


# Global Brands Fund Global Brands Equity Income Fund

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Global Brands is a concentrated, global equity portfolio of high quality, well managed companies that have the potential to generate high and stable returns on operating capital from dominant intangible assets. The Fund is designed to offer capital growth, earnings visibility and reduced downside participation. The **Global Brands Equity Income (GBEI) Fund** invests in a portfolio of the same stocks held in Global Brands, with the addition of a conservative overwrite for enhanced income. The team uses bottom-up fundamental analysis and actively engage with company management to identify material ESG risks to company fundamentals and/or the sustainability of future returns. The Funds have a significantly lower carbon footprint than the broader market.

**Sustainability Rating™**

The Morningstar Sustainability Ratings as of 31 May 2023 are not based on fund performance and are not equivalent to the Morningstar® Low Carbon Designation™ helps investors identify low-carbon funds.



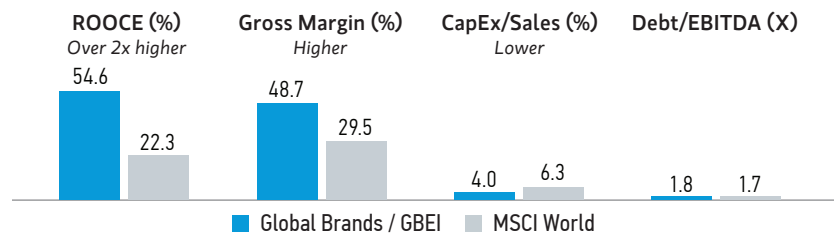
Climetrics Rating as of December 2022.\*#

**Article 8 Funds<sup>A</sup>**  
(EU SFDR)

\*The Climetrics Rating applies to the Global Brands and Global Brands Equity Income Funds.

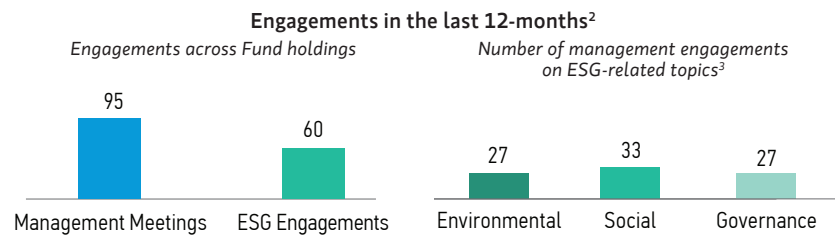
### High Quality Investing<sup>1</sup>

ESG considerations are a fundamental part of the investment process and are assessed directly by the investment team. The result is a portfolio of high quality compounders that meet stringent criteria for high, sustainable returns on operating capital.



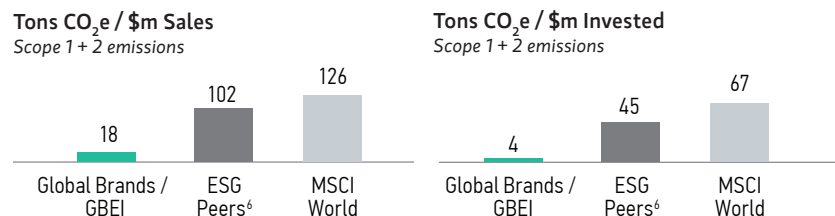
### Active Engagement

Direct and regular portfolio manager-led engagement is a hallmark of our integrated ESG investment process. The team has engaged with management on material issues of sustainability and governance for over 20 years.



### Light on Carbon<sup>4,5</sup>

The Funds have a low carbon intensity given their focus on capital light businesses and exclusion of carbon-intensive sectors, with a carbon footprint 86% lower (Scope 1 and 2 emission) than the MSCI World Index per \$1m sales.



The value of the investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested.

# Due to the switch to a new calculation and service platform, Climetrics Ratings for Q2 2023 are not available.

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<sup>1</sup> Quality ratios are historical. ROOCE (Return on Operating Capital Employed) = EBITA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes and Amortization) / PPE (Property, Plant, Equipment) + Trade working capital (excludes goodwill). ROOCE, Gross Margin, CapEx/Sales, and Net Debt to EBITDA use last reported ex-Financials data. Characteristics are calculated using the underlying companies in the MS INV Global Brands / MS INV Global Brands Equity Income Funds. Data as of 30 June 2023. Updated quarterly.

<sup>2</sup> The International Equity Team defines an engagement as an interaction with senior management or non-executive board member. Engagements may also be those with companies' investor relations and/or sustainability teams. Data from 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023. Updated semi-annually.

<sup>3</sup> Total count of ESG topics is higher than total number of ESG engagements as more than one topic may be discussed in a meeting.

<sup>4</sup> Trucost data as of 30 June 2023 for the MS INV Global Brands / MS INV Global Brands Equity Income Funds. Updated quarterly.

<sup>5</sup> Trucost defines a portfolio's carbon intensity as the carbon emissions (Scope 1 and 2) of a portfolio per \$1 million invested or per \$1 million of portfolio companies' sales. The portfolio-level statistics show the weighted average carbon intensity (WACI).

<sup>6</sup> 30 largest global equity investment funds from FactSet and Morningstar databases with ESG, Environmental or Ethical focus, as defined by Morningstar, and where ESG considerations are reflected in the name of the fund.

## Active Portfolio Manager Led Engagement

Integrating ESG analysis is active and intensive. It is not determined by third-party scores but by portfolio managers attuned to the material issues and opportunities for the companies they research.

### Our engagement record in the last 12 months<sup>7</sup>

328

Management engagements on ESG issues

1,663

Resolutions voted on across all our strategies

108

Times we disagreed with ISS recommendations

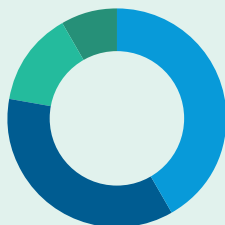
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Times we voted against management recommendations

### Topics addressed during our engagements for Global Brands / GBEI in the last 12 months<sup>8</sup>

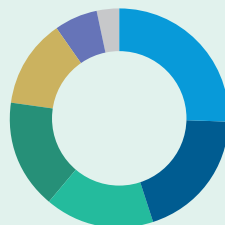
The following diagrams show the number of E, S, and G engagements by topic.

#### Environmental



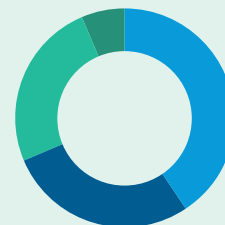
- Decarbonisation 15
- Biodiversity/Ecological Impacts 13
- Circular Economy 5
- Physical Impacts of Climate Change 3
- Other 0

#### Social



- Product Quality & Safety 8
- Data Security & Privacy 6
- Diverse & Inclusive Business 5
- Other 5
- Supply Chain Management 4
- Workforce Well-Being 2
- Pay Equity 1

#### Governance



- Executive Compensation 13
- Board Structure & Composition 9
- Sustainability Governance & Oversight 8
- Other 2

## Diligent Attention to Proxy Voting Responsibilities

During the 12-month period from 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023, we voted at 33 meetings and on 519 proposals for the companies held in the Funds. Overall, we voted against management in 12% of cases. The most common reasons for voting against management were related to remuneration, board structure and proposals related to social and environmental issues.

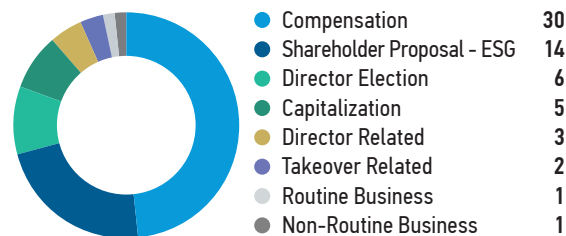
### Proxy voting overview – Global Brands/GBEI<sup>9</sup>

(12 months from 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023)

Total number of meetings held	33
Total proposals voted	519
% votes in favour of management	88%
% votes abstained/did not vote	0%
% votes against management	12%
% meetings with at least one vote against management	88%

Source: ISS Proxy Exchange; MSIM

### Votes against management by topic



<sup>7</sup> Data shown is for the for the 12-month period from 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023 across all strategies. Data updated semi-annually.

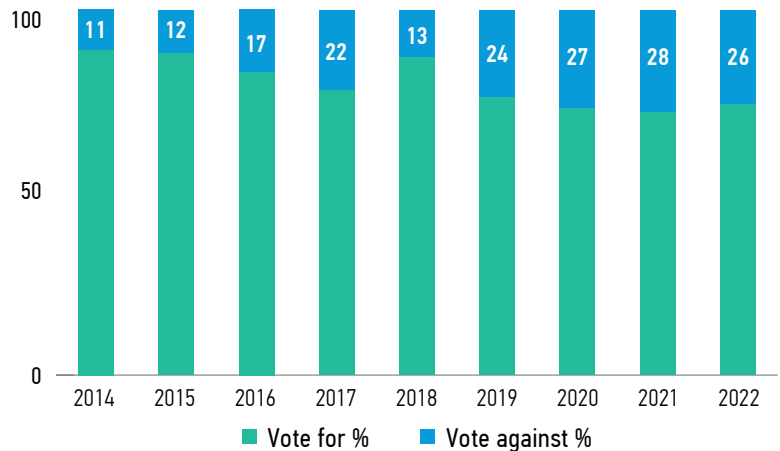
<sup>8</sup> Data shown is for the 12-month period from 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023 for companies held in the MS INV F Global Brands/MS INV F Global Brands Equity Income Funds. Total count of ESG topics is higher than total number of ESG engagements as more than one topic may be discussed in a meeting. Data updated semi-annually.

<sup>9</sup> Due to rounding, values may not sum to 100.

## Pay X-Ray

The Pay X-Ray is our proprietary scoring tool, used to better compare company pay plans, facilitate team discussions and inform our voting approach. This enhancement to our process has led to an increase in votes against management over time.

Votes on management say-on-pay proposals<sup>10</sup>



## Exclusionary Screening of the Investment Universe



### CLIMATE-RELATED EXCLUSIONS

The investment team excludes any company:

With any tie to fossil fuels (such as oil, gas or coal),<sup>11</sup> or assigned to the following: Construction Materials, Energy, Metals & Mining, Utilities (excluding Renewable Electricity and Water Utilities).<sup>12</sup>



### WEAPONS-RELATED EXCLUSIONS<sup>13</sup>

The team also excludes any company:

Whose core business activity involves civilian firearms or weapons.



### CONTROVERSIAL WEAPONS

The Funds will not invest in any company with any tie to controversial weapons.

<sup>10</sup> Any remuneration-related proposals. Data is for all International Equity team strategies. Data updated annually.

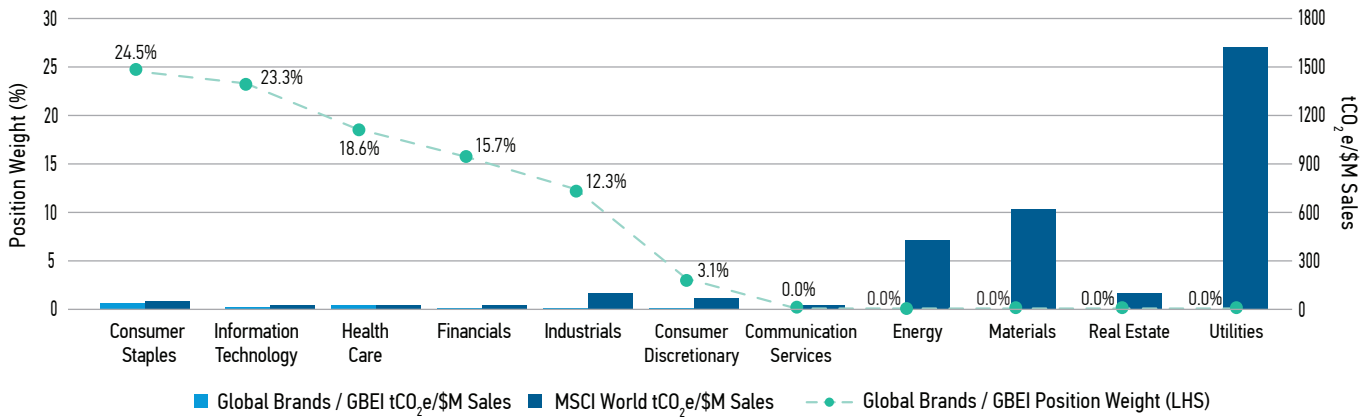
<sup>11</sup> Companies with a tie to fossil fuels (thermal coal, oil and gas), in particular reserve ownership, related revenues and power generation.

<sup>12</sup> Utilities (excluding renewable electricity and water utilities), including any company whose core business activity involves nuclear power generation and/or nuclear power trading.

<sup>13</sup> As determined by the MSCI ESG Business Involvement Screening Research ("MSCI ESG BISR") database. Further details can be found in the Fund's [Restriction Screening Policy](#) on [www.msim.com](http://www.msim.com).

### The Funds Exclude the Most Carbon-Intensive Sectors<sup>14</sup>

Position Weight (%) vs. Carbon Intensity (tCO<sub>2</sub>e / \$mn Sales)



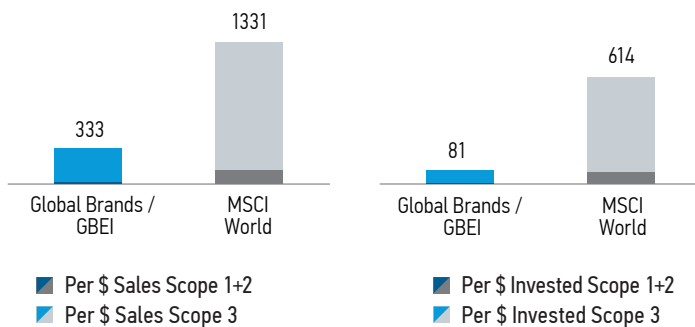
### The Funds are Carbon Light

While Scope 3 emissions – indirect emissions relating to the supply chain (upstream) and customers' logistics and product use emissions (downstream) – are harder to quantify and companies have limited direct control over them, many companies are trying to better understand and report on their full value chain emissions. Taking all three scopes into account, the funds are 75% lower than MSCI World per \$1m sales, and 87% lower per \$1m invested.

### Significantly lower carbon footprint than the index<sup>15</sup>

Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e / \$m Sales

Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e / \$m Invested

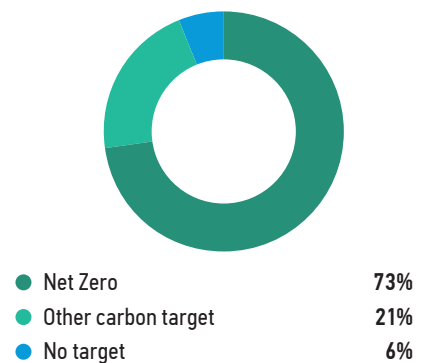


### ...and Getting Lighter

The team has analysed the greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets of companies in the portfolios and engages with management to better understand their strategies to achieve their targets – as well as encouraging those without targets to adopt them.

### 94% of portfolio holdings have carbon emission reduction targets<sup>16</sup>

Global Brands/GBEI, % companies



The Funds are not subject to specific carbon footprint or carbon reduction targets. The carbon data provided herein does not form part of the Funds' core investment objective but is considered as part of our broader investment process where deemed material by the Investment Team. The data shown is accurate as of the date indicated. There is no guarantee that the Funds will maintain the levels shown.

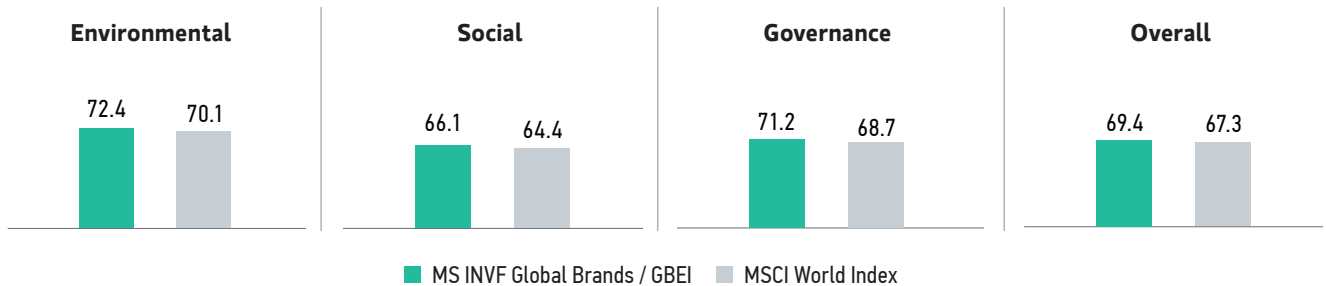
<sup>14</sup> Source: MSCI, Morgan Stanley Investment Management, Trucost. Data as of 30 June 2023. Updated quarterly.

<sup>15</sup> Data as of 30 June 2023 for the MS INV Global Brands and MS INV Global Brands Equity Income Funds. Updated quarterly. The portfolio-level statistics show the weighted average carbon intensity (WACI).

<sup>16</sup> MSIM Research as of 30 June 2023. Due to rounding values may not sum to 100.

## Sustainability Scores<sup>17</sup>

We examine ESG risks and opportunities on a case-by-case basis for the companies we hold, without seeking to meet overall portfolio targets or ratings of external data providers. We provide scores here as reference for those who use them.



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## Risk Considerations



The risk and reward category shown is based on historic data.

- Historic figures are only a guide and may not be a reliable indicator of what may happen in the future.
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- The fund is in this category because it invests in company shares and the fund's simulated and/or realised return has experienced high rises and falls historically.
- The fund may be impacted by movements in the exchange rates between the fund's currency and the currencies of the fund's investments.

This rating does not take into account other risk factors which should be considered before investing, these include:

- The fund relies on other parties to fulfill certain services, investments or transactions. If these parties become insolvent, it may expose the fund to financial loss.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect the funds ability to buy or sell securities.
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- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may lose all or a substantial portion of his or her investment.
- The value of the investments and the income from them will vary and there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.
- Investments may be in a variety of currencies and therefore changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. Furthermore, the value of investments may be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between the investor's reference currency and the base currency of the investments.

<sup>17</sup> Source: Sustainalytics, Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Data as of 30 June 2023.



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