Ethical investing decision tree

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If, like more and more people, you want to use your money in a way that aligns with your values¹, you have some decisions to make. Our simple decision tree will help you consider some of the options and opportunities open to you. I'm just interested in businesses responsible that are good corporate citizens. Follow the branches from left to right for an idea of what kind of ESG, ethical and sustainable investment might be right for you. ¹The Lang Cat (2020), 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 standards of good practice. This My priority is to invest in 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 contentious areas like weapons, Start environmental, social and governance issues, as well as tobacco and fossil fuels. 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 A brief disclaimer particular companies that I don't 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 the landscape of ethical investing, based on nearly 10 years of creating investments in this space.

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Understanding the differences between different ethical investment approaches

Responsible investment solutions

This type of investment solution typically focuses on good governance and encouraging responsible behaviour and invests across all sectors, considering environmental, social and governance factors.

Clients who want the broadest exposure to ethical investing may prefer this type of ethical investment.

Sustainable investment solutions

This type of investment solution typically focuses on addressing environmental and social challenges and invests across all sectors with a focus on environmental and social factors. This often leads to overweight allocations to healthcare, tech and renewables.

Clients who care most about sustainability and tackling climate change may prefer this type of ethical investment.

Positive selection investment solutions

This type of investment solution typically focuses on addressing 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 type of ethical investment.

Negative screening investment solutions

This type of investment solution typically focuses on avoiding investing in controversial business practices and contentious sectors.

Clients who want to avoid certain sectors with strict screening might prefer this type of ethical investment.

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

Clients who want more control over which companies they invest in might prefer this type of ethical investment.



Struggling with the terminology?

Our handy A-Z of ESG breaks down some of the most commonly used terms in the world of ESG, ethical and sustainable investing. To get your copy, click here.

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