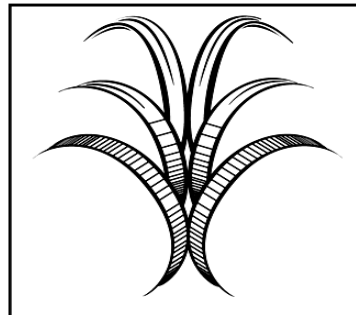
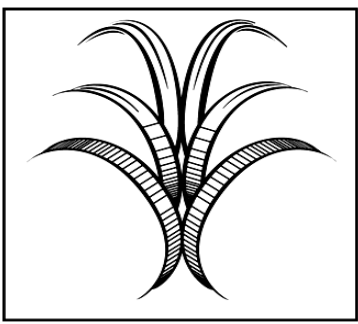


Socially Responsible Investment in the UK: The Role of Public Policy

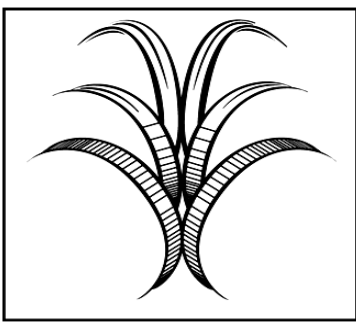
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Agenda

- Background: UKSIF
- SRI Growth in the UK
- Role of Public Policy



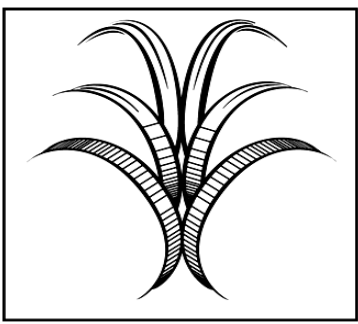
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UKSIF's Mission:

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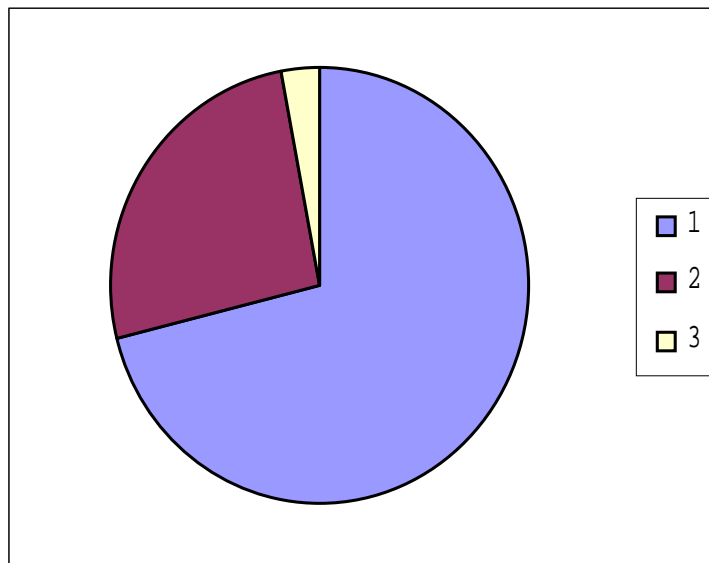
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- Professional Advisory Firms and Research Providers
- Independent Financial Advisers
- Banks & Building Societies
- Social Finance Organisations
- Individuals, Foundation & Trusts



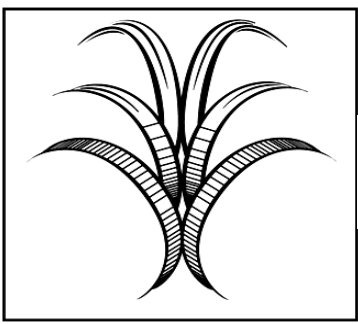
Growth in the “darker green” UK SRI Market

- The total value of “darker green” SRI funds in the UK increased from £52 billion to £120 billion between 1999 & 2001



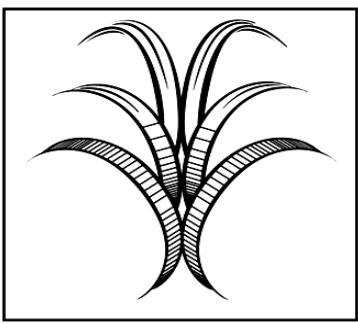
Pension Funds:	£85.0 billion
Churches and Charities:	£31.4 billion
Retail SRI Funds:	£ 3.5 billion

Source: Russell Sparkes, 2002, unpublished material.



The “lighter green” UK SRI Market

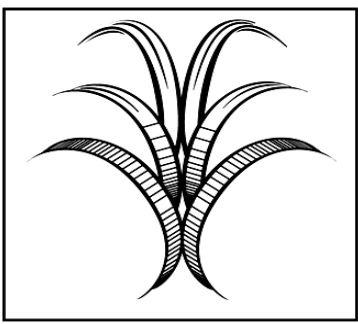
- An UKSIF study in October 2000 analysed the top 500 pension funds' SRI policies
- 59% of funds (representing 78% of assets) claimed they sought to incorporate SRI into their investment strategies, often by engagement



Public policy and other stakeholder initiatives are driving the growth of pension fund SRI

- UK Pension Disclosure Legislation (2000). This requires that:

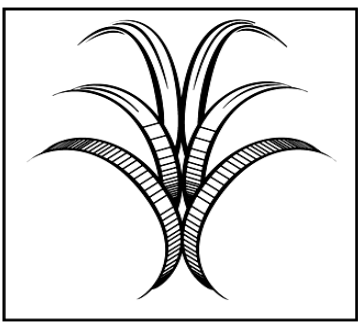
“trustees of occupational pension funds disclose in their Statement of Investment Principles (SIPs) the extent (if at all) to which social, environmental and ethical (SEE) considerations are taken into account in their investment strategies”
- Rise of Corporate Governance
- Myners’ Review of Institutional Investment
- Developments in understanding of SEE risks / opportunities
 - eg ABI guidelines



Future Public Policy Goals

UKSIF is working with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on SRI to:

- Extend Pension Disclosure Legislation to Retail Funds
- Ensure that customers are asked about SEE issues by financial advisers
- Ensure listing rules support appropriate disclosure of SEE issues
- Ensure pension funds implement their SRI policies



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