



# GREEN CENTURY FUNDS

**Green Century<sup>®</sup> believes that even corporate sustainability leaders have room for improvement, which is why we pressure over 100**

**companies every year to adopt stronger environmental practices and policies throughout their operations and supply chains.**

## Shareholder Advocacy

The shareholder advocacy programs of many mutual fund companies consist solely of proxy voting or analyst conversations. Not Green Century.

While Green Century votes its proxies to support more sustainable corporate practices and reduce potential investment risks, Green Century's in-depth shareholder advocacy program goes well beyond proxy voting to deliver tangible results. Green Century pressures companies to adopt environmentally sustainable policies through direct engagement, global collaborations, and as a leader of investor groups.

Every year, Green Century also files numerous shareholder proposals, which are formal requests that a company take a specific action based on a business case. In 2021, Green Century:

- Filed more climate proposals than any other investment firm.
- Engaged more than 100 companies on a variety of issues, including tropical forest protection, clean energy, plastic pollution, and preserving biodiversity.

- Secured the highest vote of the season on any ESG shareholder proposal and the highest vote ever recorded for a deforestation shareholder proposal: an unprecedented 98.9% vote in favor of Green Century's proposal with the global grain trader Bunge Limited (Bunge).\*



Green Century's plastic reduction proposal received the highest vote of any environmental proposal in Amazon's\* history.

**Plastic pollution**

**Tropical forests**

**Climate change**

**Clean energy**

**Advancing Right to Repair**

**Antibiotics**

Secured a commitment from The Coca-Cola Company (Coca-Cola)\* to reduce its cumulative use of virgin plastic by 3 million metric tons by 2025, which is the equivalent of eliminating 200,000 plastic bottles per minute.

Secured a commitment from Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (ADM)\* to strengthen its prior commitments to stopping deforestation. ADM is of the "Big 4" global agricultural commodity traders.

Engaged Duke Realty Corporation\* resulting in its commitment to meet the greenhouse gas goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and joining the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

Pressed JPMorgan Chase\* to be the first U.S. bank to adopt comprehensive no-deforestation policies for its financing activities, which helps protect endangered species and the ecosystems.

On the same day that Green Century had to make a decision on whether to press forward on a right-to-repair shareholder proposal, Apple\* introduced a new program that will provide individual consumers access to replacement parts, tools and repair manuals needed to perform common repairs to its products. Apple reversed its course of blocking repairs with this change.

Secured a commitment from Darden Restaurants, Inc. (Darden),\* the largest casual dining operator in the U.S., to phase out the routine use of medically important antibiotics in its chicken supply chain by 2023.

**governance criteria may result in lower or higher returns than an investment strategy that does not include such criteria.**

\*Green Century Capital Management, Inc. (Green Century) is the investment advisor to the Green Century Funds (the Funds).

\*As of December 31, 2021, Bunge Ltd.; The Coca-Cola Company; Archer-Daniels-Midland Company; Duke Realty Corporation REIT; Apple, Inc.; and Darden Restaurants, Inc. comprised 0.00%, 0.06% and 0.00%; 0.00%, 1.12% and 0.00%; 0.00%, 0.17% and 0.00%; 0.00%, 0.11% and 0.00%; 5.56%, 0.00% and 0.00% and 0.00%, 0.09% and 0.00% of the Green Century Balanced Fund, the Green Century Equity Fund, and the Green Century MSCI International Index Fund, respectively. Other securities mentioned were not held in any of the portfolios of the Green Century Funds as of the same date. References to specific securities, which will change due to ongoing management of the Funds, should not be construed as a recommendation by the Funds, their administrator, or their distributor.

The percentage in favor was calculated by dividing the number of votes in support of the proposal by the sum of the number of votes voted in support of and against the proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes were not included in the calculation.

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