

FUND INFORMATION

Strategy launch date	18/04/2016 ³
Fund launch date	04/12/2019
Strategy AuM	£3.6bn ³
No. of holdings	760
Benchmark	MSCI World Index
Morningstar Category	Global Large-Cap Blend Equity
Morningstar Sustainability Rating	 Percent Rank Relative to Global Category: Above Average
Bloomberg	STGEAAE:LX
ISIN	LU1932671149
UCITS	Yes
Management Fee	0.3%
Portfolio Manager	Henrik Wold Nilsen



Henrik Wold Nilsen, Senior Portfolio Manager

- ❖ Joined Storebrand Asset Management in 2010
- ❖ Masters in theoretical high energy physics (University of Bergen, 2005)
- ❖ Doctorate in experimental high energy physics (University of Freiburg, Germany, 2009)
- ❖ Post-doctoral position in Freiburg in connection with research lab CERN, Geneva (2009-2010)

All information as at 30/06/2021 unless stated.

¹ Source: Bank of England

² Inception date: 27/04/2017. Gross of fees and in GBP. 3-year tracking error. Other metrics based on Morningstar and internal analysis of fund vs. competitors and low carbon index strategies.

³ Includes NOK and SEK funds.

ABOUT STOREBRAND

Storebrand Asset Management is Norway's largest private asset manager with £85.4bn AuM and a specialist in sustainable investing.

Rather than only applying ESG criteria to a proportion of assets, Storebrand believes sustainability must be implemented across entire portfolios. All assets are managed according to the industry-leading [Storebrand Standard](#) sustainability criteria.

Climate change poses a growing threat to our future, including the stability of our financial system¹. Global equity markets contain high carbon risk and fossil fuel exposures, meaning that traditional passive investments represent increasing unmanaged climate risks.

To address this problem, we have been managing sustainable index funds since 2005, successfully optimising portfolios to minimise climate risk and tracking error. Our funds' performance demonstrates that incorporating sustainability has not diminished returns.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

[Storebrand Global ESG Plus](#) is a unique fossil-free global equity strategy which aims to provide long-term capital growth through a model-based portfolio of developed market equities. The fund is managed systematically and seeks to reproduce the risk and return profile of the MSCI World Index whilst excluding companies within fossil fuel related industries and with additional ESG criteria and sustainability focus.

The strategy seeks to provide a low-cost investment solution for the global climate emergency by using five key components:



ENGAGEMENT

We are active owners and engage on behalf of all assets we manage, both individually and via collective forums such as Climate Action 100+



DIVESTMENT

We exclude fossil fuels (>5% of sales) and companies with climate negative exposures (e.g. plastics and meat). The strategy also applies extra exclusion criteria beyond the Storebrand Standard.



GREEN SOLUTIONS

We allocate <10% of the portfolio to climate solutions companies, such as renewable energy, green transport, recycling, water and energy efficiency



LOW CARBON FOOTPRINT

We optimise the portfolio, using full lifecycle emissions where possible, to minimise carbon exposure

Morningstar Carbon Risk Score: 4.39
Category Average: 6.65



ESG SCORE

We have developed a proprietary ESG rating system to analyse over 4,500 companies, using qualitative and quantitative assessment of sustainability risks and opportunities

Since inception over three years ago, the Norwegian-domiciled fund has provided index relative returns of +1.6% with 1.2% tracking error, low carbon risk, low stranded asset risk, high exposure to green revenues and a stronger ESG score².

FUND PERFORMANCE

	Q2 2021	YTD 2021	1-Year	Since Launch
Storebrand Global ESG Plus Lux B GBP	7.36%	11.25%	25.89%	19.58%
MSCI World Index	7.68%	11.83%	24.49%	17.56%
<i>Relative Return</i>	<i>-0.32%</i>	<i>-0.58%</i>	<i>1.40%</i>	<i>2.02%</i>

Performance figures in GBP, net of fees

INVESTMENT STRATEGY COMMENTARY¹

- Despite continued oil price strength in the second quarter – Brent Crude rose from USD 63.5 to USD 75 – most of the largest oil and fossil fuel companies lagged the broader market. The fund gained 0.4% on a relative basis from being fossil free, equalising the negative contribution in the previous quarter.
- Renewable energy companies saw a continued reversal of their strong returns from last year. The fund allocates 10% weight to climate solutions companies, with around one third invested in renewable energy which detracted 0.2% on a relative basis during Q2. Low-carbon transportation, particularly train companies, also faced headwinds as commuting and travel have not yet benefited from the initial reopening post COVID; the sector detracted 0.2% on a relative basis. The other climate solution categories delivered mostly positive contributions, adding +0.1% in total. Overall, the climate solutions portfolio detracted 0.3% in relative terms.
- Companies screened based on the Storebrand Standard exclusion criteria contributed +0.3% to relative return in the quarter. Ninety percent of the fund is invested in companies which are neither fossil nor pure-play climate solution providers. Within this main part of the fund we apply several filters to overweight companies which are well-positioned for the low-carbon transition. For example, the strategy prefers those with low greenhouse-gas emissions; with emissions mitigation plans certified by the third-party Science Based Targets Initiative; and with significant revenue contributions from climate mitigation products (though not pure play and therefore not part of the 10% allocation mentioned above). Portfolio weights within this part of the strategy are also influenced by the tracking-error minimising portfolio construction technique. During Q2, this part of the portfolio detracted 0.5% on a relative basis, with the negative contributions coming from a broad range of companies and no single holding detracting more than 0.05%.
- The best performing positions relative to benchmark during the second quarter were not owning Johnson & Johnson (screened on product safety; +0.06%), not owning Tesla (screened due to labour union rights issues; +0.05%), and being overweight the Hydro renewable company Verbund (+0.05%). The largest detractors were being overweight the Japanese machinery producer Komatsu (-0.05%), being underweight the Canadian software company Shopify (-0.05%) and being overweight the Norwegian bank DnB (-0.04%).

¹ Attribution figures based on the NOR fund but expected to be similar for the LUX fund

PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

Top 10 Holdings:

Apple Inc	3.8%
Microsoft Corp	3.5%
Amazon Inc	2.5%
Alphabet Inc C	1.3%
Facebook Inc A	1.3%
JP Morgan Chase & Co	1.0%
Alphabet Inc A	0.9%
NVIDIA Corp	0.8%
Mastercard Inc	0.8%
UnitedHealth Group	0.7%
TOTAL	16.8%

Sector breakdown:

Information Technology	24.0%
Financial Services	12.7%
Industrials	12.6%
Health Care	12.1%
Consumer Discretionary	10.3%
Telecoms	9.1%
Consumer Staples	7.6%
Real Estate	3.4%
Utilities	3.4%
Materials	3.7%
Energy	0.0%

Country breakdown*:

United States	64.1%
Japan	8.1%
United Kingdom	4.3%
France	4.2%
Canada	3.8%
Switzerland	3.0%
Germany	2.9%
Australia	1.7%
Sweden	1.1%
Netherlands	1.1%

* As at 31/05/2021

WHY INVEST IN STOREBRAND GLOBAL ESG PLUS?

- ❖ Core-holding strategy with broad and consistent climate adjustments
- ❖ Reduces climate risk by not investing in the fossil fuel value chain
- ❖ Increases exposure to climate solutions via 10% dedicated allocation
- ❖ Low carbon footprint
- ❖ High ESG score
- ❖ Systematic, risk-minimising portfolio construction, expected tracking error below 1%

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