

Equity: Emerging markets – progressing on ESG

In our largest asset class, we look for responsible and sustainable investments with managers who create positive social and environmental impact alongside returns that outperform benchmarks.

As global equity investors, we recognise the importance of sustainable development and ESG challenges across emerging markets. We also believe they offer exciting opportunities for investors who care about sustainable progress.

Within the Anthos multimanager fund of funds equity portfolio, one emerging markets equity strategy targets high returns and long term capital growth by investing in a portfolio of primarily equity and equity-related securities traded in emerging markets.

The manager hired a Head of ESG, in 2020, and in 2021 brought in two more team members. We are encouraged by their engagement with their portfolio companies on topics from human rights in supply chains, to carbon reporting and corporate governance issues such as executive remuneration. We will continue to monitor this strategy's efforts to improve their ESG practice as well as achieving financial performance.

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"With decades of equity markets experience, we are capable and enjoy the challenge to manage equity portfolios in accordance with ethical values, during friendly and less friendly financial market conditions."

Lennart Frijns, Managing Director Equities



"Sustainability is fundamental to our approach as investors. So it's important for us to carry on learning about RI and ESG, which is why we welcome our firm's focus on climate change in the last two years and its emphasis on human rights in 2022. This is crucial in making us as effective as possible in engaging with our managers and shaping our portfolio."

Boudewijn de Haan, Managing Director Equities



"ESG has been a part of our investment approach since well before it became part of investment industry language. We have always used these criteria to assess investment risks and returns. We are in this for the long term, for a better world and for our clients."

Johanna Brenninkmeijer, Investment Director Equities

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