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Fund merger for Baillie Gifford Sustainable Growth

I am writing to you because you are invested in the Baillie Gifford Sustainable Growth fund, provided by Baillie Gifford & Co Limited.

Baillie Gifford has informed us that the Baillie Gifford Sustainable Growth fund will merge into a newly created 'Z' share class of the Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Paris-Aligned fund on **22 May 2026**. Following the merger, you will not be able to purchase additional shares in this 'Z' share class.

You'll see the new fund on your valuations and statements after that date.

The last date we can sell from the fund before the merger will be 16:00 pm on **21 May 2026**.

You may want to speak to your financial adviser about the impact of the merger. Please speak to them before making any investment decisions, or if you have any questions about this change.

If you don't have a financial adviser, we recommend that you consider the benefits of receiving professional financial advice, which can be especially important when you need to make investment decisions. If you would like to search for an adviser in your area you can start by visiting quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser.

How the merger will affect your account

- **The value of your fund holding** – The merger may affect the value of your fund holding, as explained below under the heading "Will the merger cost me anything?"
- **Direct Debits** – If you are paying into the fund by Direct Debit:
 - 1) payments up to and including 22 May 2026 will be allocated to the Baillie Gifford Sustainable Growth fund.
 - 2) payments after the merger will buy units proportionally across the other assets in your Direct Debit instruction. If the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction, those payments will be allocated to cash. They will stay in cash unless you choose to switch them to another asset in future.
- **Phased investment** – Instructions using the fund will automatically continue after the merger. Unless you give us an alternative choice, future transactions will be reapportioned across the other assets in your instruction, or cash if the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction.
- **Treasured assets** – if you have treasured the fund to be excluded when deducting units to meet certain scheduled payments from your account (for example charges and ongoing adviser fees), this arrangement will stop. You can arrange to treasure different assets by providing us with a new treasured asset request form.

Cash may not be suitable for your long-term investment needs. If you're happy for the amount to stay in cash, you don't need to do anything. Alternatively, you can switch the cash into an alternative asset(s) from our extensive range. Your financial adviser can give us your switch instruction, or you can switch by logging into our online Customer Centre at quilter.com/login or by sending us a switch form in the post.

A note about cash in your account

We don't take any product or service charges on your cash balance (although the value is still included in the total value calculation for the charge). Instead, we pay you a rate of interest on cash in your account and we are paid by retaining a proportion of the interest we receive from our banking partners.

You can find more information, including the current interest rate payable and how much interest we retain, on our website at quilter.com/interest-on-cash.

- The merger **won't change the fund's risk profile**. You can see more information about the new fund in its Key Investor Information document, available online at quilter.com/Baillie-Gifford-SG. Please note, it may not reflect the charges applicable when accessing the fund through us.
- **Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) / Total Expense Ratio (TER)** - The OCF/TER will change with the merger.

Fund managers apply an Annual Management Charge (AMC) for the investment management they provide. This is reflected within the daily price of the fund and not taken directly from your holdings.

The OCF/TER represents the ongoing charges for the fund, expressed as a percentage. It is the sum of the AMC and all other running costs of the fund. OCF is increasingly replacing the TER.

The table below shows the current and new AMC and OCF/TER of the fund.

	AMC %	OCF/TER %
Current	0.50	0.54
New	0.29	0.31

Please note that none of the changes detailed in this letter affect any charges made by Quilter.

Will the merger cost me anything?

The Investment Adviser will, as far as possible, align the assets held by the merging fund with those held in the continuing fund prior to the Effective Date. It is estimated that approximately 79% of the underlying holdings of the merging fund's portfolio will need to be realigned. The costs of the realignment will be met by the merging fund and are estimated to be 0.41% of the merging fund's value.

Why the funds are merging

Following a strategic review undertaken by Baillie Gifford & Co of their 'Sustainable Growth' investment strategy, it was concluded that the merging fund should close. They are of the view that it is in shareholders' best interests to close the merging fund and offer a suitable alternative to shareholders through a merger with the continuing fund.

The continuing fund is an established fund that forms part of the broader flagship Baillie Gifford Global Alpha strategy. It takes a balanced approach to growth investing and has a comparable performance objective, whilst retaining a better historic performance record over the past three years than the merging fund.

You can find more information about the old and new funds overleaf.

The next steps and avoiding the merger

You do not need to take any action unless you would like to choose a new asset from our extensive range. You can switch your holding in the Baillie Gifford Sustainable Growth fund at any time up until **16:00 pm on 21 May 2026**. If you decide to switch into a new asset(s), please note that you will also need to update your asset choice for Direct Debit payments, if applicable.

If you have any questions about this letter, please speak to your financial adviser who will be able to help you. Alternatively, you can call or email us using the details shown and we will be happy to help. Our Customer Service Centre is open 8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely,



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Fund objectives

Current fund Baillie Gifford Sustainable Growth	New fund Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Paris-Aligned
<p>Fund objective: To outperform (after deduction of costs) the MSCI ACWI Index, as stated in sterling, over rolling five-year periods by investing (at least 70%) in companies covering a broad range of sustainability topics but whose products or services are creating value for society by addressing significant global challenges.</p> <p>In order to be considered as addressing a significant global challenge, a company's products or services must be aligned with one or more of the following headline themes:</p> <p>1. People (the welfare of people) sub-themes may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• enhancing access to healthcare, extending healthy life expectancy (good health and wellbeing, reducing deaths and illnesses from infectious disease);• deepening financial inclusion (equality of rights to economic resources and financial services, strengthening financial institutions to expand services for all); and• delivering essential infrastructure (clean water and sanitation, developing reliable and sustainable infrastructure to support economic development and human wellbeing); <p>2. Planet (the condition of the planet), sub-themes may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• doing more with less (responsible consumption and production);• preserving natural capital (enhancing conservation and sustainable use, reducing habitat degradation); and• mitigating and adapting to climate change (taking climate-related action); and <p>3. Prosperity (broadening prosperity across society) sub-themes may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• lowering barriers to entrepreneurship (enhancing	<p>Fund objective: To outperform (after deduction of costs) the MSCI ACWI Index, as stated in sterling, over rolling five-year periods.</p> <p>The fund also aims to have a carbon footprint that is lower than that of the MSCI ACWI EU Paris Aligned Requirements Index. The fund will invest at least 90% in shares of companies.</p> <p>It will be actively managed and is not constrained by the Index. It will invest in companies in any country and in any sector, subject to any exclusions identified by the Investment Adviser's screening processes. The purpose of the Investment Adviser's screening processes is to ensure that the fund invests in a way which is, in the Investment Adviser's opinion, in alignment with the Paris Climate Agreement by excluding carbon intensive companies that do not, or will not, play a role in the transition to a low-carbon future.</p>

opportunities for small and medium enterprises);

- supply chains with integrity (encouraging companies to adopt transparent practices); and
- providing fair and decent work (safe and secure working environments, equal opportunities and ending discrimination).

These headline themes and sub-themes align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (“UN SDGs”) which serve as a universal blueprint for achieving peace and prosperity for society and the environment.

To ensure a company’s products or services are meeting the sustainability objective, the Investment Adviser will assess either the revenue or profits derived from the company’s products or services.

The fund will invest at least 70% in shares or other transferable securities of companies anywhere in the world, provided the Investment Adviser considers such companies are addressing significant global challenges (according to themes set out in the investment objective above). The fund is actively managed and may invest in companies of any size and in any sector.

