

Where do we invest clients' money?

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<https://www.castlefield.com/about-castlefield/thoughtful-investing/responsible-investing-approaches/>

In this article we want to add a little more colour to your understanding of our ethos here at Castlefield Investment Partners LLP (CIP), by sharing examples of a number of investments that Castlefield funds and personal portfolios have made in recent years.

1. Alnwick Garden Trust



Funds held in: CFP Castlefield Real Return Fund, CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Growth Fund, CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Income Fund

Helping vulnerable community members in North-East England

The Alnwick Garden is a breath-taking garden, based in the North East of England, which continues to be for all. Behind the scenes of the picturesque water features, Poison Garden, Labyrinth, and many other wonderful experiences, there is a hard-working charity that seeks to support those in their local community who need it most. They use the proceeds from The Garden, other gifts and investments to maintain the site, and more fundamentally to deliver on their charitable objectives. They strive to reduce social isolation, improve well-being and support their most vulnerable community members which they do via inclusive groups, clubs and events.¹

1. www.alnwickgarden.com/the-charity/our-charity

2. Belong Living



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Inclusive care villages for the elderly

Belong villages were founded on the vision that older people have the right to enjoy the same community belonging and richness of experience that they have always known. The villages comprise a mix of "Households" which provide accommodation for those who require 24/7 care and are designed to be open-plan, increasing residents' independence and omitting the long corridors typically found within traditional care homes.

The Village model is based on the premise of keeping residents as part of the community in order to combat loneliness. They incorporate hairdressers, a bistro and a gym and run specialist day care "Experience Days", all of which are open to the public.²

2. www.belong.org.uk

3. Greencoat UK Wind



Funds held in: CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Income Fund, CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Growth Fund, CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Income Fund, CFP Castlefield Real Return Fund

UK wind farms

Greencoat UK Wind is the leading listed renewable infrastructure fund, invested in operating UK wind farms. It currently has 36 wind farm investments across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. In 2019, their assets generated enough sustainable electricity to power nearly 800,000 homes. They also invested £2.7m in community funds or social projects and their environmental commitment extends beyond the clean energy they generate - including wildlife habitat management around their wind farms.³

3. www.greencoat-ukwind.com/about-us/esg

4. Accell Group



Fund held in: CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable European Fund

European bike and e-bike manufacturer

Accell Group makes bicycles, bicycle parts and accessories. They are the European market leader in e-bikes and the second largest in bicycle parts and accessories. They employ approximately 3,500 people across 15 countries and their bikes and related products are sold in more than 80 countries.⁴

4. www.accell-group.com/en/about-us/profile/profile.htm

5. Dolphin Square Charitable Foundation



Funds held in: CFP Castlefield Real Return Fund, CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Growth Fund, CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Income Fund

Affordable London housing

Dolphin Square Charitable Foundation is an independent charity that was established with an endowment of more than £120 million in 2005. They provide high quality, affordable housing, in desirable locations, near good transport links, for working Londoners on modest incomes.⁵

5. <https://www.dolphinliving.com/who-we-are>

6. Iba



Fund held in: CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable European Fund

Advanced radiation therapy

Iba specialise in proton therapy which is considered the most advanced form of radiation therapy. It is used to treat many cancers and is particularly appropriate in situations where treatment options are limited and conventional radiotherapy presents unacceptable risks to patients. These situations include eye and brain cancers, head and neck cancers, prostate, liver, lung, breast, and paediatric cancers, as well as other tumours in close proximity to one or more critical structures.⁶

6. <https://iba-worldwide.com/>

7. Signify



Fund held in: CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable European Fund

Low energy lightbulbs

Over the past 125 years, Signify has pioneered many key breakthroughs in sustainable lighting, being a driving force behind several leading technological innovations, including LED. As a business they are 100% carbon neutral, 82.5% of their revenue comes from sustainable products, systems and services, they run on 94% renewable electricity, and they recycle up to 90% of their manufacturing waste.⁷

7. <https://www.signify.com/en-gb>

8. Gore Street Energy Storage Fund



Funds held in: CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Income Fund, CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Growth Fund, CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Income Fund

Battery storage systems

Renewable energy sources are intermittent and increase the difficulties in balancing demand/supply of electricity. Battery storage systems can therefore help to maintain the stability of the grid. Among other services they enable excess energy in the system to be stored at times of over production and release this energy when grid capacity is constrained. This fund invests in a diversified portfolio of large scale energy storage projects primarily located in the UK.⁸

8. www.gseenergystoragefund.com

9. EMIS Group



Fund held in: CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Opportunities Fund

Healthcare software

Their vision is to support longer and healthier lives for everyone. They do this by facilitating joined-up healthcare through innovative IT. At the heart of their plan is the digital transformation of the NHS to improve services and outcomes for patients.⁹

9. <https://www.emisgroupplc.com/>

10. NX Filtration



Fund held in: CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable European Fund

Water nanofiltration technology

Water scarcity and water quality are major global and structural issues and key drivers of the water market. NX Filtration is a Dutch company which provides nanofiltration technology, enabling customers to produce pure water, treat wastewater and reduce their water footprint. Its focus is to remove small particles causing contamination, such as hormone- and medicine residues in the purification of drinking water.¹⁰

10. <https://nxfiltration.com/>

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