

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT | 4Q 2022



A Global Investment for Sustainable Development

10 Largest Holdings



- Good Health and Well-Being: 22.8%
- O Decent Work and Economic Growth: 17.4%
- Responsible Consumption and Production: 11.3%
- O Affordable and Clean Energy: 10.3%
- Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure: 8.1%
- OZero Hunger: 7.7%
- O Reduced Inequalities: 6.2%
- O Clean Water and Sanitation: 6.2%
- O No Poverty: 4.3%
- Sustainable Cities and Communities: 1.0%

Security	Theme	SDG* Alignment	Investment Thesis
Deere & Co.	Health	2 ZERO HUNGER	Deere is a key enabler of food production and leading player in precision agricultural equipment, helping increase crop yields and farming efficiency.
Flex	Climate	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	Flex has the ability to dramatically reduce the adverse impact of its customer's product on the environment due to its global footprint.
Waste Management Inc.	Climate	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	Waste Management Inc. provides services to reduce pollution, waste production and improve resource circularity.
Danaher	Health	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	Danaher provides life sciences tools as well as equipment that helps improve disease treatment, drug development, and access to healthcare.
NextEra Energy	Climate	7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	NextEra, the world's largest generator of wind and solar power, enables the shift from coal to renewables and cleaner gas in the US.
MSCI	Empowerment	10 REDUCED DEQUALITES	MSCI's ESG indices are designed to meet the growing demand for indices that integrate ESG criteria into benchmarks.
Microsoft	Empowerment	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	Microsoft's product suite helps drive productivity and efficiency globally, which is critical for empowering individuals and businesses.
Visa	Empowerment	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	Visa is a leading payment network connecting people and businesses to the financial system through secure payment processing.
Becton Dickinson	Health	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	Becton Dickinson contributes staple medical products to treat chronic illness as the population increases and ages.
Aflac	Empowerment	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BRING	Aflac products help achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection specializing in cancer care in Japan and the US.

Numbers may not sum to 100% due to cash allocation. We determine company alignment to a primary DG through the products and services they produce that are mapped to specific SDG targets. * Sustainable Development Goal. | As of 31 December 2022 | Source: United Nations and AB



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Behavioral Impact: Addressing ESG-Related Corporate Behavior

Metric	Definition	Desirable Direction	AB Sustainable Global Thematic Portfolio	MSCI ACWI
Carbon Efficiency	Tonnes of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions per \$1 million revenue		120.3	176.7
Carbon Emissions	Thousands of tonnes of Scope 1+2 GHG emissions produced annually	\downarrow	2,908.7	8,263.4
Waste Efficiency	Tonnes of waste generated per \$1 million revenue	\downarrow	4.2	302.8
Waste Generation	Thousands of tonnes of waste generated annually	\downarrow	79.8	6,954.9
Water Efficiency	Thousands of cubic meters of fresh water used per \$1 million revenue	\downarrow	4.7	7.1
Water Usage	Thousands of tonnes of fresh water used annually	\downarrow	111,551.4	194,739.2
Avoid Water Scarcity	Geographic water use (World Resources Institute scale of 0-5, from most to least water-scarce areas)	\downarrow	2.5	2.5
Board Diversity	Percentage of women on boards and in top management	^	26.7	26.6
Employment	Percent of unemployment in portfolio-weighted area of economic activity	<u> </u>	4.8	4.9
Economic Development	Median income (USD) of portfolio-weighted geography of economic activity	\downarrow	\$42,839.40	\$44,128.30
Executive Pay	Ratio of executive-level pay to average employee pay	\downarrow	58.4	93.7
Board Independence	Percent of independent board members		78.7	76.7
Tax Gap	Estimated percent of tax avoided by corporate tax mitigation schemes	\downarrow	3.6	3.8

■ Environmental ■ Social ■ Governance

Quarterly ESG Engagement

Total Meetings	18
Total Companies	16

40:22 Example Companies Engaged

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Deere & Co.	Carbon Emissions, Biodiversity and Land Use				
Lumentum Holdings	Carbon Emissions, Supply Chain—Environmental, Human Capital Development				
Keyence	Carbon Emissions, Opportunities in Clean Tech, Supply Chain—Social, Board Independence				
Alcon	Carbon Emissions, Human Capital Development, Opportunities in Healthcare, Diversity and Inclusion				
Hexcel	Carbon Emissions, Product Carbon Footprint, Opportunities in Clean Tech, Human Capital Development, Labor Management, Stakeholder Engagement				
Danaher	Product Carbon Footprint, Toxic Emissions and Hazardous Waste, Climate Change Vulnerability, Supply Chain—Social				
Apple	Modern Slavery, Supply Chain—Social				

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