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Investing in sustainable solutions

The Climate Assets Funds* aim to support the development of sustainable societies by pursuing five environmental and social investment themes:



Clean Energy

Companies whose products, solutions or services reduce the use of hydrocarbon-based fossil fuels. This includes those involved in renewable energy generation, sustainable transport, the EV value chain, products and technologies for sustainable building design and construction and energy efficiency.



Food

Companies whose products, solutions or services address the imbalance in the supply of and demand for high quality nutrition. This includes those involved in grain production & harvesting, food testing, food processing, food packaging, measurement & control & high-tech agriculture supplies.



Health & Well-Being

Companies whose products, solutions or services improve ineffective healthcare, protection and support systems. This includes those involved in medical supplies & devices, vaccines & products for infectious disease, medical analysis & testing, hospitals, healthcare facilities, social & supported housing, & supporting financial inclusion.



Resource Efficiency

Companies whose solutions, products or services reduce the depletion and inefficient use of the earth's scarce resources. This includes those involved in recycling, waste-to-energy, productivity & efficiency gains, & cyber and technology solutions for facilitating the digital economy.



Water

Companies whose products, solutions or services improve the imbalance in the supply of and demand for water and water systems. This includes those involved in Water supply & distribution, water analysis, monitoring & purification, water metering & efficient methods of crop irrigation.

Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited ("Tutman") is the Authorised Corporate Director of the Funds.

^{*} The Climate Assets Balanced Fund and Climate Assets Growth Fund are sub-funds of The Sun Portfolio Fund (FCA Registered Fund Number 504474). They may collectively be referred to as "The Climate Assets Funds" within our literature.

Companies making a measurable difference

An important component of our sustainable investment process is the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework. These goals are a call for action by all countries – rich, middle-income and poor – to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. We see the framework as an invaluable tool for assessing the sustainability characteristics a company may have which are aligned to these goals, and have integrated consideration of the goals across our investment process, from stock selection to reporting.

Investments within the Funds collectively make a positive contribution to most of the SDGs. This includes a material contribution to certain SDGs and a less significant contribution to others.

Please see our 2024 Annual Sustainable Investment <u>Report</u> for further information on the Climate Assets investment process. Additional information on the history of the SDG framework and each of the goals can be found on the United Nations' <u>website</u>.



































Companies making a measurable difference



- Good Health & Wellbeing (SDG 3)
- Affordable & Clean Energy (SDG 7)
- Clean Water & Sanitation (SDG 6)
- Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure (SDG 9)
- Decent Work & Economic Growth (SDG 8)
- Sustainable Cities & Communities (SDG 11)
- Responsible Consumption & Production (SDG 12)
- Zero Hunger (SDG 2)
- Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10)
- Quality Education (SDG 4)
- Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions (SDG 16)
- Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17)
- Life on Land (SDG 15)
- No Poverty (SDG 1)



79% and **76%** of the revenue generated by companies held within Balanced and Growth respectively, is aligned to an SDG¹.

To better illustrate the sustainability characteristics of the companies we hold, we have detailed our top holdings, the investment theme with which they best align, and their SDG alignment.

This report contains the top 10 holdings as at 31 March 2025 and is based on Quilter Cheviot research, supported by information from our third-party information providers including Ethical Screening.

It is important to note that there is no perfect company and no perfect investment. We have also sought to detail within this report certain matters for which we would like to see the companies we hold made further progress. For many of these considerations we actively engage with the company, further information on Quilter Cheviot's approach to stewardship can be found on our company **website**.

Top 10 Climate Assets Holdings	% Holdings
Microsoft	2.88
American Water Works	2.81
Thermo Fisher Scientific	2.58
Ecolab	2.47
Visa	2.25
Nvidia	2.22
Medtronic	2.12
Emerson Electric	1.95
Schneider Electric	1.93
Amundi	1.87
Total	23.08

¹ This includes all equity and corporate bonds, as well as alternative investments. UK sovereign debt and cash were excluded from the calculation. Source: Ethical Screening and Quilter Cheviot as at 31 March 2025.

American Water Works







Region:

North America

Revenue alignment to any SDG:

100%

American Water Works (AWW) is the largest and most diversified publicly traded water and wastewater utility in North America. It provides drinking water, wastewater, and other water services to customers across the United States and parts of Canada. AWW is well-positioned to capitalise on structural tailwinds in the US water utility sector by leveraging its strong market position for further growth. This includes expanding its wastewater services, which currently account for a relatively small proportion of the business, in areas where it already operates.

Its core business focuses on delivering clean water and managing wastewater, supporting progress towards **SDG 6** (Clean Water & Sanitation). The company's sanitation products and services play a crucial role in improving water quality, promoting recycling, and supporting the safe reuse of water resources. For these reasons, the company fits within our "Water" investment theme. By addressing critical risks to water and wastewater systems, AWW helps to safeguard these vital resources.

Revenue generating activity aside, the company demonstrates a strong commitment to **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)** by actively promoting gender equality throughout its operations. This is achieved through comprehensive policies focused on leadership development, pay equity, and enforcing anti-harassment measures. This initiative reflects a dedication to fostering a workplace that is both inclusive and equitable.

The company is focused on reducing environmental impact by investing in infrastructure to limit water leakage and increase its operational efficiency. AWW has set a target to reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2035, using 2020 as the baseline. However, obtaining validation by a third party such as the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) would significantly bolster the credibility of its carbon reduction ambitions and provide further evidence of its alignment with international climate science.

Amundi



Investment theme: Resource Efficiency



SDG with largest revenue alignment



Region:

Europe

Revenue alignment to any SDG:

45%

Amundi is the largest asset manager in Europe, with c. EUR2.2 trillion in assets under management (AuM). While its client base is concentrated by region, 75% of AuM in Europe with 45% in France alone, the firm has a good degree of diversification across asset classes. We view Amundi positively due to its scale advantages, reflected in a cost-to-income ratio target below 53%, and its exposure to growth areas such as joint ventures in Asia, passive strategies, alternatives, and ESG-labelled products. The company also has strategic flexibility to participate in industry consolidation through mergers and acquisitions. Despite these strengths, Amundi's shares currently trade at a discount relative to the broader asset management sector.

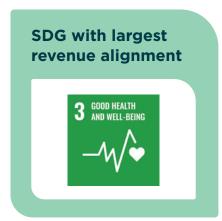
Amundi's investment approach aligns with our "Resource Efficiency" theme and has revenue alignment with SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production). The firm incorporates ESG considerations into its investment processes and encourages investee companies to improve sustainability practices. Its ESG analysis includes factors such as energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, resource efficiency, and biodiversity. Amundi applies a sector-specific approach, assessing issues like green vehicle development in the automotive sector, renewable energy in utilities, and sustainable packaging in consumer goods.

In 2023, it launched a range of Net Zero Ambition funds, which aim to reduce portfolio carbon intensity by 30% by 2025 and 60% by 2030, relative to 2019 levels. Additional 2025 goals include reaching EUR20 billion in impact funds, ensuring that 40% of its passive fund range qualifies as ESG, and expanding ALTO Sustainability, a technology platform designed to support ESG-informed investment decisions. We like that these initiatives reflect Amundi's aspiration to integrate sustainability more deeply into its investment offering.

Ecolab







Region:North America

Revenue alignment to any SDG:

73%

Ecolab is a leading North American specialist in cleaning, sanitising, food safety, and infection control solutions. Its mission is to address critical challenges in health, safety, and sustainability by providing products and services that limit exposure to hazardous chemicals and reduce pollution in water, air, and soil. Ecolab collaborates with sectors such as hospitality and healthcare to develop solutions that lower risks of illness, contamination, and death, promoting a safer and cleaner environment for communities worldwide.

Ecolab has strong alignment with **SDG 3 (Good Health & Well-Being)** and is part of our "**Health & Well-Being**" investment theme. By partnering with healthcare and hospitality industries, Ecolab enhances safety through solutions that mitigate the effects of hazardous chemicals and pollutants, which is crucial in reducing both mortality and disease rates. The company has strengthened its health-focused portfolio by acquiring firms such as Bioquell, a leader in bio-decontamination.

In alignment with **SDG 6 (Clean Water & Sanitation)**, Ecolab offers innovative water treatment, cleaning, and sanitation solutions that improve water quality, reduce untreated wastewater, and encourage safe recycling and resource reuse. Its solutions help to reduce pollution, minimise waste, and uphold safe sanitation standards in communities, supporting a sustainable water future.

Ecolab is also dedicated to advancing **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)**, actively fostering an inclusive work environment that offers equal opportunities for leadership and aims to eliminate discrimination, violence, and harassment against women. The company supports empowerment initiatives across its global workforce, prioritising fair representation in decision-making roles.

Ecolab is advancing environmental goals by helping customers reduce energy use and emissions through smart water management solutions. To address its own emissions, it has set decarbonisation targets validated by the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi), aiming to halve Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030, reduce all emissions by 90% by 2050, and use 100% renewable electricity globally by 2030. Ecolab is taking ambitious action towards achieving these targets. It already sources 80% of its energy globally from renewable sources, and is accelerating its fleet EV transition by partnering directly with car manufacturers. Combined, these initiatives reflect Ecolab's commitment to climate resilience and sustainable operations.

Emerson Electric



Investment theme: Resource Efficiency

SDG with largest revenue alignment



Region:

North America

Revenue alignment to any SDG:

77%

Emerson Electric is a global leader in designing, manufacturing, and implementing innovative technology solutions for customers across industrial, commercial, and consumer markets. It offers a broad range of solutions to meet diverse customer needs, including automation technologies that enhance productivity, safeguard personnel and the environment, and reduce operating costs. We believe Emerson is well-positioned to benefit from trends such as net zero initiatives and inflationary pressures.

Emerson aligns closely with our "Resource Efficiency" investment theme and plays a vital role in advancing SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, & Infrastructure). The company's automation and control technologies, such as SmartProcess and solar tracking systems, significantly improve industrial efficiency, support sustainable infrastructure, and help mitigate environmental impacts.

Emerson's energy management systems and control software play a critical role in optimising energy use and enabling the integration of renewable energy sources into power generation. These technologies directly support the global goal of doubling energy efficiency by 2030, contributing to **SDG 7 (Affordable & Clean Energy)**. Emerson also provides solutions aimed at reducing emissions, waste, and energy consumption in production processes. Its cold chain technologies, designed to minimise food loss, align with the objectives of **SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption & Production)**.

Emerson has improved its climate ambitions with an absolute target of 90% reduction of its operational (Scope 1 and 2) emissions by 2030, and has demonstrated meaningful progress against this. The company has developed clear transition plans and participates in initiatives such as RE100, committing to sourcing 100% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030. Its supplier engagement programmes and other levers to reduce its Scope 3 emissions are particularly well-developed, and is an apt demonstration of a company using its market share to lead in this area.

Medtronic

Medtronic





Region:North America

Revenue alignment to any SDG:

100%

Medtronic's core business involves the manufacturing of medical technology, services and solutions, primarily focused on addressing critical health issues such as cardiac and vascular diseases, diabetes, and minimally invasive therapies. The company targets hospitals, clinics, healthcare providers, and third-party distributors. Additionally, Medtronic partners with government healthcare programs, group purchasing organizations, and other institutions to support the healthcare system globally.

With the growing ageing population and rising healthcare demands, Medtronic is committed to developing cost-effective healthcare innovations. It provides solutions to improve efficiency, drive innovation, and create opportunities throughout the healthcare sector, supporting health systems worldwide in its mission to promote healthier lives. Medtronic's efforts align with our "Health & Well-Being" investment theme and SDG 3 (Good Health & Well-Being), ensuring that its revenue is dedicated to advancing health outcomes.

Medtronic's international efforts focus on improving healthcare access, especially in marginalised communities, and reducing premature deaths from non-communicable diseases. One significant initiative, the Shruti program in India, addresses chronic ear infections and related hearing impairments by promoting awareness, enabling diagnosis, and offering treatment to underserved populations.

Medtronic is committed to reducing its carbon emissions. The company has made ambitious plans to achieve carbon neutrality in its operations by 2030 and its value chain by 2045, and is investing in a range of energy transition projects to reduce both its emissions and operational costs. Medtronic has also committed to set long-term net zero targets validated by the industry gold-standard SBTi. These efforts reflect a broader commitment to embedding environmental responsibility into its long-term strategy.

Microsoft



Investment theme: Resource Efficiency



SDG with largest revenue alignment



Region:

North America

Revenue alignment to any SDG:

55%

Microsoft is a leading American multinational technology company, providing a range of products and services globally. It is a high-quality company with a strong market position and a sustained record of both innovation and earnings growth. Strategically, we like that it is set to continue benefitting from increased spending on cloud services.

Through its sustained innovation, Microsoft has created a range of products and services that enable productivity in line with **SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure)** and is aligned with our "Resource Efficiency" investment theme. We particularly like the role it plays in advancing broadband connectivity to underserved people through Microsoft Airband. In collaboration with its partners, Microsoft Airband services over 40 million people since 2017.

Microsoft's impressive innovation extends to Azure, its cloud computing services business. Whilst the associated data centres consume a significant amount of energy, they are crucial to reducing overall energy consumption across sectors. Through economies of scale and significant investment in innovative technologies, the energy consumed by a typical data centre is significantly lower than the aggregate energy required for each customer to independently store their cloud-based information. We further like the role it plays in helping customers meet their environmental objectives through its 'Cloud for Sustainability' tools. These facilitate companies recording and reporting on their emissions and environmental impact, encouraging them to adopt sustainable practices, in line with **SDG 12** (**Responsible Consumption & Production**).

In terms of its own operations, Microsoft's energy consumption is significant due to the size and the energy intensity of some of its business areas. However, the company is still a strong environmental performer. It has a credible and transparent approach to minimising its carbon footprint with an ambitious plan to become carbon negative by 2030, underpinned by an approved Science Based Target. Plans for reaching its goals include contracts to remove a significant amount of carbon from the atmosphere and increasing its use of renewable energy (to reach 100% by 2030). Privacy and data security is a notable consideration for the software sector, and this is an area that has presented some challenges for Microsoft. We are, however, encouraged by its continued improvement in this area and its significant investment in privacy and cybersecurity research.

Nvidia



Investment theme: Resource Efficiency



SDG with largest revenue alignment



Region:

North America

Revenue alignment to any SDG:

70%

Nvidia is the leader in the design and production of Graphics Processing Units (GPUs). The company has redefined modern computer graphics, with GPUs acting as the brain of computers, robots, medical imaging equipment, gaming consoles and self-driving cars. It has a dominant position in Artificial Intelligence (AI) by providing processing power to over 90% of the supercomputers around the world. Strategically, we like that Nvidia continues to be a dominant player in graphics and AI, and it is a clear beneficiary of cloud computing spending.

Nvidia's semiconductors are used in a wide range of applications supporting the development of the modern digital infrastructure in line with **SDG 9** (Industry Innovation & Infrastructure). Nvidia's GPUs are 40 times more energy efficient than traditional servers and they help companies from a range of industries meet their own emission reduction targets, contributing to our "Resource Efficiency" investment theme. The company is also developing computers used in autonomous cars, which aim to improve road safety and transport efficiency, and thus significantly contributing to **SDG 11** (Sustainable Cities & Communities). The company's GPUs are used in many medical instruments and scanners including CTs, MRIs, Ultrasound, X-Rays and Mammography. Accordingly, this technology helps scientists and medical professionals use AI for drug discovery and disease detection, and to provide personalized healthcare, in line with **SDG 3** (Good Health & Well-being).

Nvidia is committed to 100% of its global energy use, including offices and datacentres, to be from renewable sources by the end of 2025. In 2024 this stood at 76% of the company's total electricity use, ahead of most of its peer group. The company has also joined with leaders in the climate science community to build the most powerful AI supercomputer dedicated to predicting climate change, known as Earth-2. Nvidia has strong governance structures, a highly skilled workforce and robust practices in place when it comes to workforce diversity, equal pay and wellbeing, thus aligning with **SDG 5** (**Gender Equality**). Nvidia reports greenhouse gas emissions by scope, but we would welcome further progress within its sustainability strategy to develop a more specific and detailed climate action plan.

Schneider Electric



Investment theme:

Clean Energy



SDG with largest revenue alignment



Region:

Europe

Revenue alignment to any SDG:

79%

Schneider Electric is a French multinational company specialising in electricity distribution and automation management. It serves a global customer base across residential, commercial, and industrial sectors, including utilities, general industry, and data centres. The company operates through two main segments: Energy Management and Industrial Automation. Energy Management includes low-voltage solutions such as circuit protection, medium-voltage technologies like transformers and grid automation, and secure power systems for data centres. Industrial Automation provides solutions for automating and controlling machinery and industrial operations. Schneider Electric's diversified business model is well placed to benefit from long-term trends in electrification and digitalisation.

The company offers a range of technologies that support more efficient and resilient energy systems. Its low-voltage portfolio includes power monitoring and building automation tools designed to improve energy use. As an example, its digitally connected power distribution solution can reduce energy consumption and costs by an impressive c.30%.

Schneider Electric also supplies solar power generation and storage solutions for both residential and commercial use, alongside energy consulting services. Products such as EV charging infrastructure and battery storage systems are designed to support the transition to lower-carbon energy sources. These solutions are aligned with **SDG 7 (Affordable & Clean Energy)** and is part of our "**Clean Energy**" investment theme.

The company has a long-standing focus on sustainability reporting and target-setting. It began aligning its disclosures with the UN Global Compact in 2005 and currently operates under a 2021–2025 Sustainability Impact Programme. This initiative outlines six long-term commitments, each supported by measurable targets. For example, Schneider aims to help customers avoid 800 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions between 2018 and 2025. The company also reports relatively low operational emissions compared to peers and has committed to further reductions through the Science-Based Targets initiative. These efforts are subject to third-party verification and are publicly disclosed.

While Schneider Electric's sustainability initiatives are ambitious, their effectiveness depends on continued execution, transparency, and independent validation. The company's track record and current strategy suggest it is taking meaningful steps towards improving energy efficiency and reducing environmental impact, underpinned by the energy transition opportunity.

Thermo Fisher Scientific







Region:North America

Revenue alignment to any SDG:

93%

Thermo Fisher Scientific is a global leader in the manufacturing and distribution of laboratory instruments, equipment, and software, advancing healthcare worldwide. As the world's largest producer of analytical and diagnostic instruments, Thermo Fisher supports hospitals, healthcare professionals, and laboratories in developing vaccines, medicines, and diagnostic solutions. The company is particularly committed to precision medicine, enabling personalised treatments for diseases such as cancer.

Thermo Fisher's work closely aligns with **SDG 3 (Good Health & Well-Being)**, fostering innovations that improve health outcomes across diverse populations. Its technologies and services are essential in addressing the challenges of an ageing population, which places increasing demands on healthcare systems globally. By advancing the discovery and development of vaccines and treatments, Thermo Fisher makes a significant contribution to our "**Health & Well-Being**" investment theme.

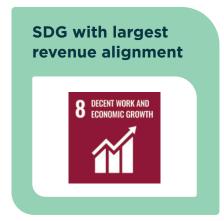
Thermo Fisher also supports **SDG 2 (Zero Hunger)** by enhancing food security and agricultural productivity. Its analytical instruments and diagnostic tools play a crucial role in ensuring food safety, including detecting pollutants in food and water supplies, which is essential for protecting public health. Additionally, Thermo Fisher's biotechnology products contribute to advances in plant and livestock productivity, fostering innovation in agriculture to help meet growing food demands.

Thermo Fisher has robust climate targets in place, with SBTi-validated targets addressing both its operational impacts (Scope 1 and 2 emissions) and supply chain (Scope 3). Operationally, Thermo Fisher is expanding renewable electricity sourcing and has implemented high-efficiency hybrid boilers to reduce natural gas use. Additionally, the company has set an ambitious Scope 3 reduction target, requiring that by 2027, 90% of its suppliers by spend commit to science-based emissions targets. By 2030, it aims for 80% of its global electricity to come from renewable sources, reinforcing its commitment to lowering environmental impact through efficient, responsible practices. Further improvements in waste reduction, particularly in manufacturing and packaging, could further enhance its overall sustainability efforts.

Visa







Region:North America

Revenue alignment

31%

to any SDG:

Visa Inc. is a global leader in digital payments, enabling secure, reliable, and scalable transactions across more than 200 countries and territories. Through its VisaNet platform, the company connects consumers, merchants, financial institutions, and governments, facilitating seamless commerce worldwide. Visa's core services include credit, debit, and prepaid card solutions, alongside offerings such as fraud prevention, data analytics, and cross-border payment capabilities.

Headquartered in the United States, Visa is committed to broadening access to digital financial services, particularly for underserved populations. This includes rural communities and small and micro business owners in developing economies. In 2015, Visa set a target to provide 500 million previously unbanked or underbanked individuals with access to a Visa-branded payment account—a goal it achieved by the end of financial year 2020. By the close of FY23, Visa had supported the digital enablement of over 67 million small and micro businesses globally, exceeding its original target of 50 million.

Visa's efforts align with our "Health & Well-Being" investment theme and contribute to SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). By promoting digital payments, Visa supports financial inclusion and broader economic participation.

The global payments sector is highly consolidated, with Visa and Mastercard holding significant market shares. This concentration brings certain risks, including regulatory scrutiny and legal challenges related to competition. Despite this, Visa plays a vital role in global commerce, facilitating approximately \$15 trillion in payments and cash volume annually.

Security is a key priority. Over the past five years, Visa has invested \$11 billion in strengthening its payment infrastructure. According to company data, these investments helped prevent an estimated \$40 billion in fraud during FY23.

On the environmental front, Visa has taken steps to reduce its operational footprint. Since January 2020, the company has sourced 100% renewable electricity for its offices and data centres through a combination of power purchase agreements, utility programmes, and renewable energy certificates. Visa has set science-based targets to reduce Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 50% by 2030 (from a 2020 baseline) and to reduce absolute Scope 3 emissions by 42% over the same period. The company has also committed to achieving net zero emissions across its entire value chain by 2040. These targets are ambitious and will require sustained progress, particularly in addressing Scope 3 emissions, which are often the most complex to manage.

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