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Ethical Global Trends SGD

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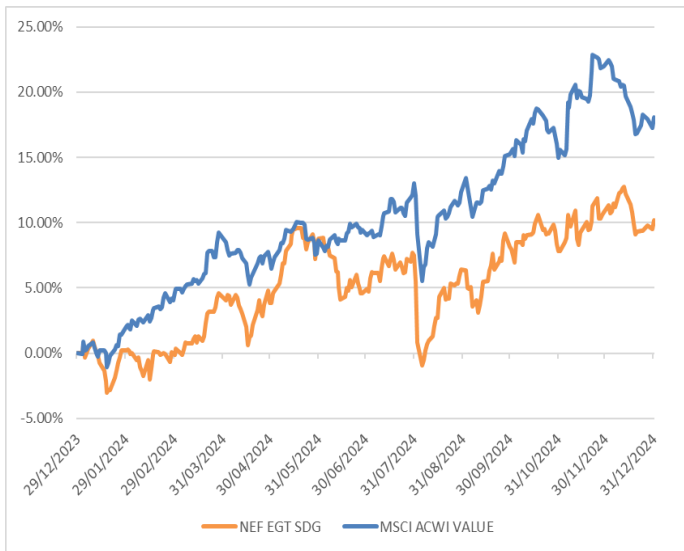
Launch Date: 04.11.2019

Total Net Assets at 31.12.2024: € 821,450,872.94

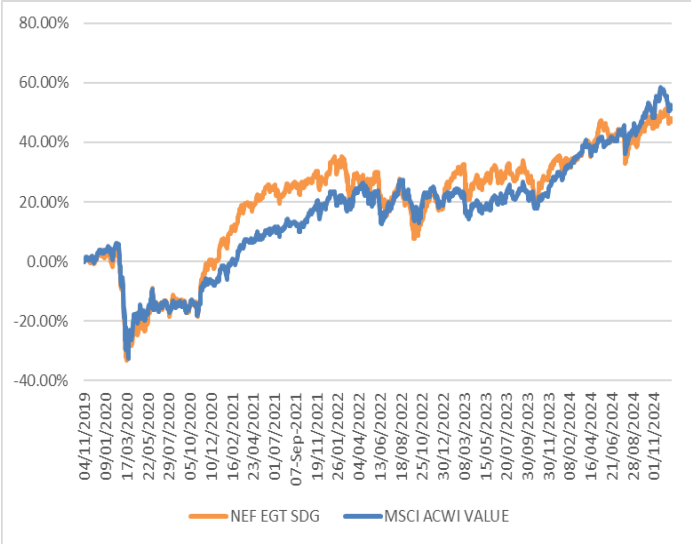
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Performance	Q4	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years	Since inception
NEF EGT SGD (Class R)	+1.86%	+10.20%	+10.20%	+14.29%	+48.00%
MSCI ACWI VALUE	+2.48%	+18.07%	+18.07%	+25.71%	+52.19%

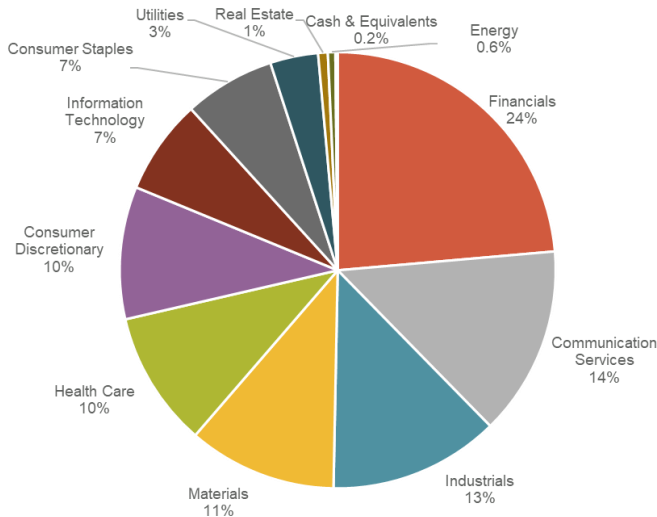
Performance YTD: +10,20%



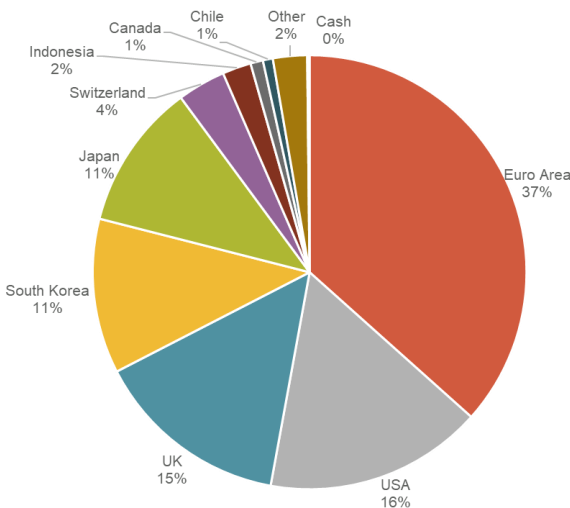
Performance since inception: +48,00%



Breakdown by sector



Geographical Breakdown



Quarterly comment

In the fourth quarter, the NEF Ethical Global Trends fund recorded a positive performance (+1.86%), although lower than that of the benchmark (+2.48%). For the year, performance was 10.20%, lower than that of the benchmark (18.07%).

It has been a complicated year. America (where we are underweight) still outperformed other markets, juxtaposing an overheating economy with full valuations. Growth still outperformed *value*, reaching a valuation delta not seen since the 1990s bubble. The dollar has strengthened against the euro. Japan (where we are overweight) experienced moments of panic during the summer following the first interest rate hike. France (overweight) experienced a long and painful institutional crisis. Korea (overweight) experienced an attempted coup. China (where the fund does not invest) has been one of the best markets. Trump was elected, triggering excitement in the U.S. market and pessimism in others.

However, these passenger events have created opportunities. We have therefore introduced new securities into the portfolio, increasing diversification on particularly attractive areas such as France, Japan, and Korea, and further reducing the weight of the U.S.

Even in 2024 the fund had very little turnover, around 17%. However, more than 1,200 transactions were made. This denotes the product's strategy of looking for companies to invest in for the long term. Well-known companies with which a direct relationship is established, to discuss the strategic part, the financial part, and the part related to sustainability. Companies that accumulate slowly on weakness and release gradually upon reaching valuations deemed congruous. As a result, the portfolio consists of about 270 stocks, operating in sectors instrumental in achieving sustainable development goals. Companies with valuable assets that the market does not adequately appreciate and very depressed valuations (9.3x the capitalization-to-earnings ratio and 1x the capitalization-to-tangible equity ratio). They are also companies that, in the business sector in which they operate and in the geographic area to which they belong, demonstrate increasing attention to environmental, social and governance risks.

The fund has exposure to 33 countries on five continents. Unlike global indices, ETFs, and most global funds, it is geographically much less concentrated, reducing specific risk. Below we discuss the fund's primary geographic exposures.

The U.S. is the top country by investment allocation within the fund. Here the fund is 17 percent invested (compared to 65/70 percent for global indices) through a selection of about fifty stocks. Although the U.S. market is largely composed of growth stocks with valuations that well reflect gluttonous expectations for future growth, it is also possible to find opportunities in the area in which we invest, namely *value*. While today in many geographies *value* stocks are widespread throughout the list, in the U.S. you have to go to *special situations*, i.e., companies undergoing restructuring, or in sectors that are overly discounting phases of economic difficulty. In fact, here a good company with earnings growth of 5/7% per year boasts an average premium of 50% over similar companies in other geographies (India excluded). The United States enjoys the full employment desired and achieved by Biden after colossal investments in infrastructure and a protectionist approach to guard against Chinese dumping. Some of this infrastructure has yet to be built and already there is a labour shortage. This fiscally expansive policy has left an intrusive public debt (125% GDP), sustainable only with strong economic growth or falling interest rates. The U.S. pays nearly a trillion dollars in interest per year on its public debt (over 3% of GDP). With Trump's policies, the deficit (now at 5 percent of GDP) will not come down, labour shortages will become an emergency, and inflation will remain high with negative impacts on the cost of debt and consumer confidence. The benefit of tariffs on imports will not be able to be dumped on the ground due to labour shortages, but its cost will be a ballast for American citizens and businesses. This is expected to lead to a slowdown in the economy with inflation and rates only slowly falling. The dollar may then gradually weaken. Meanwhile, the AI bubble should begin to deflate. AI certainly represents the future, but without concrete applications it will remain so for a while longer. In our view, this environment is not conducive to a continuation of the exceptional trend for the U.S. economy and stock market that has characterized the past 15 years.

While we find Trumpism to be a profoundly negative ideology opposed to the sustainability that your fund pursues, we cannot deny that, at least in the short run, like any unenlightened but pragmatic pseudo-dictatorship, it can also bring benefits:

- 1) the disruption of conflicts such as those in the Middle East or Ukraine and the quick resolution of geopolitical issues settled over time;
- 2) the gradual emancipation of the West from American "protection" that has been taken for granted since World War II. However, a form of adoption that comes with high costs;
- 3) greater cohesion in Europe to achieve a true EU. We could say now or never...
- 4) gradual demise of the dollar as a global currency;
- 5) Gradual loss of the superpower of U.S. sanctions;
- 6) global economic cycle prolonged by Trumpian expansionary manoeuvres;
- 7) China's downsizing as a global manufacturing super hub.

France represents the second largest country in terms of investment weight in the fund (16 percent). Here the phase of political instability peaked in the last quarter of the year and is most likely to return in 2025. Extremisms on the right and left seem to be isolated and a moderate majority may emerge. France presents in our view the best opportunities in Europe for a *value* approach. It offers exposure to international companies, with significant exposure to the U.S. economy, often performers in the green economy or other themes, with great growth potential, at extremely depressed valuations. French stocks in the portfolio pay an average dividend of 6 percent and boast a price-earnings ratio just above 8x.

Great Britain, with 14 percent of the portfolio, represents the third largest country for exposure. Multinationals in the pharmaceutical, financial, food and transportation sectors predominate here, with modest valuations. We also have exposure to the residential construction sector, a very important sector in this country because of the acute shortage of affordable housing. Britain is going through a transition phase after Covid and Brexit. Taxes are going up a lot, limiting growth, but this puts this area on a virtuous long-term trajectory. The country remains exposed to opportunities in the euro area, as well as those in the US.

In the fourth quarter, South Korea, a country in which we believe a great deal (12 percent, fourth largest country in terms of exposure) suffered a coup attempt by its president-elect Yoon Suk Yeol. Geopolitics teaches us that sometimes what is thought impossible happens. Here it has happened. Although South Korea is a democratic, developed, growing nation, richer than Italy, a member of the OECD and with strong political and military ties to the U.S., one must remember that until 1986 there was a dictatorship here. What has happened is an authoritarian regurgitation, an instance of bypassing the political dialectic in Parliament in order to be able to promptly, and unilaterally, solve the country's problems. In the face of this debacle, South Korea reacted in an exemplary way: the army disobeyed, the population rose up. Given the seriousness of the event, the stock market held up remarkably well. This, in our view, is a buy signal for an area characterized by very compressed valuations: our portfolio consists of very high quality stocks trading on average at 7.1x earnings and well below tangible equity. As this phase resolves, we have increased our exposure to this country from 10 percent to 12 percent of the portfolio.

Ten percent of the portfolio is devoted to Japan, a country that has been frozen for thirty years, caught between recessions and financial crises. Now its economy is returning to growth, along with wages and consumer confidence. This nation offers very high quality companies at very attractive valuations and with an all too solid financial structure, a legacy of many years of hardship: Japanese companies on average hold cash for more than 30 percent of their capitalization! There is therefore ample room for buybacks, dividends or acquisitions to increase return on capital. Just as the strong yen at the turn of the 20th and 21st centuries was one of the causes of Japan's long crisis, today's weak yen boosts corporate growth prospects and brings the large public debt back on a sustainable trend. Finally, the population sits on top of more than three trillion dollars of savings in bank deposits accumulated against a backdrop of negative interest rates and falling stock markets. With the resurgence of inflation those savings are losing value. Gradually some of that money will return to the stock market, supporting its recovery.

Switzerland then accounts for 4% of the portfolio. This weight is largely occupied, 3%, by UBS, which after the acquisition of Credit Suisse has become an unsinkable institution. A less expensive JPMorgan, better capitalized and more exposed to wealth management, a sector with great opportunities for further growth

Finally, we have almost 3% Indonesia, divided among about ten stocks. Percentage that we want to gradually increase to 4% by introducing new companies. Indonesia has India's strengths (demographics and growth), but at valuations that are less than a third. In addition, compared to India it is a more stable, wealthier country with more natural resources and better exposed to benefit from current geopolitical changes

Excluding the growth side, which still appears euphoric but on which we do not comment, the rest of the stock market has very attractive valuations. In addition, the secular trends of energy transition and globalization are more alive than ever and, together with digitization, promise huge investments in the next five years. Finally, the permanent return of inflation will support the economy and equities. Equity continues to be the strongest and most attractive asset class for the next few years, especially the value component, which has never been so cheap in the last twenty years.

On the sustainability part, we are finalizing together with NEAM the summary regulatory document for 2024, called the Annex. In this document we are asked to set out the activity done in terms of sustainability in the year and the results. Remember that the fund does not deal with sustainability in a mechanical way like most products in the market. Just as we interact directly with the companies in which the fund invests to understand and debate the strategy of the business and the financial results, we also interact to check growth on the sustainability front and delve into any pain points. There are hundreds of interactions and meetings done, which are valuable because they stimulate companies to maintain or increase efforts on this side, reducing environmental, social, and governance risk for the companies themselves. The effect we produce here is especially important for smaller companies, therefore with fewer resources, or those in emerging countries, which are lagging behind in sustainability, or even those in the U.S., which today tend to slow down the path to sustainability and embrace Trumpism.

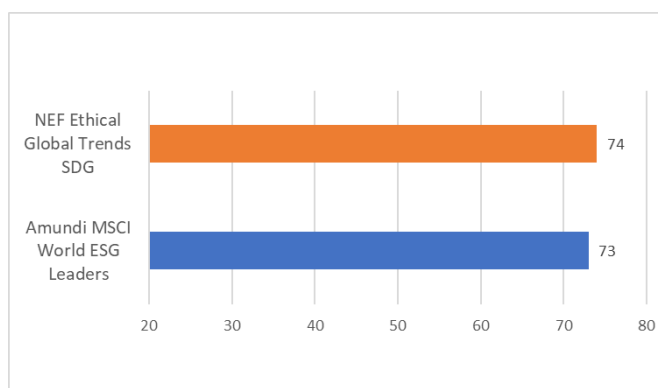
We invite the reader to take a more analytical look at the performance and activity on the various investment themes of the portfolio in the next few pages.

Valuation

	P/E '24	P/BV '24	Div Yield '24
Portfolio	9,3x	0,9x	3,9%
MSCI ACWI Value (Benchmark)	13,4x	2,0x	3,0%
MSCI ACWI	18,0x	3,3x	1,8%

Source: Refinitiv, Niche AM

Average portfolio ESG rating



Trends instrumental to UN SDGs

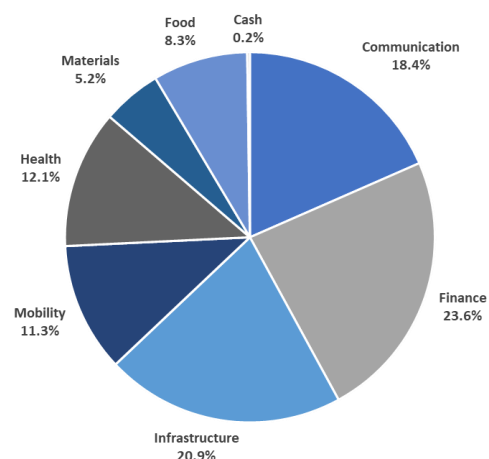
Performance**
(30/09/24– 31/12/24)

Fund *	+1,86%
Infrastructure	-2.93%
Finance	+6.94%
Communication	+0.73%
Mobility	+1.71%
Health	+1.65%
Materials	-3.58%
Food	-5.75%

*Retail class

**For a detailed breakdown of niche performance and market indices, see the table on the appendix page.

Single Trends Exposure



Sector allocation Vs Benchmark *

	Portfolio	MSCI ACWI Value (Bench)	MSCI ACWI
Financials	24%	27%	17%
Industrials	13%	11%	10%
Telecommunication **	14%	4%	8%
Materials	11%	5%	3%
Health Care	10%	12%	10%
Consumer Discretionary	10%	8%	11%
Information Technology	7%	9%	26%
Consumer Staples	7%	8%	6%
Utilities	3%	5%	3%
Real Estate	1%	4%	2%
Energy	1%	7%	4%

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Source: Refinitiv, Niche AM

Geographical Allocation Vs Benchmark *

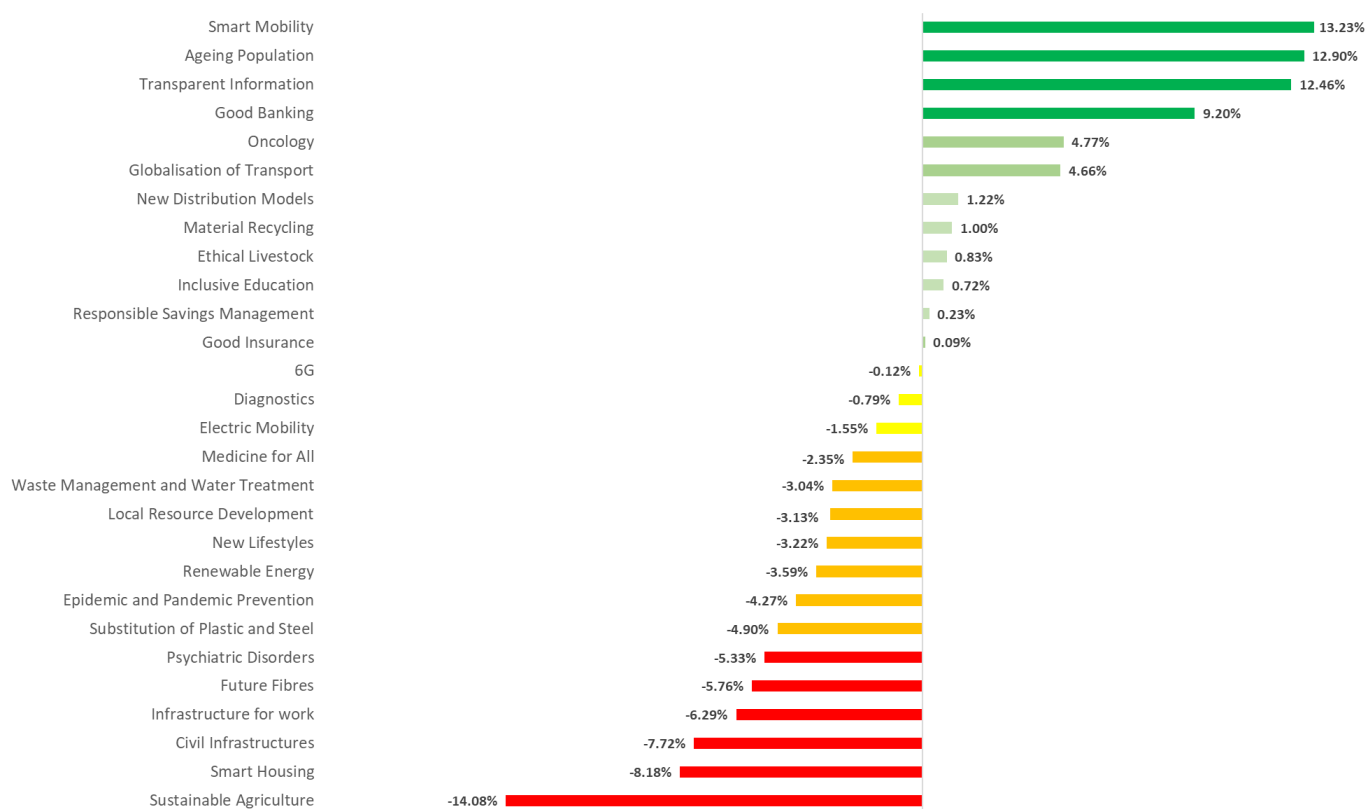
	Portfolio	MSCI ACWI Value (Bench)	MSCI ACWI
Euro Area	37%	10%	9%
USA	16%	65%	67%
United Kingdom	15%	4%	3%
South Korea	11%	1%	1%
Japan	11%	5%	5%
Switzerland	4%	2%	2%
Indonesia	2%	0%	0%
Chile	1%	0%	0%
Canada	1%	3%	3%
Other	2%	10%	11%

Currency Allocation Vs Benchmark

	Portfolio	MSCI ACWI Value (Bench)	MSCI ACWI
US Dollar*	37%	64%	66%
Euro	25%	10%	9%
Pound sterling	15%	4%	3%
Korean Won	11%	1%	1%
Japanese Yen*	4%	5%	5%
Indonesian Rupiah	2%	0%	0%
Swiss Franc*	1%	2%	2%
Chilean Pesos	1%	0%	0%
Canadian Dollar	1%	3%	3%
Other Currencies	3%	11%	12%

* net of currency hedges

Performance by SDG Trend: Q4 2024 (Fund: +1.86%)



Source: Refinitiv, Niche AM

Top 25 portfolio companies

Company	Trend SDG	Weight %
UBS Group	Good Banking	3.10%
Societe Generale	Good Banking	2.87%
Barclays	Good Banking	2.86%
BT Group	6G	2.58%
Citigroup	Good Banking	2.57%
Panasonic Holdings	Electric Mobility	2.48%
BNP Paribas	Good Banking	2.01%
GlaxoSmithKline	Epidemic and Pandemic Prevention	1.92%
Samsung Electronics	6G	1.56%
Nokia	6G	1.44%
AXA SA	Good Insurance	1.30%
Easyjet	Globalisation of Transport	1.24%
Intel Corp	Infrastructure for Work	1.04%
Bayer AG	Sustainable Agriculture	1.04%
Engie	Renewable Energy	0.99%
Thyssenkrupp AG	Renewable Energy	0.99%
Telefonica SA	6G	0.96%
Deutsche Lufthansa	Globalisation of Transport	0.95%
Vodafone Group	6G	0.94%
Viatis Inc	Medicine for All	0.89%
Tui AG	Globalisation of Transport	0.88%
CVS Health Corp	Diagnostics	0.88%
Orange	6G	0.87%
Sainsbury	Ethical Livestock	0.81%
KT Corp	6G	0.80%

Source: Niche AM



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Trends in Infrastructure



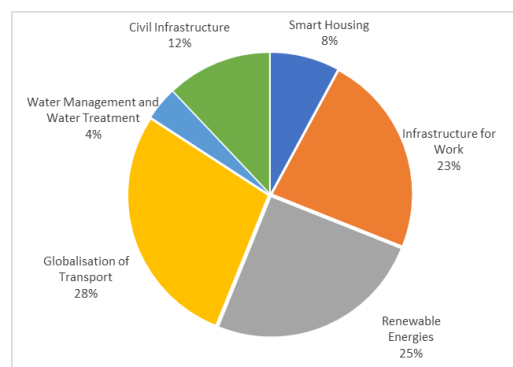
stocks: 69

On which UN objectives does it have an impact?

- Goal 1 End Poverty
- Goal 6 Water and Sanitation Facilities
- Goal 8 Growth and Jobs
- Goal 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- Goal 11 Sustainable Cities
- Goal 14 Life in the Oceans
- Goal 15 Life on Earth

Source: Niche AM

Main titles of the Theme Infrastructure



Holding	Weight %	Theme	Trend	Perf. % 4 ^e quarter
EASYJET PLC	1.2%	Infrastructure	Globalisation of Transport	8.4%
INTEL CORP	1.0%	Infrastructure	Infrastructure for Work	-8.1%
ENGIE	1.0%	Infrastructure	Renewable Energy	-1.3%
THYSSENKRUPP AG	1.0%	Infrastructure	Renewable Energy	12.8%
DEUTSCHE LUFTHANSA-REG	1.0%	Infrastructure	Globalisation of Transport	-6.1%

Main increases in the quarter

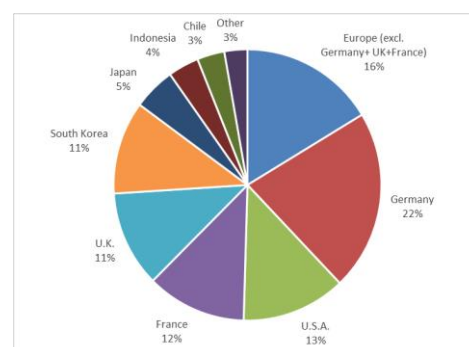
Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24
Samsung SDS	Infrastructure for Work	0.0%	0.2%
Crest Nicholson Holdings	Smart Housing	0.0%	0.1%
Neste	Globalisation of Transport	0.0%	0.1%

Main decreases in the quarter

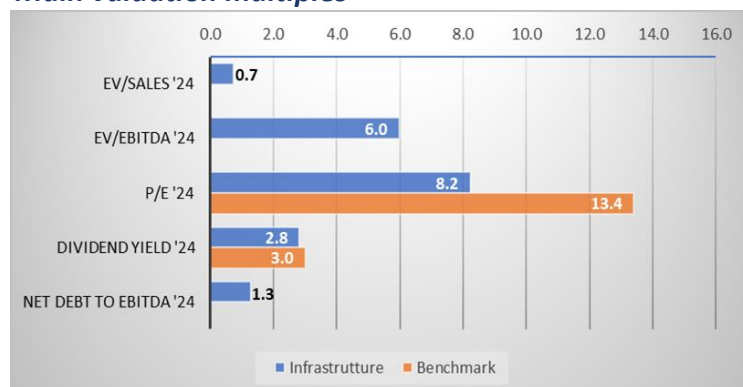
Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24	Plus / (Minus)%
Siemens Energy	Renewable Energies	0.7%	0.0%	+57.3%
Royal Mail	Globalisation of Transport	0.4%	0.0%	+30.6%
Air Canada	Globalisation of Transport	0.2%	0.0%	+36.4%

Source: Niche AM

Geographical exposure

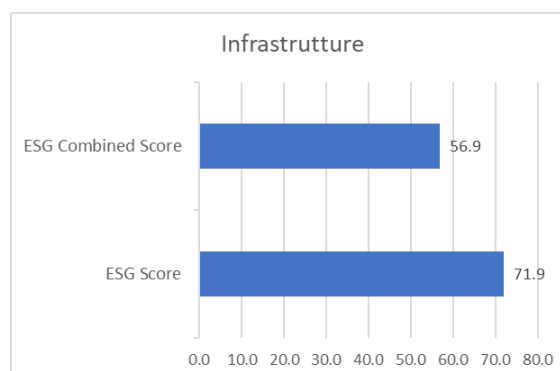


Main valuation multiples



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv - Benchmark = MSCI ACWI Value index

ESG rating (Refinitiv)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Trends in Infrastructure



Infrastructure Theme

The Infrastructure Theme consists of 7 *TrendSDGs*, offering exposure to 69 companies.

During the last quarter of 2024, the Theme showed a decline of -2.93%. The period was characterized by significant performance dispersion within the individual *TrendSDGs* that comprise it.

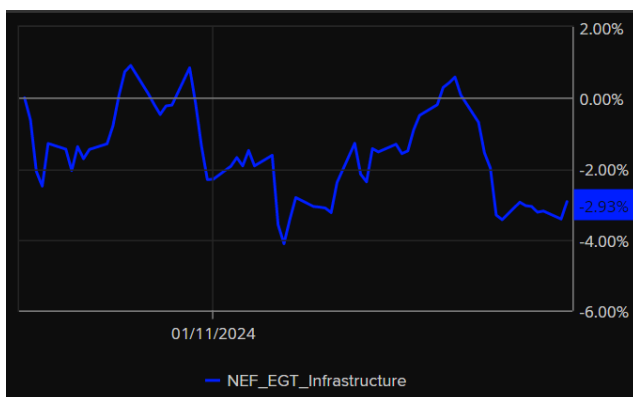
Renewable Energy (-3.6 percent), was affected by weakness in solar energy players, especially Hanwha Solutions and Sma Solar, complicit in the sector's difficult phase affected by low-priced exports from Chinese players. Both stocks were slightly up on weakness. In the case of Hanwha Solutions, the stock came in at around 0.6 times tangible equity, at its lowest levels ever, despite significant manufacturing exposure in the U.S., one of the few geographic areas where excess panel stock has receded and where customs barriers are expected to limit Chinese competition. Also weak was the contribution of stocks active in the wind power sector, especially Oersted, which has a leading position in the development of offshore wind farms. The negative performance of solar and wind power, on whose sentiment the U.S. election outcome undoubtedly also had an impact, was partially offset by the rebound of Thyssenkrupp, Enel Chile and Siemens Energy. Further profit-taking was then made on the latter company as a result of the very strong rerating, following which the stock exited the portfolio.

Also negative was the trend in the **Employment Infrastructure** *TrendSDGs* (-6.3%), due to weakness in Adecco and Kelly Services, which are suffering from the labour market slowdown in their main markets, namely Europe and the U.S., respectively. Similar trends characterized **Civil Infrastructures** (-8.1%), which suffered from the downturn in Hyundai Engineering & Construction, which was not offset by the positive performance of European construction groups Porr and Webuild, on which partial profit-taking took place.

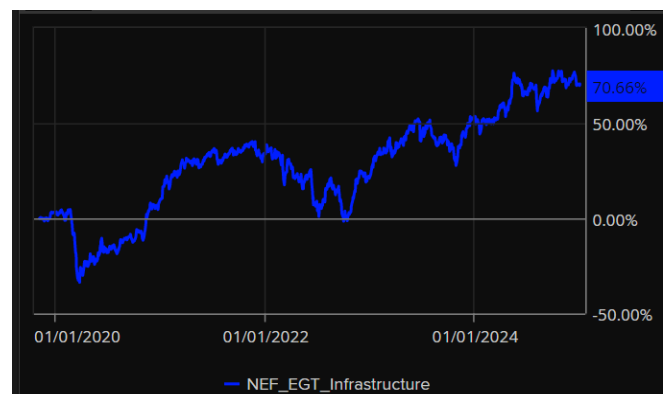
The best-performing *TrendSDG* was **Transportation Globalization** (+4.7 percent), thanks mainly to the strong performance of European airlines such as British Airways and EasyJet, whose performance more than offset the weakness of other airlines such as Air France and Finnair, as well as especially the decline of postal operators, including Bpost, Postnl and Deutsche Post.

Finally, regarding *TrendSDG Smart Housing* (-8.2%), two British real estate groups, Crest Nicholson and Vistry, were included in the portfolio following the exit in the previous quarter of Taylor Wimpey, Bellway, and Persimmon after positive performances. Both Crest Nicholson and Vistry are characterized by a clear commitment to sustainability, with an increasing focus on the affordable housing segment in partnership with local authorities ([click here](#) for a video introduction of Vistry). Both are characterized by moderate valuation levels at a time of potential improvement in earnings dynamics.

Performance fourth quarter 2024 (30/09/24- 31/12/24)



Performance since inception (04/11/19 – 31/12/24)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Trend Description

Waste Management and Water Treatment. Waste produced in the world is growing by leaps and bounds, 680 million tons, in 2008, 1.3 billion tons, in 2016, 2.2 billion in 2025, This emergency will have to be addressed through sustainable management of the process, At the same time in emerging countries the urbanization process continues to grow and new drainage networks drawn. Water Treatment and Sanitation: more than 20% of the population has no direct access to potable water, Its optimization will be a priority in the coming years.

Civil infrastructures. Highways, bridges, hospitals, dams, airports are essential for the development of a nation.

Smart Housing (H). Housing is changing, materials, technologies, interconnection are leading us towards more efficient, affordable, comfortable and intelligent homes.

Infrastructure for Work. The availability of work depends on many factors, including training facilities, a functioning network of agencies capable of linking supply and demand, and the appropriate technology to make information transparent and correct.

Globalisation of Transport. Tourism, transport and business are globalising at a dramatic speed, which means more efficiency, culture, opportunity and wealth.

Renewable Energy. A silent revolution is accelerating, the development of storage is going to explode this industry, for the well-being of future generations.

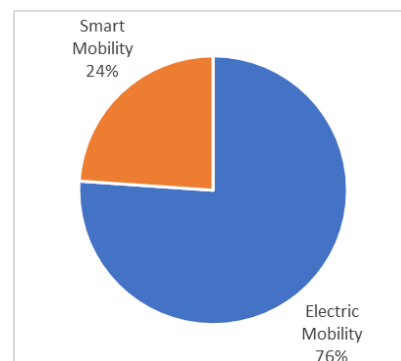
Trends in Mobility

stocks: 29

On which UN objectives does it have an impact?

- Goal 7 Clean and Accessible Energy
- Goal 11 Sustainable Cities
- Goal 13 Acting on the Climate

Source: Niche AM



Main titles of the Theme Mobility

Holding	Weight %	Theme	Trend	Perf. % 4° quarter
PANASONIC HLDGS	2.5%	Mobility	Electric Mobility	29.5%
VOLKSWAGEN AG	0.7%	Mobility	Electric Mobility	-6.4%
SUMITOMO METAL MINING CO	0.7%	Mobility	Electric Mobility	-17.5%
VALEO SA	0.6%	Mobility	Smart Mobility	-13.9%
CONTINENTAL AG	0.6%	Mobility	Smart Mobility	11.5%

Main increases in the quarter

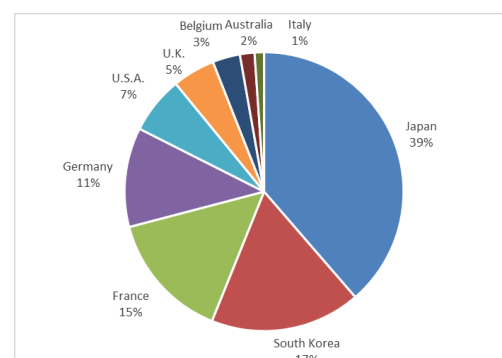
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Samsung SDI	Electric Mobility	0.1%	0.3%
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IGO	Electric Mobility	0.0%	0.1%

Main decreases in the quarter

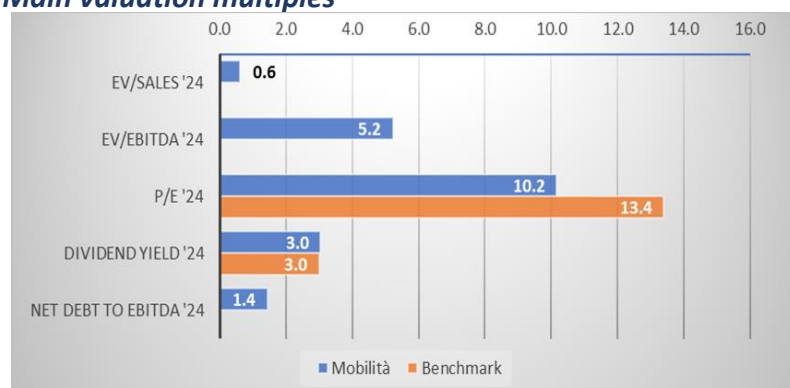
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Source: Niche AM

Geographical exposure

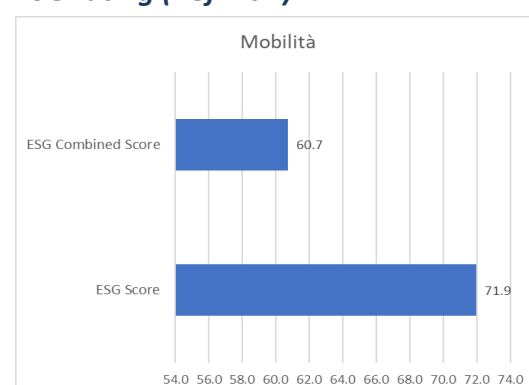


Main valuation multiples



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Trends in Mobility

Theme Mobility

The Mobility Theme consists of the two *TrendSDGs*, Electric Mobility and Smart Mobility, through exposure on about 29 companies.

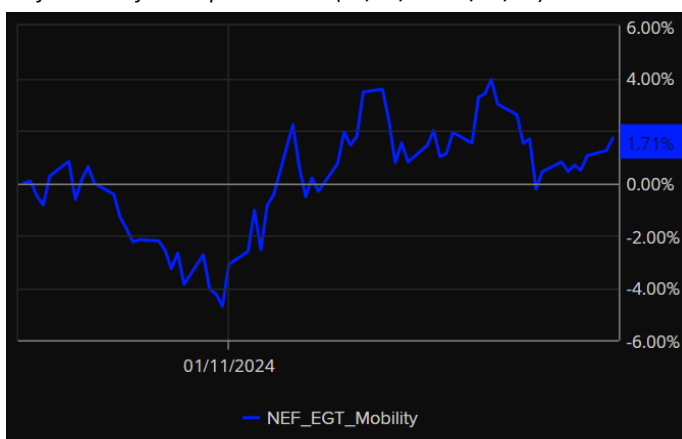
During the fourth quarter, the Theme was quite volatile, with a decline in October followed by a rapid recovery in November, then partly scaled back in the final phase of December, registering a positive performance of 1.71 percent.

The **Electric Mobility** *TrendSDG* (-1.6 percent) was affected by the weakness registered by Korean battery manufacturers Samsung SDI and LG Chem, which were boosted on weakness in view of their modest valuations in spite of their important know-how and positioning in the U.S. market. This trend was only partially offset by the good behaviour Panasonic, the main battery supplier for Tesla, which followed the latter's strong performance after Trump's election.

In general, this *TrendSDG* has still been affected by the growth revisions of this technology in developed countries. In Europe, abetted by the difficult phase experienced by the industry in 2024 and expectations of a weak 2025, calls are emerging for a postponement of penalties that will hit automakers that fail to sufficiently reduce CO2 emissions, i.e., shift the sales mix toward electric cars. Incumbent European automakers are well aware that slowing the inevitable migration to electric cars would only exacerbate their level of competitiveness against Chinese competitors and Tesla. However, sexy new models are not enough; states must stimulate the development of an efficient infrastructure. In the United States, following Trump's election, fears have been added with respect to a reshaping/elimination of incentives that are part of the so-called *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA). It should be pointed out with respect to this point, however, that a potential abandonment of the IRA would not be immediate and would also penalize efforts to catch up with China in terms of the technology gap and, more importantly, would damage an investment (and jobs) pipeline that mainly concerns Republican states (about 90 percent of new gigafactories are planned in Republican states). The most likely scenario involves a reduction in end-user incentives alone, with a non-dramatic impact in terms of further market growth. In both of these important geographies, improved infrastructure, the introduction of mass-market models, and the general gradual lowering of electric car costs as performance improves will support greater market penetration.

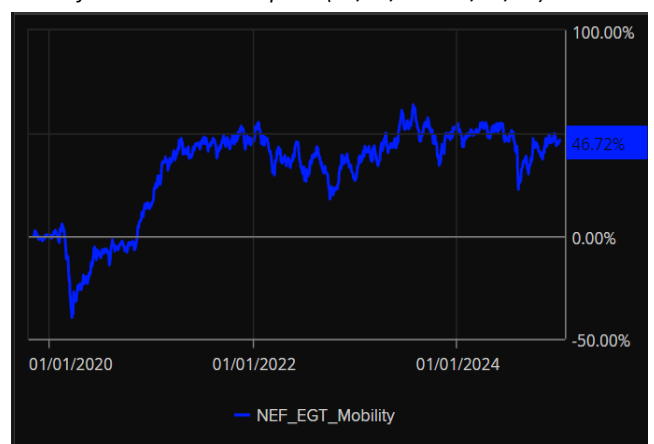
The *SDG Smart Mobility* Trend (+13.2%) benefited from the positive performance of Japan's Furukawa Electric and the U.S.-based General Motors. Both stocks were buoyed by positive earnings results, especially Furukawa Electric, which significantly revised earnings upward due to contributions from several divisions, including the supply of electrical materials used in AI servers. Profit-taking was carried out on the stock. With respect to General Motors, it is worth highlighting how the company announced that it is exiting the robotaxi business to focus on personal autonomous vehicle technology, with the development of Level 3 and Level 4 solutions by leveraging its significant investments to date just in robotaxis (more than US\$10 bln). [Click here](#) for an interview with a GM manager illustrating how technology can overcome the fears of sceptics.

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Performance since inception (04/11/19 – 31/12/24)



Trend Description

Electric Mobility. We will soon start buying electric vehicles en masse, as these are more comfortable, better performing, free to drive everywhere, less expensive and with remarkable range. More than 70% of oil is consumed for transport, so this shift will bring incredible benefits to the environment. Our investments will be particularly focused on the lithium battery sector, a sector that will see its sales multiply many times over in the next few years, surpassing that of semiconductors in terms of sales.

Smart Mobility: Cars are gradually becoming smarter, and one day they will be able to drive themselves thanks to the evolution of electronics. This will mean fewer cars, less pollution, less junk and a greener world. Urbanisation, traffic, pollution will then lead to the gradual spread of MicroMobility.

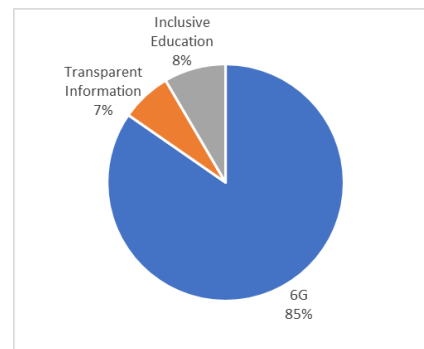
Trends in Communication



stocks: 40

On which UN objectives does it have an impact?

- Goal 1 End Poverty
- Goal 4 Quality Education
- Goal 5 Eliminate Sexism
- Goal 8 Growth and Jobs
- Goal 10 Combat Discrimination
- Goal 11 Sustainable Cities
- Goal 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- Goal 17 Creating Consensus around Goals



Source: Niche AM

Main titles of the Theme Communication

Holding	Weight %	Theme	Trend	Perf. % 4° quarter
BT GROUP PLC	2.6%	Communication	6G	-2.0%
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	1.6%	Communication	6G	-17.0%
NOKIA OYJ	1.4%	Communication	6G	8.9%
TELEFONICA SA	1.0%	Communication	6G	-10.4%
VODAFONE GROUP PLC	0.9%	Communication	6G	-8.4%

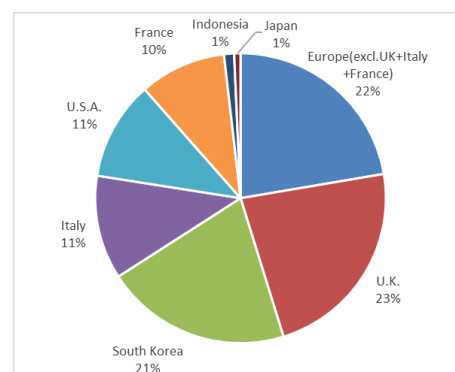
Main increases in the quarter

Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24
Samsung Electronics	6G	0.6%	1.6%
Bouygues	6G	0.6%	0.8%
Proximus	6G	0.2%	0.3%

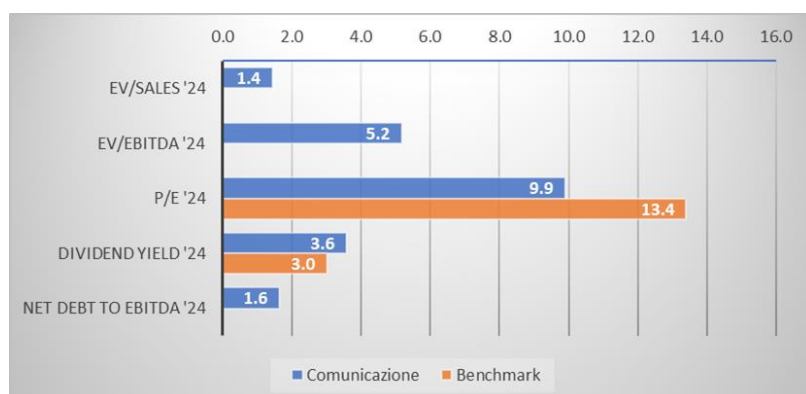
Main decreases in the quarter

Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24	Plus / (Minus)%
IBM	6G	0.5%	0.0%	+74.1%
Telefonica	6G	1.2%	1.0%	+39.3%
BT Group	6G	2.8%	2.6%	+57.8%

Geographical exposure

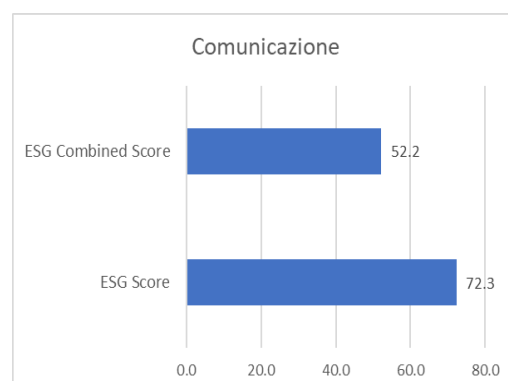


Main valuation multiples



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ESG rating (Refinitiv)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Trends in Communication



Theme Communication

The Communication Theme consists of three *TrendSDGs*, namely 6G, Inclusive Education, and Transparent Information, through investment on 40 companies.

In the fourth quarter, performance was slightly positive (+0.73%), consolidating the positive trend registered in the first nine months of the year: in fact, the Theme filed 2024 with an advance of more than 16%, showing fairly low volatility.

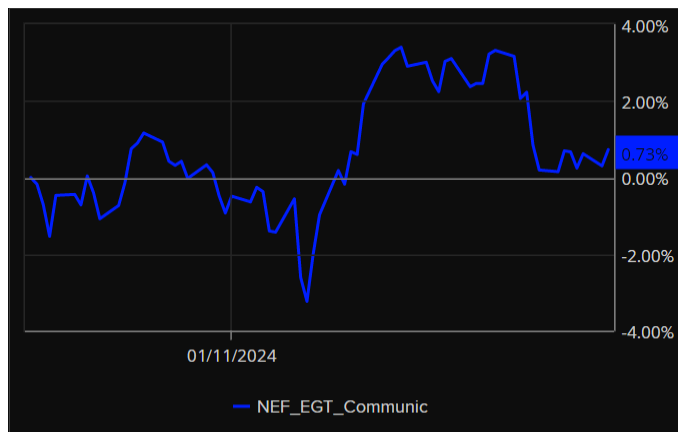
6G, the most important TrendSDG within the Theme in terms of weight, remained little moved (-0.1%), showing some dispersion of performance within it. For example, within 6G transmission equipment manufacturers, Nokia's good performance was contrasted by a further decline in Samsung Electronics. In the area of telephone operators, on the other hand, the positive performance of AT&T and Veon was countered by declines in some European operators such as Telefonica and Vodafone.

Despite the lackluster performance, the outlook for both sectors remain supportive. In transmission equipment, based on Nokia's indications, some network infrastructure segments (Fixed and IP) are showing signs of recovery thanks to inventory normalization and investment stimulus from lower interest rates. Should this physiological recovery materialize, companies in the sector would benefit more than in the past from cost rationalization actions taken during the industry slowdown.

As for telephone operators, especially those in Europe, valuations remain subdued at a time when the stabilization of operating profitability associated with lower levels of investment has become tangible, having passed the peak phase of investment in fibre optic networks. To this must be added the consolidation phase in the mobile sector, first in Spain (Orange-Masmovil) and then in the UK (Vodafone-Three), which creates the basis for progressive growth in size (and rationale) similar to that which has occurred in the US and China. In view of the reported elements, positions on Telecom Italia and Proximus were increased in the quarter, while partial profit-taking was made on Telefonica and BT. Profit-taking also involved U.S. companies IBM and Unisys, which exited the portfolio following significant positive performance.

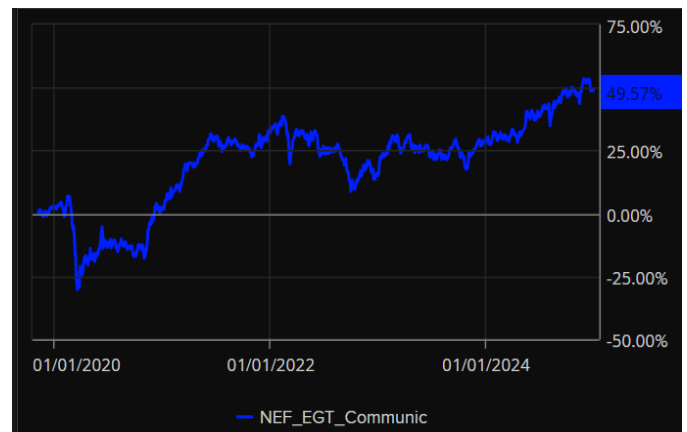
Within the *TrendSDG Inclusive Education* (+0.7%), on weakness there was increased exposure to ProSieben and ITV, two companies characterized by very negative expectations in terms of medium- to long-term growth, whose asset enhancement (dating and e-commerce for ProSieben, Studios for ITV) could bring out value. Finally, within the **Transparent Information** TrendSDG (+12.5 percent), whose performance was positive due to the rerating of Walt Disney, the British publishing group Reach rose.

Performance fourth quarter 2024 (30/09/24- 31/12/24)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Performance since inception (04/11/19 – 31/12/24)



Trend Description

6G. With 5G, the world will become even smaller and the possibilities for vertical social dynamics may increase, Let's invest here in the companies that create the communication infrastructure or manage it. Technologies such as AI, IoT, blockchain, autonomous vehicles can only develop once 5G is operational. 6G is nothing more than the next stage of 5G, when it will become ubiquitous, the speed measurable no longer in GIGA but in Tera, and will enable NTN (Non Terrestrial Networking) to function

Transparent information. If the internet has created endless free information, it has also created guilty or malicious disinformation. This has fomented populism and confusion. Many newspapers and media in general have failed or suffered greatly as a result.

We believe that there is room for serious and accessible information and this will lead to the revival of an almost dying sector that is fundamental for a world of democracy and peace.

Inclusive education. Vertical social mobility, the very basis of progress and the dynamism of a system, finds fuel in the education of people. We live in a world that in the last 10 to 15 years, through the Internet, is potentially much more democratic and inclusive in terms of educational opportunities.

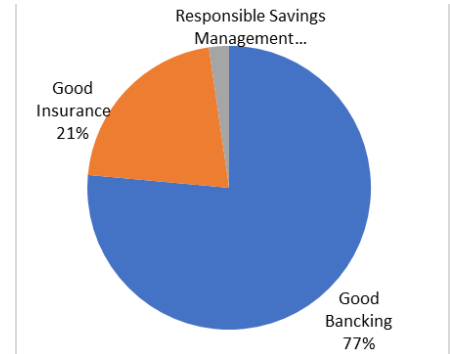
Trends in Finance



stocks: 43

On which UN objectives does it have an impact?

- Goal 1 End Poverty
- Goal 2 Defeat hunger
- Goal 5 Gender Equality
- Goal 8 Decent work and economic growth
- Goal 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- Goal 10 Reduce inequalities
- Goal 16 Peace, Justice, Strong Institutions
- Goal 17 Partnership for Goals



Main titles of the Theme Finance

Holding	Weight %	Theme	Trend	Perf. % 4° quarter
UBS GROUP AG-REG	3.1%	Finance	Good Banking	6.5%
SOCIETE GENERALE SA	2.9%	Finance	Good Banking	21.5%
BARCLAYS PLC	2.9%	Finance	Good Banking	20.2%
CITIGROUP INC	2.6%	Finance	Good Banking	20.9%
BNP PARIBAS	2.0%	Finance	Good Banking	-3.8%

Main increases in the quarter

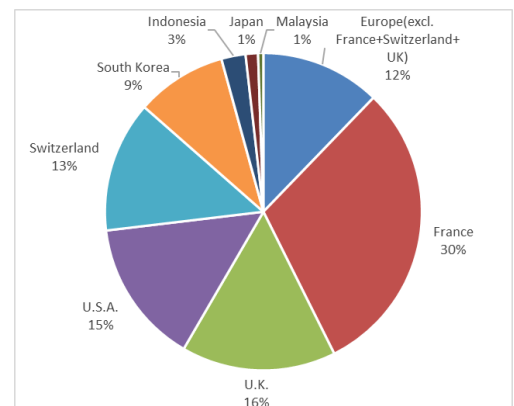
Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24
Abrdn	Responsible Savings Management	0.1%	0.4%
BNP Paribas	Good Banking	1.7%	2.0%
Hyundai Marine & Fire Ins	Good Insurance	0.2%	0.3%

Main decreases in the quarter

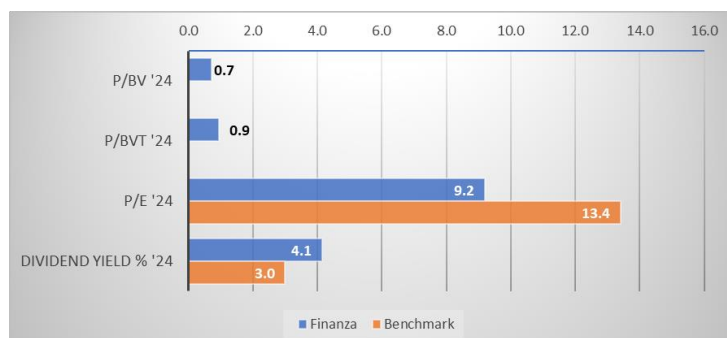
Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24	Plus / (Minus)%
Citigroup	Good Banking	2.8%	2.6%	+55.4%
Axa	Good Insurance	1.4%	1.3%	+110.6%
KB Financial Group	Good Banking	0.1%	0.0%	+130.1%

Source: Niche AM

Geographical exposure

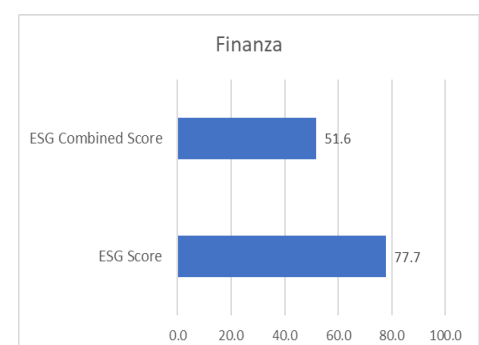


Main valuation multiples



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ESG rating (Refinitiv)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Trends in Finance



Theme Finance

The Theme consists of 3 *TrendSDGs*: The Good Bank, The Good Insurance, and Responsible Savings Management, through exposure on 43 securities.

During the fourth quarter, the Theme performed positively by 6.94 percent, enabling it to record the best annual performance within the fund, at about +28 percent.

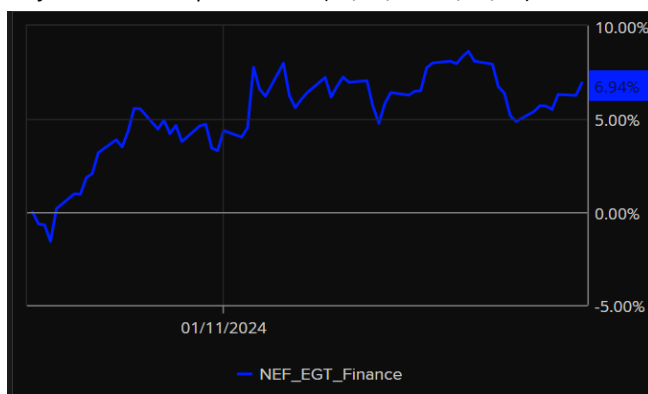
The Theme was driven by the contribution of *TrendSDG La Buona Banca* (+9.2%), supported by the more than 20% rise of Citigroup and Barclays, among others. The positive momentum of these two institutions was helped by the U.S. election outcome. With respect to Barclays, we recall how it generates an important share of profits from U.S. activities in *investment banking* and credit cards. Trump's victory has been read by investors as a return to a more balanced regulatory framework in terms of capital requirements (no additional capital absorption from Basel III), further potential regulation, and potential resurgence of the banking resurgence led by the largest financial institutions. With respect to the latter point, to consider that the top five U.S. banks control about 24 percent of retail deposits, compared to 55 percent in the British market and 78 percent in the French market.

Another major contributor to *TrendSDG*'s performance was Societe Generale, whose share prices were supported by improved results in both the profitability of its French retail business and capital creation, lending more credence to management's goals and turnaround possibilities. Despite the recovery, the stock still trades at extremely depressed levels: 0.4 times tangible equity, compared to a target return on capital of 10 percent to 2026. Exposure to Indonesian banks increased during the quarter, including Bank Danamon, Bank Btpn Syariah, and Bank Tabungan Negara, whose modest valuations are inconsistent with the country's solid growth outlook.

In contrast, *TrendSDG The Good Insurance* (+0.1%) was little moved: the positive performance of some European companies was cancelled out by the weak phase of Korean companies. The latter suffered from lackluster quarterly results related to a seasonal increase in claims and one-time costs (change in accounting rule regarding cost accounting). Weakness was exploited to boost Hyundai Marine and Fire, a company with modest valuations (P/BV 0.4x Vs ROE in double digits) and dividend yield close to 10%.

Finally, **Responsible Asset Management** (+0.2%) includes Abrdn, a British asset manager with low valuations in absolute terms (P/BV 0.5x) and even lower when looking at the Sum of Parts, taking into account the value of the subsidiary Interactive Investor, an online trading and investment platform acquired in late 2021 whose purchase value alone corresponds to about 2/3 of Abrdn's current stock market value. The group has a positive impact in terms of implementing the SDGs by offering sustainable products, especially in Asian markets ([link](#).)

Performance third quarter 2024 (30/09/24- 31/12/24)



Performance since inception (04/11/19 – 31/12/24)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Trend Description

Responsible Savings Management. *SDG asset managers are those companies in the industry that design and propose fair and responsible investment solutions, provide crystal-clear information and are committed every day to managing the savings of many households for the long term, rather than focusing on short-term profit.*

Good Insurance. *For insurance companies, transparency, innovation, microinsurance and product underwriting policies, as well as the more or less responsible way in which they invest their reserves, is crucial to achieving the SDGs.*

Good Banking. *Banking is an SDG activity in itself if it is instrumental in developing the economy and protecting savings. Banks can and must do much to positively develop the communities in which they operate. Activities such as microfinance, customer education, and the promotion of initiatives to support the environment, the disadvantaged and integration are vital to good banking. Profit is certainly important and must be pursued, but with total transparency and fairness towards the customer and careful compliance with the rules*

Trends in Food

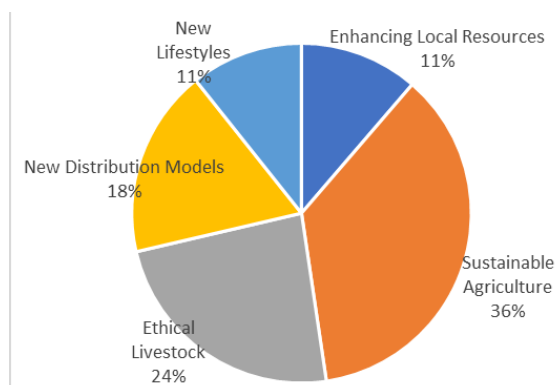


stocks: 25

On which UN objectives does it have an impact?

- Goal 2 Defeating Hunger
- Goal 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Goal 12 Responsible Production and Consumption
- Goal 13 Fighting Climate Change
- Goal 14 Life Under Water
- Goal 15 Life on Earth

Source: Niche AM



Main titles of the Theme Food

Holding	Weight %	Theme	Trend	Perf. % 4° quarter
BAYER AG-REG	1.0%	Food	Sustainable Agriculture	-36.3%
SAINSBURY (J) PLC	0.8%	Food	Ethical Farming	-6.8%
MAPLE LEAF FOODS INC	0.6%	Food	New Lifestyles	-7.1%
MACY'S INC	0.5%	Food	New Distribution Models	16.0%
FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE INC	0.5%	Food	Sustainable Agriculture	20.9%

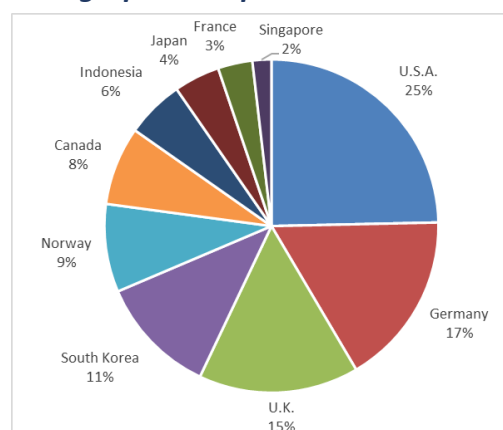
Main increases in the quarter

Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24
Cj Cheiljedang	Enhancing Local Resources	0.1%	0.4%
Bunge Global	Sustainable Agriculture	0.1%	0.3%
Dongwon Industries	New Lifestyles	0.0%	0.1%

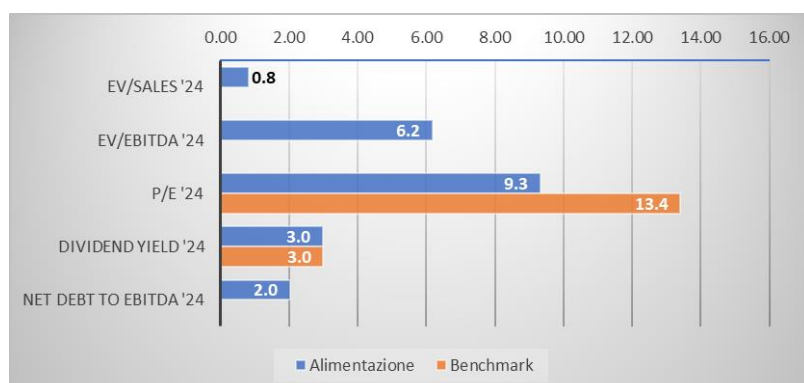
Main decreases in the quarter

Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24	Plus / (Minus)%
Fresh Del Monte P	Sustainable Agriculture	0.7%	0.5%	+52.0%
Rakuten Group	New Distribution Models	0.4%	0.3%	+67.5%
Danone	New Distribution Models	0.02%	0.0%	-7.3%

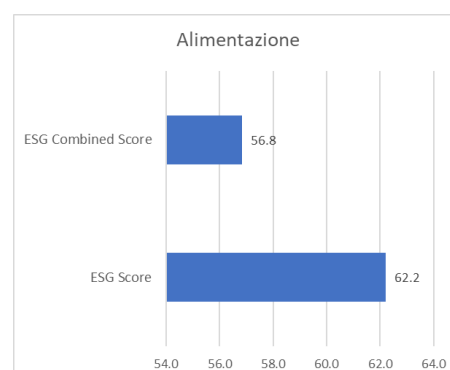
Geographical exposure



Main valuation multiples



ESG rating (Refinitiv)



Trends in Food



Theme Food

The theme consists of 5 *TrendSDGs*, Sustainable Agriculture, New Distribution Models, Ethical Livestock, New Lifestyles, and Enhancing Local Resources, which are invested in through a portfolio of 25 companies.

The fourth quarter ended with a performance of -5.75 percent, cancelling out the recovery phase observed in the previous period, making the yearly performance stand at -5.7 percent.

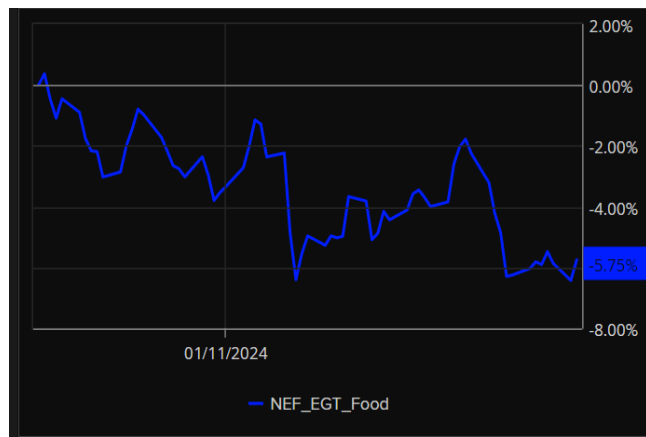
The decline observed in the fourth quarter was mainly due to the decline in the **Sustainable Agriculture** *TrendSDG* (-14.1%). This *TrendSDG* was affected by Bayer's further decline due to lower 2024 earnings targets and an uninspiring outlook for 2025 for both the agrochemical and pharmaceutical divisions. In fact, however, the stock seems to have more than incorporated this scenario, as well as a still strongly negative outcome of some major litigation: in fact, Bayer trades at less than 5 times earnings. With respect to the long-standing litigation inherited from the Monsanto acquisition, concerning the herbicide called glyphosphate, a recent favourable ruling has set the stage for assuming a constructive outcome. The gradual scaling down of liabilities related to this affair should allow for a rapid recovery of the stock from the so compressed levels at which it shares. This explains why the company was slightly up during the quarter on weakness.

Also within the same *TrendSDG* took partial profit on the Fresh del Monte stock, while increasing exposure on Bunge Global, a major agribusiness group with major sustainability initiatives, including regenerative agriculture, which involve protecting and restoring soil health to help capture more carbon dioxide ([click here](#) for a video introducing the initiative).

Finally, within the pesticide sector, both K+S and Nutrien were increased, believing that both groups can benefit from a recovery in potash prices from very low levels, prices so modest that they have squeezed margins for high-cost producers and now make the product attractive to farmers.

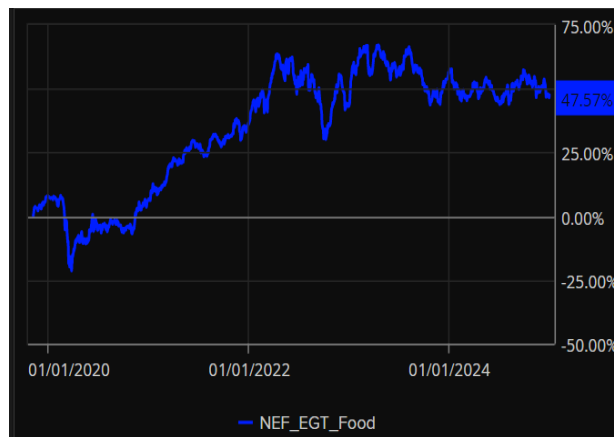
As for *TrendSDG New Distribution Models* (+1.2%) partial profit was taken on Rakuten, while in **Local Resource Enhancement** (-3.1%) Korean conglomerate CJ Cheiljedang, active in the food sector, with an interesting presence in the dietary supplements segment, and logistics, was up. This group is proceeding on a clear path of growth in terms of sustainability, characterized by increased transparency and number of information available under the SDG framework ([click here](#) for more information).

Performance fourth quarter 2024 (30/09/24 - 31/12/24)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Performance since inception (04/11/19 - 31/12/24)



Trend Description

Ethical Livestock. In view of the many negative impacts of intensive animal husbandry, in addition to the simple ethical arguments, special attention is given to companies that promote sustainable modes of animal husbandry.

New Needs and Lifestyles. Products for vegans, vegetarians, pescetarians, fruitarians, coeliacs, or for various intolerances are gradually filling supermarket shelves. This is a long wave with positive consequences for the environment and/or the well-being of many people.

Enhancement of Local Resources. Local products are often well characterised and are part of a centuries-old culture rooted in the territory. As well as being economically and culturally important for local areas, they can often benefit from the growing global demand for niche food products.

Sustainable Agriculture. Better pesticides, use of genetics, optimisation of water resources, respect for nature and local communities, proper treatment of all stakeholders are all elements that can help achieve the SDG goals.

New Distribution Models. More attention to how food is produced and processed, more attention to the needs of minorities, more attention to packaging and waste together with increased use of online services are gradual changes that bring great benefits to the well-being of the population and the liveability of cities.

Trends in Health

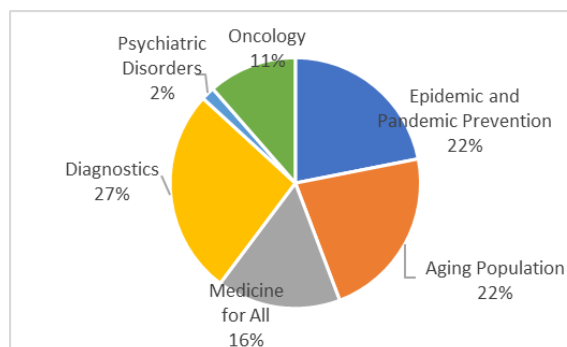


stocks: 32

On which UN objectives does it have an impact?

- Goal 1 Eliminate Hunger
- Goal 3 Health and Well-being
- Goal 11 Sustainable Cities

Source: Niche AM



Main titles of the Theme Health

Holding	Weight %	Theme	Trend	Perf. % 4° quarter
GSK PLC	1.9%	Health	Epidemics and Pandemics Prevention	-10.6%
VIATRIS INC	0.9%	Health	Medicine for All	15.3%
CVS HEALTH CORP	0.9%	Health	Diagnostics	-23.2%
WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE INC	0.8%	Health	Diagnostics	12.0%
PFIZER INC	0.7%	Health	Epidemics and Pandemics Prevention	-1.4%

Main increases in the quarter

Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24
GSK	Epidemic and Pandemic Prevention	1.5%	1.9%
Pfizer	Epidemic and Pandemic Prevention	0.5%	0.7%
CVS Health	Diagnostics	0.7%	0.9%

Main decreases in the quarter

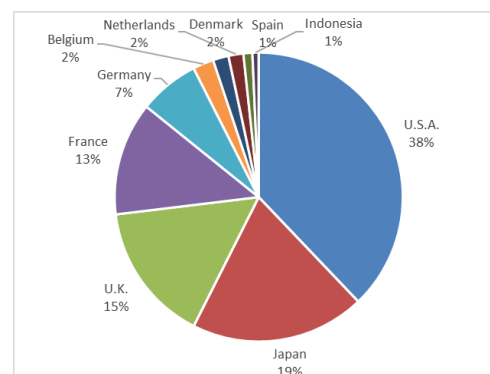
Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24	Plus / (Minus) %
Gilead Sciences	Epidemic and Pandemic Prevention	0.3%	0.0%	+70.1%
Philips	Diagnostics	0.4%	0.2%	+109.7%
H. Lundbeck Class B	Psychiatric disorders	0.3%	0.2%	+63.9%

Main valuation multiples

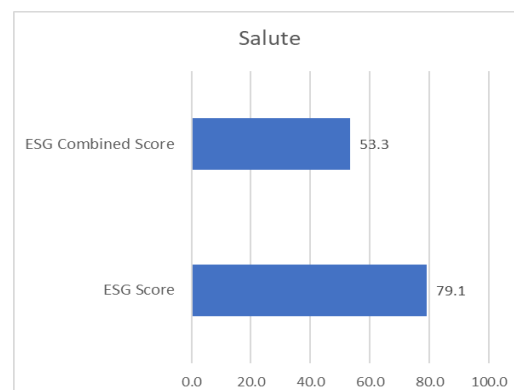


Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv - Benchmark = MSCI ACWI Value index

Geographical exposure



ESG rating (Refinitiv)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Trends in Health



Theme Health

The Health Theme, consisting of six *TrendSDGs*: Diagnostics, Medicine for All, Aging Population, Prevention Epidemics and Pandemics, Oncology, and Psychiatric Disorders, through exposure on 32 titles.

The performance achieved by Tema in the fourth quarter was +1.65%, allowing it to partially recover from the negative trend observed in the first nine months of the year, which ended with a decline of 2.4%.

A major contributor to performance came from the **Aging Population SDG Trend** (+12.9%), which was strongly supported by Topcon's appreciation after a number of private equity funds expressed their willingness to acquire the Japanese company, which has a strong position in the ophthalmic machinery sector.

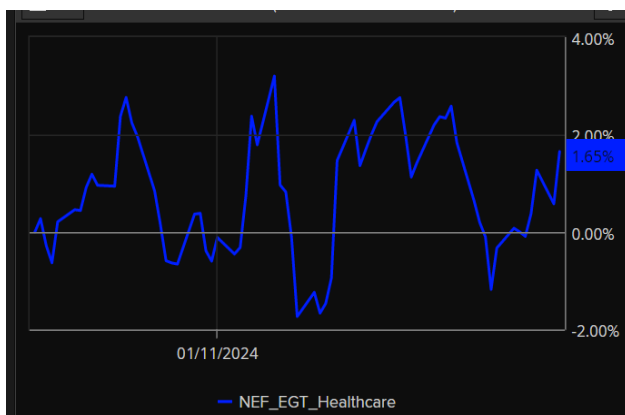
TrendSDG Oncology (+4.8%) also made a positive contribution, thanks to the good performance of Bristol-Myers Squibb: the stock benefited from positive quarterly results, supported by new drug growth. This is a very important dynamic for sentiment toward the group, which is exposed in the coming years to the loss of the exclusive license on several drugs.

Included within this *TrendSDG* was Moderna. This company is down more than 70 percent from the highs it touched during the pandemic period, and is now trading at attractive levels on a fundamental basis. The group's huge R&D investments of about \$5 billion in 2025 alone are expected to support double-digit sales growth in the coming years. And a significant part of the new product pipeline includes innovative drugs in the oncology field based on the [mRNA technology](#) that became well known during Covid.

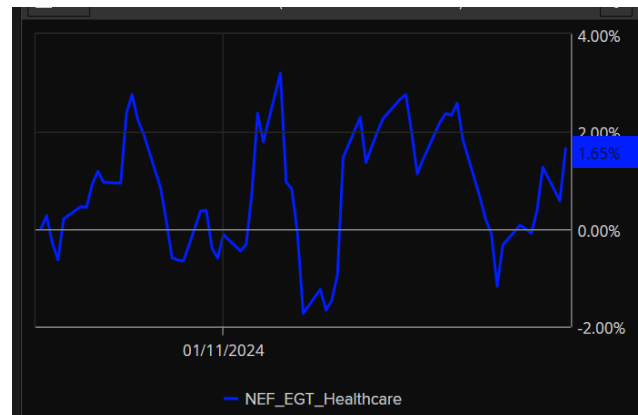
In **TrendSDG Epidemic and Pandemic Prevention** (-4.3%), profit was instead taken on Gilead to increase exposure on GSK and Pfizer. These two companies share a modest stock market valuation (price-earnings ratio of 8 to 9 times), but with an extremely higher concentration for Gilead, which boasts a few products with extremely high margins. GSK stands out for several sustainability initiatives, including through partnerships ([here is a video](#) of a GSK initiative carried out for over 30 years to fight malaria in Kenya).

Finally, in the **TrendSDG Diagnostics** was further boosted by the U.S.-based CVS Group, which announced that it had succeeded in introducing a new transparent reimbursement model that is expected to end the revenue downturn in the traditional drug distribution business. Also included in this *TrendSDG* was Prodia, an Indonesian company with a major network of clinical laboratories, providing a wide range of diagnostic services, a central player in the development of the country's health services. The stock is characterized by modest valuations (PE 2025 less than 9 times), although it has a cash-rich balance sheet and operates in an area with strong structural growth.

Performance fourth quarter 2024 (30/09/24- 31/12/24)



Performance since inception (04/11/19 – 31/12/24)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Trend Description

Aging Population. As we know, population dynamics tend to slow down with affluence and, at the same time, advances in lifestyle have greatly extended average life expectancy. So there are a number of diseases, classic of old age, whose frequency tends to increase incredibly. Investing resources to combat them means lives that are not only longer, but also liveable.

Psychiatric disorders. It used to be that people with these disorders were locked up in asylums and sedated. Thanks to the enormous strides made by research, today many of these people can lead normal lives. There is still a long way to go and many milestones to be reached. In particular, treatment of less severe forms of imbalance, such as excessive insecurity, depression or paranoia, can change the lives of millions of people and their loved ones.

Prevention Epidemics and Pandemics. Viruses and new bacteria are increasingly less profitable for pharmaceutical companies. However, the risk of our population being wiped out by a pandemic has; never been higher, New super resistant strains, intensive animal breeding and globalization can have devastating effects. Those who remain in the field help achieve the SDG goals.

Diagnostics. Diagnostic tools are the real future solution to most diseases. New data-detection technologies in an important part of the population can help us understand the ills that will affect us before they even hit us, just as genetics can alert us to potential risks that can then be anticipated.

Medicine for All. Nearly 90 percent of the medicines used in Western countries are generics although in value terms they account for only 20 percent. From this we understand how generics are needed in Western countries to keep spending under control and in developing countries are essential to ensure people's well-being. That they are less expensive is not enough. They must be very safe and with efficacy equal to the original preparation.

Trends in Materials

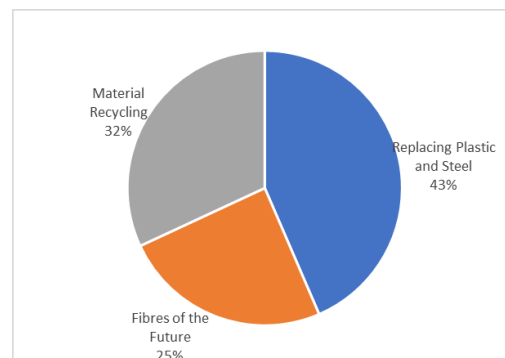


stocks: 25

Su quali obiettivi ONU ha un impatto?

- Goal 9 Industria, Innovazione e Infrastrutture
- Goal 11 Città Sostenibili
- Goal 12 Produzione e Consumo Responsabili
- Goal 13 Agire sul Clima
- Goal 14 La Vita negli Oceani
- Goal 15 La Vita sulla Terra

Source: Niche AM



Main titles of the Theme Materials

Holding	Weight %	Theme	Trend	Perf. % 4° quarter
STORA ENSO OYJ-R SHS	0.8%	Materials	Substitution of Plastic and Steel	-15.5%
KANEKA CORP	0.4%	Materials	Fibres of the Future	-5.7%
OJI HOLDINGS CORP	0.4%	Materials	Substitution of Plastic and Steel	3.1%
SUMITOMO HEAVY INDUSTRIES	0.4%	Materials	Material Recycling	-7.6%
INTERFOR CORP	0.3%	Materials	Substitution of Plastic and Steel	-16.3%

Main increases in the quarter

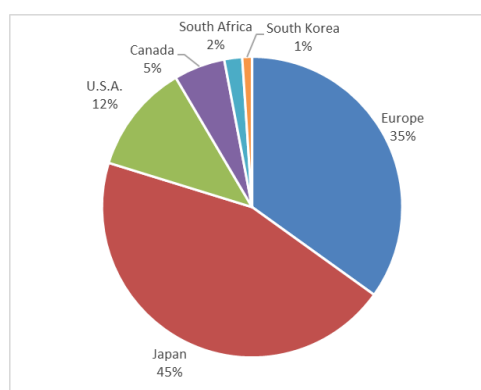
Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24
Renewi	Material Recycling	0.1%	0.2%
Sumitomo Heavy Industries	Material Recycling	0.3%	0.4%
Nippon Paper Industries	Substitution of Plastic and Steel	0.0%	0.1%

Main decreases in the quarter

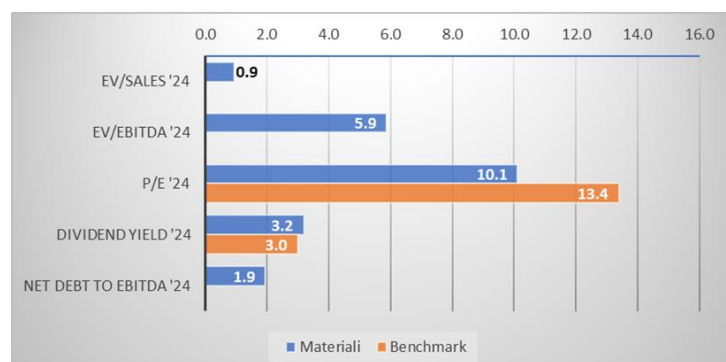
Holding	Trend	Weight % 30/09/24	Weight % 31/12/24	Plus / (Minus)%
GrafTech	Material Recycling	0.3%	0.2%	-57.9%
Ferrexpo	Substitution of Plastic and Steel	0.1%	0.0%	+113.7%

Source: Niche AM

Geographical exposure

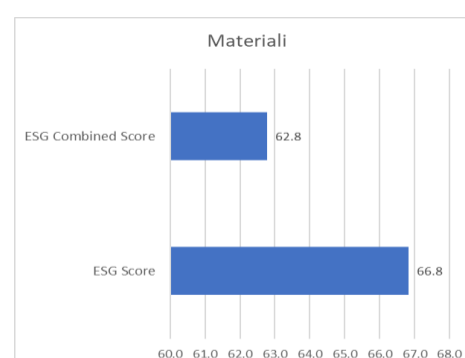


Main valuation multiples



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv - Benchmark = MSCI ACWI Value index

ESG rating (Refinitiv)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Trends in Materials



Theme Materials

The Materials theme consists of 3 *TrendSDGs*, Plastic and Steel Replacement, Materials Recycling, and The Fibers of the Future, through investment in 25 companies.

During the fourth quarter, the performance of the Theme was -3.6%, mainly due to a negative trend in the final quarter, resulting in a year-to-date performance of -2.7%.

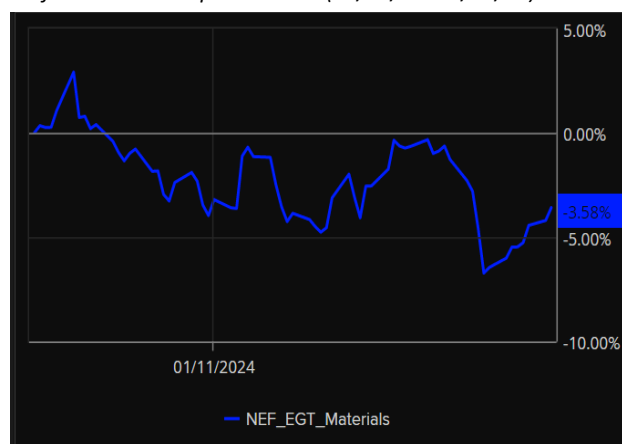
The worst contributor came from *TrendSDG Fibers of the Future* (-5.8%), due to weakness in Lenzing, an Austrian group that has suffered greatly from the downturn in the textile market, excess inventories, and to high energy and raw material costs. Although the company still realizes negative net income results, it is benefiting from a major cost-cutting plan as it waits for its target market to recover from very modest levels. Lenzing makes premium fabrics through wood-based cellulose fibers, which are distinguished by their softness and ability to absorb moisture. These fabrics are definitely environmentally sustainable not only because of the material used, but because their production cycle features full recycling of water and most solvents used in wood processing. [Click here](#) for a video summarizing the latest sustainability improvements made.

TrendSDG Plastic and Steel Replacement (-4.9%) was also negative, due to weakness in paper sector stocks, especially Mondi, Stora Enso and Nippon Paper, on which positions were slightly increased. The contribution of the lumber sector was also negative, especially Interfor, the third largest North American producer by revenue, underperformed on negative expectations over the potential imposition of tariffs on Canada by the newly elected U.S. president. But it should be noted that only 25 percent of Interfor's shipments to the U.S. come from Canada, since as much as 60 percent of the group's production capacity is based in the U.S. and could therefore offset a negative news flow on the tariff front. In terms of sustainability, Interfor is one of the partners of *Working Forest initiative* ([link](#)), to which major U.S. lumber companies contribute.

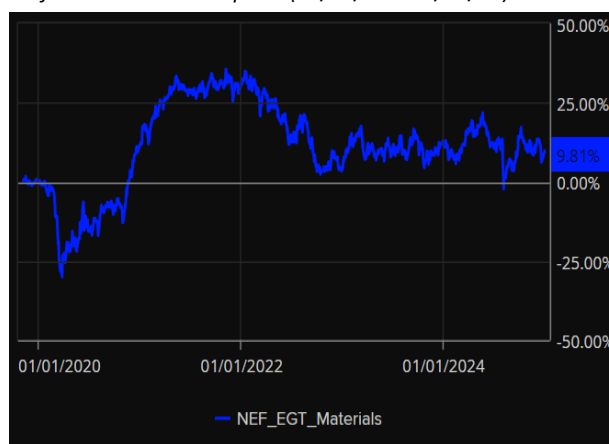
Unsupportive dynamics related to the paper and lumber sector were partially offset by the strong performance of Ferrexpo, the third largest exporter of iron ore pellets globally, whose manufacturing operations are located in Ukraine: the stock benefited from expectations of a stop to the conflict with Russia following Trump's election.

The only *TrendSDG* to perform within the Theme was **Materials Recycling** (+1.0%), partly due to the announcement of a takeover bid with a significant premium on the British company Renewi, active in sustainable waste management, by the infrastructure group Macquarie. The contribution of players active in the production of graphite electrodes used in steel recycling was also positive. In particular, Graftech, which is in a particularly difficult phase, made a strong rebound but managed to conclude a healthy refinancing plan in anticipation of an improvement in its target market. This *TrendSDG* was boosted by Sumitomo Heavy Industry, a group with a major presence in facilities aimed at helping to create a recycling-oriented society, which has adopted a number of initiatives aimed at achieving several SDGs ([link](#).)

Performance third quarter 2024 (30/09/24- 31/12/24)



Performance since inception (04/11/19 – 31/12/24)



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Trend Description

Substitution of Plastic and Steel. On average, 15% of the plastic consumed in emerging countries can be replaced by materials with better safety and sustainability characteristics.

The Fibres of the Future. From technology that can clothe us, fibres made from recycled plastic or those produced from fruit waste to the fibres of the composite materials from which the cars of the future will be made

Metal recycling. Steel production alone is responsible for 12% of GHG emissions. But there are alternatives. Thanks to Electric Arc Furnaces, steel can be recycled. And again through these furnaces steel can be produced using green hydrogen, without emissions. Several companies are working on this and this trendSDG invests in these promising companies that could help eliminate a substantial part of harmful air emissions

Appendix

EQUITY PORTFOLIO: Indexes % price changes

Index	Price as of 31/12/2024	% Price Change 1 month (local ccy)	% Price Change 1 month (€)	% Price Change 3 months (local ccy)	% Price Change 3 months (€)	% Price Change YTD (local ccy)	% Price Change YTD (€)	% Price Change 1 year (local ccy)	% Price Change 1 year (€)	% Price Change 3 years (local ccy)	% Price Change 3 years (€)	% Price Change Since inception ** (local ccy)	% Price Change Since inception ** (€)
NEF Ethical Global Trends SDG**	14.80	-	-0.54%	-	1.86%	-	10.20%	-	10.20%		14.29%	-	48.00%
Infrastructure	-	-	-1.42%	-	-2.93%	-	11.08%	-	11.08%	-	27.45%	-	70.66%
Finance	-	-	0.49%	-	6.94%	-	28.81%	-	28.81%	-	44.68%	-	78.55%
Communication	-	-	-2.11%	-	0.73%	-	16.28%	-	16.28%	-	13.25%	-	49.57%
Mobility	-	-	0.90%	-	1.71%	-	-5.15%	-	-5.15%	-	0.38%	-	46.72%
Health	-	-	-0.60%	-	1.65%	-	-2.38%	-	-2.38%	-	-11.40%	-	11.61%
Materials	-	-	-1.07%	-	-3.58%	-	-2.73%	-	-2.73%	-	-15.86%	-	9.81%
Food	-	-	-1.38%	-	-5.75%	-	-5.67%	-	-5.67%	-	7.96%	-	47.57%
MSCI ACWI VALUE NET TR (.dMIWD0000VNUS)	356.52	-5.24%	-3.21%	-4.71%	2.48%	10.76%	18.07%	10.76%	18.07%	14.49%	25.71%	41.62%	52.19%
MSCI ACWI NET TR EUR (.MIWD00000NEU)	413.43	-0.41%	-0.41%	6.71%	6.71%	25.33%	25.33%	25.33%	25.33%	28.72%	28.72%	82.05%	82.05%
USA (.SP500)	5881.63	-2.50%	-0.41%	2.07%	9.77%	23.31%	31.44%	23.31%	31.44%	23.40%	35.50%	91.07%	105.33%
Tokyo Stock Exchange (.TOPX)	2784.92	3.89%	0.80%	5.25%	3.12%	17.69%	12.25%	17.69%	12.25%	39.78%	11.58%	67.11%	23.66%
Europe (.STOXX)	507.62	-0.52%	-0.52%	-2.92%	-2.92%	5.98%	5.98%	5.98%	5.98%	4.06%	4.06%	25.83%	25.83%
Emerging Markets (EEM)	41.82	-3.33%	-1.26%	-8.81%	-1.93%	4.00%	10.86%	4.00%	10.86%	-14.39%	-6.00%	-3.61%	3.58%

* 04/11/2019

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PORTFOLIO: Relative Performance by Sector

(30 September' 24– 31 December' 24)

	Average Portfolio Weight	Average MSCI ACWI Value Weight	Average Weight Difference	Portfolio Return	MSCI ACWI Value Return	Return Difference	Active Contribution	Allocation Effect	Selection Effect
NEF ETHICAL GLOBAL TRENDS SDG	100%	100%	0%	1.9%	2.5%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.4%	-0.2%
Financials	23%	26%	-3%	7.7%	9.9%	-2.2%	-0.7%	-0.2%	-0.5%
Communication Services	14%	4%	10%	1.9%	5.1%	-3.1%	-0.2%	0.2%	-0.4%
Industrials	13%	11%	2%	2.0%	2.5%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%
Materials	11%	5%	6%	-10.3%	-9.2%	-1.1%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.1%
Health Care	10%	12%	-2%	-6.8%	-5.1%	-1.7%	0.0%	0.1%	-0.2%
Consumer Discretionary	9%	7%	2%	11.0%	0.9%	10.1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%
Consumer Staples	7%	8%	-1%	3.3%	0.2%	3.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Information Technology	6%	10%	-3%	3.7%	2.9%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Utilities	4%	5%	-1%	-0.9%	-1.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate	1%	4%	-3%	-1.1%	-1.7%	0.6%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Energy	0%	7%	-7%	-8.1%	2.6%	-10.7%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%
Fund*	1%		1%	-7.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Cash & Equivalents	1%		1%				0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

*Pharus Electric Mobility Niches
Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv



PORTFOLIO: Relative Performance by Country

(30 September' 24 – 31 December' 24)

Issue Name	Average Weight	Average MSCI ACWI Value Weight	Average Weight Difference	Portfolio Return	MSCI ACWI Value Return	Return Difference	Active Contribution	Allocation Effect	Selection Effect
NEF ETHICAL GLOBAL TRENDS SDG	100%	100%	0%	1.9%	2.5%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-3.9%	3.3%
U.S.A.	16%	63%	-47%	10.0%	4.0%	6.0%	0.2%	-0.7%	1.0%
France	14%	2%	12%	2.1%	-4.7%	6.8%	0.1%	-0.9%	1.0%
U.K.	14%	4%	10%	5.0%	1.9%	3.1%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.4%
South Korea	11%	1%	10%	-10.8%	-12.4%	1.6%	-1.4%	-1.5%	0.2%
Germany	10%	2%	8%	-3.3%	-2.4%	-0.9%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.1%
Japan	10%	5%	5%	10.3%	5.3%	4.9%	0.6%	0.1%	0.5%
Switzerland	4%	3%	1%	6.0%	-4.3%	10.3%	0.3%	-0.1%	0.4%
Italy	3%	1%	3%	-3.0%	2.3%	-5.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.2%
Finland	2%	0%	2%	0.3%	-5.7%	6.0%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.1%
Indonesia	2%	0%	2%	-2.1%	-10.1%	8.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.2%
Spain	2%	1%	1%	-4.2%	-2.7%	-1.6%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	2%	1%	1%	1.9%	-5.2%	7.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%
Belgium	1%	0%	1%	-10.6%	-6.2%	-4.4%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Canada	1%	3%	-2%	-2.5%	5.6%	-8.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Norway	1%	0%	1%	-0.5%	1.9%	-2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Chile	1%	0%	1%	11.8%	-0.9%	12.7%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	4%	13%	-9%	-5.6%	-0.8%	-4.7%	0.1%	0.3%	-0.2%
Cash & Equivalents	1%		1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv



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South Korea	11%	1%	10%	-10.8%	-12.4%	1.6%	-1.4%	-1.5%	0.2%
Germany	10%	2%	8%	-3.3%	-2.4%	-0.9%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.1%
Japan	10%	5%	5%	10.3%	5.3%	4.9%	0.6%	0.1%	0.5%
Switzerland	4%	3%	1%	6.0%	-4.3%	10.3%	0.3%	-0.1%	0.4%
Italy	3%	1%	3%	-3.0%	2.3%	-5.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.2%
Finland	2%	0%	2%	0.3%	-5.7%	6.0%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.1%
Indonesia	2%	0%	2%	-2.1%	-10.1%	8.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.2%
Spain	2%	1%	1%	-4.2%	-2.7%	-1.6%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	2%	1%	1%	1.9%	-5.2%	7.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%
Belgium	1%	0%	1%	-10.6%	-6.2%	-4.4%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Canada	1%	3%	-2%	-2.5%	5.6%	-8.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Norway	1%	0%	1%	-0.5%	1.9%	-2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Chile	1%	0%	1%	11.8%	-0.9%	12.7%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	4%	13%	-9%	-5.6%	-0.8%	-4.7%	0.1%	0.3%	-0.2%
Cash & Equivalents	1%		1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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