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Fund ESG Ratings

MSCI ESG Rating™:



Produced by MSCI ESG Research as of 23.01.25.

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 Golden Dragon

Investment Objective

An equity fund investing primarily in companies that are listed in Greater China or derive at least 50% of their revenues from business activities in the region.

Investment Case

Gives exposure to economic expansion and demographic trends in China and Taiwan. We believe that over the next twenty years China will experience rising incomes, the spread of wealth and the continuing expansion of its consumer market. This economic transition should lead to more sustainable growth than the industrial and infrastructure-led growth that China has already experienced.

Domicile

Ireland

Risks

Guinness Greater China Fund is an equity fund. Investors should be willing and able to assume the risks of equity investing. The Fund only invests in the Greater China region; 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 our corporate [Exclusion Policy](#), available on our website.

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

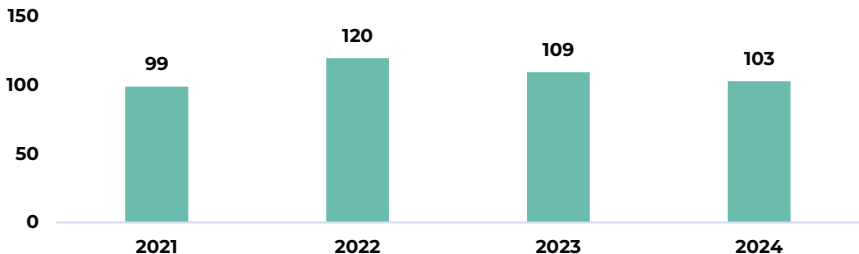
³Companies that generate more than 30% of revenues via thermal coal extraction or thermal coal power generation.

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), 90% (2022), 93% (2023).

*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 2024 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	31
Number of available proposals	570
% voted	100%
% did not vote**	0%
% votes in line with management	86%
% votes against management	14%



Votes against management by topic (%)	
Audit/Financials	9%
Board Related	48%
Capital allocation	23%
Compensation	9%
Other	11%

*1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024
Source: Glass Lewis; Guinness Global Investors 31.12.24

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

Voting Case Studies



Xinyi Solar ("Xinyi") is a leading manufacturer of solar glass products. In May, we voted against the re-election of Mr Lee Yin Yee, the incumbent Board Chair and Chair of the Nominating Committee, due to concerns regarding his independence. Mr Lee held significant share ownership via his company Realbest Investment and maintained familial relationships to other board directors and shareholders, including to the company's CEO. Given the extent of these connections, we felt it was important for the company to appoint a more independent director to lead the Nominations Committee to ensure objective decision-making and governance. 14% of shareholders voted against Mr Lee's re-election, likely reflecting similar independence concerns.

SUOFEIYA

Suofeiya Home Collection ("Suofeiya") is a Chinese company that designs, produces, and sells customised wardrobes and related furniture. In September, we voted against a proposal to allow the company to carry out a financial derivatives trading business. The proposed trading exposure was substantial relative to Suofeiya's business size, and we did not feel it was a core competence. Our vote deviated from the recommendation of our proxy voting advisor, who suggested that such decisions should be left to management discretion. Only 1.8% of shareholders voted against the resolution.

We also voted against the election of Mr. Xie Kang to the Board of Supervisors, as he was not considered independent by the company. His election would have resulted in an insufficient number of independent members on the Supervisory Board, potentially undermining its oversight and monitoring of the Board of Directors.

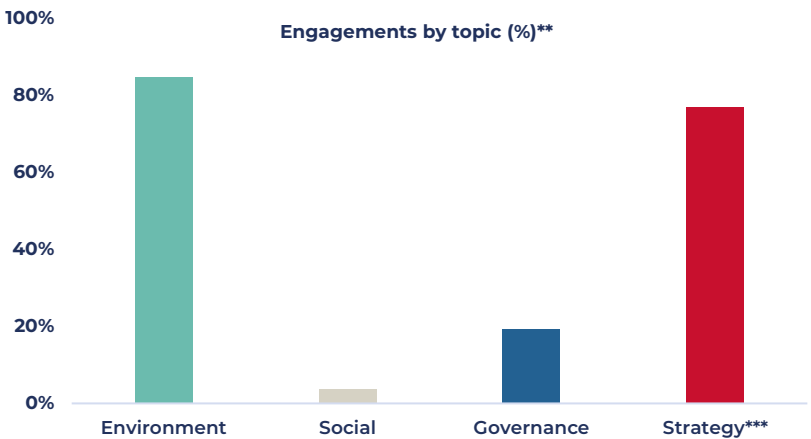
Engagement

The investment team focused their engagements in 2024 around seeking improved ESG disclosures from portfolio companies. In May, members of the team travelled to China to visit some of the holdings in the fund.

Engagement Overview*	
Number of company interactions	28
Number of engagements	26
Engagements by topic	
Environment	85%
Social	4%
Governance	19%
Strategy***	77%

*1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Source: Glass Lewis; Guinness Global Investors (31.12.24)



**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



Haier Smart Home ("Haier") is one of the world's largest household appliances companies. During our first in-person meeting with the company in May 2024 at its headquarters in China, we shared some of our ESG-related expectations and discussed wider business strategy. We encouraged Haier to ensure its Remuneration and Audit Committees were comprised solely of independent directors and to explore ways to increase female representation at the Vice President level. We were pleased to see recent enhancements to its remuneration structure, including the introduction of compensation clawback mechanisms and nascent initiatives to link executive pay to ESG metrics.

While we welcomed the expansion of long-term equity incentives via employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs) in principle, we had concerns around the specific structure proposed and voted against an associated proposal at the 2024 AGM. Our concerns centred on a lack of disclosure regarding the maximum discount to fair market value for shares purchased under the plans, and questions about the independence of the plan's administrative committee. We look forward to sharing our perspectives with Haier in 2025 to support further progress.



TravelSky Technology ("TravelSky") provides IT solutions to the Chinese aviation and travel industry. We engaged with TravelSky in 2023 and 2024, suggesting several governance-related improvements to the company, including:

- separating the CEO and Chair roles to reinforce checks and balances, and ensure a clear division of responsibilities at the head of a company, such that no one individual has unfettered powers of decision-making;
- improving director attendance at board meetings to ensure all directors are effectively fulfilling their oversight responsibilities on behalf of shareholders; and
- increasing female representation on the board of directors in alignment with updated Hong Kong Stock Exchange Listing Rules.

The company has requested additional time to identify suitable female director candidates and aims to appoint at least one new director within the first three to six months of 2025. We plan to re-engage with TravelSky on the other two recommendations ahead of its 2025 AGM.

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 a member of the Industry Development Committee, and another member of investment team serves on the Membership Committee.

Other Documents

Corporate Documents

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

Strategy Documents

- Approach to Responsible Investment and ESG

Guinness Global Equity Income

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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.

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