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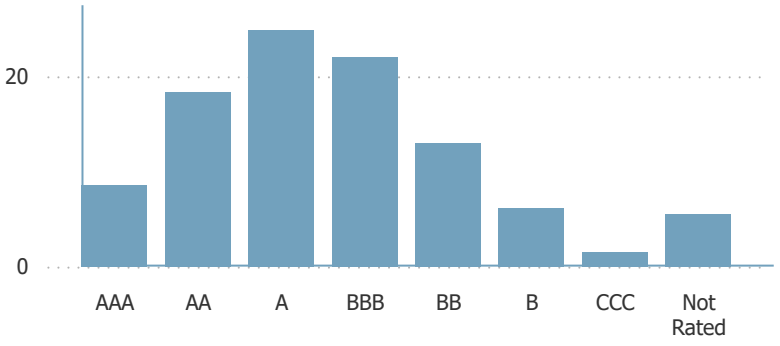
IST AMERICA SMALL MID CAP

Fund Information

Portfolio Manager	Principal Global Investors / William Blair
Currency	CHF
Degree of Coverage (%)	95.86
Weighted Average ESG Score	5.92
Weighted Average ESG Rating	A

Distribution of MSCI ESG Ratings (%)



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Source: MSCI ESG Research

ESG Approaches

Voting Rights

Engagement

Exclusion

ESG Integration

Composition of IST Exclusion List

Thematic / Sector Exclusion	SVVK-ASIR	Country Exclusion	Engagement / Violation of Norms
Coal Mining and Power Generation (Turnover > 25%)	Nuclear Weapons	UN Security Council of Arms Embargo	Exclusion of non-cooperative companies
	Cluster Munitions and Anti-Personnel Mines	Swiss Sanctions	Violations of internally acceptable standards
		OFAC	

Exercise of Voting Rights

IST exercises the voting rights for Swiss shares directly. Voting rights for foreign shares are exercised by the respective portfolio manager.

Commitment to Engagement

IST participates in two collaborative Morningstar Sustainalytics engagement initiatives:

- Material Risk Engagement
- Thematic: Biodiversity & Natural Capital

Corresponding voting and engagement reports can be found on the IST sustainability website: www.istfunds.ch/sustainability

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Total greenhouse gas emissions attributable to a company, consisting of direct emissions (Scope 1), indirect emissions from purchased energy (Scope 2), and value chain emissions (Scope 3). MSCI uses these emissions data, including estimated values where reported data are unavailable, to measure portfolio carbon exposure and climate alignment.

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Intensity (t CO_2e / USD million sales)

Scope 1 + 2

Coverage: 96.18%

Scope 3

Coverage: 95.09%

Footprint (t CO_2e / USD million invested)

Scope 1 + 2

Coverage: 94.99%

Scope 3

Coverage: 94.15%

Exposure Analysis

Percentage of portfolio assets invested in issuers with revenues or business activities related to fossil fuels (including thermal coal, oil and gas extraction, production, transportation, refining and power generation) and/or renewable energy (including renewable power generation and supporting equipment, services and infrastructure), as defined by MSCI.

Greenhouse gas KPIs

KPI	Value	Coverage
Carbon Intensity Scope 1-3 (t CO2e / USD million sales)	773.76	95.09%
Carbon Footprint Scope 1-3 (t CO2e / USD million invested)	303.23	94.15%

Exposure to fossil fuel activities and renewable energy

KPI	Value	Coverage
Fossil Fuel Involvement (%)	11.43	
Fossil Fuel-Based Revenues (%)	2.42	
Oil & Gas Involvement (%)	11.43	96.18%
Oil & Gas - Related Activities and Generation (%)	9.09	96.18%
Oil & Gas - Related Activities and Trading (%)	4.16	96.18%
Thermal Coal - Production and Generation (%)	1.40	96.18%
Coal Involvement (%)	0.00	96.18%
Renewable Power Revenue Exposure (%)	0.11	96.18%

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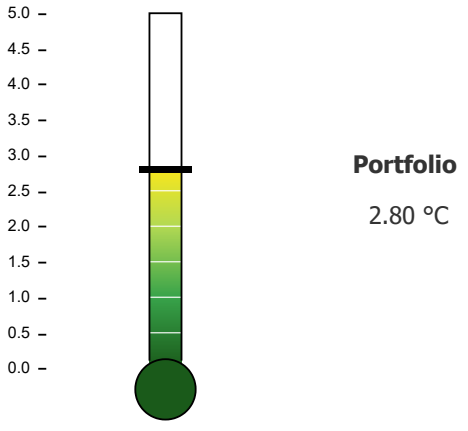
Global Warming Alignment



Coverage: 92.11%

Verified commitment to net zero

- Share of the portfolio with public commitments to net zero and verified credible interim targets, and share with an emission reduction target approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), each with its data coverage:

KPI	Value	Coverage
Net-Zero Commitment incl. SBTi Interim Target (%)	6.85	96.18%
SBTi-approved Emission Target (%)	13.14	96.18%

Management to Net Zero

- Is the portfolio part of the financial institution's externally verified commitment to net zero and credible interim targets? No, not applicable
- Does the investment strategy include a target to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of the underlying investments through specific short (1-3 years) or medium-term (4-7 years) targets? No, not applicable

Credible climate dialogue

Do the portfolio companies apply a credible stewardship strategy to mitigate climate change? Yes

- Proportion of the portfolio currently under active climate engagement: Not available (in principle all shares and bonds may be subject to Engagement)
- Shares of votes, over the last year, on climate resolutions voted in a manner consistent with the ambition of reaching net-zero by 2050: Not available
- Link to climate stewardship strategy and report: www.istfunds.ch/sustainability

Is the financial institution a member of a climate commitment initiative? No

- Initiative name: Morningstar Sustainalytics (MRE and TE Biodiversity & Natural Capital)

Energy and water KPIs

KPI	Value	Coverage
Energy Consumption Intensity (MWh / USD million sales)	33’534.05	60.49%
Water Consumption Intensity (m^3 / USD million sales)	1’765.56	5.64%
Water Withdrawal Intensity (m^3 / USD million sales)	7’770.30	11.19%
Energy Consumption Intensity NACE L (SFDR) (GWh / EUR million revenue)	0.01	4.52%

Glossary / Definitions

MSCI ESG Quality Score and ESG Rating

The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10) for funds is calculated as the weighted average of the ESG scores of the fund holdings. The MSCI ESG Rating for funds is designed to measure the resiliency of portfolios to long-term ESG risks and opportunities. It is calculated as a direct mapping of the ESG Quality Score to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10), ranging from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC). The distribution chart shows the share of the portfolio by issuer ESG rating; 'Not Rated' is the share without an MSCI ESG rating (including cash).

Degree of coverage

Percent by weight of the fund's holdings that have ESG data. Every KPI carries its own coverage, i.e. the percentage of the fund's market value invested in issuers with available data for that indicator. Figures with low coverage should be interpreted with care.

Carbon intensity (Scope 1+2 / Scope 3)

Weighted average carbon intensity: the fund's exposure to carbon-intensive companies, calculated as the sum of the (normalized) security weights multiplied by each security's carbon intensity in tonnes CO2e per USD million sales. Scope 1 covers direct emissions, Scope 2 indirect emissions from purchased energy and Scope 3 all other indirect emissions along the value chain (estimated). Sovereign carbon intensity (bond funds): weighted average of the sovereign issuers' carbon emissions from all domestic economic activities per USD million of GDP.

Carbon footprint (Scope 1+2 / Scope 3)

Financed carbon emissions: a normalized measure of the fund's contribution to climate change that apportions companies' carbon emissions across all outstanding shares and bonds. It measures the total annual emissions associated with USD 1 million invested in the fund, weighting each company's emissions by its enterprise value including cash (EVIC) and by its weight in the fund.

Exposure to fossil fuels

Fossil fuel involvement: percentage of the fund's market value invested in companies with ties to fossil fuels (thermal coal, oil and gas - reserve ownership, production, related revenues or power generation). Fossil fuel-based revenues: weighted average of each issuer's share of revenue from thermal coal extraction, oil and gas extraction and refining, and fossil-fuel based power generation. Oil & gas involvement: issuers with an industry tie to oil and gas (reserves, related revenues, power generation); 'related activities and generation' covers issuers with more than 5% of revenue from oil and gas related activities or fuel-based power generation, 'related activities and trading' any such revenue including trading. Thermal coal - production and generation: issuers with more than 5% of revenue from thermal coal mining, sales to external parties or power generation; the moderately and highly restrictive screens flag issuers deriving 30% respectively 10% or more of revenue from thermal coal mining. Coal involvement: issuers with ties to thermal coal from mining, sales or distribution.

Renewable power revenue exposure

Weighted average of the issuers' percent of revenue derived from the generation of renewable energy (solar, wind, small hydro, wave tidal, geothermal and waste to energy), from products, services or infrastructure supporting renewable energy, or from biomass power.

Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)

A fund's forward-looking temperature alignment (in degrees Celsius) with the Paris Agreement goals, in particular the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees by 2100. The measure reflects the degree to which the fund's financed emissions are aligned with the global carbon budget according to the MSCI Implied Temperature Rise methodology. The factor is based on the corporate portion of the fund. Carbon budget figures (absolute overshoot contribution, cumulative 2-degree budget) follow the same methodology and are EVIC-weighted.

Net-zero commitment and science-based targets

Net-zero commitment incl. SBTi interim target: percentage of the fund's market value invested in issuers with long-term targets of net-zero emissions before 2051 and near-term targets, set by the company and approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), to be met by 2030. SBTi-approved emission target: percentage of the fund's market value exposed to issuers with carbon emission reduction targets approved by the SBTi. Companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives (SFDR): issuers without a reduction target aligned with the Paris Agreement, rebalanced to the corporate sub-portfolio.

Energy and water

Weighted averages of the issuers' energy consumption intensity (MWh per USD million sales) and water consumption respectively withdrawal intensity (m3 per USD million sales). Financed energy consumption (SFDR) is the annual energy consumption associated with EUR 1 million invested, apportioned by EVIC; the NACE L figure is the energy consumption intensity of issuers in real estate activities (GWh per EUR million revenue), both based on the corporate sub-portfolio.

Source ESG data: MSCI ESG Research LLC, as of the report date shown in the header. Fund master data and ESG approaches: IST Investment Foundation. Voting and engagement reports: www.istfunds.ch/sustainability