

## Embedding Ethics into Fund Management: Make A Difference – Make A Return

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#### Our Ethical Credentials

- Launched first ethical fund in 1988; the second ethical equity retail fund in the UK
- Ultimately owned by the Allchurches Trust, a registered UK charity
  - Strong value set throughout company
  - Long term focus in running institutional and retail money
  - All distributable profits go to good causes £100m target by 2020
- Integrated Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) approach
- Principles of Responsible Investment achieved top rating of A+
- Moneyfacts Best Ethical Investment Provider Award nine years running (2009-17)
- Committed to comprehensive Socially Responsible Investment (SRI)
  - Negative screening
  - Positive screening
  - Active voting
  - Engagement







#### Why Invest Responsibly?



#### A Growing Market with Opportunities



# European RI market now at £5 trillion AUM

#### A Growing Market with Influence



# Guk Church Investors Group now at £17hn AUM

PROFIT WITH PRINCIPLES



# Exercising Faith through investment

#### SRI: Socially Responsible Investing



#### Absence of Harm: Living Your Values

Weapons

Gambling

Alcohol

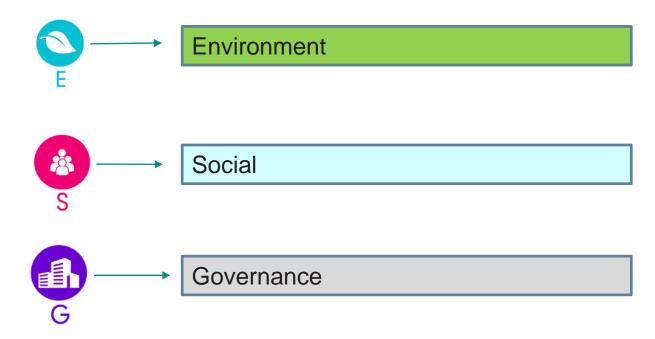
**Interest Bearing Products** 

Pornography & Violent Material

Embeds fundamental faith values on an 'absence of harm' basis

#### ...But You Can Do More!

#### Adding Values by Embedding ESG



Embeds ESG risk and business best practice factors into stock selection

#### 'E': Integrating Environmental Risk



#### Climate Change

**GHG** Emissions

**Pollution** 

Resource Depletion: Deforestation

Waste & Recycling

Soil, Water, Air Quality

Sustainable Products

Natural Capital

#### 'S': A Cinderella...But With Huge Impact

Human Rights; Child & Forced Labour



Labour Rights & Employment

Conflict & Oppressive Regimes

Supply Chain Risk

Indigenous People and Land Rights

**Conflict Minerals** 

Modern Slavery & Trafficking

Health & Safety

#### 'G': Governance Fundamental to Performance

**Business Ethics & Business Behaviour** 



Bribery, Corruption & Conduct

Board Quality; Director Independence

Pay for Performance

Cybersecurity

**Ethical Sourcing** 

Tax, Political Donations & Lobbying

**Diversity** 

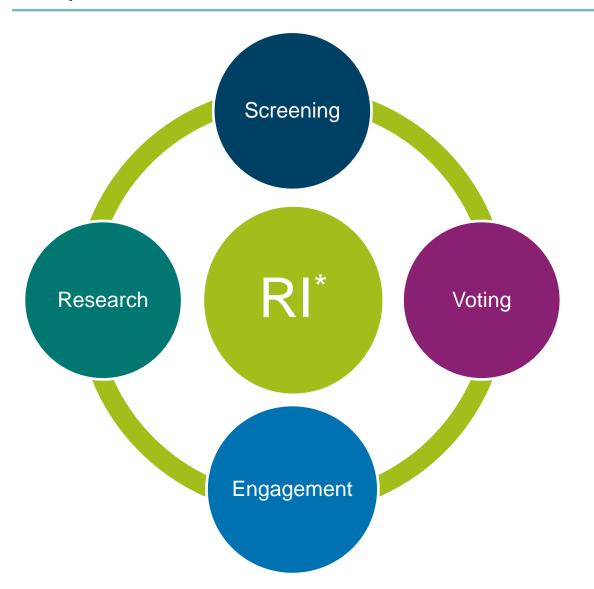
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#### Integrating Ethics: What to Look For In A Manager

- Trust & Integrity
- Competency & Expertise
- Track Record of ESG Integration
- Full Voting Record
- Informed, Focused Engagement
- Client Communication
- Sharing Your Values!

#### Responsible Investment



Applying negative screening based on absence of harm, plus positive screening to identify responsible and sustainable companies.

Responsible stewardship, vote at all meetings across all international markets

Engagement with companies to understand material ESG risks, to encourage best practice and to catalyse positive change.

Client communication via published research and commentary to help inform the RI process.



### The Price of Getting it Wrong?

















**UK Banks: Corporate Misconduct** 

Compensation for PPI mis-selling Money Laundering; FOREX Fraud Sanctions Busting



£50bn+ set aside by Big Four for misconduct since crisis



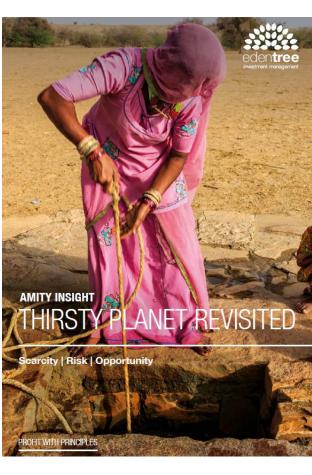
#### Faith Making A Difference

"I have admired the determination of church investors to bring shareholder pressure to bear on major oil companies. However, the...increasing urgency of the need to respond to climate change indicate that now is the time for the churches to divest from oil and gas and reinvest in clean energy"

Dr David Atkinson - Hon. Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Southwark

#### Integrity Through Thought Leadership





- Macro themes
- Trends
- Ethical Risks
- Investment Chain



- ✓ Credibility
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Trust

#### Conclusion: Make A Difference: Make A Return

- Making a difference is not incompatible with making a return
- Stewardship and responsibility go beyond avoidance and negative criteria
- Adding positive screens helps reduce risk and adds value
- All shareholders have a voice and can collaborate for change
- Engagement is the best way to leverage your values and build better business
- Empower your Faith to make a difference...whilst making a return!



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