

# COMGEST GROWTH EUROPE GBP U ACC - IEOOBK5X4782

NAV per share: £10.79

30 June 2023

#### **KEY DIFFERENTIATORS**

- Quality comes first, we seek growth that can endure
- Team-based approach, rather than starmanager fund, which we believe leads to greater consistency
- ESG integrated into the investment process leveraging proprietary ESG research
- Culture matters. Comgest's broad partnership structure incentivises long-term thinking, an ESG mindset, teamwork and low employee turnover

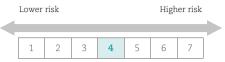
#### INVESTMENT TEAM



Arnaud Cosserat, Franz Weis, Alistair Wittet, Pierre Lamelin

Team may include advisors from affiliates within the Comgest Group.

#### **RISK PROFILE**



The indicator represents the risk profile presented in the PRIIPs Key Information Document. The indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years otherwise the actual risk can vary significantly. UK investors should refer to the UCITS KIID which is available on the fund pages at www.compest.com.

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

The objective of the Sub-Fund ("the Fund") is to increase the value of the Fund (capital appreciation) over the long term. The Fund intends to achieve this objective through investment in a portfolio of high-quality, long-term growth companies. The Fund will invest at least two-thirds of its assets in securities issued by companies that have their headquarters in, or principally carry out their activities in Europe or which are guaranteed by European governments. The Fund is actively managed. The index is provided for comparative purposes only.

The Fund is aimed at investors with a long-term investment horizon (typically 5 years or more).

# **CUMULATIVE PAST PERFORMANCE (REBASED TO 100)**



#### **ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%)**

#### Annualised

	1 Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Incep.
Fund	2.8	3.8	16.9	24.0				4.4
Index	2.2	-0.1	7.5	16.4				4.6
Fund Volatility				17.8				19.2
Index Volatility				13.9				15.7

#### **CALENDAR YEAR PAST PERFORMANCE (%)**

	2022
Fund	-15.6
Index	-4.4

### ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT QUARTER END

	2022
	-2Q22 -2Q23
Fund	24.0
Index	16.4

Performance data expressed in GBP. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. Index: MSCI Europe - Net Return.The index is used for comparative purposes only and the Fund does not seek to replicate the index.

#### Past performance does not predict future returns.

Performance figures are calculated net of investment management fees, administrative fees and all other fees with the exception of sales charges. If taken into account, sales charges would have a negative impact on performance.

The cumulative graph and "Since Inception" data may refer to the last relaunch date of the share class which may differ from its actual inception date. Calendar year past performance is only shown for years for which a full calendar year of past performance is available.

#### **RATINGS** (AS AT 31/05/2023)



Morningstar Category: EAA Fund Europe Large-Cap Growth Equity (Number of funds in Category: 443)

#### SEDRICI ASSIFICATION: Article 8

The Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics.

#### **ESG LABELS**



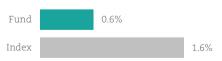
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#### CARBON FOOTPRINT



Source: MSCI as at 31/03/2023,  $tCO_2e$  per EUR m invested.

### ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT



Source: Trucost as at 31/03/2023, estimation of the environmental costs per EUR m invested.

Please see risks and other important information on following pages

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculation methodology and scope on page 5.



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#### **FUND COMMENTARY**

After a tough 2022, the MSCI Europe index rebounded in the first half of 2023. Your portfolio, having fallen more than the index in 2022, has outperformed so far this year. Inflation and interest rates continue to dominate the narrative, with easing inflationary pressures leading to a more optimistic than expected path for interest rates. This supported equity markets in general, and your portfolio even more so given the long-term and hence more interest rate-sensitive nature of the earnings streams of the companies that constitute it. The economic outlook has also improved, albeit from a low base, with the European Commission now expecting the European Union GDP to grow 1% this year. The consumer has proved surprisingly resilient despite a material squeeze on household budgets. That is not to say the horizon is cloud free. The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and the demise of Credit Suisse acted as timely reminders of the fragility of the banking system (a sector we have avoided since the strategy's inception over 30 years ago). While headline inflation is easing (thanks to falling raw material and energy prices), core inflation has remained stubbornly high. In the context of lacklustre economic growth and elevated cost pressures, the MSCI Europe index's earnings are forecast to barely grow this year and do little better next year. Your portfolio, by contrast, is expected to grow its earnings by double digits both this year and next. The marked outperformance reflects on the one hand the idiosyncratic nature of the portfolio's growth (e.g. obesity for Novo Nordisk) and on the other the ability of our portfolio companies to push through inflationary price increases, without impacting margins. In other words, quality and growth.

In the first quarter of 2023 the portfolio delivered double-digit organic sales growth, continuing its above-trend trajectory and supported by inflationary price increases. ASML reported strong first quarter sales and reiterated its full-year guidance for more than 25% sales growth, despite being in the midst of a semiconductor downturn. ASML's shares have recovered strongly this year, supported by excitement around Artificial Intelligence (AI). In our view there is good reason to be optimistic as AI will only accelerate the need for enhanced compute power, which ultimately will require chips manufactured using ASML's machines. LVMH reported another quarter of stellar organic revenue growth driven by continued strong momentum in the Louis Vuitton and Dior brands. A combination of price increases, improved mix and the reopening of China also helped. In the healthcare space, Novo Nordisk started the year strongly delivering +25% constant currency growth in the first quarter and materially upgrading full-year guidance from +13-19% constant currency revenue growth to +24-30%. The company is struggling to keep up with demand for its blockbuster anti-obesity product Wegovy and we continue to see substantial long-term potential for the product, not least because the secondary effects of obesity are a costly priority for healthcare systems.

Among the detractors from performance, Sartorius Stedim reduced its full-year revenue and profit guidance following greater-than-expected customer destocking, having experienced an exceptionally strong period of above-average growth during the Covid-19 pandemic. We remain convinced by the long-term prospects but expect short-term volatility to weigh until the situation stabilises. Carl Zeiss Meditec, a new position from the turn of the year, reduced its fullyear guidance as a result of production bottlenecks in its manufacturing facilities. Here too, we expect the problem to be short-lived.

We made fewer portfolio changes than usual over the period under review. We added to Carl Zeiss, Sika, Accenture and Heineken on weakness. We continued to build our position in Halma and added back the part of ICON we had sold last year on leverage fears. We built a new position in RELX, a company we first added to our investment universe in 2019. The company's organic growth profile has steadily improved in recent years as the company has successfully developed and monetised its data analytic capabilities across each of its divisions. In addition, the strong cash flow generation of the company allows it to supplement the organic growth with bolt on acquisitions and buybacks. We took advantage of a share price dip to build the position.

The market is likely to continue to be dominated for the foreseeable future by inflation and interest rate prospects. While inflation is coming down, it is still not clear at what level it will settle, and hence at what level central bankers will deem it appropriate to set interest rates. From a fundamental earnings standpoint, we believe the portfolio companies are well positioned to prosper whichever the scenario. For the most part, these companies have no or low debt meaning they are less affected by the cost of financing. They also enjoy high gross margins and strong pricing power, which will help protect them from inflationary cost pressures. As such, the greatest risk we believe is not on fundamentals, but rather on valuations. From this point of view the portfolio is less expensive than it was in December 2021, albeit still at a premium to its long-term average. We continue to believe that in the long term it is sustainable earnings growth that will prove the most important driver of shareholder returns, and remain prepared to take advantage of any short-term weakness to continue repositioning the portfolio towards the most exciting long-term growth franchises.

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#### **RISKS**

This Fund has the following core inherent risks (non-exhaustive list):

- Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal.

  The value of all investments and the income derived therefrom can decrease as well as increase.
- There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved.

  To the extent that the Fund is invested in or denominated in a currency other than yours, the cost and return in your currency may increase or decrease due to exchange rate fluctuations.
- A more detailed description of the risk factors that apply to the Fund is set out in the Prospectus.

#### Please see important information on following pages.

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#### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Total Net Assets (all classes, m)	£4,522.1
Number of holdings	36
Average weighted market cap (bn)	£97.2
Weight of top 10 stocks	45.8%
Active share	83.7%
Holdings exclude cash and cash equivalents	

#### **SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)**

	Fund	Index
Health Care	28.7	15.6
Information Technology	18.5	7.0
Consumer Discretionary	16.5	11.9
Industrials	11.6	15.2
Consumer Staples	11.6	12.5
Materials	5.9	6.9
[Cash]	4.8	
Financials	2.3	17.2
Energy		5.5
Utilities		4.4
Communication Services		3.1
Real Estate		0.7
Source: Comgest / GICS sector classification		

#### **CURRENCY BREAKDOWN (%)**

	Fund	Index
EUR	59.3	52.7
CHF	13.2	15.3
USD	10.3	0.2
DKK	9.2	4.7
GBP	6.2	21.2

#### **TOP 5 HOLDINGS (%)**

	Fund
ASML Holding	7.5
Novo Nordisk B	7.0
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	5.2
EssilorLuxottica	4.4
Accenture A	4.1
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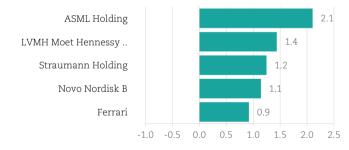
#### **TOP 10 COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%)**

	Fund	Index
France	19.0	18.9
Switzerland	13.2	15.3
Netherlands	12.7	7.1
Ireland	10.5	1.2
United Kingdom	10.0	22.5
Denmark	9.2	4.7
Italy	5.7	3.9
Germany	5.7	13.1
Spain	4.9	4.0
[Cash]	4.8	
Portugal	2.5	0.3
Source: Comgest / MSCI country classification		

#### **CURRENCY BREAKDOWN (%) - CONT.**

	Fund	Index
SEK	1.9	5.0
NOK		1.0
Breakdown based on currencies in which holdings	are priced.	

#### **TOP 5 YTD CONTRIBUTORS (%)**



#### **BOTTOM 5 YTD CONTRIBUTORS (%)**





### **COMGEST GROWTH EUROPE**

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#### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT APPROACH**

We believe a responsible approach to environmental, social and governance issues has a positive impact on a company's long-term sustainable growth. ESG is part of our fundamental analysis and we have developed and implemented a three-pronged responsible investment strategy: Integrate / Engage / Promote.

#### **MAIN EXCLUSIONS\***

Coal Exit Policy: Coal-exposed electricity producers & thermal coal mines

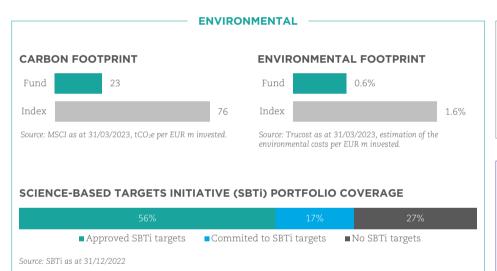
**Tobacco:** Producers & distributors

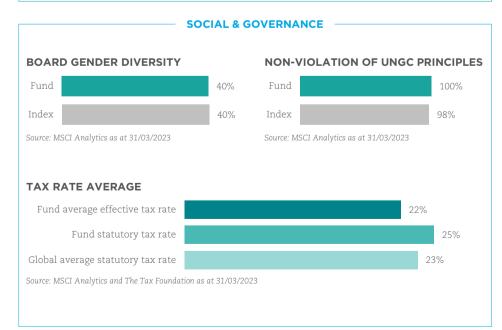
Weapons: Conventional & controversial

**UN Global Compact:** Severe violations without prospect for improvement **Controversial Jurisdictions:** High-risk jurisdictions & sanctions regime



\* Further information on the exclusion policies and applicable revenue thresholds may be found in the Prospectus and the Investment Manager's Responsible Investment Policy on the Comgest website at www.comgest.com/en/our-business/esg



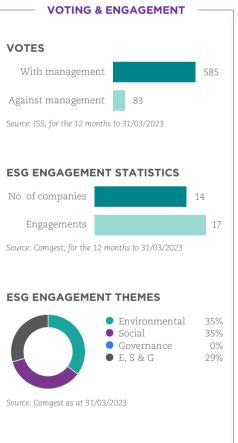


# ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY PREFERENCES

Sustainable investments (SFDR):

- Fund exposure: 33.4% of the NAV
- Minimum commitment: 10.0% of the NAV Consideration of Principal Adverse Impact Indicators: Yes

Source: Comgest as at 30/06/2023



Please see methodologies and glossary on following pages. The information above is based on available data and data may not be available for all portfolio holdings.



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#### **FUND DETAILS**

ISIN: IE00BK5X4782 Bloomberg: COCGECG Domicile: Ireland

Dividend Policy: Accumulation Fund Base Currency: EUR Share Class Currency: GBP Inception Date: 30/09/2021

Index (used for comparative purposes only):

MSCI Europe - Net Return

Ongoing Charges: 1.05% p.a of the NAV Investment Manager's Fees (part of ongoing

charges): 1.00% p.a of the NAV Maximum Sales Charge: None

Exit Charge: None

Minimum Initial Investment: None

Minimum Holding: None

Contact for Subscriptions and Redemptions: RBC

Investor Services Ireland Limited Dublin\_TA\_Customer\_Support@rbc.com Tel: +353 1 440 6555 / Fax: +353 1 613 0401

Dealing Frequency: Any business day (D) when banks in Dublin are open for business

Cut Off: 12:00 pm Irish time on day D

An earlier deadline for receipt of application or redemption requests may apply if your request is sent through a third party. Please enquire with your local representative, distributor or other third party

NAV: Calculated using closing prices of D

NAV Known: D+1 Settlement: D+3

Legal Structure: Comgest Growth Europe, a subfund of Comgest Growth plc (an open-ended investment company with variable capital authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland), is an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS)

Management Company: None as Comgest Growth plc is self-managed

Investment Manager: Comgest Asset Management International Limited (CAMIL) Regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and registered as an investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission SEC registration does not imply a certain level of

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skill or training

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Carbon Footprint: estimates the apportioned Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gases emissions of the portfolio holdings.

Environmental Footprint: estimates the apportioned ratio of annual costs linked to greenhouse gases, water abstraction, waste generation, air, land & water pollutants, and natural resource use associated with the portfolio holdings per EUR m invested

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Science Based Targets Initiative Portfolio Coverage: calculates the % of the Fund's AUM invested in companies with SBTi approved targets or which have committed to set

Board Gender Diversity: this indicator represents the weighted average ratio of female board members to total board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of all board members

Non-Violation of UNGC Principles: this indicator represents the percentage of investee companies that have not been involved in violations of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles

Effective Tax Rate: an indicator of corporate responsibility and impact. Using MSCI data, Comgest calculates the average effective tax rate and average statutory tax rate Index Source: MSCI. This report contains information (the "Information") sourced from MSCI Inc., its affiliates or information providers (the "MSCI Parties") and may have

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# **Glossary**

Active Share: The percentage of fund holdings that is different from the reference index holdings. A fund that has no holdings in common with the reference index will have an active share of 100%, and a fund that has exactly the same holdings as the reference index considered will have an active share of 0%.

ADR - American Depositary Receipt: A negotiable security that represents securities of a foreign company and allows that company's shares to trade in the financial markets of the United States.

**Annualised:** A figure converted into an annual rate. Figures covering a period of more than one year are averaged to present a figure for a 12-month period

Bp(s) - Basis point(s): One basis point is equal to one hundredth of 1% (i.e. 0.01%).

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BV - Book Value: The value of the company assets minus its liabilities.

**CAGR - Compound Annual Growth Rate:** The rate of return that would be required for an investment to grow from its beginning balance to its ending balance, assuming the profits were reinvested at the end of each year of the investment's lifespan.

CapEx - Capital Expenditure: The money invested by a company to acquire or upgrade fixed, physical, non-consumable assets such as property, plants, buildings, technology, or equipment.

Cash Flow: The net amount of cash and cash equivalents being transferred in and out of a company. Cash received signifies inflows, and cash spent signifies outflows.

**CPI - Consumer Price Index:** An index that measures the overall change in consumer prices based on a representative basket of goods and services over time. It is the metric often used to measure inflation.

DY - Dividend Yield: A ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its share price.

EBITDA - Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation: Used to measure a company's core profitability and is calculated by adding interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation expenses to net income.

**EBIT - Earnings Before Interest and Taxes:** Used to measure a company's core profitability and is calculated by adding interest and tax expenses to net income.

**EPS - Earnings Per Share:** The profits of a company attributed to each share, calculated by dividing profits after tax by the number of shares. EPS serves as an indicator of a company's profitability.

FCF - Free Cash Flow: The cash generated by a company from its normal business operations after subtracting any money spent on capital expenditures.

**GDP** - **Gross Domestic Product:** The total market value of all the finished goods and services produced within in a country's border in a specific time period.

GDR - Global Depositary Receipt: A certificate issued by a bank that represents shares in a foreign stock on two or more global markets. A GDR is similar to an American depositary receipt (ADR), except an ADR only lists shares of a foreign country in the markets of the United States.

LTM - Last 12 Months: LTM multiples are backward-looking and are based on historical performance.

Market Cap(italisation): A measure of a company's size, calculated by multiplying the total number of shares in issue by the current share price. Companies are commonly grouped according to size, such as small cap, mid cap, large cap or all cap. There is no consensus on the definition of these groupings and they may vary from portfolio to portfolio depending on the country of investment.

NAV - Net Asset Value: The current market value of the portfolio's assets minus the portfolio's liabilities.

NTM - Next 12 Months: NTM multiples are forward-looking and are based on projected performance.

Ongoing Charges: A fund's operational costs over a year. Ongoing Charges are calculated as a percentage of the average fund size over the year and include, for example, investment manager's fees, administration fees and custody costs.

Operating Margin: Measures how much profit a company makes on a dollar (or relevant currency) of sales after paying for variable costs of production, such as wages and raw materials, but before paying interest or tax.

Operating Profit: A company's gross income less operating expenses and other business-related expenses, such as wages, cost of goods sold (COGS) and depreciation.

**Organic Growth:** Growth a company achieves by increasing output and enhancing sales through the business' own operations and internal processes. This does not include profits or growth attributable to mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and foreign exchange but rather an increase in sales and expansion through the company's own resources.

**Organic Sales:** Sales generated from within a company that are a direct result of the company's existing operations and internal processes. Organic sales do not include the impacts of mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and foreign exchange.

P/B or P/BV - Price-to-Book Value Ratio: Measures the market's valuation of a company relative to its book value. P/B or P/BV is calculated by dividing the company's stock price per share by its book value per share.

P/E - Price-to-Earnings Ratio: A ratio used to value a company's shares. It is calculated by dividing the current market price by the earnings per share.

P/S - Price-to-Sales Ratio: A valuation ratio that compares a company's stock price to its revenues. It is an indicator of the value that financial markets have placed on each dollar of a company's sales or revenues.

**PEG - Price/Earnings-To-Growth Ratio:** A stock's price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio divided by the growth rate of its earnings for a specified time period. The PEG ratio is used to determine a stock's value while also factoring in the company's expected earnings growth.

**PMI - Purchasing Managers' Index:** An index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors.

**Reference Index:** Index against which a fund's performance is compared.

ROE - Return On Equity: Measures financial performance and is calculated by dividing net income by shareholders' equity. ROE is a gauge of a company's profitability and how efficiently it generates those profits.

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ROIC - Return On Invested Capital: Calculation used to assess a company's efficiency at allocating the capital under its control to profitable investments.

SME - Small- Or Medium-Sized Enterprise: A company, or companies considered as a group, that are neither very small nor very large and which employ fewer than a given number of employees. This number varies across countries.

**Volatility:** Measures the movements of an asset up and down over time. Volatility is generally considered to be a measure of risk.

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# **ESG Glossary**

**Engagement:** Proactive, targeted dialogue with companies or other industry stakeholders (e.g. policymakers, industry bodies) in order to make known areas of concern and to incite tangible, positive change to improve outcomes for stakeholders.

Environmental Factors: Issues related to pollution, climate change, energy efficiency, natural resource use, waste management, biodiversity and other environmental challenges and opportunities.

**ESG** - Environmental, Social and Governance: The three key factors when measuring the sustainability and ethical impact of an investment in a business or company.

**GHG - Greenhouse Gases:** Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere and warm the planet. The best known greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and fluorinated gases.

Governance Factors: Governance refers to a set of rules or principles defining rights, responsibilities and expectations between different stakeholders in the governance of corporations. Governance factors include a company's leadership, executive pay, audits, internal controls and shareholder rights.

**Net Zero:** Achieving a balance between emitting carbon and absorbing carbon from the atmosphere. This balance, or net zero, will be achieved when the amount of carbon added to the atmosphere is no more than the amount removed

atmosphere is no more than the amount removed PAI - Principal Adverse Impact: A list of sustainability factors that firms need to take into account for their investment policies and decisions. These indicators relate to environmental and social topics.

**Proxy Voting:** A form of voting whereby a shareholder delegates their vote to another who votes on their behalf at company meetings. This allows the shareholder to exercise their right to vote without being physically present.

RI - Responsible Investment: The integration of environmental, social and governance factors (ESG) into the selection and management of investments.

**Scope 1 Emissions:** Emissions directly generated by a company, such as an airline emitting exhaust fumes.

Scope 2 Emissions: Emissions indirectly generated by a company, such as emissions from the electricity or energy used to heat and cool a company's office.

Scope 3 Emissions: All other indirect emissions that occur in the value chain of a company and are not already included within scope 2. These emissions are a consequence of the company's business activities but occur from sources the company does not own or control. For example, emissions from a company's employees commuting to work. Scope 3 emissions are often difficult to measure.

SFDR Classification: SFDR product classifications fall under three categories and aim to make the sustainability profiles of funds more comparable and easier to understand by investors.

SFDR - EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure

SFDR - EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation: An EU regulation which aims to make the sustainability profile of funds more comparable and better understood by endinvestors. The regulation requires firms to advise whether principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors are considered in their investment decision making process.

Social Factors: Factors that examine how a

**Social Factors:** Factors that examine how a company communicates with employees, suppliers, customers, governments, regulators and the communities where it operates.

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tCO2e: Tonnes (t) of carbon dioxide (CO2)
equivalent. Carbon dioxide equivalent is a
standard unit for counting greenhouse gas
emissions regardless of whether they are from
carbon dioxide or another gas, such as methane.

**UNGC** - **UN Global Compact**: A voluntary pact of the United Nations (UN) to encourage businesses and firms worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies, and to report on their implementation.

UN Global Compact (UNGC) Principles: Ten principles defined as part of the UNGC framework to promote responsible investment. Companies, investors and other participants are called upon to align their strategies and operations with the principles in the areas of human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption.

Voting: A mechanism for active owners to influence companies, usually done with the aim of influencing a company's governance or operations. Public equity investors typically have the right to vote on company and shareholder resolutions at annual and extraordinary general meetings (AGMs and EGMs).

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