



# GREEN CENTURY FUNDS

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

**80 companies last 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 more than 600 proxies in-house to support more sustainable corporate practices, Green Century's in-depth shareholder advocacy program goes well beyond proxy voting to deliver tangible results. Green Century pressures companies to adopt environmental policies through direct engagement, global collaborations, and as a leader of investor groups to make an impact for our shareholders.

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 the last year, Green Century:

- Engaged 80 companies on issues including forest protection, clean energy, plastic pollution and preserving biodiversity.

- Secured 20 policy changes from corporations around the globe.
- Secured the most majority votes on environmental proposals of any mutual fund or asset manager, including a 70% vote at Costco.\*



Brazil's Cerrado biome, home to jaguars and the world's most biodiverse savanna, will be better protected through the agreements that Green Century Funds reached with Costco.

## Preserving Forests, Biodiversity, and Endangered Species

## Reducing Factory Farming

## Protecting our Climate

## Preventing Plastic Pollution

Secured a commitment from **Costco** to set Scope 3 emissions reduction targets, which will encourage forest protection policies in their supply chains.

Negotiated a commitment with **Lowe's\*** that results in four new industry-leading commitments to protect forests around the world, including the Canadian Boreal.

Persuaded **Jack in the Box\*** to only purchase pork raised without the use of cruel gestation crates.

Secured agreements with **EMCOR\*** and **Lamb Weston\*** to set greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets with Science Based Target Initiative, an industry leading standard setting organization.

Won major votes at **Sysco\*** (92%) and **General Mills \*** (55%) requesting that the companies measure their plastic use as the first step to reducing it.

**A sustainable investment strategy which incorporates environmental, social and 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, 2023, Costco Wholesale Corporation, Lowe's, Jack in the Box, EMCOR Group Inc., Lamb Weston Holdings Inc., Sysco Corporation and General Mills comprised 1.29%, 0.00% and 0.00%; 0.00%, 0.00% and 0.00%; 0.00%, 0.00% and 0.00%; 0.00%, 0.04% and 0.00%; 0.00%, 0.08% and 0.00%; 0.63%, 0.23% and 0.00% and 0.00%, 0.00% 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 (i) dividing the number of votes in support of the proposal by (ii) 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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