



# MORPHIC ETHICAL CHARTER

We avoid investments that involve:



Armaments



Tobacco  
& alcohol



Intensive farming  
& aquaculture



Extraction  
of oil & gas



Coal & uranium  
mining



Gambling



Rainforest & old  
growth logging

We seek out positive investments that support:



Water quality



Air quality



Conservation



Renewable  
energy

## Morphic excludes investments which have as a significant part of their business activities that:

1. Create un-remediated damage to land, air or water.
2. Mine coal or uranium.
3. Extract oil and gas.
4. Manufacture:
  - Armaments
  - Tobacco products
  - Alcohol.
5. Engage in, or are reliant on, logging of rainforest or old growth timber.
6. Are involved in gambling.
7. Use cruel or unsustainable methods to farm or produce fish.

## Morphic seeks to invest in businesses which:

1. Find solutions for reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.
2. Reduce damage to water supplies.
3. Work to improve air quality.
4. Provide alternatives to deforestation.
5. Otherwise enhance the human experience without creating future problems for mankind or the environment.

At all times the Manager will ensure that at least 5% of the Fund's net assets are in these sectors.

## Shorting

Morphic may from time to time sell short securities of companies it would be excluded from investing in, where it believes this will generate good investment returns for shareholders in the Fund.

We believe shorting excluded stocks and sectors can be a part of our ethical investing as it may increase the cost of capital for excluded companies or sectors, and publicise the shortcomings of these companies.

## Other Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues – Principles of Responsible Investment

As you will be aware, Morphic Asset Management is a signatory of the Principles of Responsible Investment (formerly UNPRI) which entails an explicit commitment and the adoption of six principles which we believe will improve our ability to meet commitments to our investors as well as better align our investment activities with the broader interests of society.

These six principles are as follows:

**Principle 1** - We will incorporate ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes

**Principle 2** - We will be active owners and incorporate ESG issues into our ownership policies and practices

**Principle 3** - We will seek appropriate disclosure on ESG issues by the entities in which we invest

**Principle 4** - We will promote acceptance and implementation of the principles within the investment management industry

**Principle 5** - We will work together to enhance our effectiveness in implementing the principles

**Principle 6** - We will report on our activities and progress towards implementing the principles

Going forward we will regularly report to you on our ongoing efforts to apply these principles. We will also take the opportunity to comment on any issues related to specific portfolio holdings in the context of our ethical screen and our ESG-related commitments.

We will regularly engage with other investors and relevant industry organisations to promote industry wide integration of ESG issues and to further our knowledge and the development of our own investment process in this regard. In particular we note the publications of Norges Bank, which manages the world's largest ethically screened sovereign wealth fund on behalf of the Norwegian government. Any stock excluded by Norges Bank will automatically be excluded from our Funds, including where possible eliminating any indirect exposures we may have.

## Resolving “grey areas”

Our long experience in ethical investing means we are very aware that from time to time there will be ambiguity about what should be an excluded security.

When the Manager believes it has found a potential “grey area”, it will immediately refer this to the Boards. Similarly, the Boards are mandated to ask questions on any stock they have concerns about. Where the Boards deem any security should be excluded, their ruling will be final.

## Investor feedback

We believe that our shareholder base is a valuable resource for understanding the world. We welcome investor feedback on any securities we may hold in our portfolio.

## Charitable giving

Morphic has a longstanding commitment to charitable giving. As part of this, we have donated more than \$250,000 in fees from managing a tranche of the Future Generations Global Fund since its launch in 2015.

Morphic will also be donating 2.5% of the fees from managing the Morphic Ethical Equities Fund to Charity. The initial recipient of these donations will be Bush Heritage Australia.

