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Responsible Funds flex their market power on sustainability and financial performance

TORONTO, January 7, 2026 – Corporate Knights today released its annual responsible investment funds report, highlighting the top-scoring funds on sustainability criteria as well as broader trends in the marketplace.

The 2026 Responsible Funds ranking reviewed sustainable-themed index funds across four categories: Canadian equity (149 funds), global equity (226 funds), international equity (142 funds) and U.S. equity (206 funds).

There were two big takeaways from this year's report:

1. Responsible funds are invested in substantially more sustainable companies than non-responsible funds, based on the weighted sustainability score of their holdings.
2. Responsible funds showed resilience and strong performance in 2025. Green funds experienced growth thanks to demand for cleantech, electrification and battery supply chains, with global clean-energy investment reaching US\$2.2 trillion.

Each fund received a score in relation to its fund category peers based on the weighted sustainability score of its holdings, according to the [Corporate Knights Global 100 methodology](#), which scores companies based on sustainable revenue, sustainable investment, sustainable revenue growth and links to executive pay on sustainability targets.

The top 10 responsible funds in each of four categories were published today by Corporate Knights Inc. and are available [here](#).

“We do this ranking to help investors cut through the noise and identify which funds stand above the rest when it comes to responsible investing,” says Toby Heaps, CEO of Corporate Knights Inc. “In the current environment of heightened scrutiny around sustainable investment claims, our ranking stands out as a

long-time trusted third-party validation of a fund's sustainability bona fides. Our methodology meets the acid test of credibility, with 100% transparent and clear criteria for grading funds against peers according to the weighted sustainability score of their holdings.”

See the full Responsible Funds ranking methodology [here](#).

About Corporate Knights

Corporate Knights Inc. is an independent media and research company. Its media division publishes the award-winning sustainable-economy magazine *Corporate Knights*, circulated in *The Globe and Mail*, *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*. Its research division produces sustainability rankings, research reports and financial product ratings based on corporate sustainability performance. Learn more at corporateknights.com.