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# Investing for Positive Impact

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# We face critical social challenges...

### **World Hunger**



1 in 8 people in developing counties suffer chronic undernourishment <sup>1</sup>



# **Income Inequality**



Top 1% owns >50% of global wealth <sup>3</sup>



#### Education



>40% of UK children leave primary school with inadequate levels of reading, writing and maths <sup>2</sup>

# Disease



>23,000 people die annually in the USA due to anti-microbial resistance <sup>4</sup>







# ...environmental challenges...

# Climate change



Carbon emissions from fossil fuels need to fall close to zero by 2050 to mitigate risk of serious climate change <sup>1</sup>

#### Fish stocks



90% of fish stocks are overfished or fully depleted <sup>3</sup>



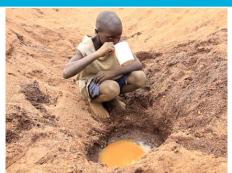
## **Air Pollution**



7 million people die annually from air pollution exposure <sup>2</sup>



#### Access to Clean Water



1.8 billion people globally use a source of drinking water that is contaminated with human waste 4



# The UN Sustainable Development Goals have been adopted by over 190 countries



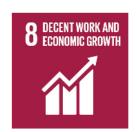


































# ...and yet there is cause for optimism as more investors start thinking about impact

Guardian

Adopting the sustainable development goals is a business opportunity

**US Trust** 

Millennials are driving growth and interest in impact investments

June 2017

**Financial Times** 

Apple raises \$1bn through 'green bond' in environmental push

Reuters

Green bond issuance set for another record year January 2017

**TechCrunch** 

TPG is raising \$2 billion for a social impact fund called Rise

AltAssets

Morgan Stanley IM closes first impact investment fund of funds on \$125m

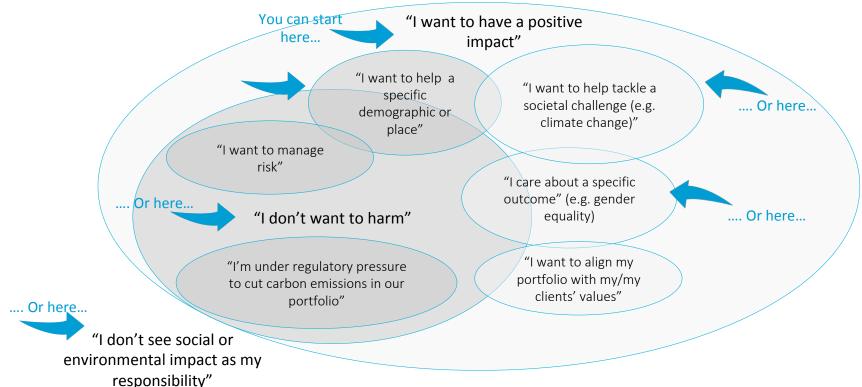
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**New York Times** 

Ford Foundation is an Unlikely Convert to 'Impact' Investing

# Asset owners have different expectations regarding "impact"

# WHY an asset owner might, or might not, care about impact





# ...that can be mapped to different expectations of businesses

### **ASSET OWNERS' PREFERENCES**

"I want to support solutions to pressing challenges, e.g. gender equality or climate change"

"I believe that companies that benefit their stakeholders will perform better"

"I don't want to harm"

"I want to manage risk"

"I have to cut my carbon emissions"

"I don't care about impact"

"I want to exploit negative

"I want to exploit negative impact for financial gain"

#### **EXPECTED IMPACT OF BUSINESSES**

"We have oriented our products/ service/practices to contribute materially to essential outcomes for underserved stakeholders"

"We try to ensure that our products and practices contribute to **positive outcomes** for our stakeholders"

"We try to **prevent** our products and practices from contributing to **negative outcomes** for our stakeholders"

CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTIONS

**B**ENEFIT STAKEHOLDERS

**A**VOID HARM AND MITIGATE ESG RISKS



# Asset owners' expectations vary regarding the expected "impact" of their capital

ASSET OWNERS'
PREFERENCES

"I want to be a passive investor"

"I want to generate competitive financial performance"

"I want to be an engaged investor"

"I am willing and able to flex my financial performance for the sake of impact"

EXPECTED IMPACT OF CAPITAL



Social/environmental alignment

Increasing likelihood of addressing a capital market gap

Impact creation



# Asset owner expectations regarding "impact" can then be mapped

**CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTIONS** BENEFIT **STAKEHOLDERS A**VOID HARM AND **MITIGATE ESG RISKS NO ACTION IGNORE SIGNAL INFLUENCE CATALYSE** Don't take impact into account Social/environmental Increasing likelihood that capital has an impact Impact creation alignment

> Bridges Fund Management

# Bridges Fund Management is dedicated to sustainable and impact investment

- Over £1 billion in funds to date
- Team of 61, based in UK, US and Asia
- Strong institutional backing (85%), including from Church Pension Group

# **Bridges Sustainable Growth Funds**



Health & Well-heing

#### **Bridges Property Funds**



**Education & Skills** 

#### **Bridges Social Sector Funds**



Sustainable Living

# Underserved Markets

# **Bridges Impact+**







# **Bridges Impact Foundation**







Health & Well-being

Education & Skills

Sustainable Living

**Underserved Markets** 

# Welcome to the future of FOOD 12 RESPO

Vegetarian Express

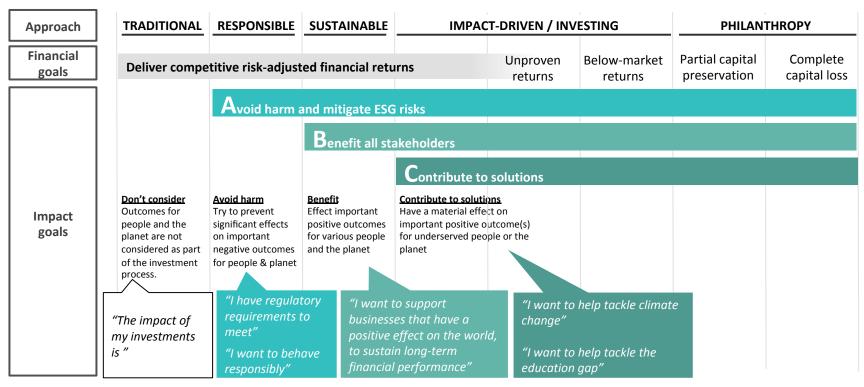
BRIDGES SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND III

A specialist plant-based food ingredient supplier to the UK food service sector



# This opens up a spectrum of investor choices

# Approaches and goals of organisations and investors in the impact economy





# ...The pace of sustainability changes are rapid

#### Renewable power deployment



2015 more low carbon power generating capacity was installed than conventional fossil fuel or nuclear power <sup>1</sup>

# Mobile payments growth



Annual transactions equivalent to >50% of Kenyan GDP via mobile payments since M-Pesa introduction in 2007 <sup>3</sup>

#### Consumer behaviour



England's plastic bag usage drops **85% in 10 months** after 5p charge introduced <sup>2</sup>

# **Property**



60% of new buildings will be green certified by 2018 (across 70 major countries) 4

Sources and notes: 1) Worldhunger.org 2) CentreForum and Education DataLab, in Guardian, January 2016 3) Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report, 2016 4) Centre for Disease Control and prevention



# The opportunity and the imperative is huge



"We are the first generation that can end poverty, the last that can end climate change"

Ban Ki-Moon







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