Return in GBP. Fund launched 15.12.2020. *A custom universe of funds created by screening the IA Global Sector for all Responsible, Sustainable and Impact funds which have similar investment policies and risk profiles to the Guinness Sustainable Global Equity Fund. ARanking not shown in order to comply with European Securities and Marketing Authority rules.

MAY IN REVIEW

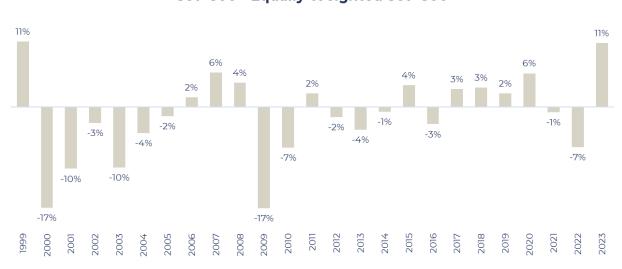
May proved to be a mixed month for global equities with the MSCI World Index down 1.0% (USD). Indeed, over the month, macroeconomic uncertainties persisted including the debt ceiling in the US, which looked to be at an impasse, but was passed through the House of Representatives towards the end of the month, while the dislocation between strength in services and weakness in manufacturing created further doubts over central banks' willingness to halt rate rises and potentially cut rates in the near future. Indeed, core inflation in the US and Europe has remained stubbornly high, driven by tight labour markets placing upward pressure on wage growth, and in turn, service inflation, which makes up c.60% of the headline CPI basket in the US. Over the month, service purchasing managers' indices (PMIs) in the US rose to 55.1 whilst service PMIs in both Europe and the UK remained above 50 (above 50 indicating expansion). Mixed payroll data from the US at the end of the month only diluted the picture further. Nonfarm payrolls increased by 339,000, well above the 190,000 expected, but the unemployment rate jumped to 3.7% from 3.4% in April, reflecting a drop in household employment and a rise in overall workforce participants. Broadly, the continued strength in the economy, particularly services, resulted in the market shifting up its expectations for future interest rates (as seen below).





Source: Bloomberg, data as of 31/05/2023

Whilst the MSCI World Index was slightly negative for the month (in USD terms), growth stocks continued their strong second quarter with the MSCI World Growth Index up 2.4% (USD) versus MSCI World Value *down* 4.6% (USD). However, that performance has only been driven by a handful of large-cap businesses. Year-to-date, the S&P 500 Index (market cap weighted) has outperformed the S&P 500 equally weighed index by 11% (USD) – its largest outperformance since 1999.



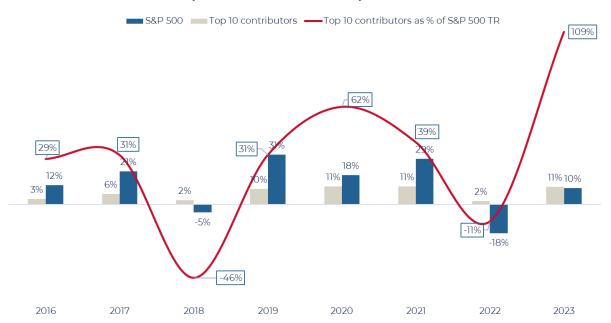
S&P 500 - Equally Weighted S&P 500

Source: Guinness Global Investors, Bloomberg. Data as of 31/05/2023 in USD

Highlighting the lack of breadth driving the market, the top 10 contributors to the S&P 500 performance this year have been responsible for all of the index's total return. This primarily includes the big tech businesses Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Meta, and Nvidia which are up over >35% this year (USD).



Top 10 contributors to S&P 500 performance



Source: Guinness Global Investors, Bloomberg. Data as of 31/05/2023 in USD

Driving the strong performance of these businesses have been two factors: good earnings, and investors' growing excitement about the future of artificial intelligence (AI). Whilst AI is not a new phenomenon, the launch of Chat GPT late last year has captured the imagination of consumers and businesses alike over 2023 and catalysed businesses across sectors to investigate the best way to leverage and incorporate the technology into their business models and operations. As a result, the number of companies citing AI in earnings calls surged to all-time highs (110 S&P 500 companies), more than 40% higher than the previous record set just a quarter prior.



Investment into artificial intelligence was not just evident in company rhetoric and press releases, but also in company fundamentals. Nvidia added an astonishing \$184bn to its market capitalization following its quarterly earnings, more than the entire market cap of peer Intel, with the stock surging +24% on the day. The company guided for revenues of \$11bn in



the next quarter, over 50% higher than the \$7bn estimated by analysts. Soaring demand for chips required for generative Al purposes was clearly much greater than the market expected, creating an additional tailwind for Al-exposed stocks.

Whilst investment opportunities within the AI space tend to come in the form of larger-cap businesses and thus do not appear in our mid-cap universe, we do have some exposure through semiconductor and datacentre enablers. These include Arista Networks, which produces high-speed networking switching and software, and Cadence Design Systems, which produces electronic design software used by semiconductor businesses in designing their next waves of chips. Both stocks were up more than 10% (USD) following Nvidia's quarterly results.

Portfolio Managers

Sagar Thanki Joseph Stephens



GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - FUND FACTS							
Fund size	\$14.3m						
Fund launch	15.12.2020						
Benchmark	MSCI World TR						

GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - PORTFOLIO										
Top 10 holdings		Sector			Country					
Arista Networks Inc Cadence Design Systems	4.4%	Information Technology		39.0%	USA	63.3%				
Inc KLA Corp	3.9%	-			UK -	7.0%				
Edwards Lifesciences Legrand SA	3.7%	Health Care		27.7%	France -	6.6%				
Teradyne Inc	3.6%				Switzerland -	6.5%				
Halma PLC Entegris Inc	3.6%	Industrials -		27.3%	Italy - Israel	6.0% 3.5%				
Fortive Corp	3.5%	Financials	5.6%		- Canada	3.4%				
A O Smith Corp	3.5%	-			- Taiwan	3.3%				
Top 10 holdings Number of holdings	37.1% 30	Cash	0.3%		- Cash -	0.3%				

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GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE										
Total Return (GBP)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr				
Fund	+0.5%	+3.1%	+3.3%	-	-					
MSCI World TR	+0.4%	+5.3%	+3.8%	-	-	-				
IA Global TR	+0.2%	+4.1%	+2.4%	-	-	-				
Total Return (USD)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr				
Fund	-0.9%	+6.2%	+1.6%	-	-					
MSCI World TR	-1.0%	+8.5%	+2.1%	-	-	-				
IA Global TR	-1.2%	+7.2%	+0.7%	-	-	-				
Total Return (EUR)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr				
Fund	+2.6%	+6.4%	+2.1%	-	-					
MSCI World TR	+2.5%	+8.6%	+2.6%	-	-	-				
IA Global TR	+2.3%	+7.3%	+1.2%	-	-	-				

GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE											
Total Return (GBP)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	
Fund	-16.3%	+27.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MSCI World TR	-7.8%	+22.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
IA Global TR	-11.1%	+17.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Return (USD)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	
Fund	-25.7%	+26.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MSCI World TR	-18.1%	+21.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
IA Global TR	-21.0%	+16.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Return (EUR)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	
Fund	-20.8%	+36.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MSCI World TR	-12.8%	+31.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
IA Global TR	-15.8%	+25.5%	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	

GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (USD)



Source: FE fundinfo to 31.05.23. Investors should note that fees and expenses are charged to the capital of the Fund. This reduces the return on your investment by an amount equivalent to the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF). The current OCF for the share class used for the fund performance returns is 0.89%. Returns for share classes with a different OCF will vary accordingly. Transaction costs also apply and are incurred when a fund buys or sells holdings. The performance returns do not reflect any initial charge; any such charge will also reduce the return. Graph data is in USD.



TB Guinness Sustainable Global Equity Fund

TB GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - FUND FACTS							
Fund size	£0.5m						
Fund launch	30.12.2022						
Benchmark	MSCI World TR						

TB GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - PORTFOLIO											
Top 10 holdings		Sector			Country						
Arista Networks Inc Cadence Design Systems Inc	4.6%	Information Technology		39.1%	USA	62.9%					
KLA Corp Legrand SA	3.9%	- Industrials		27.4%	UK Switzerland	6.6%					
A O Smith Corp Halma PLC	3.7% 3.6%	-			France	6.6%					
Teradyne Inc Fortive Corp	3.6%	Health Care -		27.2%	Italy Canada	6.0% 3.5%					
Edwards Lifesciences Recordati SpA	3.6%	Financials	5.3%		Israel	3.3%					
Top 10 holdings	37.9%	- Cash	0.9%		Taiwan Cash	3.2% 0.9%					
Number of holdings	30	_				J					

TB Guinness Sustainable Global Equity Fund

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TB GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE										
Total Return (GBP)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr				
MSCI World TR	-	-	-	-	-	-				
IA Global TR	-	-	-	-	-	_				

TB GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE										
Total Return (GBP)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
MSCI World TR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IA Global TR	-	-	-	_	_	-	_	_	-	-

TB GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (GBP)

For regulatory reasons, we are unable to provide performance information where the track record is less than 12 months.

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GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND

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The documentation needed to make an investment, including the Prospectus, the Key Information Document (KID), Key Investor Information Document (KIID) and the Application Form, is available in English from www.guinnessgi.com or free of charge from:-

• the Manager: Link Fund Manager Solutions (Ireland) Ltd (LFMSI), 2 Grand Canal Square, Grand Canal Harbour, Dublin 2, Ireland; or the Promoter and Investment Manager: Guinness Asset Management Ltd, 18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ.

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Investor Rights

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Structure & regulation

The Fund is a sub-fund of Guinness Asset Management Funds PLC (the "Company"), an open-ended umbrellatype investment company, incorporated in Ireland and authorised and supervised by the Central Bank of Ireland,

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TB GUINNESS SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY FUND

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