

# Global Sustainable Growth Fund

Fund Factsheet | 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023



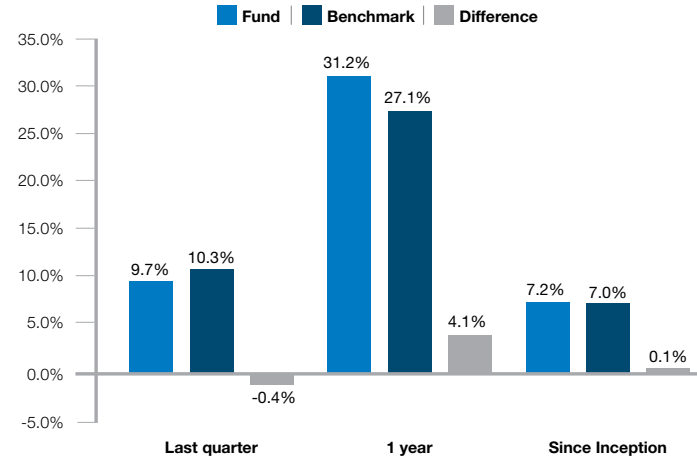
## Fund Objective

The fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equities of companies worldwide which meet the investment manager's sustainability criteria.

## Why Choose This Fund?

This fund is suitable for the investor who wishes to achieve long-term capital growth and has a high-risk appetite.

## Performance



The Bifm Global Sustainable Growth Fund returned 9.72% over the quarter, underperforming the benchmark MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) which returned 10.27% by 0.55%.

Stock selection was negative over the second quarter, particularly in the information technology, consumer discretionary and industrials sectors. Conversely, the fund's allocations within the consumer staples and communication services sectors contributed positively to relative performance over the quarter.

Regionally, the fund's positions in Emerging Markets and Japan contributed to the relative performance, while the allocations to the UK, North America, Europe, and Pacific ex-Japan detracted from performance over the quarter. Over the 12-month period ending June 2023, the Fund returned 31.22%, outperforming the benchmark by 4.13%.

## Performance Commentary

Global equities rallied within the second quarter of the year. The rally was supported by the strong performance of technology stocks as investor sentiment was positive about the prospects of Artificial Intelligence. Developed Market equities, reflecting the performance of IT stocks, were up 7.00% over the quarter whereas Emerging Market equities gained a modest 1.04%. Emerging Market stock's performance mainly reflected the tension between the US and China as well as concerns around weak factory output due to weaker consumer spending and lower demand for exports following interest rate increases in the US and Europe. The performance of technology stocks continues to drive the dispersion between the Value and Growth styles. The MSCI Growth Index appreciated by 10.50% relative to its value counterpart which only added 3.30% over the quarter, resulting in an outperformance of 7.20%.

Markets have taken positively to AI technology and the possible applications of the technology, so much so that it allowed growth stocks to ward off higher interest rates at the potential benefit of the technology.

## Market Outlook

From a global macroeconomic perspective, there was optimism that US inflation will moderate without the Fed engineering a deep recession as interest rates were paused in June with a signal that further rate

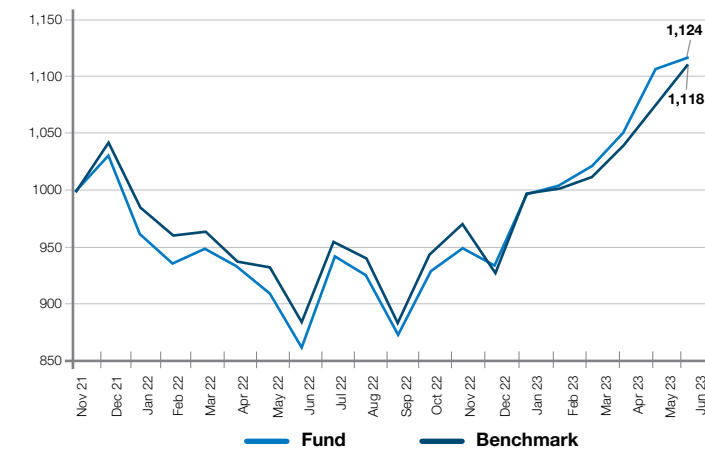
hikes may be needed in the future. Inflation has remained sticky, particularly in the global context, despite central banks instituting higher rates to ward off inflationary pressures. It remains unclear whether the risk of a global recession has only been postponed or warded off altogether. It may be that households have been able to weather the inflationary storm partly due to savings accumulated during the pandemic. This may be a short-term delay, particularly if the central banks continue to raise rates on the back of sticky inflation.

Globally, concerns remain over rising inflation, global supply chain problems, high energy prices and the changing regulatory environment in some countries. The global growth outlook remains mixed, with fiscal and monetary tightening in some regions likely to dampen the ongoing recovery.

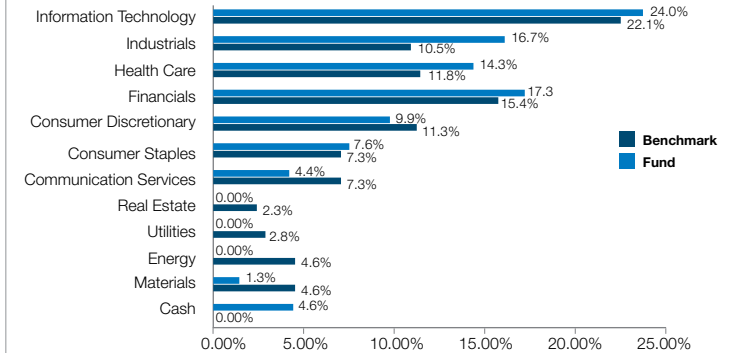
We are focused on fundamental, bottom-up stock picking and we remain tilted towards quality stocks. We are also conscious of inflation and interest rate risk in the portfolio and are managing our positions accordingly.

Total Expenditure Ratio (T.E.R.): 3.31%

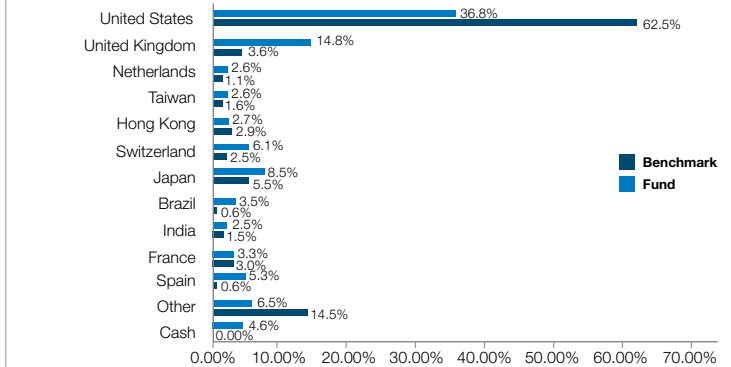
## Cumulative Returns (BWP)



## Sector Allocation



## Geographical Allocation



## Quick Facts

### Fund Information

**Fund Manager**  
The fund invests up to 100% of its assets in a strategy managed by Bifm's offshore investment partner - Schrodgers Asset Management.

**Benchmark:** MSCI ACWI  
**Launch Date:** Nov 2021  
**Minimum Investment:** P5000 lump sum  
P1000 debit order  
**Fund Size:** BWP30,897,915.78

### Fees

**Initial Fund Fee:** 0%  
**Annual Management Fee:** 2%  
Fees are shown excluding VAT

### Risk Profile



### Fund feature

1 year lock-in period

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