## Ethical, sustainable and ESG investing decision tree

the landscape of ethical investing, based on over a decade of creating investment

solutions in this space.



If, like more and more people, you want to use your money in a way that aligns with your values<sup>1</sup>, you have some decisions to make. Our simple decision tree will help you consider some of the options and You may want opportunities open to you. I'm just interested in businesses Follow the branches from left to right for an idea of what kind of ESG, ethical responsible that are good corporate citizens. and sustainable investment might be right for you. <sup>1</sup>The Lang Cat (2021), Crossing the ESG Event Horizon I'm OK investing in contentious areas provided companies are making strides towards reducing sustainable their environmental footprint and/or improving how they treat their staff, I want to invest broadly, provided customers and supply chains. the companies meet reasonable My priority is to invest in standards of good practice. This might mean accepting some companies that minimise harm exposure to areas like fossil fuels or to the environment or society. nuclear power, if the company is I'd like my money to be invested seen as a leader in doing the right thing. with consideration of I want to reduce my exposure to Start environmental, social and contentious areas like weapons, tobacco and fossil fuels. governance issues, as well as financial aspects. I want to be more selective in avoiding controversial areas. I want to minimise exposure negative to specific industries. screening I want to be able to exclude particular companies that I don't A quick note like. There's a lot of jargon in the ESG, ethical and sustainable investing space so some definitions may differ. There can also be a lot of subjectivity. So, this is our take on

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## Understanding the differences between different ethical investment approaches



Responsible investment solutions

This type of investment solution typically focuses on investing in well-managed companies that aim to benefit the environment and society with strong governance.

Clients who want broad exposure to ethical investing may prefer this approach.

Sustainable investment solutions

This type of investment solution typically focuses on investing in companies that provide products and services which help tackle today's most critical social and environmental challenges. This often leads to overweight allocations to healthcare, technology, and renewable energy.

Clients who care most about sustainability may prefer this approach.

Positive selection investment solutions

This type of investment solution typically focuses investing in companies that are aiming to address environmental and social challenges, but with some negative screening. This usually takes the form of reducing exposure to controversial sectors.

Clients interested in investing in companies with a positive ethical purpose and some negative screening may prefer this approach.

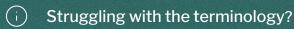
Negative screening investment solutions

Bespoke investment solutions This type of investment solution typically focuses on avoiding investing in controversial business practices and contentious sectors, as much as practically possible.

Clients who want to avoid certain sectors with strict screening might prefer this approach.

This type of investment solution is custom-made for an individual client and considers their views on sectors or companies. It then aims to avoid investing in those companies and/or sectors.

Clients who want more control over which companies they invest in might prefer this approach.



## Important information:

- This decision tree is meant to be used as a general guide to help start a conversation with your financial adviser about the type of ethical investing approach you might like to explore. It shouldn't be seen as financial advice from Parmenion Capital Partners LLP.
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