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Press Release

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## **Square Mile announces rating for Guinness Global Equity Income Fund**

The Guinness Global Equity Income Fund has been introduced to the Square Mile Academy of Funds with an AA rating.

Square Mile commented that it believed the fund was a strong option within the global equity sector, suiting investors wanting exposure to a fund with a focus on dividend growth and total returns.

Commenting on the prestigious AA rating **Edward Guinness, Chief Executive Officer, Guinness Global Investors (Guinness) said:** “We are thrilled that our Global Equity Income Fund has been awarded an AA rating from Square Mile Investment Consulting and Research.

“It is a testament to the hard work and focus of fund managers Dr. Ian Mortimer and Matthew Page who have managed the fund since inception and delivered returns of 220% over ten years\*.”

The £2bn fund is a concentrated equally weighted portfolio of 35 quality stocks. Square Mile points out the fund “doesn’t have a strict dividend discipline, and instead focuses on companies that they believe can sustainably grow dividends over time.”

**Jake Moeller, Senior Investment Consultant, Square Mile Investment Consulting and Research, said,** “Ian Mortimer and Matthew Page, managers of the Guinness Global Equity Income fund, have a very impressive track record, having adhered to the process underlining this strategy with considerable success since its inception. Their focus on identifying quality companies with high returns on capital, good profit margins, low leverage and strong balance sheets means this fund has proved to be resilient in macro-driven drawdowns. In addition, the strategy has consistently increased its dividend yield year-on-year. We have a strong conviction in the managers’ ability to deliver a combination of capital accumulation and growing income and believe this fund’s AA rating, and place in our Academy of Funds, is well deserved.”

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**Notes to editors:**

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\*Dates from 30.06.12 to 30.06.2022

Discrete 12m % total return (GBP)	Jun' 22	Jun' 21	Jun' 20	Jun' 19	Jun' 18	Jun' 17	Jun' 16	Jun' 15	Jun' 14	Jun' 13
Guinness Global Equity Income Y Acc GBP	8.0%	19.8%	5.7%	13.7%	5.3%	16.1%	18.9%	5.4%	8.3%	23.9%
Sector : IA Global Equity Income	1.0%	21.2%	-2.6%	8.4%	3.6%	19.2%	9.6%	4.3%	9.6%	21.1%
Index : MSCI World	-2.6%	24.4%	5.9%	10.3%	9.3%	21.6%	14.4%	10.3%	10.0%	22.6%

**Risk**

The Guinness Global Equity Income Fund is an equity fund. Investors should be willing and able to assume the risks of equity investing. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency movement, and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

**Investment Philosophy**

The Guinness Global Equity Income Fund is designed to provide investors with global exposure to dividend-paying companies. The Fund is managed for income and capital growth and invests in profitable companies that have generated persistently high return on capital over the last decade, and that are well placed to pay a sustainable dividend into the future. The Fund is actively managed and uses the MSCI World Index as a comparator benchmark only.

**About Guinness Global Investors:**

<https://www.guinnessgi.com>

Guinness Global Investors is an independently owned investment management business providing actively managed portfolios across a selection of asset classes, including equity income, growth and specialist thematic equity funds and venture investments.

Guinness' in-house economic, industry and company research allows the fund managers to take an objective view and not be led by the market, combining strategic sector-selection with a fundamental screening process to identify stock opportunities. Guinness integrates analysis of ESG factors into the investment process.

Guinness' equally-weighted funds are not benchmark-constrained, which means fund managers can select stocks without the influence of index weightings and have a high conviction about the stocks in their portfolio.

Guinness Asset Management is 100% owned by its directors and employees.

Guinness Global Investors is a trading name of Guinness Asset Management Ltd. (Company registration 4647882) which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.