

# EVLI EUROPE GROWTH IB

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# EVLI IN BRIEF

"We see wealth as an engine to drive sustainable progress."

## Evli Plc

Evli Plc is a Finnish independent investment service company with a nearly 40-year operating history.

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We are currently Finland's leading institutional asset manager with approximately 270 employees.

Our service range covers asset management services and funds, share plan design and administration and incentive programs, Corporate Finance services (mergers and acquisitions), as well as equity research.



FUND AUM (EUR BILLION) JUNE 30, 2024 NUMBER OF FUNDS

13.3

170

72

69

EMPLOYEES IN ASSET MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS IN TOTAL

FUNDS CLASSIFIED AS ARTICLE 8 OR 9 ACCORDING TO EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATION (SFDR)

93%

Funds are managed by Evli Fund Management Company Ltd, which is a Finnish fund management company. Evli Fund Management Company is part of Evli Group whose parent company is Evli Plc.

Morningstar, an independent fund research firm, awarded Evli Fund Management Company **"The Best Fund House Overall in Finland 2023 and 2024" and "The Best Fund House Overall in Sweden 2024"**.<sup>1</sup>



Lipper, an independent fund research firm, awarded Evli Fund Management Company as **"Nordic Best Fund House 2023 and 2024"**<sup>2</sup> in category "small fund companies".

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### EVLI

## Award-winning asset management from Evli

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Among the best asset managers in Finland in the Kantar Prospera customer survey for over 11 consecutive years and in the SFR customer survey for 6 consecutive years<sup>1</sup>.



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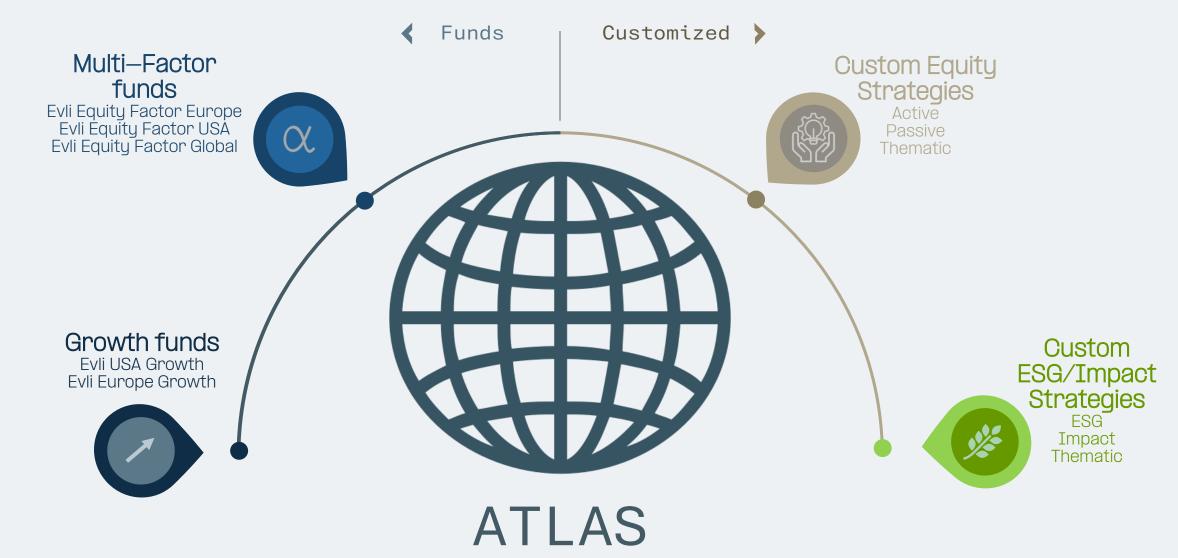
# EVLI'S SYSTEMATIC FUNDS

Evli's multifactor and growth fund strategies

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# Evli systematic funds and strategies

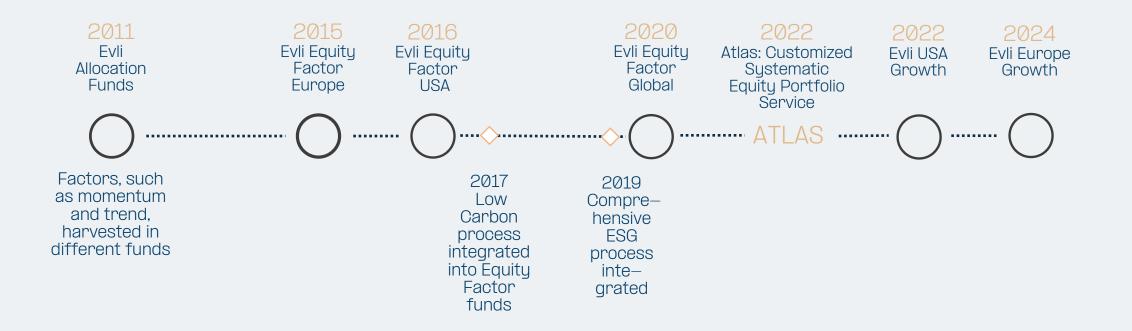
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# Systematic investing at Evli

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# Systematic factor strategies utilized across various funds for >10 years



### Portfolio management team



Peter Lindahl

PORTFOLIO MANAGER AT EVLI SINCE 2000

 M.Sc. (Econ.), Hanken. Peter has worked in finance since 1996.
Before joining Evli, Peter worked in the US as an equity broker and analyst.



Antti Sivonen

PORTFOLIO MANAGER AT EVLI SINCE 2010

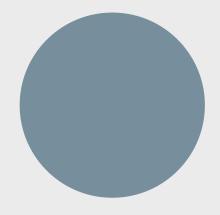
 M.Sc.(Accounting), Aalto University School of Business. Antti has worked in finance since 2007. Antti worked in Danske Capital before joining Evli.



Mattias Lagerspetz

PORTFOLIO MANAGER AT EVLI SINCE 2015

 M.Soc.Sc. (Econ.), Helsinki University. Mattias has worked in finance since 2012. Before joining Evli, Mattias worked in SEB and Swedbank.



Matias Palmunen

QUANT ANALYST AT EVLI SINCE 2024

 M.Sc.(Econ), Aalto University School of Business. M.Ph. (Mathematics & Statistics), Helsinki University.
Matias has worked in finance since 2021. Before joining Evli, Matias worked at Robeco and Osuuspankki. 10

#### Study what has worked

- Value investing has existed for more than 100 years
- Academic consensus is a good starting point

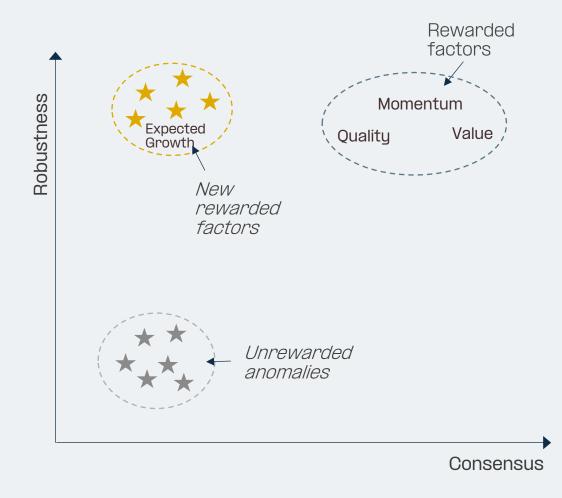
#### Don't get lost in the factor zoo

- Harness academic, pracitioner and in-house research
- Robust empirical evidence as a guideline
- $-\ensuremath{\operatorname{True}}$  factors are characteristics that predict returns

### Be open-minded

- Financial theories are not always robust
- New data may bring new dimensions
- $-\operatorname{New}$  ideas may be tomorrow's consensus

#### The Zoo of Factors



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### Growth Done Right How to harvest the return premia in growth stocks

- Growth tends to be expensive
- But not all growing companies are too expensive
- A smart growth strategy is successful in identifying rewarded growth stocks

# Quality Growth

Growth firms which grow faster than expected

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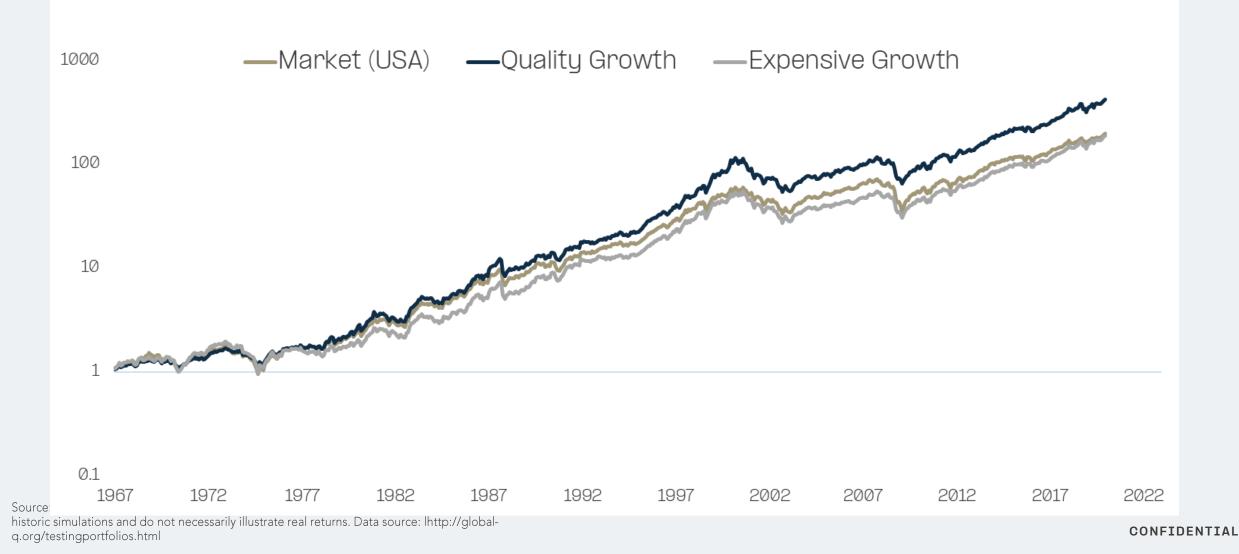
# What Type Of Growth Firms Have Outperformed?



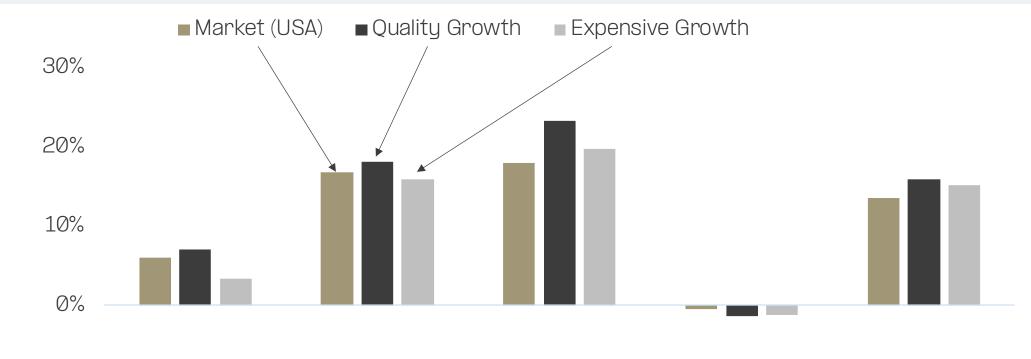
- + Expected growth
- + Profitable
- + R&D-biased
- + Recent outperformers



### Quality Growth firms have outperformed (Past performance is not an indicator of future returns)



### Quality Growth has generated good returns Investors have been better off in avoiding expensive growth companies (Past performance is not an indicator of future returns)



-10%					
	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
Market (USA)	6.1 %	16.8 %	18.0 %	-0.4 %	13.6 %
■ Quality Growth	7.0 %	18.2 %	23.4 %	-1.3 %	15.9 %
Expensive Growth	3.5 %	15.9 %	19.8 %	-1.2 %	15.2 %

Source: Evli. Returns are annual averages among US large–caps during different decades and are based on historic simulations and do not necessarily illustrate real returns. Data source: Ihttp://global–q.org/testingportfolios.html

### Growth Done Right Harvesting Quality Growth

We invest into growth companies which show strong:

#### - Investment growth

> Profitability growth

- ightarrow Operational cash flow
- > High valuation of assets
- > R&D spending

### - Growth momentum

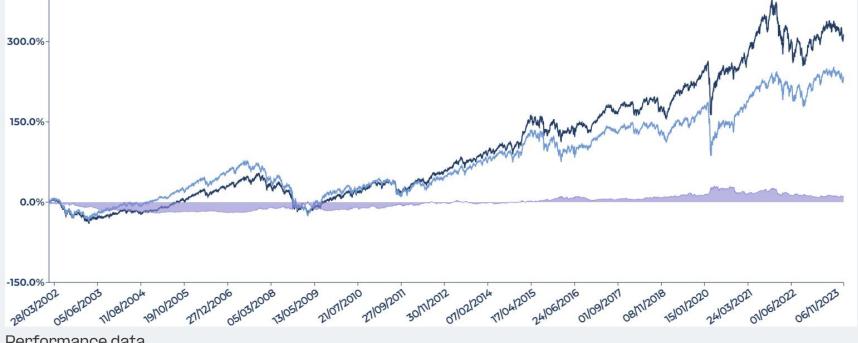
- > Recent earnings and revenue growth
- > Strong performers
- > Earnings surprises



# **Quality Growth strategy, simulation**<sup>1</sup> (Past performance is not an indicator of future returns)

#### Europe Quality Growth strategy simulation 2001–2023

The picture illustrates the income simulation of the growth strategy, which shows gross returns without expenses. The growth strategy is based on a high-quality growth strategy with an emphasis on growth companies that show investment growth and growth momentum. The investment universe is mid and large-caps (MSCI Europe index). The Portfolio is market weighted. The portfolio has been rebalanced quarterly, the strategy has utilized Evli's ESG principles and also taken into account the UCITS 10/40 rule.



#### Performance data

		Annualized Return	Volatility	Return/Vol
Por	rtfolio	6,50%	17,04%	0.45
Ind	lex	5,49%	18,61%	0.38

\*For illustrative purposes only. The returns are based on a historical simulation and is not based on real returns. Past performance is not an indicator of future returns.

# Evli Europe Growth fund

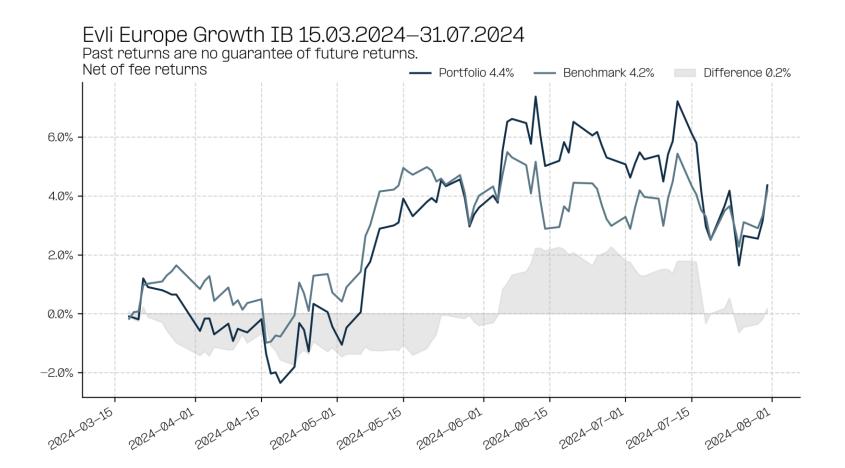
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- Quality growth companies have performed strongly over the long-term – expensive growth firms may be risky for the investor.
- Growth factors based on academic research have produced strong returns in the past.
- The fund's growth strategy strives to invest in large companies which grow faster than expected.

Successful growth investing comes down to selecting companies that grow – and do so faster than expected

### Net of fee returns – Since launch

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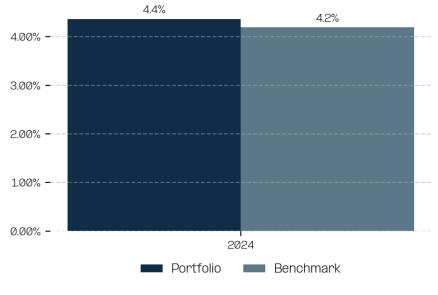


	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
Since launch	4.36%	4.19%	0.17%
Since launch, annualized return	11.99%	11.49%	0.50%

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
Volatility	11.43%	9.42%	2.01%
Sharpe	0.25	0.28	-0.03
Tracking Error	4.86%	_	_
Information Ratio	0.04	_	_
Beta	_	_	_

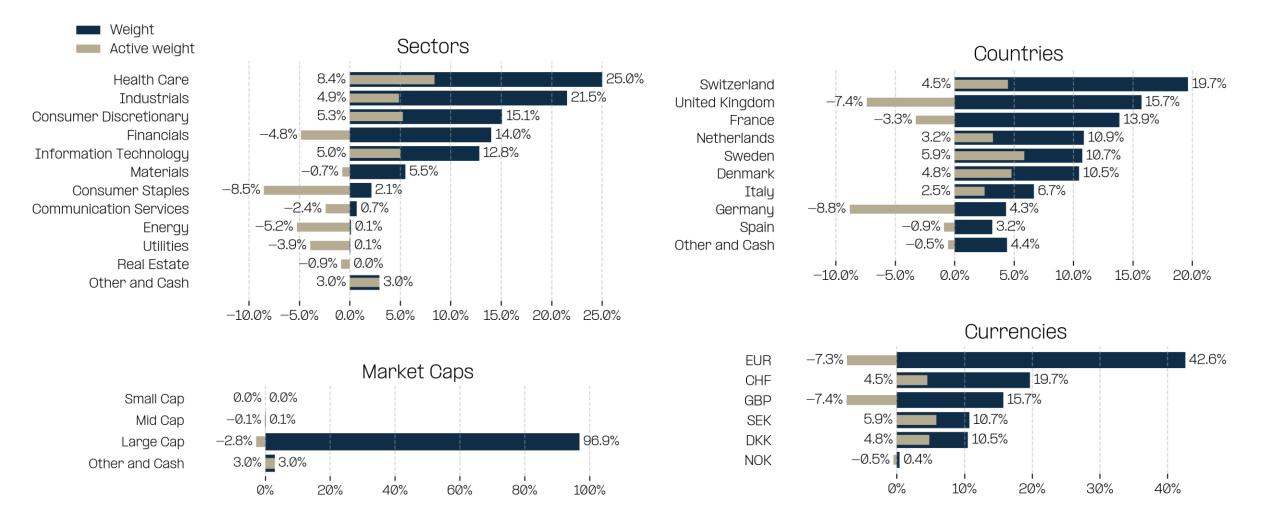
### Annual returns, after fees, 31.07.2024

Past returns are no guarantee of future returns.



	2024
Portfolio	4.36%
Benchmark	4.19%
Difference	0.17%
Volatility	11.43%
Tracking Error	4.86%

## Portfolio structure 31.07.2024



## Top holdings 31.07.2024

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#### **10 LARGEST INVESTMENTS**

	%
Novo Nordisk A/S	8.26%
ASML Holding NV	6.64%
Novartis AG	6.07%
AstraZeneca PLC	3.71%
Ferrari NV	3.66%
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitt	3.64%
Roche Holding AG	2.94%
Xtrackers MSCI Europe UCITS ET	2.84%
UBS Group AG	2.80%
ABB Ltd	2.74%

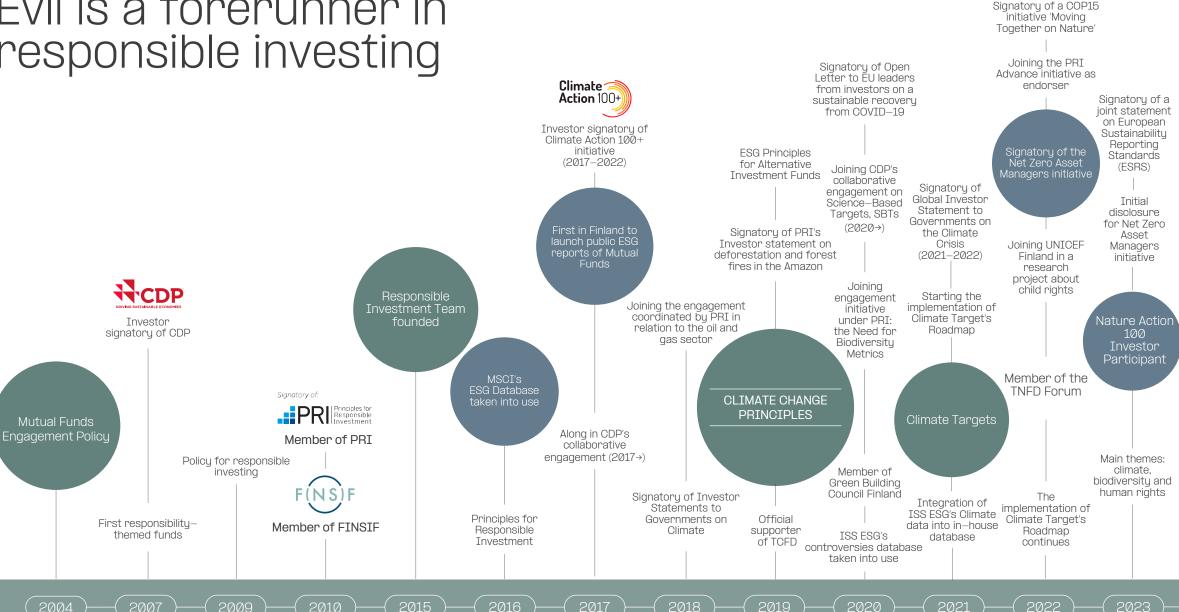
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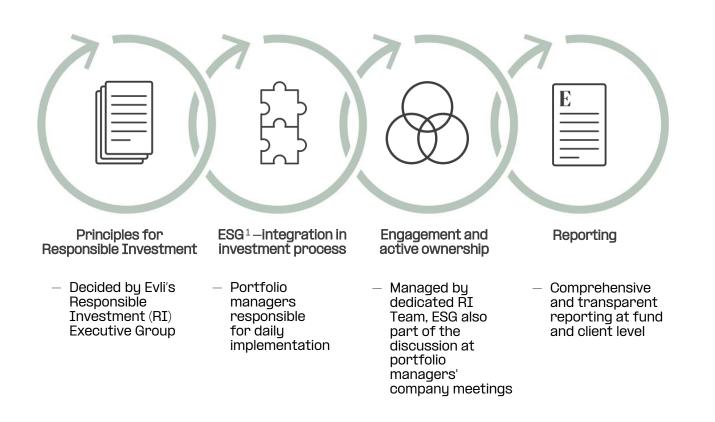
"We want to be the forerunner in responsible wealth management in the Nordics, and in this way help our clients in managing their wealth to support a sustainable future."

### EVLI

## Evli is a forerunner in responsible investing



# Four pillars of responsible investing at Evli





in Sustainable investing according to Finnish institutions 2017–2023<sup>2</sup>

## Monitoring, engagement and active ownership

UN Global Compact, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Evli's climate principles compliance are screened quarterly.

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All norm violation cases assessed by Responsible Investment team, which decides to start the engagement or to exclude the company.

Main engagement themes are:

- International norm violation
- Mitigating climate change
- Transparent ESG reporting
- Corporate Governance

Active ownership:

- ESG issues are regularly discussed in all meetings with company management
- Evli attends general meetings in Finland, but does not do proxy voting abroad

Collaborative engagement initiatives such as Climate Action 100+, CDP Investor Letters, Nature Action 100 and PRI<sup>1</sup> led collaborative engagements.

### ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2023

COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

3349

companies

PARTICIPATING IN GENERAL MEETINGS

20 general meetings

INDEPENDENT ENGAGEMENT



# Exclusions in practice in all Evli funds

- With 0% revenue threshold:
  - Controversial weapon manufacturers
  - Companies manufacturing peat for energy production
- With 5% revenue threshold:
  - Tobacco producers, adult entertainment producers and companies practicing controversial lending
- With 10% revenue threshold:
  - Thermal coal and oil sands companies
- In addition, some funds exclude:
  - Companies with more than 5% of their revenues coming from gambling, alcohol or weapons manufacturing
  - Companies in extraction and mining of fossil fuels or thermal coal
- International norm violations can also lead to an exclusion; however, this is only a last resort.
- In addition, since March 2022 Russia is excluded as a region where investments can be made. The exclusion covers both Russian companies and the Russian state.



# Evli's climate change principles

#### 1. Analysis

- Monitoring the emissions of companies in Evli's funds through fundspecific carbon footprints.
- Funds' carbon footprints are also assessed by Evli's Responsible Investment team.

#### 2. Exclusion

- Avoiding investments in companies that gain a significant part of their revenue (at least 10%) from thermal coal (mining and energy production) and oil sands extraction.
- Also, companies manufacturing peat for energy production are excluded (0%).

#### 3. Engagement

- Encouraging companies to report the climate impacts of their operations, and possible risks vs. benefits.
- Participating in several investor joint engagements and letters, such as Climate Action 100+, CDP Investors Letters, and Global Investor Statement to Governments on the Climate Crisis.
- 4. Reporting
  - Funds' carbon footprints are reported publicly.
  - Evli has published in 2020 first TCFD<sup>1</sup> report of its climate risks.



## Evli's climate targets

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Evli aims for carbon neutrality of its own operations by 2025, and carbon neutrality of investments by 2050 at the latest.



The interim target for the investments -50% reduction in indirect emissions from investments by 2030 (compared to 2019).



We are aware that a credible long-term carbonneutral goal requires systematic work and sufficiently ambitious interim targets to support it.

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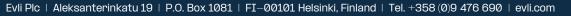
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