

Generali Investments: a renewed strategy for GIS Sustainable World Equity, investing in global equity through an ESG lens

- Generali Investments announces a new denomination and investment strategy for Generali Investments SICAV (GIS) Sustainable World Equity: the sub-fund will invest in equity markets of major developed areas, integrating ESG criteria in the selection process
- The strategy will target stocks with solid fundamentals – like profitability and level of financial leverage – and technicals that offer attractive financial returns while displaying positive ESG criteria relative to their peers.
- The sub-fund will leverage also on quantitative portfolio construction techniques, to obtain an optimized risk/reward profile

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Milan – Generali Investments announces the change of investment strategy and denomination of GIS Global Equity sub-fund, since October 1st, 2020 renamed **Generali Investments Sicav (GIS) Sustainable World Equity** to reflect a superior integration of Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) criteria in the investment selection process.

The new investment approach will combine a rigorous ESG analysis with the consolidated expertise of the management team in identifying companies that are, according to the opinion of the investment manager, recognized leaders in their respective industries with solid fundamentals, such as profitability and sustainable level of financial leverage.

The sub-fund investment portfolio will target a high diversification across different sectors, countries and currencies, integrating both qualitative and fundamental views as well as quantitative techniques to try to optimize the risk/reward profile from the team high conviction ideas.

The **ESG analysis** is performed through a three-step process, applying the Generali Group Ethical Filter and then excluding companies involved in major controversies that may represent a business or reputation risk. The ESG screening process terminates with Generali Investments **Best-in-Class approach** that, within each sector, identifies the companies that best meet the industry-material ESG criteria.

At the end of the ESG screening, the portfolio management team intervenes with a hybrid qualitative & quantitative analysis, ensuring a complete and sophisticated management process. The combination of Generali Investments experts' views in terms of geographical, sector and thematic ideas with an established quantitative framework allows to optimize the risk/return profile of the portfolio, maximizing the exposure to stocks, geographies and sectors with superior perspectives and, at the same time, guaranteeing a superior risk management.

Carlo Trabattoni, CEO of Generali Investments Partners S.p.A. Società di gestione del risparmio, commented: "Investors are becoming more ESG conscious and this trend has been enhanced by Covid-19 pandemic, highlighting the importance of investing towards a more sustainable economy and inclusive society. Generali Group plays a leading active role supporting the sustainable transition and, as Generali Investments, we will keep enhancing our ESG-compliant solutions, offering our investors sustainable performance and superior resilience, combined with a positive and measurable impact on society and environment".

GIS Sustainable World Equity is managed by Generali Investments Partners S.p.A.



Società di gestione del risparmio, and in particular by Andrea Scotti, Portfolio Manager with six years of expertise in the Multi-Asset and Quant Strategies team, Salvatore Bruno, Portfolio Manager who has managed for over 20 years Generali Investments multi-asset products and Luca Colussa, Portfolio Manager of the Multi-Asset and Quant Strategies team.

The new investment strategy of the sub-fund through rigorous ESG lens is consistent with Generali Group strong SRI conviction, since Green bond financing in 2019 to the support of a “Just transition” with a focus on climate change remediation / mitigation and social impact, from the decision to join the United Nations Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance, a group of institutional investors committed to decarbonizing their portfolios to net-zero emissions by 2050, to the participation to The Investor Leadership Network (ILN), an open and collaborative platform for investors, addressing fundamental long-term sustainability and systemic challenges.

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