

Introduction

As responsible investors, we incorporate ESG factors into our investment strategies and embrace the stewardship responsibilities which we assume as investment managers. Under our responsible investment approach, we exclude from our portfolios companies involved in the manufacture of certain weapons and companies which generate excessive revenue from thermal coal.

Weapons

We exclude companies that have been identified by credible third parties as being directly involved in the design, manufacture or sale of cluster munitions, landmines and biological and chemical weapons.

Thermal Coal

We exclude companies that generate more than 30% of revenues via thermal coal extraction or thermal coal power generation.

Policy implementation

To implement this policy, we use exclusion lists of companies based on information provided by independent third-party sources. We update the exclusion lists annually on a best-efforts basis. The exclusion lists are distributed periodically across the firm.

We will not knowingly invest in any company that breaches this policy. In the event that we identify a company in our portfolios that does not comply with these policy requirements, we will contact the company directly for confirmation of their involvement in an excluded activity. Following confirmation of their involvement in this activity, we will divest any such holdings within 90 business days.

We monitor compliance in respect of this policy. However, due to the complexity of the issue and the evolution of company business models, there may be occasions when relevant securities appear in portfolios in error. Should this occur, we will seek to divest from any such holdings within 90 business days.

This policy applies to all investments directly managed by Guinness Global Investors. It does not apply to beneficial holdings in passive funds (such as index tracking funds), underlying holdings of active funds invested in by our multi-asset funds, ETFs or derivatives, or to affiliated companies.

Important Information

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