

Green and sustainable bonds are issued by companies, governments, and supranational institutions to help finance environmental and climate change mitigation projects around the world.

### What are Green Bonds?

Green bonds that raise funds for new and existing projects to improve the environment. The Green Century Balanced Fund purchased its first green bonds in 2008.

## Our High Standards

Not all "green" bonds fund projects are the same. That's why Green Century° follows a high standard that seeks to make the most significant impact with your investment. Our bonds:

#### Make a measurable impact

We seek out solution-oriented bonds, including those that provide clean water, public transportation, and renewable energy.

#### Earned the Green Bond label

This is a voluntary third-party standard that determines which projects are eligible for green bond financing.

#### Follow exclusionary screens

We do not invest in bonds from fossil fuel, tobacco, nuclear power, or weapons manufacturers.

The fund emphasizes environmentally responsible investments, which may lead to performance differences and potential underperformance compared to non-sustainable funds.



Verizon\* has increased the percentage of its electricity fueled by renewable energy to over 50%. This expansion was made possible through its issuance of its green bond. Photo Credit: Peter Beukema, Unsplash

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Green bonds fund sustainable innovations across the world, such as the water technology supported by Xylem's green bond. Photo credit: Nathan Dumlao, Unsplash

## Funding Renewable Energy

Verizon became the first U.S telecommunication company to issue a green bond in 2019, raising nearly \$1B to support renewable energy, green buildings, energy efficiency and biodiversity conservation. This bond supported the company's goal, established through Green Century's engagement, to source 50% of its electricity from renewable energy by 2025. The company exceeded this target by reaching 56% renewable electricity consumption, ahead of schedule, in 2024.

## **Building Solar Power Plants**

The Sintara Solar140 megawatt plant is helping India shift away from its reliance on coal and other fossil fuels. Located in Rajashtan, the plant is one of the large solar projects financed by a US IDFC bond\* and already has powered about 49,000 homes.

## **Enhancing Public Transportation**

The San Francisco Transbay Transit Bay Bond (BART)\* issued a bond to improve the transit system's energy efficiency. Since issuing this bond in 2019, the BART system has surpassed its commitment of decreasing carbon emissions, contracts 100% greenhouse gas free electricity as of 2022, and now saves an estimated 26 thousand gallons of gasoline per weekday.

# Safeguarding Drinking Water Supplies

Xylem\*, a global leader in water technology, completed its inaugural \$1 billion bond in 2020. The bond is supporting water accessibility, resource efficiency, and water systems resilience projects and already has recycled 2.4B cubic meters of water and reduced carbon emissions by 0.5 million metric tons annually.

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

\*As of September 30, 2025, Verizon Communications comprised 0.77%, 0.68% and 0.00%; San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District comprised 0.51%, 0.00% and 0.00%; the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation comprised 1.08%, 0.00% and 0.00% and Xylem comprised 1.75%, 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. 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.

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