

Guinness Emerging Markets Equity Income



Responsible Investment Factsheet

31.12.2025

This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus, supplement and KID/KIID for the Fund, which contain detailed information on the Fund's characteristics and objectives, before making any final investment decisions. All data as at above date, unless otherwise stated. Past performance does not predict future returns.

Fund ESG Ratings

MSCI ESG Rating™:



Produced by MSCI ESG Research as of 31.12.25.

SFDR Classification

Please see the fund's [Sustainability-related disclosures](#) and [SFDR Pre-contractual Disclosures](#), available on our website, for more information. [Periodic Reports](#) are also available.



Fund Profile

Benchmark

MSCI Emerging Markets

Investment Objective

An equity fund investing primarily in dividend paying companies that derive at least 50% of their revenues from business activities primarily in emerging markets countries.

Investment Case

Provides exposure to dividend paying companies in Emerging Markets world-wide. Developing countries often offer faster growth due to factors including demographics, industrialisation, productivity gains and consumer spending. Value can be found in companies that have turned these themes into returns on capital above the cost of capital on a sustained basis.

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Ireland

Risks

Guinness Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund is an equity fund. Investors should be willing and able to assume the risks of equity investing. The Fund invests only in stocks of companies that are traded on Emerging Markets stock exchanges or that do at least half of their business in Emerging Markets, it is therefore susceptible to the performance of that region and can be volatile. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency movement; you may not get back the amount originally invested. For full information on the risks, please refer to the Prospectus, Supplement, and KID/KIID for the Fund, which are available on our website.

Fund Approach to Responsible Investment

ESG Integration



Exclusions¹



Controversial weapons²



Thermal coal³



Voting



Engagement



¹Further details can be found in our corporate [Exclusion Policy](#), available on our website.

²Cluster munitions, landmines, and biological and chemical weapons.

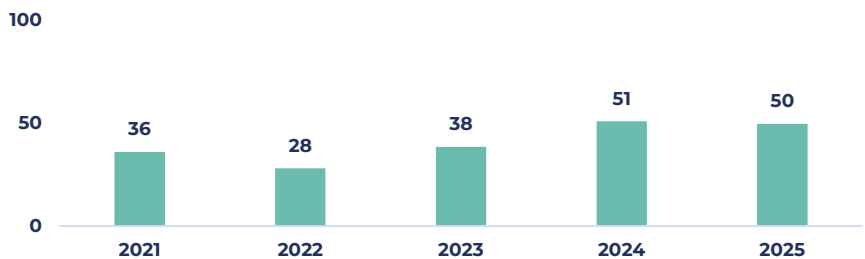
³Companies that generate more than 30% of revenues via thermal coal extraction or thermal coal power generation.

ESG Integration Summary

ESG analysis is incorporated into investment decision-making on an ongoing basis, accompanied by a detailed review of each company. The review considers the Environmental, Social and Governance risks facing the company, the ways in which management mitigates them and their progress in doing so. The company's business is first assessed for the material risks posed by the industry and by the company's operations. The review consists of company-specific analysis of these material and relevant Environmental and Social risks. Regardless of industry, each company is assessed on carbon risk and employee relations, as well as Governance. Further information is available in the team's Approach to Responsible Investment and ESG paper, available [here](#).

Fund Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI)* in tCO₂e/\$M revenue

The fund's carbon intensity is measured and reported over time.



Source: Guinness Global Investors, CDP; Coverage: 100% (2021, 2024, 2025), 97% (2023), 95% (2022).

*The Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI) metric is calculated by multiplying the carbon intensity (emissions relative to revenue in millions USD) of each fund holding by its portfolio weight (the value of the holding relative to the total value of the portfolio, excluding cash). Carbon intensity is based on Scope 1 and 2 emissions. Scope 1 emissions are direct greenhouse gas emissions from sources that are owned or controlled by the company. Scope 2 emissions are indirect greenhouse gas emissions from the generation of energy purchased by the company (Reference: GHG Protocol). Coverage refers to the percentage of the carbon intensity data available at the date of publication for underlying fund holdings (as a percentage of total assets excluding cash).

Stewardship

Stewardship activities form part of the investment process applied by the team. We believe that resourcing our stewardship activities within the investment team itself, with dedicated assistance as required, is the best way to ensure effective stewardship. The investment team's ESG incorporation approach often informs their proxy voting and engagement activity. In a spirit of transparency, we disclose fund-level voting and engagement statistics and case studies for calendar year 2025 below.

Voting

The investment team make their own voting decisions based on their own research, supported by proxy voting research from Glass Lewis. All voting is undertaken by the investment team, with oversight provided by our Responsible Investment Committee. In order to vote, some markets require shares to be temporarily immobilised from trading until after the shareholder meeting has taken place (referred to as 'share blocking'). Some other markets require a local representative to be hired, under a Power-of-Attorney (POA), to attend the meeting and vote on our behalf. In such instances, it may sometimes be in clients' best interests to refrain from voting. But in all other circumstances we endeavour to exercise our voting responsibilities on clients' behalf. For more information, please see our Voting Policy, available on our website.

| Voting Overview * | |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| Number of companies available to vote | 36 |
| Number of available proposals | 594 |
| % voted | 100% |
| % did not vote** | 0% |
| % votes in line with management | 91% |
| % votes against management | 9% |



Votes against management by topic (%)***

- Audit/Financials 5%
- Board Related 41%
- Capital allocation 16%
- Compensation 20%
- Other 18%

***May not sum to 100% due to rounding.

*1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Source: Glass Lewis; Guinness Global Investors 31.12.25

**This includes where we do not vote in jurisdictions where share blocking is in effect or power of attorney requirements apply

Voting Case Studies



In March, we voted against the Remuneration Policy presented by **Porto Seguro**, one of the largest insurance providers in Brazil. The company was seeking shareholder approval for total remuneration of R\$40m (~USD 8m) for non-executive directors (NEDs), executives, and supervisory council members for the fiscal year. We had several concerns regarding the overall design of the remuneration structure.

First, we believe that providing performance-based awards to NEDs may compromise their independence and objectivity in carrying out key oversight responsibilities. In addition, no clawback provisions or share ownership guidelines had been established by the Remuneration Committee. Finally, we were unable to assess how awards under the short-term incentive (STIP) and long-term incentive (LTIP) plans were determined, as no weightings were disclosed for STIP metrics and no performance metrics were disclosed for the LTIP.

Shareholder dissent was meaningful, with approximately 12% of votes cast against the resolution.



Haitian International is a leading Chinese manufacturer of injection moulding machines. At the 2025 AGM, we voted against resolutions seeking authority to issue shares without pre-emptive rights and to issue repurchased shares.

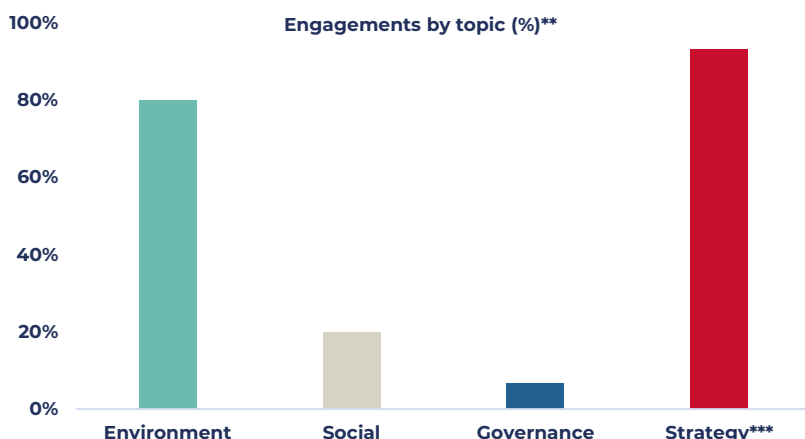
We were concerned that the proposed 20% issuance limit for shares without pre-emptive rights could be excessively dilutive to existing shareholders. While the resolution to issue repurchased shares only sought authority for a 10% issuance limit, in both cases, the company did not disclose the maximum permissible discount at which shares could be issued relative to the prevailing market price. We believe the absence of clear discount disclosure increases the risk of shareholder value dilution and weaker capital allocation.

Shareholder dissent was notable, with approximately 21% of votes cast against both resolutions, suggesting our concerns were widely shared by other investors.

Engagement

The investment team focused their engagements in 2025 around seeking improved disclosures from portfolio companies.

| Engagement Overview* | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Number of company interactions | 17 |
| Number of engagements | 15 |
| Engagements by topic | |
| Environment | 80% |
| Social | 20% |
| Governance | 7% |
| Strategy*** | 93% |



*1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
Source: Glass Lewis; Guinness Global Investors (31.12.25)

**In some cases, multiple topics are covered in a single meeting and the totals do not add up to 100%.
***Strategy includes disclosures, opportunities in sustainable products, positive impact, and regulation.

Engagement Case Studies

SUOFEIYA

Suofeiya Home Collection ("Suofeiya") is a Chinese company that designs, produces and sells customised wardrobes and related furniture. We engaged with the company at its China offices in May 2024, encouraging improved climate reporting and pushing for disclosure of its carbon emissions. Suofeiya noted that it would likely require third-party support to assist in emissions measurement and reporting process, which we encouraged it to pursue.

In Suofeiya's 2024 ESG Report, released in September 2025, we were pleased to see the company disclose Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions for seven Chinese production bases. We view this as an important first step towards building a more complete emissions inventory, particularly given increasing regulatory and stakeholder expectations for corporate climate disclosure in China.

We plan to continue engaging with Suofeiya in 2026, encouraging the company to expand and further develop its emissions reporting over time.



Bajaj Auto is an Indian manufacturer of two- and three-wheeled vehicles. We have engaged with the company since 2023, with a primary focus on encouraging CDP participation and improving climate-related risk transparency and disclosures.

During our engagement in July 2025, the company highlighted enhancements made through its SEBI-mandated Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR). We welcomed the progress, including the introduction of an absolute Scope 1 and 2 emissions reduction target for 2030, alongside year-on-year reductions in emissions intensity.

We encouraged Bajaj Auto to begin disclosing Scope 3 emissions, and suggested starting with two material GHG Protocol categories as an initial step. We were pleased to learn the company expects to provide Scope 3 disclosures to stakeholders over the next few years.

Collaborative engagement



We are a member of **CDP**, which allows us access to environmental data for all companies that report to CDP. Through our membership, we participate in collaborative engagements, such as the **CDP Non-Disclosure Campaign (NDC)**. The NDC aims to drive further corporate transparency around climate change, deforestation and water security, by encouraging companies to respond to CDP's disclosure requests.

Initiatives

We participate in relevant industry initiatives to promote the proper functioning of markets, responsible investing, and the management of market-wide and systemic risk. Where appropriate, members of the investment team will use initiatives to engage collaboratively with portfolio companies.

External company ratings

Signatory of:



We became signatories to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI) in 2019, which provides external assurance on our stewardship approach broken down by activity.

In our latest Assessment Report, published in 2024, we received the following scores:

★★★★★

Policy Governance and Strategy

★★★★★

Direct – Listed Equity – Active Fundamental

★★★★★

Confidence Building Measures

Industry Initiatives



CFA UK's mission is to build a better investment profession by serving the public interest by educating investment professionals, by promoting and enforcing ethical and professional standards and by explaining what is happening in the profession to regulators, policymakers, and the media. A member of the investment team at Guinness is part of the Sustainability Community Champions group.



As the trade body for the UK investment management industry, the **Investment Association (IA)** seeks to represent the industry interests, improve the investment landscape through thematic initiatives, which highlight topics such as diversity and inclusion, and by improving standards and best practice.



The **Independent Investment Management Initiative (IIMI)** aims to contribute effective financial regulation and promote client-centred models of investment management. Our CEO, Edward Guinness sits on the board of IIMI.



The **UK Stewardship Code 2020** sets high stewardship standards for those investing money on behalf of UK savers and pensioners. It comprises a set of 12 'apply and explain' Principles for asset managers and asset owners to demonstrate their stewardship role and performance.



The **UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF)** aims to support its members to grow sustainable and responsible finance in the UK. It also seeks to influence policymaking that promotes the growth of sustainable finance. Our Responsible Investment Lead is Chair of the Industry Development Committee, and another member of investment team serves on the Board of Directors and the Membership Committee.



The **FAIRR Initiative (FAIRR)** is a collaborative investor network that raises awareness of the material risks and opportunities in the global food sector. By providing research and coordinating engagement, it helps investors drive more sustainable practices in the agriculture and protein sectors.

Other Documents

Corporate Documents

- Responsible Investment Policy
- Stewardship Code Report
- Good Governance Policy
- [Responsible Investment Glossary](#)

Strategy Documents

- Approach to Responsible Investment and ESG

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Documentation The documentation needed to make an investment, including the Prospectus, the Supplement, the Key Information Documents (KIDs), Key Investor Information Document (KIID) and the Application Form, is available in English from www.guinnessgi.com or free of charge from: - the Manager: Waystone Management Company (IE) 4th Floor 35 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin DO4 A4E, Ireland; or the Promoter and Investment Manager: Guinness Asset Management Ltd, 18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ. Waystone Management Company (IE) as UCITS Man Co, 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, including collective redress mechanisms, is available here: <https://www.waystone.com/waystonepolicies/>

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.

NOTE: THIS INVESTMENT IS NOT FOR SALE TO U.S. PERSONS.

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Telephone calls will be recorded and monitored.