



## Sustainable Investment Philosophy

Hartford Funds believes our commitment to human-centric investing aligns with the ideas and concepts behind sustainable investing. All of our actively managed products sub-advised by Wellington Management and Schroders consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) research in varying degrees.

Hartford Funds believes that ESG research can provide greater insight into the evaluation of a company or issuer, and potentially enhance returns and lower risk. Wellington and Schroders also recognize the value of ESG research in the overall assessment of a company's or issuer's opportunity and risk. Simply put, we believe that better long-term investment decisions can be made by considering financially material ESG factors. ESG integration does not mean investment in certain sectors or countries is prohibited, nor does it mean sacrificing returns.

Both Wellington and Schroders have invested considerable time and resources to develop proprietary ESG ratings and tools, and to create teams of analysts dedicated to ESG research. Portfolio managers for our actively managed products can use this ESG research as an extension of their traditional financial research to help provide greater insight when selecting securities.

### **Our Funds**

Many of our funds are classified as "ESG Integrated," as they demonstrate a higher level of commitment to utilizing ESG research as part of the investment process. For these Integrated Funds, ESG is not just considered, but rather a decision to explicitly integrate financially material ESG research into the investment process. Integrating ESG research alongside the traditional financial analysis of a company may affect a portfolio manager's investment decisions, providing greater insight into an investment opportunity or helping to avoid a future risk. It does not mean, however, that the investment process will lead to the achievement of any ESG outcomes, nor should it result in sacrificing portfolio returns. Further, integrating ESG research into the investment process does not mean the portfolio managers are making moral or ethical judgements on behalf of a fund's shareholders. The objective is simply to have more comprehensive information to drive better investment decisions.

Hartford Funds also offers a range of products that go beyond ESG integration and have a defined sustainable-investment strategy. We categorize these funds as Sustainable Funds.

Sustainable Funds:

- Seek to benefit financially by investing in companies or issuers that are on a path towards positive social and/or environmental change
- Have a sustainable framework that outlines how securities are included or excluded from the portfolio.

Portfolio managers of our sustainable funds select securities that, for example, promote sustainable initiatives, have higher ESG ratings, and/or reflect an improving sustainability score. These frameworks may also be combined with exclusions to certain industries or sectors that do not support the sustainability features of the fund's strategy. Each fund may have different components in its sustainability framework depending on its asset class and investment objective. Impact Funds are a type of sustainable fund that seek to generate positive, measurable, and reportable social and/or environmental impact alongside a financial return.

### Our Commitment

Our commitment as a firm is to provide competitive long-term investment performance for our shareholders. That commitment doesn't change when it comes to our sustainable investing philosophy. We will continue to look for ways to provide our clients with varying product choices so that they can decide how they choose to invest.

**Important Risks:** Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Integration of environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) characteristics into the investment process may not work as intended. Focusing on investments that involve sustainable initiatives may result in foregoing certain investments and may result in different performance compared to funds that do not have a similar focus.

**Investors should carefully consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained by visiting [hartfordfunds.com](http://hartfordfunds.com). Please read it carefully before investing.**

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