# State Street Global Climate Transition Strategy

Product Profile

Fundamental Equity

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The global economy is entering a multi-year transition to a low-carbon environment driven by clean energy.

We believe this new era of climate transition, to 2030 and beyond, offers significant alpha potential for forward-looking, high conviction stock selection.

In a climate-focused world, transition planning and progress will become key areas of differentiation for companies — and consequently, key drivers of valuations.

In this shifting climate landscape, there will be corporate winners and losers, creating an environment ripe for active stock-picking.

The Global Climate Transition Strategy aims to capture those opportunities.

# **Fund Objective**

The State Street Global Climate Transition Strategy seeks to provide capital growth over the long term by investing in a concentrated portfolio of companies that State Street's Fundamental Growth and Core (FGC) team believes are well-positioned to transition to a low-carbon economy.

# **Investment Philosophy**

The FGC team is united by a common belief — that quality companies with sustainable growth at attractive valuations can drive above-average, long-term investment returns.

Our team takes an active, high-conviction approach to equity investing which demands that we get to know our portfolio companies well through deep due diligence and engagement.

We have a unique research framework called Confidence Quotient (CQ) which scores analyst's conviction in company quality and sustainability of growth. CQ adds structure to how we evaluate quality. It provides visibility into our process and brings rigor, measurability and discipline which we believe are essential for repeatability of results.

To support our climate investing efforts, FGC analysts conduct proprietary climate research as part of the CQ framework.

# **Portfolio Characteristics**

Number of holdings 30–40
Benchmark MSCI ACWI (or MSCI World)
Target Excess Return +300 bps.
Target Info Ratio 0.5
Tracking Error 4–8%

SFDR Classification: Article 8

Aligned with IFRS S2 climate-related disclosures.

## **Proprietary Climate Expertise**

FGC analysts assess each company's climate positioning and generate three climate scores based on specifically formulated questions about:

- Transition Readiness
- Climate Risks, both physical and financial
- Opportunities for climate-enabling, green products, services and solutions.

Our proprietary climate scorecard captures analysts' insights and allows our team to compare and contrast climate exposures across companies within industries and sectors to help identify the best stocks for the Climate Transition portfolio.

#### **Our Alpha Thesis**

The Global Climate Transition strategy seeks to add value versus the broad market by leveraging:

**Fundamental Business Knowledge** FGC research analysts are subject-matter experts in their respective industries, well-positioned to assess company risks and opportunities as transition plans evolve.

**Long-Term Perspective** Corporate transition plans will play out to 2030 and beyond. Climate investing requires forward-looking analysis and patience as frameworks develop and market valuations adjust (e.g. reporting standards, carbon pricing).

**Data Challenge** Most climate data reflects past or current positioning (e.g. carbon footprint, brown revenue). Forward assessment of transition requires deep industry knowledge.

**Engagement** Company dialogue adds insights into each company's intended transition pathway and progress.

# **About the Fundamental Equity and Core Team**

#### Long-Tenured, Highly Experienced

With \$14 billion of assets under management, nine regional strategies and two thematic strategies, including Global Climate Transition, we have been following our investment approach for decades.

The team is experienced but, equally important, we have worked together a long time — 14 years on average. This has fostered a culture of collaboration and open debate. We believe this results in higher conviction in our holdings and better investment outcomes.

#### Quality, Growth-at-a-Reasonable-Price Style

We are laser-focused on finding quality companies that can deliver growth that is stronger and more enduring than the market's expectations.

These companies are rare, so when we find them, we concentrate our portfolio around our best ideas — yet we never abandon our valuation discipline.

### **Our Unique Offer**

- Investing like owners, not traders
- Seasoned team with a singular focus
- Robust, proprietary investment process
- · Concentrated, high-conviction portfolios
- A boutique backed by a market leader

Portfolio Construction A Stringent Climate Assessment and Proprietary Climate Scores are the Starting Point

#### **Identifying Highest Portfolio Combining Climate Building a Resilient Conviction Ideas Consideration** and Philosophy **Portfolio** Score research universe **Balance diversification and** based on FGC's fundamental Focus on stocks with the Transition Readiness + FGC's liquidity considerations research framework: best Climate Transition **Quality GARP philosophy** Score Weightings are based on Select 30-40 names that 1. CQ Quality Assessment Climate Scoring, Valuation represent the best **Proprietary Climate** Incorporate Climate Risk and overall Quality (CO) combination of: Assessment: Considerations climate performance and, Climate Transition Readiness Apply certain exclusions risk/return potential Climate Risks (Thermal Coal, etc) **Climate Opportunities**



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