

Investing for the world you want to live in

## **ESG: Seeking to future-proof returns**

Recognising that ESG factors can help mitigate risks and identify the companies that will succeed in a rapidly changing world, LGIM's ambition is to be at the forefront of responsible investment, across multiple asset classes and investment strategies, from mainstream active and index funds through to more specialised thematic and impact investment solutions.

The range of L&G Future World ESG Multi-Index Funds is our ESG-focused multi-asset proposition within the award-winning Multi-Index range.¹ They offer investors the opportunity to further integrate ESG considerations into their dynamically managed and cost effective, risk-targeted solutions. They are designed for clients who want to tilt away from companies that, for example, do not do enough to tackle climate risk, without sacrificing diversification across companies, asset classes and geographies.

## **Investment approach**

The funds dynamically allocate between sustainable investment strategies including our flagship Future World ESG Index funds, as well as other actively managed Future World funds. The former use our proprietary ESG scores, which reflect the minimum standards we expect companies to meet, and reduce exposure to those that fall short of our expectations. Our tilting approach seeks to preserve diversification, yet materially reduces exposure to companies with low ESG scores (see page 3 for details).

We are also committed to supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) via engagement with companies and regulators to drive progress on systemic issues such as climate change or financial inequality, through transparency in reporting on the ESG profile of investments and through our proprietary scoring methodology.

### **Introducing our Future World ESG Multi-Index range**

The Future World philosophy encapsulates how we view our responsibilities as a large asset manager and a steward of our clients' investments, by considering ESG factors. It incorporates how we engage with companies, develop innovative products, evolve our investment process and manage risk to seek to deliver sustainable long-term value.

### **Fund facts**

#### **Fund Managers**

Andrzej Pioch, Francis Chua

#### Future World ESG Multi-Index 3 I Acc share class

Ongoing Charge Figure: 0.36%

ISIN: GB00BMXVDQ09 SEDOL: BMXVDQ0

Fund launch: December 2020

# Future World ESG Multi-Index 4

I Acc share class

Ongoing Charge Figure: 0.36%

ISIN: GB00BJ0M3875 SEDOL: BJ0M387 Fund launch: April 2019

# **Future World ESG Multi-Index 5**

I Acc share class

**Ongoing Charge Figure:** 0.36%

ISIN: GB00BJ0LSD40 SEDOL: BJ0LSD4 Fund launch: April 2019

# Future World ESG Multi-Index 6

I Acc share class

ISIN: GB00BMX5HR18 SEDOL: BMX5HR1 Fund Launch: June 2022

# **Future World ESG Multi-Index 7**

I Acc share class

ISIN: GB00BMX5V138 SEDOL: BMX5V13 Fund launch: June 2022

1. View the list of awards won by the multi-asset team.



## **Incorporating your sustainability aims**

### **ESG** integration

Wherever integrating ESG analysis has a material impact, we aim to invest in assets which incorporate ESG criteria, subject to the fund's risk profile.

#### LGIM ESG score

Our proprietary ESG scores combine assessments on environmental, social and governance criteria for over 17,000 companies on 34 metrics, with adjustments made for a company's overall levels of transparency on related issues, to embed ESG credentials in index construction.

#### Index and Active building blocks for ESG

While the options available for ESG investors were traditionally dominated by active solutions, we use the abovementioned scores to construct ESG indices instead, which we then use to implement our dynamic asset allocation and complement our ESG active holdings. This way we can use well-diversified building blocks to offer a range of cost- effective, risk managed multi-asset funds, while avoiding concentrated positions in any single stock or sector but aiming to benefit from a material improvement in ESG credentials.

### **Climate Impact Pledge**

An in-depth engagement process with companies we deem critical to meeting the aims of the Paris Agreement. Those that we believe are not doing enough to limit climate change are then excluded from our Future World building blocks until they improve their standards. In parallel, LGIM will vote against the re-election of their board chairs across all funds where we hold voting rights.

#### **Sustainable Development Goals**

Developed by the United Nations, the 17 SDGs form a framework to articulate some of the world's most pressing sustainability issues and are intended to guide the policies of UN member states. As a large investor with universal coverage of the investable markets, LGIM fully supports these objectives and long-term engagement themes and proprietary ESG scores can be linked to specific SDG goals.

#### Minimum exclusions

A set of exclusions of companies who fail to meet either globally accepted principles of business, or do not meet LGIM's minimum requirements on the carbon transition. Those on the list include companies:

- Generating 20% or more of their revenues from coal mining and extraction
- Involved in the manufacturing and production of controversial weapons
- Generating more than 5% of their revenues from assault weapons
- Generating more that 10% of their revenues from the production or retail of tobacco products
- Contravening the UN's Global Compact

## **Active ownership**

All of LGIM's funds incorporate our Investment Stewardship team's approach to engaging with companies. The team ensures that the companies in which you're invested are run with your interests in mind. In 2023, our Investment Stewardship team had 2,500 company engagements and voted on 148,794 resolutions worldwide.<sup>2</sup> More information on this activity can be found in our 2023 Active Ownership report.

# An experienced, expert team

LGIM is one of the UK's leading investment management companies, and we use this scale and expertise for the benefit of our clients. LGIM looks after £1,159 billion across a range of asset classes, with £470 billion of index funds and £78 billion of multi-asset funds. $^3$ 

The Future World ESG Multi-Index funds are managed by LGIM's specialists in multi-asset investing and are supported by a team of over 30 investment professionals.

<sup>2. 148,794</sup> across all assets under management. Voting data in the Voting statistics by region section represents all votes cast by LGIM in each fund in line with our Corporate Governance & Responsible Investment Policy in the 12-month period to 31 December 2023. The 2,050 figure is comprised 2,021 engagements in the environmental category, 354 in social, 561 in governance and 123 in other areas.

<sup>3.</sup> Source: LGIM internal data as at 31 December 2023. These figures include assets managed by LGIMA, an SEC Registered Investment Advisor. Data includes derivative positions. May not total due to rounding.

# **Understanding your fund's impact**

	Future World ESG Multi-Index 3 Fund	Future World ESG Multi-Index 4 Fund	Future World ESG Multi-Index 5 Fund
Carbon footprint⁴	Associated emissions are lower by 43 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e per £1m of EVIC	Associated emissions are lower by <b>48</b> tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e per £1m of EVIC	Associated emissions are lower by 48 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e per £1m of EVIC
Carbon reserves intensity <sup>5</sup>	Equivalent to 6,065 fewer barrels of oil per \$1m of EVIC	Equivalent to 7,972 fewer barrels of oil per \$1m of EVIC	Equivalent to 7,421 fewer barrels of oil per \$1m of EVIC
ESG Score	Fund: <b>61</b> Benchmark: <b>56</b> With <b>60%</b> lower exposure to companies rated below 30	Fund: <b>62</b> Benchmark: <b>57</b> With <b>61%</b> lower exposure to companies rated below 30	Fund: <b>61</b> Benchmark: <b>57</b> With <b>61%</b> lower exposure to companies rated below 30

Source: LGIM. As of 31 March 2023, relative to a comparator reflecting the same asset allocation but implemented using non-ESG tilted indices. In respect of the exposure to shares in companies, the relevant index is: FTSE All World Index. In respect of the exposure to bonds, the relevant index is: Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate GBP Hedged Index.

- 4. The figures are calculated as tonnes of CO2e per \$1m of enterprise value including cash (EVIC).
- 5. We consider one barrel of oil equivalent to 0.425 tonnes of CO2e, based on IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

## Why invest?



#### Suitability

Your clients' risk and sustainability aims are integral to the Future World ESG Multi-Index Funds. Each fund targets a specific risk profile, as defined by Distribution Technology's Dynamic Planner, to ensure long-term suitability for investors while still seeking to provide a material ESG improvement.



#### **Active allocation**

We firmly believe that asset allocation is the key driver of risk and return for a multi-asset ESG proposition. We have the flexibility to respond to market events by changing investments across multiple asset classes as required, seeking resilient risk-adjusted returns.



#### **Cost-effectiveness**

Fees are still the only element guaranteed in investing and we believe that sustainable investment shouldn't cost the earth. Index portfolio building blocks, straightforward and transparent tools for a sustainable investor, help us keep overall costs low.



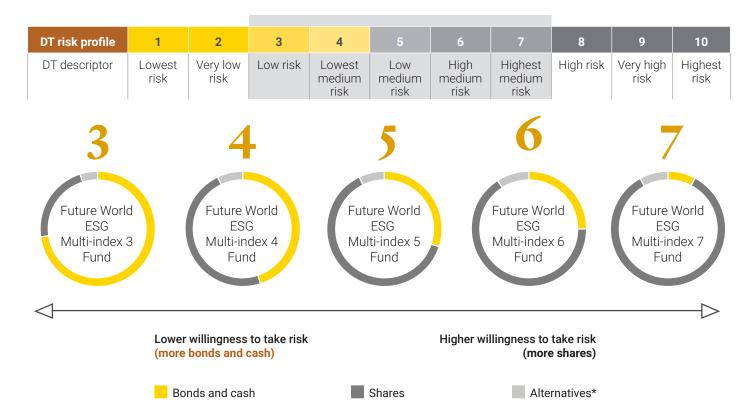
#### Diversification

We believe diversification is rewarded over the long-term and funds offer exposure to a wide range of asset classes. We invest in equities, credit (including high yield and emerging market debt), government bonds and alternatives and adopt ESG approach whenever ESG risks are financially material, for example within equities and credit. We also pursue ESG objectives using primarily index-trackers, to enhance stock-level diversification.



### **Engagement**

We have a fully integrated framework for responsible investing, built on the concept of active ownership. Through our engagement with companies, we seek to effect positive change in the businesses in which we invest and for society as a whole. In doing so, we are aiming to fulfil our purpose at LGIM: to create a better future through responsible investing.



Source: LGIM. For illustrative purpose only. \*Such as property and listed infrastructure. Note that the Fund names of Future World Multi-Index 3-5 were updated in July 2022 to include the term ESG in line with Future World ESG Multi-Index 6-7 which were launched in June 2022.

Our Future World ESG Multi-Index Funds can also be mapped to a wide range of other risk profilers. Please contact your usual sales representative.

# Contact us

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#### Key risks

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The value of an investment and any income taken from it is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up, you may not get back the amount you originally invested. Further information on the risks of investing in this fund is contained in the Prospectus available at www.legalandgeneral.com/ reports. It should be noted that diversification is no guarantee against a loss in a declining market. The Fund could lose money if any institutions providing services such as acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the Fund. By investing in other funds this Fund indirectly holds bonds and property that are traded through agents, brokers or investment banks or directly between buyers and sellers. This makes them less easy to buy and sell than investments traded on an exchange. In exceptional circumstances the Fund may not be able to sell its holdings in other funds and may defer withdrawals, or suspend dealing. The Directors can only delay paying out if it is in the interests of all investors and with the permission of the Fund depositary. The Fund invests directly or indirectly in bonds which are issued by companies or governments. If these companies or governments experience financial difficulty, they may be unable to pay back some or all of the interest, original investment or other payments that they owe. If this happens, the value of the Fund may fall. Investment returns on bonds are sensitive to trends in interest rate movements. Such changes will affect the value of your investment. Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset on which they are based and can increase the size of losses and gains. The Fund may have underlying investments that are valued in currencies that are different from GBP. Exchange rate fluctuations will impact the value of your investment. Currency hedging techniques may be applied to reduce this impact but may not entirely eliminate it. It should be noted that diversification is no guarantee against a loss in a declining market. The Funds targets risk profiles as calculated by Dynamic Planner ('DP'). They are an independent agency who provide risk profiling tools to advisers and fund managers. The Risk and Reward profile scale above is calculated differently to the DP Risk Profiles. The DP profiles range from 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest.

### Important information

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reviewing the prospectus, key investor information document and latest report and accounts for the fund, which can be obtained from https:// fundcentres.lgim.com/.

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