



Fund Objective

To generate long-term capital growth by investing across a diversified range of companies within the alternative energy sector including biomass, utilities, wind energy, solar and fuel.

Fund Manager

KBI Global Investors (KBIGI) is a global investment manager, headquartered in Dublin with offices in Boston and New York

- Multi product boutique with two core areas of expertise – Global Equity strategies and Natural Resource Equities
- Majority owned by Amundi, with a minority equity stake owned by key employees of KBIGI

Fund Facts

- **Recommended Investment Time Frame:** Medium to long-term (typically 5-7 years or more)
- **Asset Mix*:** Equities
- **Managed By:** KBI Global Investors
- **Risk Rating:** High Risk



The Alternative Energy Fund

Rising global energy demand, environmental concerns about greenhouse gas emissions, and worries about the security of future supplies of oil and gas have led to an increased focus on alternative sources of energy globally. This has led to alternative energy emerging on the investment landscape as a distinct investment opportunity.

The Alternative Energy Fund invests in an internationally diversified selection of companies active in the wind, solar, biomass and other embryonic energy sectors, within the alternative energy industry.

Why invest in Alternative Energy?

The potential growth of the alternative energy theme is directly linked to the following key drivers:

- Growing energy demand due to a growing global population and industrialisation. According to KBIGI, between now and 2030, global demand for energy is projected to increase by 50% (with 70% of that coming from emerging economies)
- Limited supply of oil and natural gas
- Climate change fears are leading to growing support for sources of energy beyond fossil fuels
- Falling costs of alternative energy sources through technological advancement
- Security of energy supply is enhanced by local sources of renewable energy
- Favourable government legislation
- Falling input costs

Investment Selection

The Alternative Energy Fund invests in an internationally diversified selection of companies active in the alternative energy sector. These companies are responsible for producing, manufacturing, providing equipment for or supplying power from energy sources such as wind power, solar energy, hydro-power, biomass, micro-turbines and fuel cells. The portfolio contains approximately 40-60 publicly traded stocks.

*Equities in this fund may be used for the purpose of securities lending in order to earn an additional return for the fund. While securities lending increases the level of risk within the fund it provides an opportunity to increase the investment return.

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Warning: This fund may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates.

Warning: If you invest in this fund you may lose some or all of the money you invest.



Minimum Recommended Investment Period

Investing should always be considered over the medium to long-term (typically, 5-7 years or more) to give the underlying assets time to grow in value. However, even long-term investing involves risk as values will fluctuate over time.



Risk Rating – High Risk

New Ireland Assurance has rated the Alternative Energy Fund a high risk investment fund. Funds categorised as high risk funds have the following characteristics:

- The potential return from high risk investments is much higher than deposits or inflation.
- The focus is on maximising the potential return to investor, rather than minimising risks.
- Some high risk funds may consist almost entirely of one asset class or be concentrated in one geographic region or sector.
- Investors' capital is not secure and may fluctuate significantly. Investors may get back substantially less than they originally invested.

Product Availability

The **Alternative Energy Fund** is available to investors through the following New Ireland products:

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| • SmartFunds | • Personal Retirement Bond |
| • FutureSave | • Approved Retirement Fund (ARF) |
| • Personal Retirement Plan | • Approved Minimum Retirement Fund (AMRF) |
| • Executive Retirement Plan | • PRSA (non-standard) |
| • Trustee Investment Plan | |

Charges

Charges vary per product type. For Alternative Energy Fund, a fund management charge of 0.25% p.a. applies in addition to the standard charge. For details on the charges that apply talk to your Financial Broker or Advisor.



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