Envestnet’s Impact Investing Platform

The 5 Pillars of Impact

Our impact platform can help advisors support clients who seek both positive social impact and financial returns.
What is impact investing?

It is an investment approach that combines an intent to generate positive environmental, social, and corporate governance impact alongside a financial return.

The impact investing universe has grown dramatically in recent years.

In the last 2 years, flows into impact funds has grown by more than 230% and assets under management has grown by 98%.

Source: Morningstar, Sustainable Funds US Landscape Report, 2018
Research

Rigorous and disciplined due diligence by Envestnet | PMC uncovers high-conviction impact managers across mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), separately managed accounts (SMAs), and all asset classes.

We pay special attention to the impact manager’s:

• Screening methodology
• Firm resources
• Advocacy positions

Our research informs choice of managers for:

• PMC Approved List
• PMC Impact Portfolios
• Envestnet Impact Marketplace

Overlay

Application of impact screens to client portfolios in order to target positive change, avoid controversies, and/or minimize negative impact (“do no harm”).

Envestnet’s overlay service provides the ability to exclude specific companies, industries, or portfolio inefficiencies.

17 different restriction criteria available, including:

• Alcohol
• Animal testing
• Firearms
• Gambling
• Human rights

3 common myths

1 Need to choose: positive impact or investment returns

Research has shown this is not the case. For example, MSCI KLD Social Index (comprised of companies with high ESG ratings) has outperformed the S&P 500 for more than 25 years.¹

2 Only for institutional or high-net-worth investors

Rapid growth in the industry (see previous page) includes multitude of impact products for those with fewer assets to invest.

3 Too difficult for me to adopt as an advisor

Envestnet’s award-winning impact platform provides actionable solutions to help advisors support their clients who seek both positive social impact and financial returns.²

5 Pillars

Enhance your practice across five dimensions and deliver a meaningful impact investing experience for your clients.

¹ MSCI KLD 400 is the first domestic equity index to integrate environmental, social and governance criteria. Source: Morningstar Direct, MSCI, and Standard and Poor’s. Data from 4/1990 to 12/2017.

² Envestnet won “Best Investment Platform—Innovation” at the Private Asset Management Awards 2018.
Solutions
Portfolios built on forward-looking capital markets assumptions and asset allocation methodology.

PMC Impact Portfolios
- Strategic, risk-based portfolios comprised of high-conviction impact managers identified through PMC Research
- Multi-manager portfolio suite includes institutional impact managers
- Low-cost portfolio suite available for investors with less to invest

Impact Quantitative Portfolios
- Index-based strategies that focus explicitly on companies with high sustainability scores

Advisors may also build their own impact solutions by selecting from a range of third-party impact managers available on the Envestnet platform.

Reporting
Innovative quarterly reports describe a strategy’s quantitative and qualitative performance.

Reports include quarterly attribution analysis, as well as contributors to and detractors from portfolio performance.

Reports for PMC Impact Portfolios include highlights on specific impact managers, how they operate and incorporate ESG principles into their strategy.

Reports for Impact Quantitative Portfolios include detailed descriptions of companies selected, including ESG challenges they face, and how they make an impact in their industry.

Practice Management
Tools for advisors to engage with their clients and help them make more informed impact investing decisions.

Resources are available through Envestnet’s unified, low-cost platform.

PMC specialists provide institutional-level due diligence, client-friendly communications and reporting.

Thought leadership and educational resources are available through the Envestnet Institute.
Frequently Asked Questions

 Does impact investing mean sacrificing returns?
Not necessarily. Recent data has shown that impact portfolios perform much in line with the overall investing universe, and can potentially outperform in both down and up markets. In 2017, 54% of all sustainable US mutual funds were ranked in the top half by performance.

 I’ve built a successful practice over the years without any focus on impact investing. Why should I do that now?
Investor interest is growing, as many are increasingly vigilant of what’s in their portfolios. Millennials are leading the charge, as they are projected to benefit from a wealth transfer estimated as high as $59 trillion. Impact provides an opportunity to reach a new generation of investors. It can facilitate deeper advisory relationships, by allowing advisors to incorporate clients’ personal values and convictions into a holistic investing strategy.

 If my client wants to simply exclude exposure to a particular area—such as gun manufacturers and distributors—while keeping the rest of their strategy or portfolio intact, is that possible?
Yes. Overlay screening allows advisors to apply their client’s personal convictions to an existing portfolio strategy. Advisors are essentially able to customize portfolios to avoid inclusion of companies involved in business activities that their client might find objectionable. Advisors can also restrict specific securities from the client’s stock portfolio if they are opposed to particular holdings.

 Younger, millennial clients might not have much to invest. Are there low-cost solutions?
Yes. For those with as little as $2,000 to invest, Envestnet offers a set of low-cost, fully diversified portfolios constructed with thoroughly evaluated mutual fund managers. There are models for various risk tolerances, from conservative to aggressive.

 What can I offer a client who is committed to ESG but needs a fully diversified, asset allocated impact solution?
Professionally managed model portfolios or fund strategist portfolios (FSPs), consisting of meticulously selected impact mutual fund and/or ETF managers, are designed as comprehensive solutions for impact investors. FSPs also offer automatic rebalancing and models for varying investor risk tolerances—from conservative to aggressive.

 I want to incorporate an impact product or two into a custom strategy I manage for my client, but I’d like to choose from a list of thoroughly vetted managers. Does a list exist?
Yes. Through its rigorous research and due diligence process, the PMC Research Team identifies a set of high-conviction mutual fund and ETF impact managers that make up the PMC “Approved List”. These managers are assessed on an ongoing basis to ensure they meet PMC’s strict qualitative and quantitative criteria.

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For more information about Envestnet’s Impact Investing Platform, visit investpmc.com/impact or email PMConsulting@envestnet.com.

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