



BEST ESG INVESTMENT FUND EMERGING MARKETS: SUSI ASIA ENERGY TRANSITION FUND

Our SUSI Asia Energy Transition Fund invests in energy transition infrastructure in the emerging markets of Southeast Asia. With an initial transaction focussed on energy efficiency, followed by an investment in the buildout of microgrids, and finally a deal focussed on rooftop solar PV solutions for C&I customers, our dedicated Asia investment team based in Singapore tackled two major challenges specific to the region – curbing the fast-growing energy demand and the provision of clean energy to off-grid areas.

Given the relative nascence of the clean energy sector in the region, there are bespoke development, financial, compliance and ESG risks that need to be managed properly to develop a portfolio of high-quality assets that can attract a premium in the long term. Accordingly, we make sure that each of our portfolio companies has an environmental and social management system (ESMS) in place that is robust, tailored to each company's specific needs, and in line with international best practices for developing markets.

As an active fund manager and asset owner, our investee companies benefit from internal ESG capacity building through knowledge sharing, shadowing, and access to best-in-class training sponsored by our partnering European Development Finance Institutions. They also have access to proprietary calculation tools for measuring potential avoided emissions and absolute greenhouse gas emissions for each of the underlying projects.

In addition to our core mandate of reporting on our carbon footprint, we recognise that we need an equal focus on ensuring our investments in Asia follow best practices with regards to labour and human rights, community and occupational health and safety, biodiversity, and gender inclusion – issues which are typically overlooked or given less attention in the region due to inadequate regulatory policies and differences in cultural practices.