

# Do right by your money

You've worked hard for the money you invest. At Irish Life we are working hard to make the most of it for you. With Irish Life Investment Managers (ILIM), we are committed to growing your money and doing it responsibly.

That means investing more in companies that manage their environmental, social and governance risks in a better way.



# Why we do right by your money

We believe in a sustainable future for all so we invest your pension savings in a way that does right by you and the planet. That means investing less in companies which are harmful to the environment or society and investing more in companies which try to help it (versus the relevant broad market benchmark).



## Mitigating climate change



As climate change poses a significant risk to all assets, we are actively reducing our investment exposure to carbon risk, as set out by the Paris agreement.

## Targeting good corporate behaviour



We also target companies that can demonstrate good corporate behaviour both internally and externally e.g., with employees, in communities and with suppliers and shareholders. We also invest in companies that generate revenues from more sustainable practices.



# How we do right by your money

## ILIM manage over €50b\* in responsible investments

With ILIM, we support companies with good Environmental, Social and Governance ratings through our ESG Framework.

### What is the ESG framework?



We actively engage on the climate by investing less in companies which are harmful to the environment or society and investing more in companies which try to help it (versus the relevant broad market benchmark). When it comes to those companies we've invested in, we also positively influence them on all ESG matters.

\* 53.4b as at 31 December 2023

\*\* Revenue limits apply

## We invest less in companies exhibiting poor behaviour

We reduce exposure to companies that are harmful to the environment or the social objectives of a sustainable society.

### And we exclude those whose:

- > products cause harm when used as intended such as controversial weapons, tobacco\*\*, and thermal coal\*\*
- > production causes significant harm such as tar sands\*\* and arctic oil\*\*
- > companies in breach of international norms such as the UN Global Compact and companies involved in severe controversies

## We help raise corporate standards through responsible ownership

We adhere to the principle of active ownership and exercise our right to vote on issues submitted for shareholder vote.

Our active engagement policy promotes constructive engagement, strong corporate governance, and effects positive change at an ESG level.

We promote best practices, like protecting rights, preventing corruption and encouraging diversity.

We voted at 5,564 meetings in 2023 – 15.7% against management across all resolutions – to promote better ESG practices in the companies in which we invest.

## Continually doing right by your money

Being responsible investors also means striving towards the highest standards ourselves. Here's some of what we are doing:

### United Nations Principles for Responsible Investing (UNPRI)

Irish Life Investment Managers was one of the first asset managers in Ireland to sign up to the UNPRI for responsible investing.

### Award-winning Investment Managers

ILIM has been independently recognised as Investment Manager of the Year at the Irish Pension Awards for 6 of the last 8 years.

Irish Pensions Awards 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020.

## Responsible investing across our fund range

Our core EMPOWER and MAPS funds are committed to responsible investing by investing in responsible strategies.

### ESG rating

Our overall ESG fund ratings are better than regular funds due to the enhanced exposure to more sustainable companies or those that pose less risk to our climate and society.

### Carbon intensity

Our funds have less exposure to companies whose business activity causes significant carbon emissions/causes pollution.

### Fossil fuel

Our funds have less exposure to companies whose business model is based on coal extraction, oil and gas activities.



## Do right by your money today

To learn more about how we can help you do right by your money visit our website:

**[www.ilm.com/responsible-investing](http://www.ilm.com/responsible-investing)**

To find out more see the fund factsheets on our website:

**[www.ilm.com](http://www.ilm.com)**

“We” in this document refers to Irish Life Assurance with Irish Life Investment Managers (ILIM).

Information correct as at December 2023

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Irish Life Investment Managers is the main appointed asset manager of Irish Life Assurance.