## PIMCO ESG Global Bond Fund

Dedicated to Environmental, Social and Governance investing

#### WHY INVEST IN THE FUND?

1

#### True core bond holding

Designed as a core allocation to global fixed interest, the Fund may provide diversification benefits amongst an allocation to other asset classes, such as equities.

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#### Investing for sustainability and impact as well as returns

PIMCO's approach to sustainable investing integrates dedicated ESG research with a robust credit research process to identify relative value opportunities while optimising the portfolio using ESG-based criteria.

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#### A core bond experience with an ESG presence

Broadly diversified, the Fund strives to capture attractive risk-adjusted returns across the global bond markets, while also making a positive social impact

#### TARGETING PERFORMANCE AND POSITIVE CHANGE



#### **EXCLUDE**

Restrict investment in issuers fundamentally misaligned with sustainability practices

Examples of exclusions

- · Military weapons
- Tobacco
- Adult content
- Coal manufacturing
- Alcohol



#### **EVALUATE**

Emphasise best-in-class ESG issuers and prime ESG engagement candidates in portfolio construction

Attributes of best-in-class issuers

- · Good environmental practices
- Strong corporate governance
- Industry-leading social policies



#### **ENGAGE**

Engage collaboratively with issuers to change ESG-related business practices

Sample engagement questions

- Are you developing a framework for climate risk reporting?
- What is your policy on parental leave?
- Do you have a culture and conduct committee?

#### THE FUND IN NUMBERS

7.4

Average MSCI ESG Score (Corporates)<sup>1</sup>

15.0%

Green & Social/Sustainable bond exposure (MV%)



Average Credit Quality<sup>2</sup>

Source: PIMCO as of 30 September 2024 MSCI ESG Ratings are designed to help investors to understand ESG risks and opportunities and integrate these factors into their portfolio construction and management process

 $2\,\,$  This is the average credit quality of the bonds held in the fund.

Inception Date: 8 March 2017



### Role in a portfolio

#### **CORE BOND HOLDING**

The fund may serve as an anchor fixed income allocation, offering the potential for income, capital gains, diversification and a hedge against the volatility in higher-risk asset classes, including equities.

#### PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION

The fund offers exposure to fixed income securities from around the world, providing diversification away from domestic assets and the potential for enhanced returns.

#### **ESG PORTFOLIO ANCHOR**

Harnessing PIMCO's belief that investors should not have to meaningfully sacrifice financial returns for positive impact, the fund is designed to be used as a core fixed interest anchor in ESG and socially responsible portfolios.

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

To achieve maximum total return by investing in global fixed interest securities, and to seek to preserve capital through prudent investment management

#### **RATINGS**



Rating assigned August 2023



Rating assigned March 2024



Rating assigned November 2023

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For many investors, screening out undesirable investment categories isn't enough anymore; they want to use their investments to promote change in the world. Our ESG Fund provides the tools to do that.

- Andrew Balls, Managing Director and CIO Global Fixed Income

#### **OUR EXPERTISE**



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CIO Global Fixed Income
25 years of investment
experience



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# PIMCO's time-tested investment process: analysing the capital markets from top to bottom

PIMCO's investment process combines an informed global macroeconomic outlook with robust bottom-up analysis. Our Australian investment specialists contribute to our global top-down views and then implement these views through bottom-up strategies.

#### STARTING AT THE TOP

PIMCO's investment process is anchored by our economic forums. At our annual Secular Forum, our global investment professionals gather with industry experts for a discussion about the economic, social and political trends that are likely to affect the global economy and financial markets over the next three to five years. We also hold quarterly Cyclical Forums to refine our longer-term views and forecast shorter-term economic performance in all major regions as well as country-specific forums.

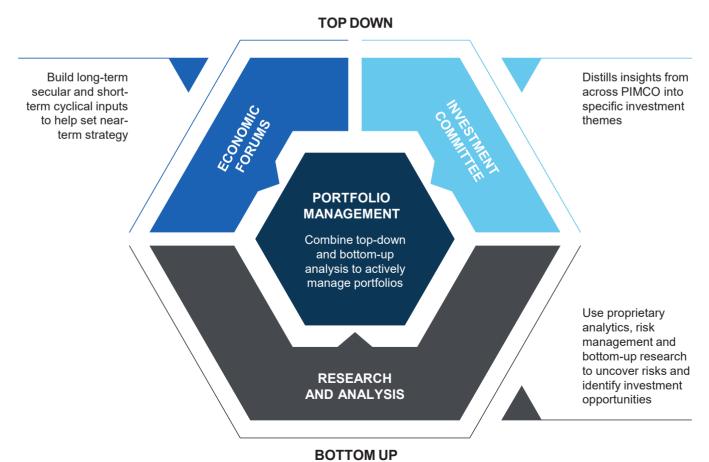
#### FROM THE BOTTOM UP

Rigorous bottom-up analysis is meshed with our top-down themes to identify the most attractive securities for our clients' portfolios. PIMCO's regional and specialist portfolio managers work extensively with our robust global research team – industry sector specialists, who log millions of miles a year to target opportunities across the globe and capital structure before the market does.

#### DEDICATED CLIENT SERVICE EXPERTISE

PIMCO's expansive team of dedicated investment professionals have weathered various market cycles, and are experts in generating alpha, managing risk and providing the highest level of client service to help meet the asset management needs of financial advisers and your clients.

#### ADDING VALUE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM



Source: PIMCO, 2024

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