**INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT** 



# MSINVF Calvert Sustainable Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Fund

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The Calvert Sustainable Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Fund's investment objective is to provide long-term capital appreciation, measured in U.S. dollars, and advance diversity, equity and inclusion. The Fund primarily invests in equity securities of companies located globally that demonstrate leadership or meaningful improvement in having a diverse workforce and an equal and inclusive work culture.

The Investment Adviser applies the Calvert Principles for Responsible Investment (Calvert Principles) as primary criteria for including companies in the investment portfolio. The Calvert Principles seek to identify companies that demonstrate leadership on material ESG topics in their business practices in a manner Calvert believes is aligned with improving long-term shareholder value and socio-environmental outcomes.

#### Calvert's Commitment to Diversity

In line with its investment objective, the fund seeks to invest in companies that demonstrate leadership or meaningful improvements in DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) practices. The Investment Adviser identifies companies around the world that are leading on board gender diversity and board racial/ethnic diversity. The fund will maintain higher levels of workforce diversity at a portfolio level than the underlying market benchmark as measured by data available in relation to the average number of women at the investee company board level and average percentage of board members representing underrepresented ethnicities.

# **Binding Characteristics**

The following characteristics represent specific fund objectives described in the investment offering documents.





# **Average Percentage of Female Board Members**



Percentage of Board Members From Ethnically Underrepresented Groups <sup>1</sup>



4 percentage points higher than benchmark

7 percentage points higher than benchmark

Source: Iss\_esg as of 30/09/24.

Source: FactSet as of 30/09/24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calvert assesses the representation of ethnically underrepresented groups on the corporate boards of companies in the following countries: Australia, Canada, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Benchmark: MSCI World Index

The calculations underlying the metrics shown in this document reflect figures with a higher numerical precision than the rounded figures displayed on the charts. Numbers may not always add up to 100%.

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# **Nonbinding Characteristics Related to the Calvert Principles**

The Investment Adviser seeks to invest in companies that are leaders in addressing material ESG topics related to environmental sustainability and resource efficiency, equitable societies and respect for human rights, and accountable governance and transparent operations. Nonbinding characteristics are considered as part of the investment process and are tied to the application of The Calvert Principles for Responsible Investment. The featured nonbinding characteristics and statistics associated with them are not guaranteed and may change over time.



# **Boardroom Gender Diversity**

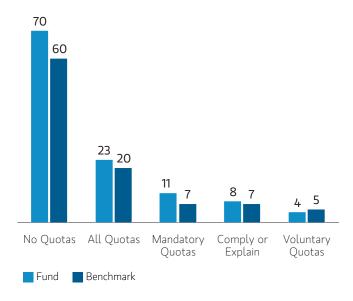
The Investment Adviser seeks to invest in companies that are leaders in managing financially material social risks and opportunities such as diversity, equity and inclusion.

# Portfolio Weight of Firms With at Least 30% Female Board Members

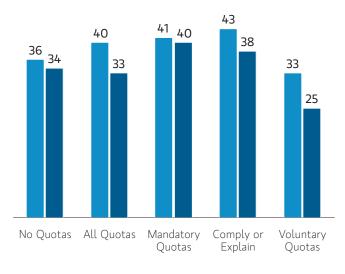


14 percentage points higher than benchmark

# Portfolio Weight of Firms With at Least 30% Female Board Members in Countries With and Without Gender Quota Requirements <sup>2</sup>



# Average Percentage of Female Board Members in Countries With and Without Gender Quota Requirements <sup>2,3</sup>



Sources: FactSet as of 30/09/24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Countries with gender quota requirements identified by Calvert. For more information, please visit https://www.morganstanley.com/im/publication/msinvf/material/esgm\_msinvf\_calvertsustainable\_en.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The All Quotas grouping represents the combination of countries with any Mandatory, Comply or Explain, and Voluntary gender quota requirements. For more information, please visit https://www.morganstanley.com/im/publication/msinvf/material/esgm\_msinvf\_calvertsustainable\_en.pdf.

# **Female Leadership**

The Investment Adviser seeks to invest in companies with high levels of female representation in executive leadership and senior management ranks.

#### **Percentage of Females in Senior Management Roles**



# Percentage of Females in Executive Leadership Roles



5 percentage points higher than benchmark

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Source: Equileap as of 30/09/24.

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# Carbon Footprint

The Investment Adviser seeks to invest in companies that are leaders in managing financially material environmental risks and opportunities such as carbon emissions management. The Investment Adviser considers carbon emissions across all industries but places particular emphasis on identifying companies with leading practices in high-carbon-emitting industries.

Fund holdings have 90% lower carbon emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents) than the benchmark, equivalent to the carbon emissions of 372,875 kilometers driven by an average passenger vehicle in the EU (equivalent to 41 round trips from Gibraltar, Spain, to Helsinki, Finland).\*

# **Weighted Average Carbon Intensity All Industries**

Tonnes of carbon emissions per million USD in revenue



87% lower than benchmark

# Weighted Average Carbon Intensity High-Carbon-Emitting Industries <sup>5</sup>

Tonnes of carbon emissions per million USD



92% lower than benchmark

Source: Sustainalytics as of 30/09/24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> High-carbon-emitting industries are GICS subindustries identified by Calvert that contribute to over 90% of global carbon emissions. For more information,please visit https://www.morganstanley.com/im/publication/msinvf/material/esgm\_msinvf\_calvertsustainable\_en.pdf.

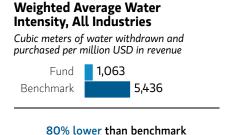
<sup>\*</sup> Source: Calvert as of 30/09/24. Equivalency metrics are relative measurements that normalize financed carbon emissions, water consumption, and waste generation per \$MM invested.



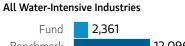
# **Water Consumption**

The Investment Adviser seeks to invest in companies that manage water as a scarce natural resource and ensure efficient and equitable access to clean sources of water. The Investment Adviser considers water usage across all industries but places particular emphasis on identifying companies with leading practices in water-intensive industries.

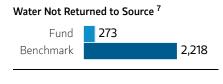
Fund holdings have 88% lower water consumption (in cubic meters of water withdrawn and purchased) than the benchmark, equivalent to the average yearly water usage of 6,171 EU households (equivalent to water consumed for drinking and cooking for 8 days in the city of Luxembourg, 2021 population of 128,514).\*

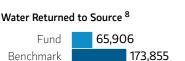


# Weighted Average Water Intensity, Water-Intensive Industries <sup>6</sup> Cubic meters of water withdrawn and purchased per million USD in revenue









88% lower than benchmark

113,033

62% lower than benchmark



#### **Landfill Waste**

The Investment Adviser seeks to invest in companies that minimize the waste generated by their business operations. The Investment Adviser considers landfill waste generation across all industries but places particular emphasis on identifying companies with leading practices in waste-intensive industries.

Sources: S&P Trucost as of 30/09/24.

Fund holdings have 84% higher landfill waste (in tonnes of waste) than the benchmark, equivalent to daily waste produced by 1,661 average EU citizens.\*



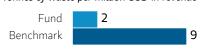
Fund 1
Benchmark 4

62% lower than benchmark

Sources: S&P Trucost as of 30/09/24.

#### Weighted Average Waste Intensity, Waste-Intensive Industries <sup>9</sup>

Tonnes of waste per million USD in revenue



74% lower than benchmark

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Water-intensive industries are 50 GICS subindustries identified by Calvert that are responsible for over 90% of global water use. For more information, please visit https://www.morganstanley.com/im/publication/msinvf/material/esgm\_msinvf\_calvertsustainable\_en.pdf.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Waste-intensive industries are 50 GICS subindustries identified by Calvert that contribute to over 90% of landfill waste generated globally. For more information, please visit https://www.morganstanley.com/im/publication/msinvf/material/esgm\_msinvf\_calvertsustainable\_en.pdf.

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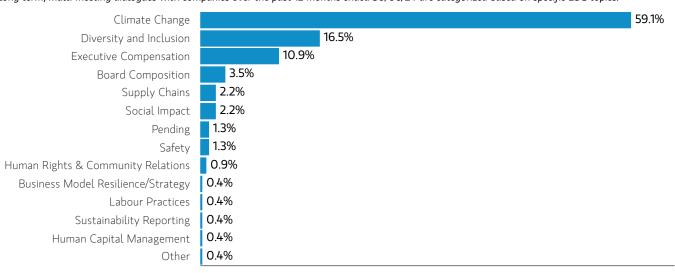


# Calvert's Approach to Engagement

Calvert believes long-term ownership entails a responsibility to participate in improving the governance and socioenvironmental practices of the firms that we hold in our portfolios. Through our research, we identify engagement targets, seeking to help address financially material issues that matter to clients, the companies we own and society. The statistics below represent all firmwide engagements conducted by Calvert's engagement team across all strategies. Engagements are primarily with issuers held in funds or accounts managed by Calvert but may include issuers not currently held in Calvert funds.

# **Engagements by ESG Topic**

Long-term, multi-meeting dialogues with companies over the past 12 months ended 30/06/24 are categorized based on specific ESG topics.



350 Interactions on 230 Engagements with 211 Companies

# Interaction by Type

Interactions by type over the past 12 months ended 30/06/24



•	Virtual or In-Person Meetings	47.1%
•	Written Correspondence	48.3%
	Shareholder Proposals	0.3%
	Other	4.3%

Source: Calvert.

# **Engagement by Objective**

All engagement interactions have at least one specific objective, but many interactions have multiple objectives. This chart shows the percentage of total engagement objectives by type over the past 12 months ended 30/06/24.



<ul><li>Disclosure</li></ul>	To enhance transparency and public reporting on a specific ESG topic.	38.8%
<ul><li>Strategy</li></ul>	To develop or implement a strategy on a particular ESG topic.	13.3%
Target	To adopt a clear, measurable target on a given ESG topic.	27.7%
Policy	To adopt a formal policy addressing a certain ESG topic.	2.6%
<ul><li>Performance</li></ul>	To demonstrate improved operational performance against measurable key performance indicators.	7.4%
<ul><li>Other</li></ul>		10.3%

Source: Calvert.



# Calvert's Approach to Proxy Voting

Calvert's proprietary proxy voting guidelines are designed to catalyze positive change and drive long-term value creation across the companies held in our investment portfolios. As an agent for positive change, we generally support well-crafted shareholder proposals advocating for better management practices and vote against management as necessary to oppose problematic or outdated practices (per our voting guidelines) more often than our peers, in particular the top 10 asset managers by AUM globally shown below. Calvert's proxy voting guidelines can be found at https://www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com/.

The tables below show Calvert's voting record across all strategies from July 2022 to June 2023 as compared to the asset managers with the 10 largest fund families, according to Morningstar AUM data as of June 2023. For more information, please visit https://www.morganstanley.com/im/publication/msinvf/material/esgm\_msinvf\_calvertsustainable\_en.pdf.

#### **Voting Trends**

Calvert's firmwide voting record

	Calvert		Top 10 Asset Managers (by AUM)		
	QTY.	%	QTY.	%	
Total Number of Votes Cast	48,708	100%	774,710	100%	
Votes Cast Against Management Proposals	15,120	31%	81,928	11%	
Votes in Favor of Environmental and Social Shareholder Proposals	329	77%	569	17%	

#### **Voting Topics**

How Calvert votes on specific proposals

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	# OF VOTES CAST	% IN FAVOR	% AGAINST	# OF VOTES CAST	% IN FAVOR	% AGAINST	
U.S. MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS							
Director Elections	17,516	65%	35%	143,205	91%	9%	
Say on Pay and Equity-Based Plans	4,484	33%	37%	35,759	62%	9%	
U.S. SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS							
Social and Human Rights Proposals	86	86%	14%	684	19%	79%	
Environmental and Health and Safety Proposals	74	92%	7%	576	24%	75%	
NON-U.S. MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS							
Director Elections	10,222	49%	50%	227,810	88%	9%	
Director Remuneration and Equity-Based Plans	2,565	80%	18%	49,685	81%	18%	
NON-U.S. SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS							
Social and Human Rights Proposals	7	100%	0%	68	18%	82%	
Environmental, Health and Safety Proposals	114	68%	32%	901	11%	88%	

Source: Insightia. Data is representative of voting activity for U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission-registered funds as reported in N-PX filings by Calvert and peers. The "% in favor" and "% against" columns may not add up to 100% because some votes were abstained on or proposals were not voted on due to operational requirements to vote the ballot.

# Calvert Research and Management

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# Calvert's Pioneering Approach to Responsible Investing

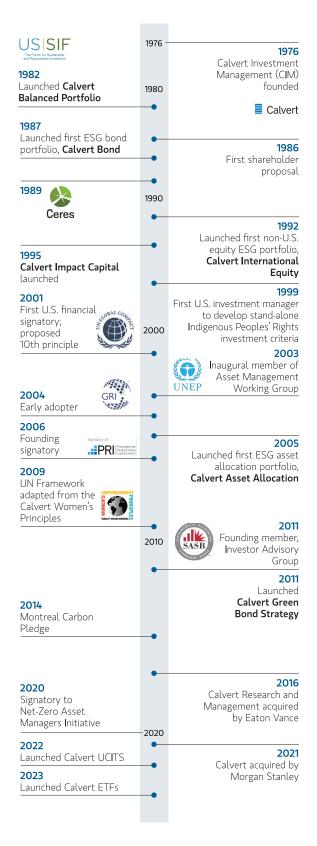
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# Calvert's Approach to Selecting ESG Metrics

Calvert's selection of ESG reporting metrics is informed by a combination of the following considerations: the Calvert Principles for Responsible Investment (Calvert Principles);<sup>†</sup> Calvert's expertise on companies' effectiveness in managing critical impacts on the environment, employees and communities; and alignment with global standards and frameworks that are consistent with the Calvert Principles.

The Calvert Principles inform Calvert's proprietary investment processes that span ESG research, product design and portfolio construction, engagement and stewardship, and impact measurement and reporting activities. The ESG metrics featured in this report cover four key thematic areas: climate change, workplace gender diversity, water consumption and landfill waste.

For more information, please visit https://www.morganstanley.com/im/publication/msinvf/material/esgm\_msinvf\_calvertsustainable\_en.pdf.



The Principles provide a framework for considering material ESG factors that may affect firms' investment performance and socio-environmental impacts. For more information, please visit https://www.morganstanley.com/im/publication/msinvf/material/esgm\_msinvf\_calvertsustainable\_en.pdf.

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Data used to generate Calvert's ESG metrics is sourced from thirdparty vendor data. Calvert regularly conducts vendor data quality assessments, which reveal that vendors' ESG data can be inaccurate. While Calvert engages its data vendors to improve data quality on an ongoing basis, it is ultimately not responsible for the quality and accuracy of third-party vendor data. ESG data fidelity concerns may stem from vendors incorrectly or infrequently capturing company reported ESG information. Data accuracy issues may also arise from implausible outputs from quantitative models used by data vendors to estimate ESG data in lieu of company-reported data or in the absence of it. Data quality challenges may also emanate from issues with vendors' data feeds. To address the unavailability of decision-useful ESG data when companies fail to disclose it, Calvert selectively engages with companies it believes to have the highest environmental impact and advocates for the disclosure of information relevant to investment decision-making, as well as to a broader base of stakeholders.

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