

# Guinness Sustainable Energy Fund



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### Fund Objective

The objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation.

The Fund has met its objective over the last 10 years.

### Fund Strategy

An equity fund which invests in companies in the solar, wind, hydro, geothermal, biofuels, biomass and energy efficiency sectors.

The fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the MSCI World Index (the "Benchmark") by virtue of the fact that it uses the Benchmark solely for performance comparison purposes.

### Sector breakdown

Equipment	23.9%
Electric vehicles	18.4%
Power Producer	14.9%
Efficiency	13.1%
Battery	10.2%
Electrical Components & Equipment	8.5%
Electric Utilities	2.5%
Homebuilding	2.2%
Renewable Electricity	2.0%
Cash	4.2%

### Top 10

Iberdola	4.7%
Vesta Wind Systems	4.6%
Schneider Electric	4.6%
Trane Technologies	4.6%
Infineon Technologies	4.6%
Eaton	4.5%
Legrand SA	4.4%
ON Semiconductor	4.4%
NextEra Energy	4.3%
Hubbell Inc	4.2%
Cash	4.2%
% of fund in top 10	44.8%

### Asset Allocation

Equities	95.8%
Cash	4.2%

**Statement of changes** – there has been no material change in the asset allocation from the previous quarter.

#### Performance summary (Net) - Past Performance does not predict future returns

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Launch
Fund	23.8%	-1.3%	18.4%	13.1%	-4.2%
Index	-0.4%	7.3%	12.8%	10.7%	6.6%

#### Calendar Year Performance

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	23.8%	-12.5%	10.4%	84.1%	31.4%	-15.2%	20.2%	-15.4%	-12.0%	-12.1%
Index	-0.4%	-18.1%	21.8%	15.9%	27.7%	-8.7%	22.4%	7.5%	-0.9%	4.9%

All performance figures reflect the annualised performance, net of fees in US\$ terms for Y USD as at 31 December 2023 Source: FE fundinfo. Launch date 19.12.2007. Simulated past performance prior to launch of share class on 11.03.2015. Performance includes the performance of a higher charging share class (1.24% TER)

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#### Fund Information

<b>Manager</b>	Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited
<b>Investment Manager</b>	Guinness Asset Management Limited
<b>Managers</b>	Jonathan Waghorn, Will Riley
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<b>Domicile</b>	Ireland
<b>Structure</b>	OEIC (UCITS)

This fund is an equity fund. Investors should be willing and able to assume the risks of equity investing. The Fund only invests in companies involved in the sustainable energy sector; it is therefore susceptible to the performance of that one sector. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market movements, you may not get back the amount originally invested.

<b>Base Currency</b>	US Dollar
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI World Index
<b>Fund Size</b>	\$1,187.4m
<b>Unit Price (Class Y USD Acc)</b>	\$19.8026
<b>Number of Units</b>	5,470,352.19
<b>Launch date</b>	19.12.2007
<b>Minimum investment</b>	\$0 (Y Class USD)
<b>Dealing/Redemption frequency</b>	Daily
<b>Dealing deadline</b>	15.00 (Dublin Time)
<b>Valuation point</b>	23.00 (Dublin Time)
<b>Daily publication of prices</b>	www.guinnessgi.com
<b>Distribution</b>	Accumulation
<b>Morningstar Category</b>	Sector Equity Alternative Energy

#### Fees

<b>Max Initial fee / Front end load</b>	5% (Y USD)
<b>TER / OCF</b>	0.65% (Y USD)
<b>Exit Fee</b>	Nil
<b>Other allowed expenses</b>	Trustee fees, custody fees, administration fees, director's fees, legal fees, audit fees, bank charges, regulatory fees, brokerage/trading fees.

A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product and impacts Financial Product returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Financial Product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

## Risk Profile (medium to high)

Investment in the Fund is suitable only for those persons and institutions for whom such investment does not represent a complete investment program, who understand the degree of risk involved (as detailed under the section of the Prospectus and Supplement headed "Risk Factors"), can tolerate a medium level of volatility and believe that the investment is suitable based upon investment objective and finance needs. Investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

## Risk Statement

This fund is rated medium to high risk Other risks are investment in Equity Securities Concentration Risk, Risks associated with investment in Energy Companies and Sustainability Risk. Full details of the risk factors are included in the Prospectus.

### ISIN Codes

<b>Y EUR Acc</b>	IE00BFYV9M80
<b>Y GBP Acc</b>	IE00BFYV9L73
<b>Y USD Acc</b>	IE00BFYV9N97

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## Regulatory statement

The Fund is a sub-fund of Guinness Asset Management Funds PLC, an umbrella fund with segregated liability between funds, An open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and with segregated liability between Funds incorporated with limited liability in Ireland under the Companies Acts 2014 with registration number 450670 and established as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 352 of 2011), as amended. The Fund is managed by Guinness Asset Management Limited.

The Guinness Asset Management Funds PLC full prospectus, the Fund supplement, the MDD and the KID is available free of charge from the Manager or at [www.guinnessgi.com](http://www.guinnessgi.com). This is neither an offer to sell, nor a solicitation to buy any securities in any fund managed by us. Any offering is made only pursuant to the relevant offering document, together with the current financial statements of the relevant fund, and the relevant subscription/application forms, all of which must be read in their entirety together with the Guinness Asset Management Funds plc prospectus, the Fund supplement the MDD and the KID.

This is a Section 65 approved fund under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act 45, 2002 (CISCA). Prescient Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd. is the South African Representative Office for this fund. The information to follow does not constitute financial advice as contemplated in terms of the South African Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act.

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- the Manager: Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited (Waystone IE) 2nd Floor 35 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin DO4 A4E0, Ireland ; or
- the Promoter and Investment Manager: Guinness Asset Management Ltd, 18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ.

Waystone IE is a company incorporated under the laws of Ireland having its registered office at 35 Shelbourne Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin, D04 A4E0 Ireland, which is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland, has appointed Guinness Asset Management Ltd as Investment Manager to this fund, and as Manager has the right to terminate the arrangements made for the marketing of funds in accordance with the UCITS Directive.

**Investor Rights** A summary of investor rights in English is available: <https://www.waystone.com/waystone-policies/>

**Residency** In countries where the Fund is not registered for sale or in any other circumstances where its distribution is not authorised or is unlawful, the Fund should not be distributed to resident Retail Clients.

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