



EDENTREE LAUNCHES GLOBAL IMPACT BOND FUND TO HELP BRIDGE IMPACT INVESTMENT FUNDING GAP

EdenTree Investment Management (“EdenTree”), the specialist responsible and sustainable asset manager, has today launched the EdenTree Global Impact Bond (GIB) Fund, which aims to generate a positive societal impact by investing in a global set of ‘impact-oriented’ fixed income instruments.

The GIB Fund builds on EdenTree’s existing responsible fixed income range and will be managed by David Katimbo-Mugwanya, Senior Fund Manager, and Michael Sheehan, Fund Manager, who bring 15 years’ combined investment experience. The managers will operate with a remit that reflects both the global investment universe and the international nature of the challenges that the fund seeks to address.

The core philosophy of the fund is to drive capital towards issuers that make a net-positive impact, leveraging public debt markets to help finance entities investing in projects that tangibly benefit the environment and societies around the world whilst operating responsibly and sustainably.

Investment decisions will integrate impact objectives with fundamental credit research, assessed at the issuer level for both ESG-labelled debt including sustainable bonds as well as for non-labelled debt. The fund will be benchmarked against the iBoxx Global Green, Social, Sustainability Index (GBP base currency).

Impact credentials therefore sit at the heart of the fund’s investment process and are subject to EdenTree’s proprietary screening methodology.

David Katimbo-Mugwanya, Senior Fund Manager, EdenTree, comments: “Central to this client solution is our philosophy that positive impact is of equal importance to financial returns. There is no need to sacrifice financial returns for sustainability credentials and this fund aims to deliver on both of these commitments.”

“Addressing societal challenges is a truly global undertaking and we aim to play our part by seeking investments that contribute positively to the global economy wherever we can find them. Our goal is to provide capital to companies that we believe are making a positive difference to the societies and environments in which they exist.”

Michael Sheehan, Fund Manager, EdenTree, comments: “There has been a shift in the mindset of the investment community and we are seeing unprecedented interest for investments that produce tangible, impactful outcomes.

The current shortfall in sustainable financing poses a real threat to achieving the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals. We believe this fund has a role to play in addressing this deficit. The Fund also aims to bridge the gap between traditional and philanthropic investing, where we seek to deliver financial returns whilst achieving positive impact.

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