

# RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

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### Riding a wave of biotech innovation

NBI Sustainable Global Equity ETF (NSGE)

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Sub-advised by AllianceBernstein Canada

#### Social challenges

- › Aging societies and emerging pathogens are contributing to growing global health challenges.
- › Many illnesses are not adequately addressed by medicines today.
- › Accessing effective therapies remains difficult for much of the population worldwide.

#### AllianceBernstein's market outlook

- › Biotechnology in medicine has accelerated the development of "biologics": drugs made from living organisms such as blood, cells or tissues to create new medications.
- › These types of drugs offer tailored treatments for diseases such as cancer and autoimmune disorders and make up a growing proportion of new medicines in development.
- › The portfolio holds several key enablers for the discovery, development, manufacturing, and packaging of medicines.

#### Added value to the strategy

- › AllianceBernstein aims to achieve attractive returns by investing in companies that contribute to positive societal outcomes.
- › Companies offering products or services that help to address the world's biggest challenges benefit from investment opportunities in high growth themes and markets.
- › Businesses that act as good stewards toward the environment, employees, and other stakeholders may carry less risk over time.



#### Activities:

Further down the supply chain, West Pharmaceutical Services is a key provider of packaging components for biotechnology drugs, including syringes and injection devices. Many complex new medicines require highly sophisticated packaging to avoid destabilizing the drugs, posing a potential risk to vulnerable patients. As a result of their technical expertise and manufacturing scale, West reports that "virtually all" biologics in the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) pipeline are using at least one of their drug delivery mechanisms or storage solutions. West manufactures over 45 billion high-quality components annually. The company strives to reduce the environmental impact from their operations, with specific goals around energy efficiency. West also developed novel injection devices that improve the ease of administering medicine, facilitating patient access to critical therapies.

#### SDG contribution:



#### Why invest in this strategy?

- › Long-term capital growth while following a sustainable approach to investing.
- › Capitalize on attractive investment opportunities that have the potential to add substantial value.
- › Will not invest in companies that derive revenue from adult entertainment, alcohol, coal, weapons, firearms, gambling, genetically modified organisms, military contracting, prisons, or tobacco.

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