

M&G Investments policy statement

Cluster munitions and anti-personnel landmines

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This policy sets out M&G's position with respect to investments in companies involved in the manufacture, development or transfer of cluster munitions and anti-personnel landmines.

In response to the 'Convention on Cluster Munitions' and the 'Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention', and to ensure adherence with country-specific legislation related to these treaties, M&G does not invest in securities issued by companies directly involved in the manufacture, development or trade of these munitions for the actively managed M&G OEIC, SICAV, FCP and Guernsey property unit trust fund range.¹

M&G uses information provided by a third-party Responsible Investment services provider to identify companies flagged for involvement in the production of such munitions.

For direct real estate investments, M&G will not make any new lettings to companies on the exclusion list, and we will not acquire any buildings where companies on the exclusion list are already in occupation. For indirect (including fund-of-funds or multi-manager) mandates, we will make the other fund managers aware of our policy but we cannot guarantee full compliance, as the underlying fund managers will have responsibility for acquisitions and lettings². If companies are added to the exclusion list, we cannot apply the policy retrospectively, but will apply to future lettings.

1. This policy does not apply to the M&G European Index Tracker Fund or M&G Index Tracker Fund.

2. We will apply this policy as far as we are able within the context of national and local regulations regarding landlord and tenant relations. For example, in the UK, the Landlord and Tenant Act requires landlords to grant new leases on expiry and restricts our ability to prevent leases being reassigned to companies on the exclusion list.