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**SPECIAL REPORT: for immediate use**

**STERN REPORT MAY TRIGGER MOVE INTO ETHICAL FUNDS, SAYS TRUSTNET**

Following the launch of the Government-commissioned Stern Report, which looks at the impact of world-wide global warming and climate change issues, Trustnet, the UK's leading free and independent fund research website for investors and advisers, speculates that the report could lead to a swathe of investors switching to green and ethical funds.

Trustnet identifies the star players in the area of ethical investment and ranks the overall Top 10 ethical funds by performance, fund size and rating:

UK UNIT TRUSTS AND OEICS – ETHICAL FUNDS		
Ethical Funds by 3yrs %*	Ethical Funds by Fund Size	Ethical Funds by Crown Rating
AEGON Ethical Equity	F&C Stewardship Growth	AEGON Ethical Equity
Old Mutual Ethical	Henderson Global Care Managed	CIS Sustainable Leaders Trust
CIS Sustainable Leaders Trust	F&C Stewardship Income	Norwich Union Sustainable Future European Growth
Norwich Union Sustainable Future European Growth	Scottish Widows Environmental Investor	F&C Stewardship Growth
SWIP Pan European SRI Equity	Jupiter Ecology	Jupiter Environmental Income
Standard Life UK Ethical Trust	Henderson Global Care Growth	St James's Place Ethical
F&C Stewardship Growth	Norwich Union Sustainable Future Managed	Jupiter Ecology
Jupiter Environmental Income	F&C Stewardship International	Aberdeen Ethical World
St James's Place Ethical	Norwich Union Sustainable Future Corporate Bond	Credit Suisse Fellowship
F&C Stewardship Income	CIS Sustainable Leaders Trust	Allchurches Amity

\* Data provided by [www.trustnet.com](http://www.trustnet.com). Performance statistics calculated on a bid-to-bid basis (mid to mid for OEICs) with net income (dividends) reinvested - ie total return.

**Paul Wynne, Financial Express head of marketing and communications,** says: "Public consciousness of green issues will be heightened greatly by the launch of Sir Nicholas Stern's report into the effects of Global warming. Many people may want to do their bit, with investors proving no exception, and it is not true to say that following your conscience will mean poor performance and ultimately poor returns on your investment. Trustnet suggests that investors look beyond fund performance, important as this is, at the ethical approach and objective of ethical funds. Not everyone's idea of ethical is the same, so investors would be wise to explore the educational material and fund factsheets available for free on Trustnet."

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