

Exclusionary Criteria

Issuers and issuances must meet our SPECTRUM Bond® criteria to be eligible for the investment universe that is used to build AIM portfolios.

We would exclude investments in corporate issuers that:

- Are involved in manufacturing tobacco products.
- Are involved in the manufacture or sale of weapons and/or ammunition.
- Are involved in gambling operations.
- Are involved in coal mining, production and/or coal-fired power generation, in particular new greenfield sites.

We seek to apply these exclusion policies with a zero threshold but acknowledge that the ability to monitor and report at a granular level may lead to issuers with some incidental exposure to these sectors. We define incidental as less than 5% of revenue being attributed to an excluded sector. We expect issuers to have robust policies and reporting around their own excluded sectors.

For non-corporate issuers, such as sovereigns, states and agencies, we review sanctions lists and avoid poor ESG performers as characterized by international organizations, such as The United Nations, The World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund, World Economic Forum and others. Overall, we examine sovereigns, states and state-controlled institutions and agencies on a case by case basis under our SPECTRUM Bond® criteria rather than have a rigid exclusion checklist.