

Green Century° convinces corporate leaders to improve their practices. This season, we've secured commitments from companies including Costco\*, Coca-Cola\* and Bloomin' Brands\*, and filed 24 shareholder proposals asking companies to reduce plastic pollution, protect biodiversity, and cut their contribution to climate change.

## Winter Shareholder Advocacy Highlights

## **Achieving Results**

Green Century is showcasing its awardwinning shareholder advocacy program to deliver results that inspire your clients, reduce material risks, and protect the environment.

## Our Distinct Approach

Green Century stands out from other mutual funds by going beyond proxy voting and sending letters to make an impact. Our team of four in-house shareholder advocates secure real-world results through direct negotiations, filing shareholder resolutions, and global collaborations. We aim to deliver tangible results and hold companies accountable.

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.



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Green Century's shareholder advocacy reduces plastic pollution to protect oceans, wildlife and vital ecosystems. See other side for more victories.

## Highlights:

**Protecting Forests:** Costco Wholesale Corporation\*, the third largest retailer in the world, will publish a comprehensive assessment and action plan to eliminate deforestation in its Kirkland Signature Brand products, protecting threatened species such as the jaguar and giant otter. Costco's committed to publish the plan by 2025 after dialogue and withdrawal of a related shareholder proposal by Green Century.

**Forest Protection:** Bloomin' Brands\*, parent company of 1,480 restaurants including Outback Steakhouse and Bonefish Grill, will strengthen its forest and biodiversity protections in response to a Green Century shareholder proposal. The company will ensure that at least 60% of its Brazilian beef is deforestation-free and will assess its biodiversity impacts in 2025.





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**Climate Transition Plan:** Major insurer American International Group (AIG)\* agreed to publish a climate transition plan outlining the company's strategy for achieving its existing climate goals and phasing out coal-related underwriting and investing. AIG made these commitments in exchange for the withdrawal of a Green Century shareholder proposal.

**Reducing Plastics:** Forty percent of General Mills\* shareholders supported a Green Century proposal pressing the company to cut plastic use and ensure recycling labels on plastic containers do not mislead consumers. This was the seventh highest vote on an environmental shareholder proposal in 2024, indicating many of the company's investors want the company to take action to reduce plastic.

**Reusable Packaging**: Coca-Cola\*, the largest soft drink company in the world, committed to disclosing its investments and successes in reusable bottle initiatives in exchange for the withdrawal of a Green Century shareholder proposal. The company also agreed to continue to disclose the share of beverages it sells in reusable containers. These commitments will help investors track the company's efforts to mitigate plastic-related risks.

**Climate Emissions Disclosure:** In response to a Green Century shareholder proposal, Lowe's Home Improvement\* committed to reporting climate emissions data from the products it sells. These new disclosures represent 84% of Lowe's contribution to climate change and will show investors the categories that represent the biggest polluters.

Century Funds are a family of fossil fuel-free, environmentally responsible mutual funds. Green Century Capital Management hosts an award-winning and in-house shareholder advocacy program and is the only mutual fund company in the U.S. wholly owned by environmental and public health nonprofit organizations.

\*As of December 31, 2024, Costco Wholesale Inc. comprised 1.67%, 0.00% and 0.00%; Bloomin' Brands comprised 0.00%, 0.00% and 0.00%; American International Group comprised 0.00%, 0.00%, and 0.00%; General Mills comprised 0.00%, 0.14%, and 0.00%; Coca-Cola comprised 0.00%, 1.01%, and 0.17%; Lowes comprised 0.00%, 0.56%, and 0.00% of the Century Balanced Fund, the Green Century Equity Fund and the Green Century International Index Fund, respectively. As of the same date, other securities mentioned were not held in the portfolios of any of the Green Century Funds. References to specific securities, which will change due to ongoing management of the Funds, should not beconstrued as a recommendation by the Funds, their administrator, or their distributor.

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Advisor to the Funds.