

EQ Sustainable World

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The EQ Sustainable World portfolios are managed with a dual mandate: to achieve long-term capital growth by prioritising sustainability outcomes, investing through a multi-lens sustainability framework.

This biannual update showcases case studies from the three key pillars:

Impact Solutions

We select specialist impact fund managers that invest in companies whose core products & services contribute towards the UN Development Goals.

ESG Leaders

By focusing on ESG Leaders, these funds invest in companies that are best managing environmental, social and governance risks (ESG).

Climate Focus

Invest in funds investing in companies that show climate change leadership. This includes climate solutions, low carbon leaders and those on a science-based pathway to transition.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Impact solution: Focusing on women's health

Endometriosis affects an estimated 10% of women of reproductive age worldwide¹ and is a leading cause of chronic pelvic pain, reduced quality of life, and lost productivity. Despite its prevalence, diagnosis is often delayed by many years, and treatment options have historically been limited.

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Company:  Pfizer

[Pfizer](#) helps address the burden of endometriosis through the development and commercialisation of innovative therapies that improve symptom management and quality of life for patients.

One example is [MYFEMBREE®](#), a once-daily oral therapy approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the management of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis in premenopausal women, with treatment duration of up to 24 months. Clinical evidence from the Phase 3 SPIRIT 1 and SPIRIT 2 trials showed reductions in menstrual pain and non-menstrual pelvic pain, helping patients better manage the daily impacts of the disease.

By broadening treatment options and investing in women's health, Pfizer contributes to improved healthcare outcomes for a condition that has historically received limited attention. Better symptom control can help patients participate more fully in work, education, and everyday life, supporting both health and social inclusion objectives.

¹<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8064963/>

Fund in focus:



Pfizer receives investment from the CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund, which invests in companies addressing social and environmental challenges whilst providing an income yield.

Examples of other investments by the fund in healthcare include Agilent Technologies and Medtronic.

A perspective view of a long, brightly lit data center aisle. On both sides are rows of server racks with glowing blue lights. The floor and ceiling are reflective, creating a sense of depth. A network of white lines and dots is overlaid on the image, connecting various points in the space, symbolizing digital connectivity.

ESG Leader:



EQUINIX

Equinix is a global digital infrastructure company that operates data centres supporting cloud computing, artificial intelligence, financial services and internet connectivity.

As demand for digital services continues to grow, the company has established itself as an ESG leader through its focus on sustainable data centre operations, community engagement and strong corporate governance.



Environment

Data centres are energy intensive, making energy efficiency a key sustainability priority. To address this, and meet its net-zero targets, Equinix is improving the efficiency of its sites and quality of its energy sourcing.

In 2025, it delivered a [5.3% improvement](#) in average annual Power usage effectiveness (a metric used to measure how efficiently a data centre uses energy) and continued to use long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) to support additional renewable generation. These bring new clean power onto grids and reduce the associated carbon emissions of its energy-intensive data-centre platform.



Social

Equinix supports local communities through education and workforce development initiatives. In 2025, employees contributed more than [54,000 volunteer hours](#) globally. The company also invests in future talent through its [Pathways to Tech](#) programme, which introduces students from underrepresented backgrounds to careers in the digital economy, helping to build a more diverse technology workforce while creating opportunities for the next generation of industry professionals.



Governance

Equinix embeds sustainability within its Future First strategy and maintains strong oversight of environmental, operational and social risks. In 2025, Equinix appointed two new board members with deep [expertise on technology and energy sectors](#). The board continue to support incentives linked to the achievement of their sustainability goals for senior employees.

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Fund in focus:



Equinix receives investment through the Allianz SDG Global Equity Fund, which holds global companies whose economic activities contribute positively to sustainable development outcomes.

Other ESG leaders in the fund include Qualcomm and FirstGroup PLC.



Climate focus:



ASICS is widely recognised as one of the footwear industry's leading low-carbon companies, demonstrating strong climate leadership through ambitious emissions reduction targets, renewable energy adoption, and product-level carbon transparency.

Low carbon company: ASICS

[ASICS](#) has committed to science-based climate goals aligned with limiting global warming and has set a long-term objective of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. As part of this strategy, ASICS has already reduced CO₂ emissions from its direct operations by [44.8% compared with 2015 levels](#) and continues to increase renewable electricity use across both its own facilities and supplier network.

A key differentiator for ASICS is its focus on addressing emissions throughout its value chain, including manufacturing and material sourcing, which represent most emissions within the footwear sector. The company works closely with suppliers to increase their renewable electricity use & production efficiency and reduce the carbon intensity of its products. This collaborative approach helps drive emissions reductions beyond ASICS' own operations and contributes to wider industry decarbonisation.

ASICS is also recognised for its leadership in measuring and disclosing product-level carbon footprints. For example, the [GEL-KAYANO™ 32](#) running shoe has an estimated carbon footprint approximately 29% lower than the industry average.

Through innovations in product design, material selection, and manufacturing processes, ASICS continues to lower the environmental impact of its products. By embedding carbon reduction into business decision-making and openly reporting progress, ASICS has established itself as a low-carbon leader within a traditionally emissions-intensive global industry.

Fund in focus: Nordea

ASICS receives investment through the Nordea Betaplus Edge Global Equity Fund, which holds global stocks with a tilt towards those with stronger ESG performance and which are not involved in any controversial activities. Other Low carbon leaders in the fund include Garmin and Loblaw

Risk warning

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income derived from them may go down as well as up and investors may get back less than they originally invested.

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