

# Funds Overview



## Sustainability: It's in our Genes®

Sustainability isn't just something we practice; it is part of who we are as a company and as global citizens. With an ownership structure that directs over 40% of our profits to fund medical research, we attract employees motivated to make a difference and develop investment teams who weigh more than just traditional financial criteria in their analyses.

Many investors are recognizing the value of investing in strategies that seek to improve our collective world. But some fear this approach can compromise investment outcomes. At American Century Investments, we are committed to delivering investment performance and making a difference. We are proud of our history of helping clients achieve financial success while also impacting society in a positive way.

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## American Century Investments in numbers

# 65

**Years Experience**  
Founded in 1958

# 7

**Investment Disciplines:**  
Global Growth Equity, Multi-Asset Strategies,  
Global Value Equity, Global Fixed Income,  
Disciplined Equity and Alternatives, Avantis Investors

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**Global Offices:**  
New York, Hong Kong, London, Frankfurt,  
Sydney, Los Angeles; Santa Clara, California;  
Portland, Oregon; and Kansas City, Missouri

# 1400+

**Employees**  
serving financial professionals, institutions,  
corporations and individual investors

# \$208bn

**Assets under Management**  
as of 30 September 2023

## A Strategic Partnership with Nomura Asset Management

On May 19, 2016, Nomura Holdings acquired a non-controlling 41% economic interest in American Century Investments®. Together, American Century and Nomura partner to leverage each firm's respective investment capabilities, resources and expertise to provide a broader array of investment solutions to their clients globally.



## Stowers Institute for Medical Research

With the most unique ownership structure in the industry,  
doing good is at the heart of who we are

Over 40% of American Century Investments' profits go to its controlling owner, the **Stowers Institute for Medical Research**, a world-class biomedical research organization dedicated to defeat life-threatening diseases. Dividend payments to the Institute have totalled nearly \$2 billion\* since the facility opened in 2000.

Following their personal experiences with cancer, American Century founder Jim Stowers Jr., and his wife, Virginia, recognized the complexity of disease demanded a fresh approach to research funding. Over 20 years ago, they created and bestowed much of their personal wealth on the Stowers Institute for Medical Research.

With its equity stake in American Century, the Stowers Institute is able to focus on research, rather than grant writing, and has drawn scientists from around the world. Research at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research aims to understand the molecular mechanisms underlying human health and disease. Although Stowers researchers do not concentrate directly on developing new drugs or treating patients, discoveries resulting from this type of foundational research frequently prove to be major milestones along the path toward novel therapies and cures.

\* As of 31 December 2022

## Global Growth Equity Fund

Uncovering global opportunities through early-stage, high-growth companies

The strategy seeks consistent growth through investments in large companies around the world exhibiting sustainable, accelerating earnings growth.



### Differentiated and effective growth philosophy:

Seeking companies that are in the beginning stages of their growth cycle and taking advantage of persistent market inefficiencies that may result in a differentiated portfolio with consistent risk characteristics and low correlation.



### Time-tested investment process:

We believe portfolio construction and decision-making is improved by leveraging the experience and insights of other internal investment teams and incorporating ESG analysis.



### Alpha driven by stock selection:

Our portfolio construction process is disciplined and repeatable and is designed to provide consistent risk/return profile with excess returns driven by stock selection. The goal is to deliver alpha consistently over a market cycle.



### Well-resourced and dedicated investment team covering:

We have over 30 years of experience investing in the global growth equity discipline comprised of a team of investment professionals with average industry experience of over 24 years (as of 31/12/2021).



### Potential significant risks:

International investing involves special risk considerations, including economic and political conditions, inflation rates and currency fluctuations.



## Concentrated Global Growth Equity Fund

A focused, concentrated portfolio seeking growth from select companies around the world

The strategy seeks to invest in companies demonstrating accelerating growth with market capitalization of \$3 billion or more.



### **“Best ideas” portfolio stocks:**

The portfolio represents our 35-50 best company ideas in the global market and is designed to provide a higher alpha alternative for global allocations.



### **A differentiated approach:**

We believe our process directs us to research different companies than other growth managers, as we do not require an absolute threshold of earnings or revenue growth.



### **Focused and collaborative team:**

A shared growth philosophy across our Global & Non-U.S. Equity teams is the starting point of collaboration.



### **Alpha through stock selection:**

Disciplined, fundamental research, along with robust ESG integration, result in rigorous stock selection designed to deliver alpha.



### **Potential significant risks:**

International investing involves special risk considerations, including economic and political conditions, inflation rates and currency fluctuations. Because this fund may, at times, concentrate its investments in a specific area, during such times it may be subject to greater risks and market fluctuations than when the portfolio represents a broader range of securities. The funds strategies may also result in high portfolio turnover that could result in increased commission costs, affecting the funds performance, as well as capital gains tax liabilities to the shareholder.





## Global Small Cap Equity Fund

Seeking growth through global small cap companies demonstrating accelerating growth

Our goal is to invest in companies with small market capitalizations located in both developed and emerging market countries (including the U.S.).



### A robust opportunity set:

The global small cap universe offers a variety of ways to potentially deliver uncorrelated growth opportunities. In a less efficient marketplace, global small caps can provide robust alpha opportunities for experienced managers.



### Differentiated growth philosophy:

The strategy seeks to identify companies with accelerating, sustainable growth whose earnings power are being underestimated. We believe identifying incremental change within the inefficient small cap market while integrating ESG can lead us to company and market inflection points which may well drive long-term growth rates.



### Experienced and collaborative team:

The global growth investment teams are centrally located allowing them to leverage insights across the market cap spectrum. This allows them to identify new trends and execute ideas efficiently.



### Alpha through stock selection:

Our process is designed to be disciplined and repeatable resulting in a return and risk-aware profile. Our goal is to deliver alpha, or excess return primarily from stock selection and not from style, macro, country or sector bets.



### Potential significant risks:

International investing involves special risk considerations, including economic and political conditions, inflation rates and currency fluctuations. Historically, small-cap stocks have been more volatile than the stocks of larger, more established companies.



## Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Growth opportunities are sought through all-cap companies located primarily in non-developed countries

The strategy focuses on identifying companies in emerging markets that are demonstrating early and sustainable accelerating growth.



### A distinct, all-cap growth philosophy:

We seek companies of all sizes whose earnings power has been underestimated. The team looks at change at a company level before its identified by the market. We believe focusing on rate-of-change directs us to a different, broader opportunity set.



### A “best ideas” approach:

With our all-cap approach, we look for “best ideas” companies regardless of market size in an effort to broaden alpha potential and deliver a complimentary performance contour.



### Experienced and collaborative team:

The global growth investment teams are centrally located allowing them to leverage insights across the market cap spectrum. This aids them in identifying new trends, evaluating ESG factors, and executing ideas efficiently.



### Alpha through stock selection:

Our emerging markets investment process is designed for efficiency and consistency. Our goal is to deliver alpha, or excess return primarily from stock selection.



### Potential significant risks:

International investing involves special risk considerations, including economic and political conditions, inflation rates and currency fluctuations. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks.





## Emerging Markets Sustainable Impact Equity Fund

Seeking growth through companies in non-developed countries providing positive ESG impact

The strategy looks to invest in companies that are located primarily in emerging markets and demonstrating accelerating growth. In addition, the strategy seeks to achieve positive impact by investing in companies who contribute to one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).



### A time-tested process:

With nearly 25 years of experience managing emerging markets equities, we deliver a differentiated investment process, asset class expertise, and indepth ESG analysis framework all combined in this strategy.



### Distinct growth philosophy:

Our growth philosophy is focused on the belief that improving business fundamentals of a company lead to acceleration in earnings and revenues. We believe this acceleration in growth can yield both stock price performance alongside positive societal and environmental value.



### Alpha with impact:

Bottom-up, fundamental research drives our process. Alpha is derived from security selection – not from macro, country or sector bets. ESG risk and opportunity considerations are fully integrated in the research process.



### Collaborative, integrated team:

The strategy is managed by a dedicated team within a centralized structure. We believe this ensures speed of decision making, alignment of effort and accountability to the client.



### Potential significant risks:

International investing involves special risk considerations, including economic and political conditions, inflation rates and currency fluctuations. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks.



## US Focused Innovation Equity Fund

Large cap, high-conviction growth investing

Seeking innovative, rapid-growth companies within a high-conviction, risk-managed portfolio.



### **Differentiated Growth Opportunity:**

Mainly investing in companies during their early and rapid stages of growth – a strategy that seeks differentiation from the benchmark and peers.



### **A Focused, High-Conviction Portfolio:**

Employing a focused investment approach – typically 30-45 high-conviction holdings. We believe these innovation-focused ideas help generate long-term portfolio potential.



### **Returns Driven by Stock Selection:**

Focus on driving portfolio returns through stock selection, not through macro or sector calls.



### **Team with Unique Insights:**

With an average of 15+ years industry experience, a dedicated team that includes industry practitioners with direct experience in the areas they cover.



### **Potential significant risks:**

International investing involves special risk considerations, including economic and political conditions, inflation rates and currency fluctuations.

## American Century Investments UCITS Fund Range

The table below provides an overview of the strategies we currently offer as UCITS funds.

Fund Name	Fund Inception Date	Expected Excess Return*	Expected Tracking Error*	Benchmark	I Share Class Management Fee
<b>American Century Global Growth Equity Fund</b> a sub-fund of Nomura Funds Ireland <sup>1</sup> ISIN (I USD): IE00BJLNC938 SFDR Classification: Article 8	04/14/2010 <sup>2</sup>	2-3% p.a.	2-6%	MSCI All Country World Index	0.75% p.a.
<b>American Century Concentrated Global Growth Equity Fund</b> a sub-fund of Nomura Funds Ireland <sup>1</sup> ISIN (I USD): IE00BJLNBY13 SFDR Classification: Article 8	07/11/2011 <sup>2</sup>	3-4% p.a.	4-8%	MSCI AC World Index	0.75% p.a.
<b>American Century Global Small Cap Equity Fund</b> a sub-fund of Nomura Funds Ireland <sup>1</sup> ISIN (I USD): IE00BJLN9256 SFDR Classification: Article 8	02/07/2019	3-4% p.a.	3-7%	MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index	0.90% p.a.
<b>American Century Emerging Markets Equity Fund</b> a sub-fund of Nomura Funds Ireland <sup>1</sup> ISIN (I USD): IE00BHHFL697 SFDR Classification: Article 8	08/11/2017 <sup>2</sup>	2-3% p.a.	2-6%	MSCI Emerging Markets Index	0.85% p.a.
<b>American Century Emerging Markets Sustainable Impact Equity Fund</b> a sub-fund of Nomura Funds Ireland <sup>1</sup> ISIN (I USD): IE00BJCWHW76 SFDR Classification: Article 9	04/03/2020	2-3% p.a.	2-6%	MSCI Emerging Markets Index	0.95% p.a.
<b>American Century US Focused Innovation Equity Fund</b> a sub-fund of Nomura Funds Ireland <sup>1</sup> ISIN (I USD): IE0006AEA9Y8 SFDR Classification: Article 6	30/06/2021	3-4% p.a.	5-8%	MSCI USA Growth Index	0.70% p.a.

<sup>1</sup> Further share classes / currencies available.

<sup>2</sup> This fund launched on the 2nd August 2019 as a result of the merger of the American Century SICAV with Nomura Funds Ireland plc. The launch date refers to the launch date of the original fund, and historical performance relates to the combined track records.

\* Over standard market cycle.



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