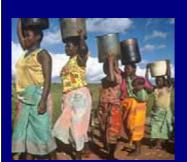
# Delivering a low carbon society – mobilising the finance sector

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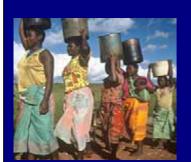


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## Setting the context – a 20 year perspective







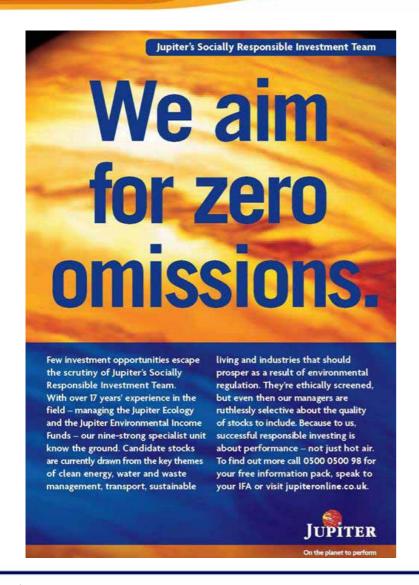








#### **Setting the context – a 20 year perspective**



- Over 19 years managing screened green and socially responsible investment funds
- Delivering long-term performance by investing in companies with positive growth supported by environmental trends
- Large, experienced and respected SRI and Governance Team
- Rigorous SRI research and screening process

At the forefront of green investing



#### Long-term performance from environmental solutions

#### Over £695m\* FUM in Green & SRI Portfolios

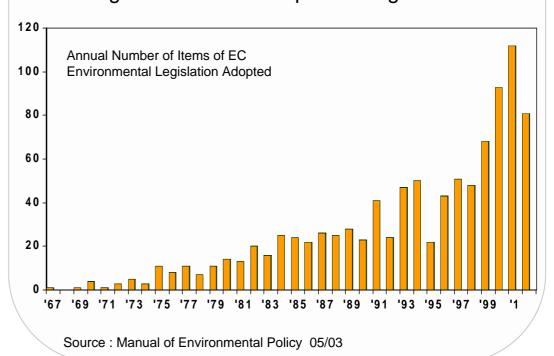
Product evolution – from negative screens to performance-driven green-themed approach

Fund	Aim	Focus
Jupiter Ecology	Global growth	Six green investment themes (85% of portfolio)  Companies actively managing environmental & social impacts (15% of portfolio)  Full range of negative screens
Jupiter Climate Change Solutions (SICAV)	Global growth	Six green investment themes (100% of portfolio)

#### Investing for green – our core beliefs



- Three key drivers to growth:
  - legislation and government support
  - corporate commitments
  - longer-term consumer purchasing trends





## Trends in low-carbon investing

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#### Trends in low-carbon investing

- Growth of UK retail ethical funds Ethical funds under management reached £5.9bn by end 2007, (£5.0bn, 2006). Total net retail sales for ethical funds for the whole of 2007 reached a record high of £473 million, increase of 3.5 times.<sup>1</sup>
- Growth of European SRI mutual funds Total SRI fund assets reached €49bn while number of funds grew to 437. Inflows up 43% over year to June 30, 2007.<sup>2</sup>
- Growth in Cleantech venture capital The European Cleantech sector as a whole attracted €712m in venture capital in 2007, almost doubling the €317m invested in 2006.<sup>3</sup>
- Growth in global public/private funding of clean energy companies/assets The amount of new money invested in clean energy grew to US\$117.2 billion last year, up 35 percent from US\$86.5 billion in 2006.4

- 1. http://www.investmentuk.org/statistics/qtrly/2007/q4.asp
- 2. Figures compiled by Vigeo Italia, the SRI research company and Morningstar, the funds data provider
- 3. The Library House Quarterly Briefing Q4 2007
- 4. New Energy Finance



#### Trends in low-carbon investing

- Carbon Disclosure Project CDP represents 385 institutional investors with a combined \$57.5 trillion of assets under management. On their behalf it seeks information on the business risks and opportunities presented by climate change and greenhouse gas emissions data from the world's largest companies: 3,000 in 2007.
- ABI RI Disclosure Guidelines updated in Feb 2007, they replace the 2001 SRI guidelines. They still call on Boards to report on their approach to managing environmental, social and governance risks, but they aim to help companies understand how to comply with the Business Review in ways that are useful to investors, without imposing additional requirements.



### Trends in responsible investing

Principles for Responsible Investment – (PRI) - Investor initiative in partnership with the UNEP-FI and the UN Global Compact. Framework and a statement of a global standard developed by representatives of 20 institutional investors from 12 countries in April 2006. Six overarching principles recognize the direct link between environmental, social and governance practices to investment performance and risk. The principles include voluntary actions related to investment decision-making, active ownership, transparency and collaboration. By end 2007, over 200 institutional investors signatories representing more than \$11 trillion in assets.

"Historically, Wall Street wanted to disdain environmental, social and governance issues. In the 1970s, Milton Friedman said 'the business of business is business...' That myopic view doesn't translate into today's complex global market. The principles, like our CalSTRS policies, recognize long-term issues that affect the sustainability of corporate earnings," Christopher J. Ailman, CalSTRS Chief Investment Officer. (Nov 1st 2007)

Enhanced Analytics Initiative - The EAI is an international collaboration between asset owners and asset managers Encourages investment research that takes account of the impact of extra-financial issues on long-term investment. The Initiative represents total assets under management of €1.85 trillion.



- Focus on corporate disclosure
- Asset owner initiatives
- Growth of sell-side research















- Carbon Disclosure Project "We have used our voting policy to promote improved disclosure of greenhouse gas emissions. Morley is a founding member of the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). We engaged with 29 persistently non-responding companies to request CDP adherence. We targeted companies based on the potential impact of climate change on their business, as well as the potential for their business to impact on climate change. We said that if the company did not respond to the CDP, then Morley may withhold support for the report and accounts at future AGMs. Over half of the companies that we engaged with provided a full answer to the CDP for the first time: of the 29 companies that we engaged with, 15 provided a full answer, and 3 provided some information." Morley Fund Management.
- ABI RI Disclosure Guidelines integrated within Corporate Governance Voting and Engagement Policies The ABI urges companies to focus on providing forward-looking information, establishing a clear policy for risk management, publishing Key Performance Indicators and a breakdown by business segment where appropriate, and describing how they actually handle environmental, social and governance risks of particular significance to the business.

**New to 2007 version** - The guidelines now include a recommendation that companies should state in their remuneration reports: "whether the remuneration committee is able to consider corporate performance on environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) issues when setting remuneration of executive directors. If the report states that the committee has no such discretion, then a reason should be provided for its absence".



- UNEP FI / UKSIF report Responsible Investment in Focus: How leading public pension funds are meeting the challenge provides examples of some of how responsible investment has advanced in recent years. Fifteen in-depth case studies cover public pension funds across five continents, with assets ranging from \$33m to \$460bn. (Apr 2007)
- PRI Progress Report 88% of investment manager signatories to the PRI are conducting at least some shareholder engagement on ESG issues, while 82% of asset owners are doing so. (July 2007)
- FairPensions The Fund Manager Responsibility Survey by FairPensions reveals that 75% of the top 20 fund managers do not disclose responsible investor policies that address environmental and social issues, such as climate change and human rights, as well as corporate governance matters. (Oct 2007)
- FairPensions A report by FairPensions has found that although leading pension funds now recognise the financial benefits of managing potential environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks in their portfolios, pension funds of many well-known companies still appear to be neglecting issues such as climate change and human rights. The report assessed the UK's 20 largest pension funds, which together have 4 million members and are worth £292bn. (Dec 2007)



Enhanced Analytics Initiative - assessed reports from a total of 25 Research Providers (research undertaken Nov 2006-Apr 2007). The following institutions evaluated as providing the best analysis of extra-financial issues and will be eligible for EAI commissions in the latter half of 2007:

CA Cheuvreux · Citigroup · JPMorgan · Merrill Lynch · Morgan Stanley · Oddo Securities · Société Générale

- Latest Evaluation characterised by a number of emerging trends and themes:
  - increasingly sophisticated analysis of related risks and opportunities
  - integration no longer the exclusive domain of specialist SRI analysts
  - sectors covered include those where new regulations are expected to impact eg. automobiles, utilities
  - issues, such as workplace health and safety, community relations, human rights issues, rarely covered in the research



## The importance of P8















#### The importance of P8

- P8 Initiative Led by University of Cambridge Programme for Industry (CPI) and the Prince of Wales's Business & the Environment Programme (BEP)
- Meeting of leaders from the world's largest public pension funds representing over \$2 trillion assets
- Unique role of public pension funds long-term focus, exposed to the economic and human health consequences of climate change

#### Future focus

- International public policy development
- Climate risk and opportunities
- Capital flows into climate solutions
- active engagement with investee companies and assets on climate risks and opportunities.



# **Concluding remarks**



#### Call to action

- Climate change needs an urgent response
- Concerted action now makes economic sense
- Shift to a low-carbon economy will create significant investment opportunities
- Investors need a clear signal of where policy is going
- Governments should set credible long term goals consistent with business cycles



## **Appendices**

### **Websites**



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- New Energy Finance <u>www.newenergyfinance.com</u>
- Carbon Disclosure Project <u>www.cdproject.net</u>
- Association of British Insurers Disclosure Guidelines <u>www.abi.org.uk</u>
- Principles for Responsible Investment www.unpri.org
- Enhanced Analytics Initiative www.enhancedanalytics.com
- United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative <u>www.unepfi.org</u>
- UK Social Investment Forum www.uksif.org
- FairPensions <u>www.fairpensions.org.uk</u>



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