

MORGAN STANLEY INVESTMENT FUNDS (MS INVF)

Global Sustain Fund

Restriction Screening Policy

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RESTRICTION SCREENING

This restriction screening policy relates to the Morgan Stanley Investment Funds Global Sustain Fund (the “Fund”) which is managed by the International Equity team (the “Investment Team”). The Investment Team applies restriction screening to the Fund which incorporates Sector / Industry level exclusions, as further detailed below.

Restriction screening refers to intentionally avoiding investments in certain sectors or issuers. When assessing the investment universe for the Fund, the below restrictions are applied pre-investment and are binding.

1. Sector / Industry Exclusions:

The Investment Team immediately screens out any company that has been assigned to any of the following sectors or industries under the MSCI Global Industry Classification Standards (“MSCI GICS”)¹:

1. Tobacco
2. Brewers
3. Distillers & Vintners
4. Casinos & Gaming
5. Energy
6. Metals & Mining
7. Utilities (excluding Renewable Electricity & Water Utilities)

¹The Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS), is a four-tiered, hierarchical industry classification system. Companies are classified quantitatively and qualitatively. Each company is assigned a single GICS classification at the Sub-Industry level according to its principal business activity. MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices use revenues as a key factor in determining a firm’s principal business activity. Earnings and market perception, however, are also recognized as important and relevant information for classification purposes, and are taken into account during the annual review process.

Further to this, the Investment Team screens out any company that generates more than 10% of its revenue from any of the following areas according to the MSCI ESG Business Involvement Screening Research (“**MSCI ESG BISR**”) database:

1. Tobacco
2. Alcohol
3. Adult entertainment
4. Gambling
5. Civilian firearms
6. Weapons
7. Power generation from fossil fuels

2. Controversial Weapons Exclusions:

In addition, the Investment Team screens out any company that is excluded from the MSCI World ex. Controversial Weapons Index due to its involvement in controversial weapons as defined by that index, including without limitation companies with any tie to depleted uranium.²

Restriction Policy Compliance

This restriction screening policy applies to the investments held directly in the Fund. Investments that are held by the Fund, but become restricted after they are acquired for the Fund, will be sold. Such sales will take place over a time period to be determined by the portfolio managers, taking into account the best interests of the shareholders of the Fund. The Investment Team reviews this policy periodically and any changes will be reflected in this document. In addition to ongoing monitoring by the portfolio managers, Morgan Stanley Investment Management’s Portfolio Surveillance team codes the restricted criteria into the firm’s surveillance system, and uses an automated process to monitor adherence to investment guidelines, including pre- and post-trade guideline monitoring and exception-based screening, and informs the Investment Team of possible guideline violations for this policy.

Compliance with Minimum Standards and Safeguards

Given its focus on high quality companies with high quality management, the Investment Team expects the issuers the Investment Team invests in to comply with minimum standards and safeguards around human rights, labour rights, environment, business ethics and corruption, as defined by international norms. The Investment Team monitors business practices on an ongoing basis, through data on ESG controversies and standards screening that the Investment Team sources from third-party providers, including UN Global Compact violations, as well as its own engagement with company management and research.

The Investment Team reviews securities of issuers where the Investment Team believes a significant breach of the above standards and principles has occurred and typically excludes such issuers where, after conducting its research and/or engagement, the Investment Team believes the breach is material to the sustainability of returns on operating capital, poses significant financial and reputational risk and the issuer has not committed to appropriate remedial action. Such exclusions are determined by the Investment Team rather than solely by third-party data. The analysis may be supported by third-party ESG controversies analysis and business involvement metrics.

ESG SCREENING

The Fund promotes environmental characteristics through the application of a binding restriction screening process as well as through the investment decision making process. The screening process (as detailed above) results in a portfolio which does not invest in companies that include gas and electric utilities or

²To apply this screen the Investment Team prohibits investment in any company that has been excluded from the MSCI World ex Controversial Weapons Index due to its involvement with controversial weapons, as defined by that index. The Index has been developed for use by investors who wish to avoid investments in cluster bombs, landmines, depleted uranium, chemical and biological weapons, blinding laser weapons, non-detectable fragments and incendiary weapons (white phosphorus). In addition, the Investment Team prohibits investment in companies that are 50% or more owned by a company with depleted uranium weapons involvement and companies that own 20% to 49.9% of a company with depleted uranium weapons involvement.

bulk commodities (including but not limited to fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal as well as metals and mining) as part of their core activity. The Investment Team considers that these activities negatively contribute to climate change due to their typically high greenhouse gas emissions intensity. Further, as an essential and integrated part of the investment process, the Investment Team assesses relevant factors material to long-term sustainably high returns on operating capital including ESG factors such as Greenhouse Gas (“GHG”)³ emissions intensity, and seeks to engage with company management as part of this process.

Sustainability Indicators

The Investment Team measures and monitors the relevant GHG emissions intensity for the Fund with the use of certain sustainability indicators.

The table below specifies the sustainability indicators, the detail of the metric, and data sources:

Environmental characteristic	Sustainability indicator	Metric	Methodology	Data sources
Environmental	GHG emissions intensity of company sales (metric tons of GHG per \$1mn of sales).	GHG emissions intensity of company sales as measured by Scope 1 and 2 emissions Scope 1 carbon emissions: emissions generated from sources that are controlled by the company that issues the underlying securities Scope 2 carbon emissions: emissions from the consumption of purchased electricity, steam, or other sources of energy generated upstream from the company that issues the underlying securities	A weighted average GHG emissions intensity calculation is made for the portfolio and compared against the MSCI ACWI reference universe.	S&P Trucost, MSCI ESG, Sustainalytics, ISS ESG*

DATA SOURCES

In undertaking the above analysis and restrictions screening, the Investment Team supplements its own analysis with data from third parties such as S&P Trucost, MSCI ESG, Sustainalytics, ISS ESG and others. In some cases, data on specific issuers may not be available, may be estimated by an alternative third-party data provider, or may be estimated by the Investment Team using internal methodologies or reasonable estimates. The Investment Team will bear the costs in relation to the use of third-party data.

Risk Considerations

There is no assurance that a portfolio will achieve its investment objective. Portfolios are subject to market risk, which is the possibility that the market value of securities owned by the portfolio will decline. Market values can change daily due to economic and other events (e.g. natural disasters, health crises, terrorism, conflicts and social unrest) that affect markets, countries, companies or governments. It is difficult to predict the timing, duration, and potential adverse effects (e.g. portfolio liquidity) of events. Accordingly, you can lose money investing in this strategy. Please be aware that this strategy may be subject to certain additional risks. Changes in the worldwide economy, consumer spending, competition, demographics and consumer preferences, government regulation and economic conditions may adversely affect **global franchise companies** and may negatively impact the strategy to a greater extent than if the strategy's assets were invested in a wider variety of companies. In general, **equity securities'** values also fluctuate in response to activities specific to a company. Investments in **foreign markets** entail special risks

³Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), as defined by the GHG protocol include carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) in metric tonnes of CO₂ and CO₂ equivalent. Third-party ESG data providers typically use the GHG protocol when measuring company GHG emissions intensity.

* The above data sources are primary data providers. The Investment Team may use ESG data and rating information from additional third-party providers to supplement these primary data sources.

such as currency, political, economic, and market risks. Companies carry special risks, such as limited product lines, **Stocks of small-capitalisation** markets and financial resources, and greater market volatility than securities of larger, more established companies. The risks of investing in **emerging market countries** are greater than risks associated with investments in foreign developed markets. **Non-diversified portfolios** often invest in a more limited number of issuers. As such, changes in the financial condition or market value of a single issuer may cause greater volatility. **ESG: Strategies** that incorporate impact investing and/or Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors could result in relative investment performance deviating from other strategies or broad market benchmarks, depending on whether such sectors or investments are in or out of favour in the market. As a result, there is no assurance ESG strategies could result in more favourable investment performance.

DEFINITIONS

“ESG” investment: Environmental Social and Governance based investment is an investment approach which takes explicit account of the environmental, social and corporate governance aspects of all proposed investments.

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