

## MFA’s Suite of Pooled Funds and Responsible Investment

Over the last several years the notion of ‘responsible investment’ (RI) has gained greater prominence. While improvements are evident, consistent and standardized terminology and ESG disclosures are still works-in-progress. The following information is intended to provide MFA’s Clients with a high-level understanding of how MFA’s Suite of Pooled Funds align with RI, and information and sources which can be communicated with stakeholders.

*“Responsible investment (RI) is an umbrella term used to describe a broad range of approaches for incorporating ESG considerations into the investment process. These approaches are not mutually exclusive...”*

*– RBC GAM, May 2025, Our Approach to Responsible Investment*

MFA’s Pooled Funds may be classified as one or more of the following:

- ESG Integrated
- Fossil Fuel Free
- Carbon Light

	<p><b>ESG Integrated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ongoing consideration of ESG factors within an investment analysis and decision-making process with the aim to improve risk-adjusted returns.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Fossil Fuel Free</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The exclusion of investments issued by companies directly involved in extracting, processing, or transporting coal, oil or natural gas.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Carbon Light</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An investment fund which aims to minimize its carbon impact, including up to 40% fossil fuel free.</li> </ul>

<p>Short-term (1 year or less to 2.5 years)</p>	<p>(3) Pooled High-Interest Savings Accounts</p>	<p>Pooled High-Interest Notice Plan Account</p>	<p>Money Market Fund</p>	<p>Government Focused Ultra-short Bond Fund</p>
<p>Medium-term (2.5 to 10 years)</p>	<p>Short-term Bond Fund</p>	<p>Fossil Fuel Free Short-term Bond Fund</p>	<p>Pooled Mortgage Fund</p>	
<p>Long-term (10 years+)</p>	<p>Fossil Fuel Free Diversified Multi-asset Class Fund</p>	<p>Diversified Multi-asset Class Fund</p>		



## MFA’s Pooled Investment Fund Manager and Responsible Investment

Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management (PH&N) a subsidiary of RBC Global Asset Management (RBC GAM) manages MFA’s Pooled Investment Funds<sup>1</sup>. Along with other notable commitments to responsible investment, RBC GAM is a Signatory of the [United Nations Principles of Responsible Investment](#).

### RBC Vision Funds

[RBC Vision™ Funds](#) are a family of funds that invest primarily in the securities of issuers that meet a defined set of ESG-related criteria. The suite of RBC Vision Fossil Fuel Free Funds apply an ESG exclusionary screen strategy to exclude issuers involved in the extraction, processing, and transportation of fossil fuels.

RBC Vision™ Funds are used within MFA’s Fossil Fuel Free Short-term Bond Fund, Mortgage Fund, and Fossil Fuel Free Diversified Multi-asset Class Fund.

To learn more about RBC GAM’s approach to responsible investment, please visit: <https://institutional.rbcgam.com/en/ca/responsible-investment/our-approach>.

## MFA’s Pooled High Interest Savings & Notice Plan Accounts and Responsible Investment

As chartered banks are not directly involved in the extraction, processing, transportation of coal, oil, or natural gas MFA considers deposits in savings and notice plan accounts offered through its Pooled High Interest Savings & Notice Plan Account Programs to be Fossil Fuel Free.

To view ESG information from the providers of MFA’s Pooled High Interest Savings & Notice Plan Accounts, please visit their websites directly.

- <https://www.nbc.ca/about-us/esg.html>
- <https://www.cibc.com/en/about-cibc/corporate-responsibility.html>
- <https://www.scotiabank.com/ca/en/about/responsibility-impact/esg-strategy.html>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Pooled High Interest Savings & Notice Plan Accounts offered by MFA and provided through Scotiabank, National Bank, and CIBC.



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### Our approach to responsible investment



At RBC Global Asset Management (RBC GAM), we believe that being an [active, engaged and responsible owner](#) empowers us to enhance the long-term, sustainable performance of our portfolios. We recognize that the rights we have as a large, global investor come with the obligation to actively use those rights in a responsible way.



We believe that issuers that manage their material ESG risks and opportunities effectively are more likely to outperform on a risk-adjusted basis, over the long term. Our investment teams integrate material ESG factors into their investment decisions for applicable types of investments<sup>1</sup>.



We have a dedicated Responsible Investment (RI) team whose role is to advance ESG integration by managing and coordinating ESG research, supporting investment team engagements with our investee companies on material ESG-related issues, overseeing our [proxy voting](#), collaborating with like-minded investors and engaging with lawmakers and regulators.



Climate change has the potential to have direct and indirect impacts on the issuers in which we invest. The potential breadth and importance of climate-related investment risk and opportunity merits a significant focus within our ESG integration efforts. For more information about our focus on climate change in our ESG integration efforts, please read [Our Approach to Climate Change](#).