

30/06/2026



Ethical STEP to Balanced 2030

Update: second quarter 2026

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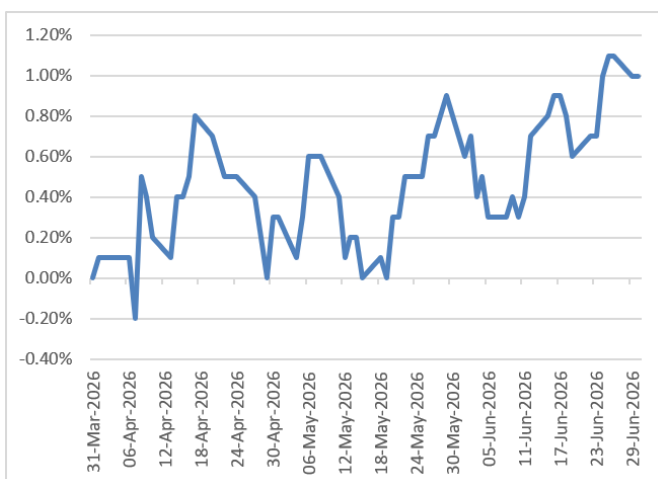
Launch date: 20.03.2026

Total Net Assets of the fund as of 30.06.2026: € 204,315,600.95

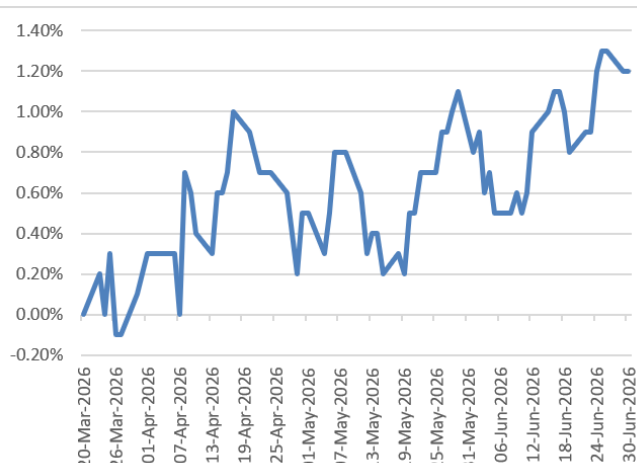
Retail Class - LU3283485434

Performance	Q2	Year to Date	Since inception
NEF STEP to Balanced (Class R)	1.00%	-	+1.20%

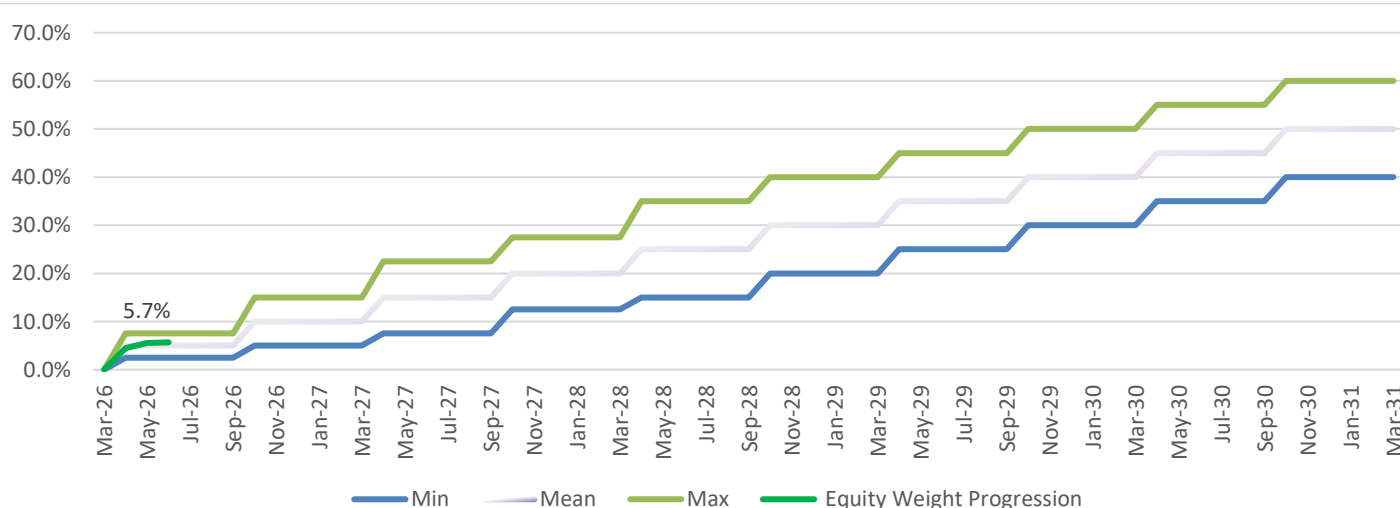
Performance Q2 2026: +1,00%



Performance since launch: +1,20%



Evolution of the equity component



Source: Niche AM

Quarterly commentary

In the quarter the fund appreciated by 1%, and by 1.2% since 23 March 2026, the day of its launch.

This is the fund's first quarterly report, and it is important to recall its characteristics.

The fund starts out as a bond product and, gradually over the course of 5 years, becomes a balanced fund, made up of an equity component varying between 40% and 60% and a corresponding bond component varying, complementarily, from 60% to 40%. This gradual path is clearly defined in the fund's Prospectus and leaves the manager a good degree of flexibility.

The objective of this instrument is to expose the saver gradually to the equity market, an indispensable component for preserving the value of one's wealth over the medium to long term. The volatility typical of the equity market will thus be introduced slowly. At the same time, the flexibility granted to the manager makes it possible to increase the equity component opportunistically, when and where the market offers greater value.

The equity investment will follow a *value*-based, fundamental approach, i.e. it aims to invest in undervalued stocks according to analyses of financial statements, management and a wide range of public information. The focus will be in particular on the value of the assets held by these companies.

The fund has now built an equity portfolio of around 190 names, well diversified by sector and geographic area. These are companies with valuable assets on their books that are not properly recognised by the market. Gradually and opportunistically the portfolio will continue to grow, to reach more than 300 stocks.

During the quarter the weight of the equity portfolio could range from 0% to 7.5%. It rose steadily, reaching 5.7% at 30 June. From 23 September 2026 until March 2027, it will be able to range from a minimum of 5% to a maximum of 15%.

The bond portfolio, today the vast majority of the fund, has clear objectives: to expose the investor to the market in an extremely diversified way and without taking significant risks. This does not mean that this portfolio is not opportunistic and cannot marginally exploit opportunities the market offers. Today we do not see a good risk/return profile in the higher-risk areas of the bond market. We therefore have a limited duration (3.4 years) and a focus on euro-area government bonds. The Italy component is reserved solely for BOTs (Italian Treasury bills), so as not to expose the saver to an area where they most likely already have significant real exposure, in terms of financial and real-estate investments as well as their professional activities. Corporate *investment grade* and *high yield* bonds (bonds below investment grade), to which the fund can be exposed up to 20% and 5% respectively, do not in our view offer adequate yield premiums over government bonds. The currency component, which has a maximum exposure of 10% of the fund, has instead been partially used to gain exposure to British government bonds (*gilts*). These currently offer extremely attractive yields, even though the country has a debt/GDP ratio that is far from alarming and a firm determination to lower it further. We have therefore gained exposure to this asset class with around 5% of the portfolio, concentrating on the long end of the curve, effectively locking in these yields over time.

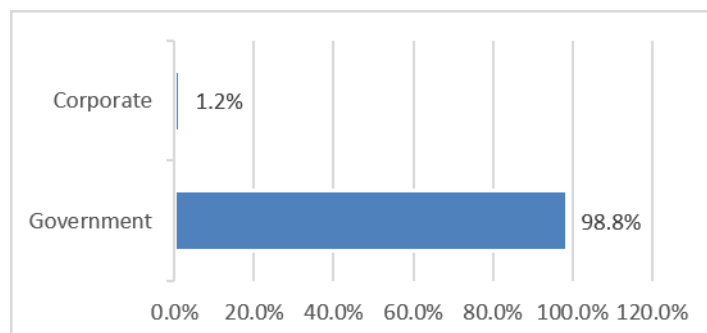
Below you will find the key metrics for the bond portfolio and the equity portfolio.

Bond portfolio

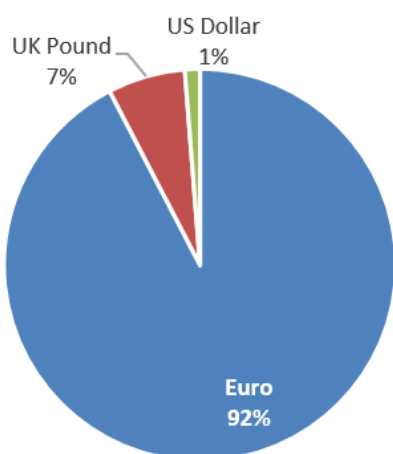
Characteristics

	31/03	30/06
Coupon	1.69	1.91
Yield to Maturity	2.92	2.86
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Average Life (yrs,) to Maturity	3.26	4.27
Effective Duration	2.99	3.39
Spread Duration	2.99	3.39
Option Adjusted Spread	14.39	14.33
Convexity to Maturity	0.154	0.291

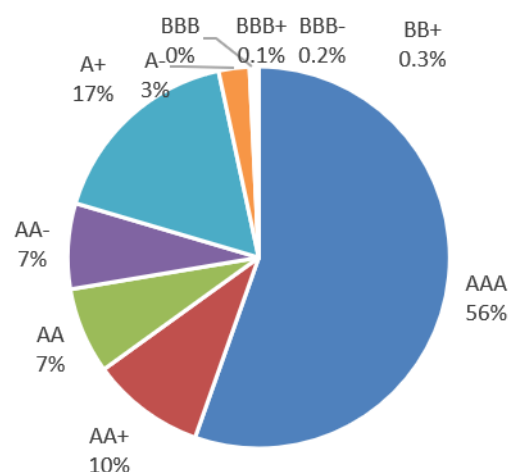
Breakdown by bond type



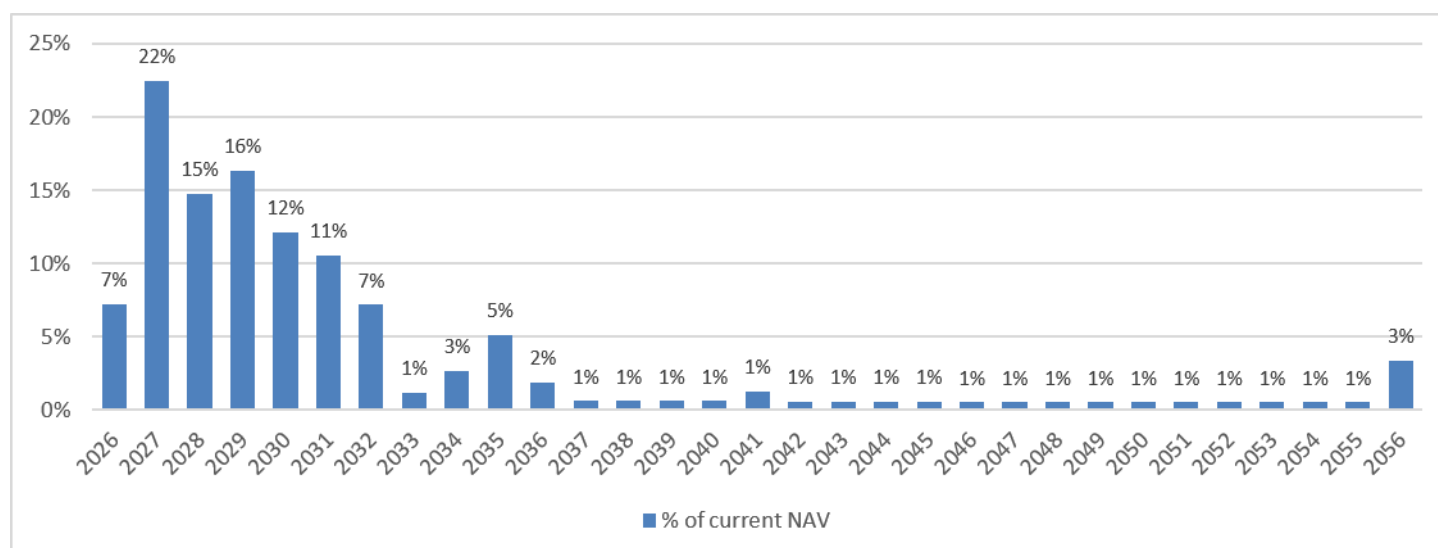
Breakdown by currency



Breakdown by rating: Avg Rating: AA+

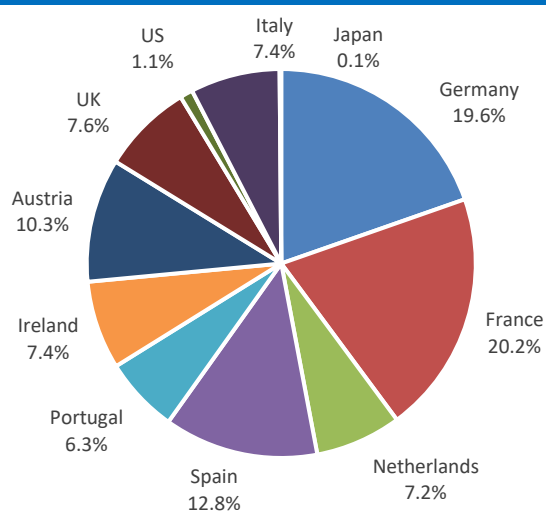


Cashflow Timeline



Source: Niche AM, Refinitiv

Geographic breakdown

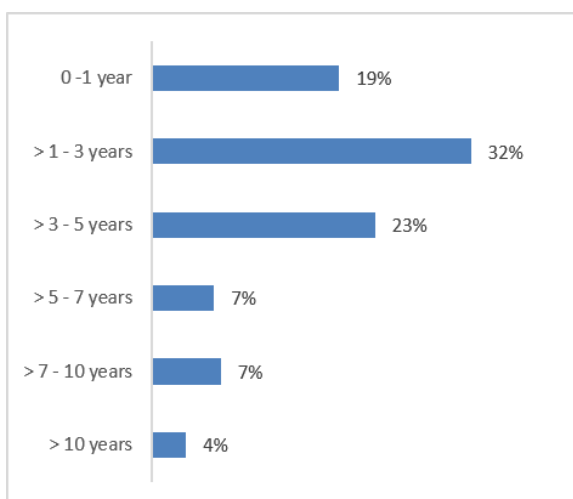


Contribution to Performance

NEF Ethical Step to Balanced 2030(Class R)

	Avg Weight	Return	Contribution
NEF Ethical Step to Balanced 2030(Class R)			+1.00%
France	18.4%	1.4%	0.26%
U.K.	5.2%	4.3%	0.22%
Spain	11.2%	1.7%	0.19%
Germany	21.1%	0.8%	0.16%
Austria	9.4%	1.0%	0.09%
Portugal	6.1%	1.4%	0.08%
Netherlands	7.2%	1.0%	0.07%
Ireland	6.7%	1.0%	0.07%
Italy	3.4%	0.7%	0.02%
U.S.A.	1.4%	-0.3%	0.00%
Equity	5.2%	4.2%	0.12%
Cash &Equivalents &Fees*	4.7%		-0.29%

Breakdown by maturity



Contribution to Performance

NEF Ethical Step to Balanced 2030(Class R)

	Avg Weight	Return	Contribution
NEF Ethical Step to Balanced 2030(Class R)			+1.00%
> 3 - 5 years	24.9%	1.3%	0.32%
> 1 - 3 years	34.0%	0.7%	0.25%
> 5 - 7 years	7.6%	2.6%	0.20%
> 7 - 10 years	6.4%	2.8%	0.18%
> 10 years	2.6%	4.7%	0.12%
0 -1 year	14.7%	0.7%	0.10%
Equity	5.2%	4.2%	0.12%
Cash &Equivalents &Fees*	4.7%		-0.29%

*Includes interest on cash balances and income from securities lending

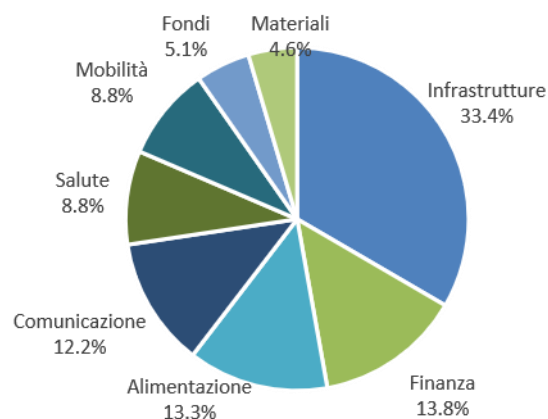
Top 10 holdings

Italy Buoni Ordinari Del Tesoro Bot Zcp 14-08-26	6.33%
Bundesschatzanweisungen 2.5% 14-06-28	3.47%
Spain Government Bond 2.6% 31-05-31	3.30%
United Kingdom Gilt 5.375% 31-01-56	3.02%
Bundesschatzanweisungen 2.1% 15-03-28	2.96%
Ireland Government Bond 1.35% 18-03-31	2.77%
Bundesschatzanweisungen 2.0% 16-12-27	2.68%
German Treasury Bill Zcp 13-01-27	2.59%
Republique Federale D Germany 2.1% 15-11-29	2.57%
Austria Government Bond 0.0% 20-02-30	2.49%

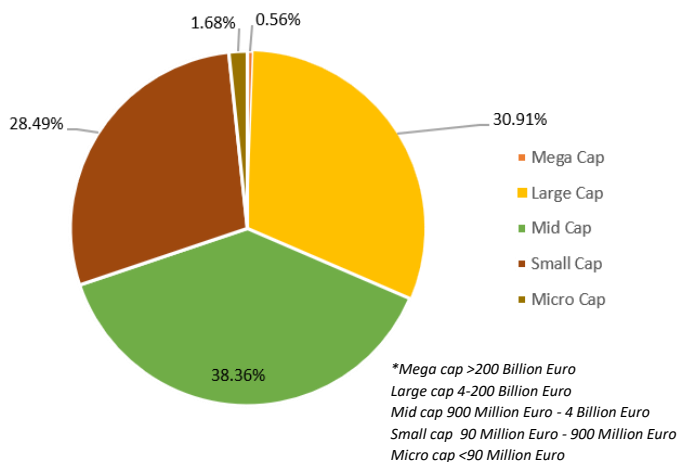
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Equity portfolio

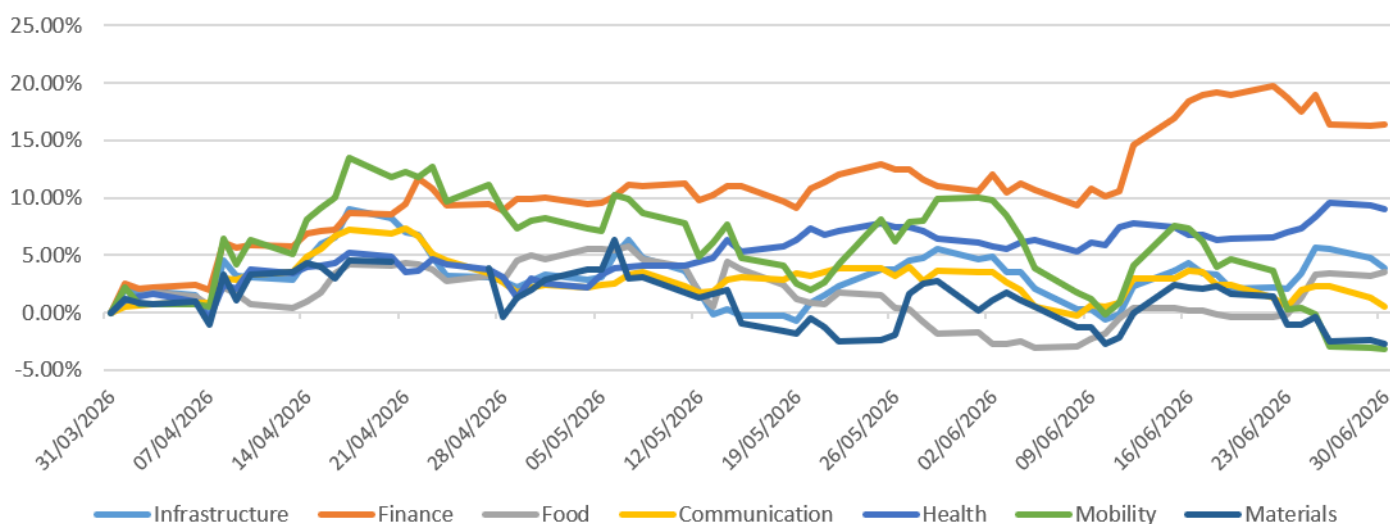
Breakdown by Theme



Breakdown by market capitalisation*



Q2 Theme Performance

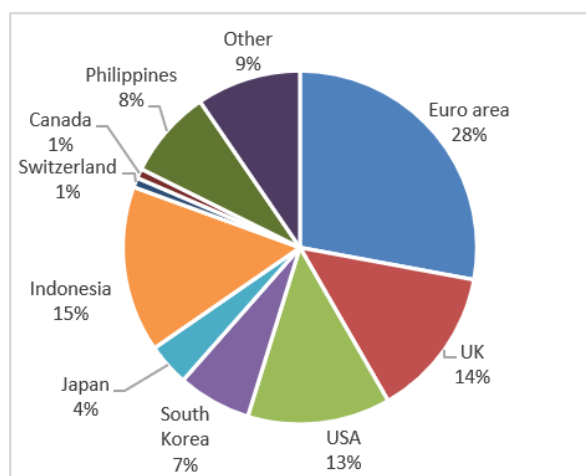


Top Equity holdings

Top 100 NAV 3.8% Equity 70.2%	Top 50 NAV 2.3% Equity 42.6%	Top 25 NAV 1.4% Equity 24.8%	Top 10 NAV 0.6% Equity 11.8%	Top 5 NAV 0.4% Equity 6.9%	Company	GICS Sector	NAV Weight	Equity Weight
					Canon Inc	Information Technology	0.12%	2.20%
					Easyjet PLC	Industrials	0.08%	1.55%
					Converge IC&T Solutions Inc	Communication Services	0.06%	1.09%
					Volkswagen AG	Consumer Discretionary	0.06%	1.07%
					CJ CheilJedang Corp	Consumer Staples	0.06%	1.03%
					Deutsche Lufthansa AG	Industrials	0.05%	0.99%
					DXC Technology Co	Information Technology	0.05%	0.98%
					PLDT Inc	Communication Services	0.05%	0.97%
					Emeis SA	Health Care	0.05%	0.96%
Conagra Brands Inc	Consumer Staples	0.05%	0.94%					

Geographic breakdown

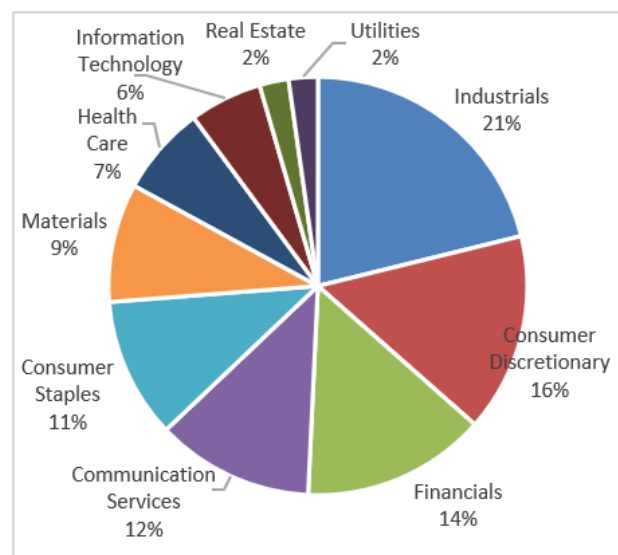
Equity Contribution by Region/Country



	Avg Weight	Return	Contribution
NEF Ethical Step to Balanced 2030(Class R)			+1.00%
Europe	2.5%	10.5%	0.24%
U.K.	0.8%	18.4%	0.14%
France	0.5%	11.7%	0.06%
Germany	0.4%	8.8%	0.03%
Italy	0.2%	1.8%	0.00%
Netherlands	0.1%	8.2%	0.01%
Belgium	0.1%	-12.4%	-0.01%
Switzerland	0.1%	5.3%	0.01%
Other	0.3%	3.1%	0.01%
Asia & Pacific Basin	1.5%	-8.6%	-0.18%
Indonesia	0.7%	-14.7%	-0.11%
Philippines	0.4%	-6.0%	-0.02%
Japan	0.2%	5.4%	0.01%
South Korea	0.1%	-18.3%	-0.05%
Australia	0.0%	-13.0%	-0.01%
Other	0.1%	-3.3%	0.00%
North America	0.7%	13.4%	0.09%
U.S.A.	0.7%	12.5%	0.08%
Canada	0.0%	19.8%	0.01%
Latin America	0.1%	-13.0%	-0.02%
Africa & Middle East	0.1%	-13.9%	-0.01%
Fixed Income	90.3%	1.3%	1.17%
Cash&Equivalents&Fees*	4.7%		-0.29%

Sector breakdown

Equity Contribution by Sector



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NEF Ethical Step to Balanced 2030(class R)			+1.00%
Industrials	1.0%	14.9%	0.15%
Financials	0.9%	10.6%	0.09%
Health Care	0.4%	6.1%	0.02%
Information Technology	0.2%	0.1%	0.00%
Energy	0.0%	-18.4%	-0.01%
Utilities	0.1%	-6.2%	-0.01%
Consumer Discretionary	0.7%	-1.6%	-0.01%
Communication Services	0.6%	-2.9%	-0.02%
Consumer Staples	0.4%	-4.6%	-0.02%
Real Estate	0.1%	-21.8%	-0.03%
Materials	0.4%	-11.6%	-0.05%
Fixed Income	90.3%	1.3%	1.17%
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