

Worldwide Leaders Sustainability Strategy



Stewart Investors

About Stewart Investors

We are an active, long-only equity investment business with stewardship and sustainability at the heart of our investment philosophy and culture since 1988. As a team, we have been managing explicit sustainability portfolios since 2005.

Investment aim

To achieve long-term capital growth by investing directly or indirectly in a diversified portfolio of equity or equity-related securities of larger capitalisation companies which are listed, traded or dealt in on any of the regulated markets worldwide. The strategy invests in companies that are particularly well positioned to contribute to, and benefit from, sustainable development.

Key facts*

Strategy launch	15 October 2021
Strategy size	Strategy: AUD 761 million
Lead portfolio manager	Sashi Reddy
Investment team	13 analysts
Number of companies	30-60 (current 37)
Active share	96%
Investment horizon	5-10+ years
Market capitalisation	Free float > USD 5 billion
Comparator benchmark	MSCI AC World Index
Investment management fee	0.46% p.a.

Investment philosophy

- > We are stewards. Our role is to allocate society’s capital to productive uses, in accordance with our [Hippocratic Oath](#).
- > We are long term. Our time horizon is measured in years, not weeks, and we value companies accordingly.
- > We invest only in companies contributing to a more sustainable future. We engage constructively as owners to help companies on their sustainability journeys.
- > We invest only in high-quality companies. We invest in companies with exceptional cultures, strong franchises and resilient financials.
- > We believe capital preservation is important for capital growth. We define risk as the possibility of the permanent loss of client capital.

This philosophy is proven across strategies and business cycles for nearly four decades.

*Source: Stewart Investors as at 31 December 2024. Data shown for a representative Stewart Investors Worldwide Leaders Sustainability account. Key facts parameters shown are guidelines only and not hard risk limits. Further details on parameters and costs (including estimated indirect costs) are set out in the Fund’s PDS.

What we mean by sustainability

Our process is deeply qualitative, based on fundamental, bottom-up research and analysis of the [sustainability](#) positioning of companies. We meet regularly with management teams, conduct site visits, and commission third-party research. Our assessment of company sustainability focuses on:

- 1 Sustainability positioning of products and services
- 2 Quality of management and treatment of all stakeholders
- 3 Operational performance and environmental and social impacts
- 4 Ability to navigate sustainability headwinds and tailwinds, such as changing regulations and consumer trends

Exclusions

We have a detailed [exclusions policy](#) explaining the sectors and sorts of companies we will never invest in.

Engagement

We invest time and energy in [engaging](#) and encouraging companies to improve their sustainability practices and product offerings.

Voting

We do not outsource voting decisions or any part of the engagement process; this is a core part of our role.

Visit our [website](#) to view our position on harmful and controversial products and services, and our climate change statement

Top 10 holdings - high conviction

We have a bottom-up approach and aim to invest only in well-stewarded, high-quality companies with sustainability at the heart of all investment considerations. Our portfolios are high conviction (top 10 holdings typically 30%-50%) and are completely benchmark agnostic.

Company	Country	Sector	Portfolio (%)	Index (%)
Fortinet	USA	Information Technology	7.6	0.1
Mahindra & Mahindra	India	Consumer Discretionary	7.4	0.0
Watsco	USA	Industrials	6.4	0.0
bioMérieux	France	Health Care	5.6	0.0
HDFC Bank	India	Financials	5.0	0.2
Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC)	Taiwan	Information Technology	4.9	1.0
Arista Networks	USA	Information Technology	4.3	0.2
Costco	USA	Consumer Staples	3.2	0.5
Copart, Inc.	USA	Industrials	3.1	0.1
Deutsche Post AG	Germany	Industrials	3.0	0.0
			50.5	2.1

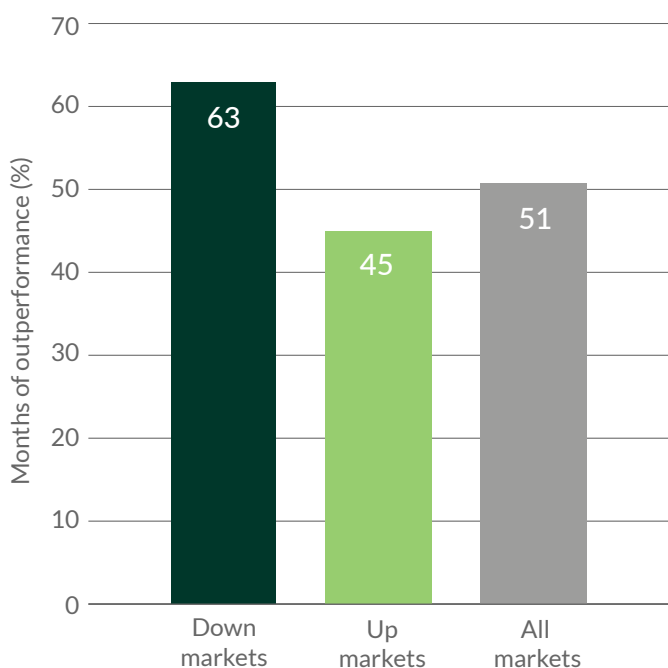
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Performance objective – capital protection and growth

Our investment philosophy focuses on delivering strong absolute returns over cycles. This focus means that we define risk as the loss of clients’ capital rather than in terms of deviation from any benchmark index. As a result, our performance is likely to lag steeply rising markets, but deliver better results in falling markets. We believe this approach has served clients well over time and over cycles.

Performance over periods AUD - Composite performance gross of fees - % p.a	Since launch	10 years	7 years	5 years	3 years	1 year	6 months	3 months
Stewart Investors Worldwide Leaders Sustainability	13.2	12.8	12.9	13.5	8.5	22.3	11.0	7.1
MSCI AC World Index (gross)	13.7	12.9	12.9	13.4	11.8	30.1	14.1	11.1
Relative (arithmetic)	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-3.3	-7.8	3.0	-4.0

Investment style - downside protection
Composite outperformance since launch (AUD gross of fees)



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Investments in funds that make up the Composite may produce different performance returns to the Composite returns.

Source for composite performance: Stewart Investors as at 31 December 2024. Composite performance data is calculated on a total return basis and gross of tax. Performance figures do not reflect the deduction of investment fees and expenses. A client’s return will be reduced by the effect of investment fees and expenses. If a client placed AUD100,000 under management and a hypothetical gross return of 10% was achieved, the investment assets before the effect of fees and expenses would have grown to AUD259,374 in 10 years. However, if fees and expenses to the value of 1% were incurred, investment assets would have grown to AUD234,573, or an annual compounded rate of 8.9%. This information is provided for illustrative purposes to demonstrate Stewart Investors’ activity within the strategy for the periods shown. It is not a recommendation or solicitation to purchase or invest in any fund. Differences between fund or client-specific constraints, currency or fees and those of a similarly managed mandate would affect results. Source for MSCI AC World Index: FactSet, total returns, gross of tax. Outperformance shown versus the MSCI AC World Index. Since launch performance calculated from 1 November 2013.

Our [Portfolio Explorer](#) tool allows you to explore strategies, companies, countries and sustainability issues of interest in four views – map, Sustainable Development Goals, climate solutions and human development pillars.



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