

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) - REPORT

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What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how does the fund contribute to them?

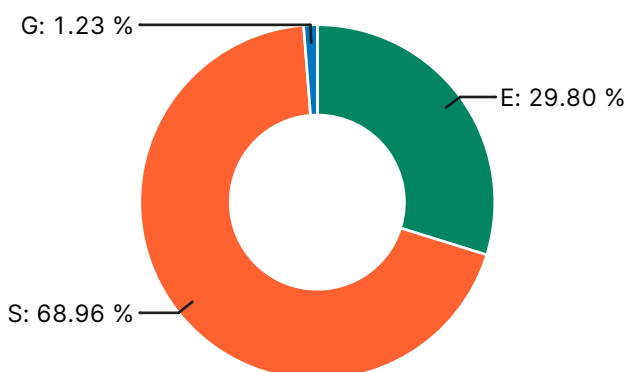
The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to which all UN member states committed in 2015. The 17 SDGs cover social, economic, and environmental issues. Erste Asset Management calculates the contributions to the SDGs of each company invested in the fund. The calculations are based on the revenue shares of all activities of the companies included in the investment fund that make a positive and/or negative contribution to the 17 SDGs. Please note that for Decent Work and Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure and Partnership for the Goals, goals 8, 9, and 17 respectively, there is no data coverage and therefore their value will always be zero. Since certain activities can contribute to more than one SDG, overlaps and doublecounting are possible. The focus of the SDGs on companies means that little to no information is available for bond funds that invest predominantly in government bonds. Investments in government bonds, cash and derivatives are therefore currently not considered in the calculation of SDG contributions.

Based on the calculated SDG contribution of each issuer and its relative portfolio weight, the overall SDG contribution is calculated. The largest contributors to the Sustainable Development Goals are identified. The data used to calculate the SDG contributions is collected and regularly updated by the external data provider ISS ESG.

The mapping of the SDG factors to the E, S and G areas is done as follows. The factors Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Life below Water and Life on Land, contribute to the Environmental Area. No Poverty, No Hunger, Good Health and Well Being, Quality Education, Gender Equality, and Reduced Inequality contribute to the Social Area. There are some factors that contribute to both the Environmental and Social area. These are Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and Clean Energy and Sustainable Cities and Communities. The factor Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions contributes to the Governance area.


SDG Contributions by ESG Area


The chart depicts the distribution of all weighted SDG contributions in the areas of environment, society and governance, scaled to 100%.



Positive/Negative SDG Contributions

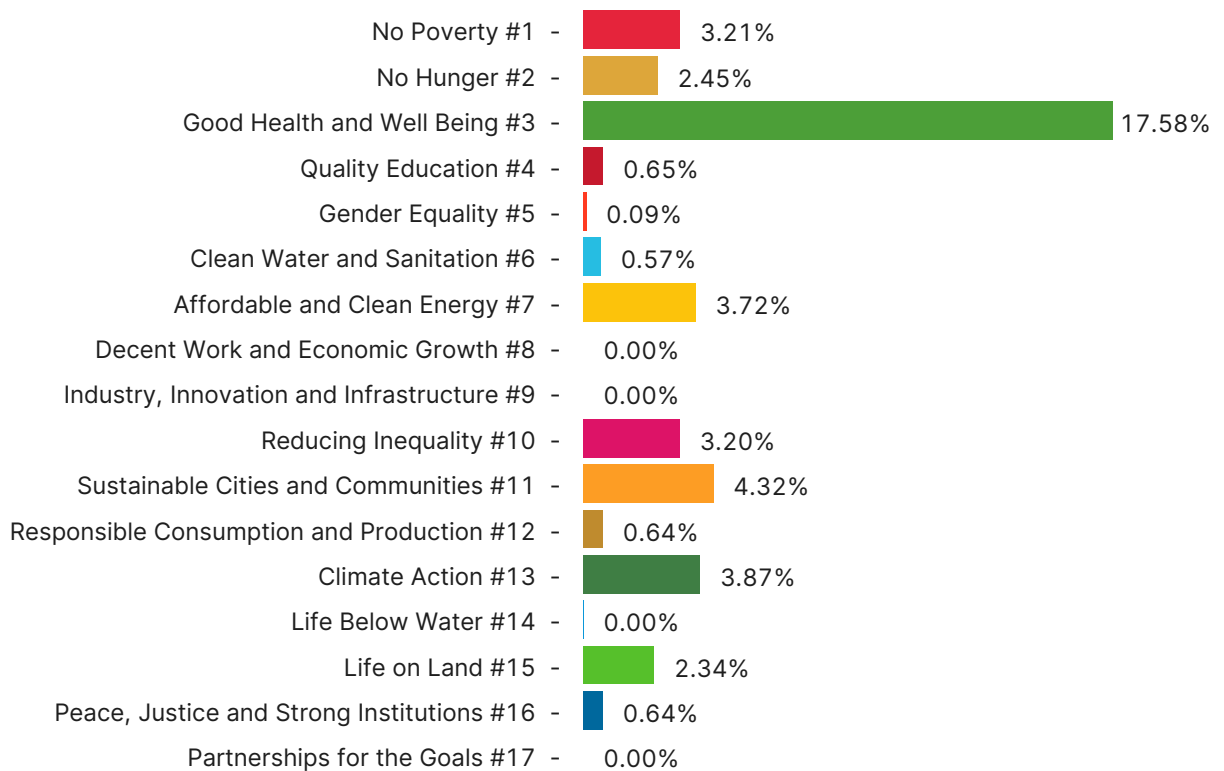
Distribution of weighted positive and negative SDG contributions scaled to 100%, excluding government bonds. All economic activity causes some negative effects, even when geared at meeting sustainability targets. Overall the aim is to achieve a positive SDG contribution whenever possible.

 **60.63 %**
of fund holdings have a **positive** SDG contribution

 **39.37 %**
of fund holdings have a **negative** SDG contribution

Source: Erste Asset Management, ISS ESG, Data as of end of Q4 | 2023

Contributions to the SDG by the Fund



The chart depicts the percentage of fund holdings providing a positive contribution to each SDG. Since each holding can contribute to multiple goals, the overall sum of the positive contributions might be above 100 %.

Top Holdings by SDG Contribution

Company	Country	GICS Industry	SDG Alignment	SDG#
NOVO NORDISK A/S	DK	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	3.77 %	3. Health
ASTRAZENECA PLC	GB	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	1.89 %	3. Health
ESSILORLUXOTTICA	FR	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	1.03 %	3. Health
UPM-KYMMENE OYJ	FI	Paper & Forest Products	1.02 %	15. Life on Land
NOVARTIS AG	CH	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	0.89 %	3. Health

The table lists the five largest positions in the fund by weighted SDG contribution and their revenue share relevant to each respective SDG. In particular, the value for the SDG Alignment of a company is computed by multiplying the combined contribution to the SDG with the weighting of issuer in the fund.

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