



EIRIS company overview

EIRIS is the leading global provider of independent research into the social, environmental and ethical performance of companies. EIRIS, a UK based organisation with an office in the USA and a representative office in Japan, and its international research partners together have a wealth of experience in the field of socially responsible investment (SRI) research. EIRIS provides comprehensive research of more than 2,800 companies in Europe, North America and Asia Pacific. We have over 70 institutional clients including pension and retail fund managers, banks, private client brokers, charities and religious institutions across Europe, the USA and Asia.

EIRIS is the market leader in the UK with over 60% of UK ethical funds managed by our clients.

A not-for-profit organisation, EIRIS does not investigate companies' financial status but looks at their social, environmental and ethical policies and practices. Increasing interest in socially responsible investment since 1983 has seen us expand our range of clients and our organisation grow from 2 employees to a staff of over 40 people.

History of EIRIS

The EIRIS Foundation is a charity set up in 1983 with the help of a group of churches and charities that wanted to apply their principles to their investments. They needed a research organisation to help them put their principles into practice when making investment decisions. Ethical Investment Research Services (EIRIS) Ltd, a subsidiary company of EIRIS, undertakes most of the research for clients and provides commercial services.

What does EIRIS do?

EIRIS:

- carries out independent research covering over 40 different areas including animal testing, military, environmental performance and human rights
- researches over 2800 companies in the UK, continental Europe, North America and Asia Pacific including all companies on the FTSE All World Developed Index
- provides clients with the corporate information they need to put their own principles into practice when making investment decisions
- provides data to clients through our unique software EPM (Ethical Portfolio Manager)
- provides a tailor-made service to match clients' social and environmental concerns
- helps a wide range of charities to select investments according to their chosen ethical criteria
- engages in constructive dialogue with the companies we research to ensure we have the most up to date and accurate information available
- provides a range of services for individuals, charities, independent financial advisers, institutional investors and companies
- works collaboratively with other bodies to promote and publicise the concept of ethical or socially responsible investment

EIRIS does **not**:

- provide financial advice, ethical or otherwise
- provide a definitive 'acceptable list' of companies in which to invest
- promote one particular view on ethical issues
- take a view on the issues it researches
- recommend any individual financial adviser
- recommend any particular ethical investment fund

EIRIS clients

EIRIS has a rapidly expanding global client base encompassing leading financial institutions, government bodies, pension funds, private client brokers, religious institutions and high profile charities. Many clients use our [Ethical Portfolio Manager](#) software as a tool for making the selection and analysis of suitable investments easier and quicker.

EIRIS has more than 80 institutional clients. The following is a partial list of clients who we supply ongoing responsible investment research services to:

ATP (Danish State Pension Fund)
ABN AMRO
Aegon Asset Management
AIB Investment Managers Ltd
AXA Investment Managers
Bank of Ireland Asset Management
Bernstein Investment Research and Management (a unit of AllianceBernstein)
BankInvest
Boston Common Asset Management
Cazenove Fund Management
Co-operative Bank
Co-operative Insurance Society
Credit Suisse
Dexia IIM
F & C Asset Management
Fédéris Gestion d'Actifs
Fortis Investments
FTSE
Gartmore Investment Management
Haringey Local Authority
Hilden Charitable Trust
Inhance Investment Management
Insight Investment
INVESCO Asset Management GmbH
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust
KBC Asset Management NV
L&P Financial Trustees Ltd
Legal & General Investment Management
Lloyds TSB Private Banking
Martin Currie Investment Management
M&G Investment Management
Merrill Lynch Investment Managers
Methodist Church Central Finance Board
Mondrian Investment Partners
Montgomery Oppenheim

Morgan Stanley
National Trust
New Star Asset Management
Newton Investment Management
Norwegian Government Pension Fund
Nomura Asset Management
Old Mutual Asset Management
Oxfam
Pen-Sam
Rathbone Investment Management
Robeco Institutional Asset Management
Royal London Asset Management
Santander Gestion de Activos
Sarasin Chiswell
Setanta Asset Management
Schroders Investment Management
Scottish Widows Investment Partnership
Standard Life Investments
Strathclyde Pension Fund
UNIFEM Singapore
WaterAid
World Wide Fund for Nature

Our clients use EIRIS research in a variety of ways but mostly to help develop their socially responsible engagement, preference and/or screening strategies and to implement their socially responsible investment policy.