3D Fund Profile: FP Foresight Sustainable Future Themes

May 2025



3D Rating:



The managers of this fund aim to invest in companies that either follow an environmentally or socially sustainable standard, or seek to provide solutions to social and environmental challenges.

| Key Facts as at 31/05/2025 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Manager | Eric Bright, Nick Scullion | | | | |
| The Fund's Objective | To grow capital over a five-year period by investing in companies which meet FCM's sustainability criteria for positive environmental and/or social impact. | | | | |
| Launch Date | 28/03/2022 | | | | |
| Structure | OEIC | | | | |
| ISIN Code | GB00BMYRR769 | | | | |
| Currency | GBP | | | | |
| Size | £17m | | | | |
| Sector | IA Global | | | | |
| The Fund's Official Benchmark | - | | | | |
| SDR Label | Sustainability Focus | | | | |
| 3D Classification | 3D Focus | | | | |
| Applicable Holdings* | 99.96% | | | | |
| Ongoing Charges | 0.85% | | | | |

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*Applicable Holdings includes all instruments that are eligible for analysis.

Fund Summary:

Summary

To achieve a Silver 3D rating within our 3D Focus fund classification, a fund must have reasonably high exposure to activities classified as solutions under the 3D framework with sustainable characteristics. It should also have minimal exposure to harmful impact activities and little to no exposure to controversial activities. Additionally, the fund group is likely to have scored relatively well on the Square Mile Lead Change questionnaires.

We believe the fund has met our threshold. According to the 3D assessment framework, the fund has achieved significant exposure to impactful and/or sustainable revenue activities, has been effective in minimising investment in controversial or harmful activities, and has shown a willingness to undertake advocacy initiatives in promotion of Responsible Investment (RI) in the industry.

Do Good



The fund has achieved c.35% exposure to revenue activities that have, according to 3D methodology, sustainable characteristics. Additionally, we have identified c.37% exposure to revenue activities that align with 3D solutions. The dominant themes within this fund are the Resource Efficiency and Healthcare 3D classifications.

Avoid Harm



The 3D framework identified minimal exposure to harmful impact and/or controversial activities within this fund. At the time of analysis, c.8% of the fund's revenue activities were potentially exposed to controversial activities, with less than 0.5% exposed to activities classified under the 3D framework as Harmful Impact. Overall, we believe the team has effectively minimised investment into controversial activities, and there are no major concerns in this regard.

Lead Change



At a group level, Foresight has made strong progress in building its stewardship, including launching its first stewardship report in 2024 and supporting nature-positive initiatives. At a fund level, Foresight has been dedicated to integrating double materiality into the investment process, ensuring a holistic understanding of its investee companies and how its investments may impact the environment as well as the society.

3D Solution Breakdown & Prominent Revenue Activities:

- Circular Economy
- Low Carbon Transport
- Natural Capital
- Renewable Energy
- Resource Efficiency
- Sustainable Food
- Education & Training
- Healthcare

- Inclusive & Ethical Finance
- Safety & Security
- Social Infrastructure
- Limited Solutions
- Harmful Impact
- Transition Enabler
- Other

The fund has achieved c.37% exposure to revenue activities that 3D classifies as contributing to solutions to environmental and/or social challenges. This exposure is predominantly made up of the 3D solutions of Resource Efficiency and Healthcare.



Figure 1: Bar chart to show the allocation to 3D themes within the FP Foresight Sustainable Future Themes fund. Holdings as at 31/05/2025.

The chart below highlights the ten most prominent revenue activities and their attributed 3D classification within the fund.

Contributing to the 3D solution theme Resource Efficiency are the revenue activities Environmental Control Machinery, Waste Management Services and Fluid Power Control Equipment, which jointly make up the majority of this exposure.

There were two revenue activities that represent the 3D solution theme of Healthcare - Testing R&D Products and Healthcare Services.

As illustrated within the chart below, there are several prominent revenue activities attributed to the Limited Solutions 3D classification, which includes Construction Materials, IT Services, and Tool & Machine Manufacturing. Although these activities may not be classified as offering direct solutions to environmental and/or social challenges, as per the 3D framework, they may possess some sustainability benefits, which, if applicable, are represented within Figure 3.

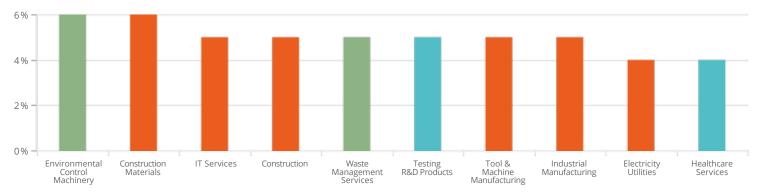


Figure 2: Bar chart to show the ten most prominent revenue activities within the FP Foresight Sustainable Future Themes fund.

Revenue Assessment Framework (RAF) Characteristics:

In addition to thematic classifications, the 3D framework is able to attribute specific sustainability characteristics to each revenue activity, a process named the Revenue Assessment Framework (RAF). Each activity is allocated a RAF characteristic, such as impact or sustainable, which is directly linked to the sustainability benefit of that activity. Full RAF characterisations are available within the 3D Methodology and may be shared upon request.

| | Environment | Social | |
|-------------|-------------|--------|--|
| Impact | 10% | 10% | |
| Sustainable | 16% | 19% | |

Figure 3: RAF characteristics of the FP Foresight Sustainable Future Themes fund. Holdings as at 31/05/2025.

For the FP Foresight Sustainable Future Themes fund, there are several key points of analysis:

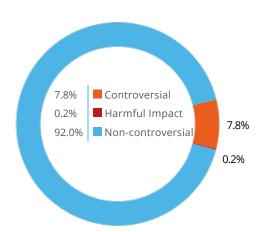
- c.20% of the fund's revenue activities are classified as having a clear and direct intent to tackle environmental and/or social challenges.
- c.35% of the fund's revenue activities are characterised as offering some social and/or environmental benefit but are not
 necessarily its core focus. For example, although revenues derived from Electricity Utilities typically do not offer material
 social and/or environmental impact, they enable lighting, heating, and cooling, hence the sustainable social characteristic.



Controversial Activities and Harmful Impact Exposure

Through the 3D RAF we are also able to identify revenue activities that possess controversial and/or harmful impact characteristics. To have a controversial activity flag attached, a revenue activity must, either directly or indirectly, have a potential negative impact on the environment and/or society. In many instances, activities with a controversial activity attributed to it may not be classified as Harmful Impact under the 3D framework, owing to the potential of a product and/or service not being harmful at its core, but still results in a negative impact. For example, textile manufacturing may be exposed to high water usage because of the operation activities, but is not material enough to warrant a Harmful Impact classification. However, in all cases where a revenue activity is classified as Harmful Impact, it will have one or more controversial activity flags attributed to it.

Our analysis has identified a total of 8% of revenue activities flagged for potential risk of controversial activity exposure. Of this, 0.2% was identified as being derived from Harmful Impact activities, such as Mining Support Activities. The remaining 7.8% is allocated to revenue activities that have controversial activities attributed to them, but are not classified as Harmful Impact.



The justifications of example controversial activities found in the fund are detailed below.

- Mining Support Activities: Mining has several controversies attached to it like environmental damage, human rights abuses. However, the company flagged has been dedicated to innovation and has been providing mining technology solutions that minimise the environmental impact.
- Steel Distribution: Companies engaged in this activity contribute to climate change and worsening air quality through large emissions of greenhouse gases.
- Transition Energy Source Natural Gas: While it's true that burning natural gas produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions than coal or oil, it is still a fossil fuel and contributes to climate change.

Figure 4: Pie Chart to show exposure to controversial activities. Holdings as at 31/05/2025.

Controversial Activities Screen*

The icon matrix below highlights every instance of controversial activity exposure screened for within the 3D process, unlike the above diagram which identifies fund-level exposure to revenue activities with controversial activities attributed to them. This matrix aggregates each controversial activity exposure individually regardless if a single revenue activity is attributed to more than one controversial activity.

| Controversial Activity Exposure | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| XXX | | 1 | 1 | | * | <u> </u> | | |
| Adult Entertainment | Alcohol | Animal Testing - Healthcare** | Animal Testing - Personal Care | Animal Welfare | Cannabis | Ecological Degradation | | |
| 0% | 0% | 5% | 0% | <1% | 0% | 7% | | |
| 7 | A | | | Ė | CO2 | | | |
| Energy Intensive | Fossil Fuels | Gambling | GMOs | Hazardous Chemicals | High Carbon | High Sugar | | |
| 0% | <1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | <1% | 0% | | |
| 28 | K | | <u>**</u> | | | ** | | |
| Human Rights or Prisons | Military Weapons | Mining | Nuclear | Predatory Finance | Tobacco | Water Intensity | | |
| 0% | 0% | <1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | | |

Figure 5: Source: Fundrock Partners Ltd.

^{*}For full details, please refer to the fund group, who will provide the extent of the exclusions and any revenue thresholds that may apply.

^{**}Activities involving animal testing for healthcare purposes, given their nature of addressing health challenges, have been excluded from the controversial scoring.

Lead Change Assessment

The Lead Change score is derived from an extensive questionnaire consisting of 44 questions relating to the fund and fund group's ESG capabilities, and a subsequent interview. The purpose of this questionnaire is to gain a holistic understanding of a fund group's research processes, company culture, advocacy and stewardship, which we think are pivotal in their ability to lead change internally and externally. Foresight scored well on each of the four sections, contributing to their score of 4/5. The subsequent analysis will detail where we believe the group scores well and, if possible, where the group can improve. Each subsection is scored according to the four grades illustrated below.



Fund Stewardship



Fund Stewardship refers to advocacy and engagement with investee companies at a fund level. This section of the questionnaire is split into four sections: Voting, Engagement, Initiatives, and Charity. The team at Foresight exemplifies stewardship commitments through active interaction with its portfolio companies. According to its stewardship report, c.85% of the fund's AuM has been engaged throughout FY2024. The engagement topics and goals have been structured with the leverage of double materiality, which allows the team to better understand investee companies and the portfolio's external impact. However, more disclosures on its engagement activities at fund-level would further enhance transparency for investors.

Research Process



Research Process refers to the policies and procedures, systems, and tools within the business that support portfolio managers in carrying out their day-to-day roles and the assets held within the various investment funds and strategies. Foresight has been working on developing its ESG integration capabilities, which is evidenced by its comprehensive ESG due diligence on pre and post investment, and the climate risk assessments that are incorporated into the overall investment process. For instance, a climate risk heatmap is leveraged to identify material risks that might arise from extreme weather events. This gives fund managers better monitoring of the exposures to climate-related risks. Additionally, we believe that the integration of WHEB Asset Management will further strengthen the group's ESG research resources.

Company Culture





Company Culture refers to the ethos of the business itself, distinct from the assets it manages. At Foresight, sustainability is a core value that is embedded within its operations. The group has formulated a comprehensive set of policies around sustainability, the environment, human rights, and responsible investment. It has also released a nature recovery ambition statement which demonstrates its commitment to the environment. These efforts are overseen by a dedicated Sustainability Committee. Additionally, the firm actively supports employee-driven charitable endeavours through its global charity matching scheme, which aids 40 staff-selected charities worldwide.

Group Stewardship





Group Stewardship refers to advocacy and engagement with investee companies both individually and through collaboration with other investors and change activists to encourage best practices and inform opinion. Foresight has been working on building its stewardship framework, proxy voting and governance services, and adopting engagement tools which help facilitate stewardship activities across multiple companies and funds. The group has also launched its inaugural stewardship report in 2024. The launch of Nature Recovery Blueprint further reinforces its dedication to helping industry peers implement nature positive management practices. Additional evidence of its engagement in the net zero area would continue to be beneficial.

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