

## **Article 10 Transparency Statement**

**in respect of**

**Thornburg Equity Income Builder Fund (the “Fund”)**

**LEI code: 549300DXHETBDVSLBG66**

**a sub-fund of**

**Thornburg Global Investment plc (the “Company”)**

**Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited (the “Manager”)**

**Thornburg Investment Management, Inc. (the “Investment Manager”)**

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Words and expressions defined in the supplement to the prospectus of Company relating to the Fund shall, unless the context appears otherwise, have the same meaning when used in this disclosure.

### **(a) Samenvatting**

Het Fonds promoot het milieukekenmerk van proactief beheer van en aanpassing aan klimaatverandering, gedefinieerd als beleggen in bedrijven waarvan is vastgesteld dat ze goed gepositioneerd zijn ten opzichte van hun sectorgenoten in hun vermogen om bestaande klimaatgerelateerde risico's te beheren en klimaatgerelateerde kansen te grijpen, met inbegrip van, maar niet beperkt tot, de verbetering van milieu-efficiëntie, het ontwerpen van nieuwe milieuvriendelijke productieprocessen en de ontwikkeling van nieuwe klimaatvriendelijke producten (het '**Milieukekenmerk**'). Het Fonds heeft duurzaam beleggen niet als doelstelling.

Het Fonds streeft zijn beleggingsdoelen voornamelijk na door te beleggen in een breed scala aan inkomstengenererende effecten, waaronder aandelen en obligaties, zoals hieronder beschreven. Het Fonds zal onder normale omstandigheden ten minste 80% van zijn vermogen beleggen in inkomsten genererende gewone of preferente aandelen.

Het Fonds is van plan om ten minste 51% van zijn vermogen te beleggen op een manier die het Milieukekenmerk bevordert. Beleggingen die niet het Milieukekenmerk bevorderen zijn beleggingen die anderszins voldoen aan de beleggingsdoelstelling van het Fonds, contanten of andere kortetermijnbeleggingen voor tijdelijke defensieve of liquiditeitsdoeleinden.

De Beleggingsbeheerder gebruikt een beoordeling van een derde partij, gegenereerd door MSCI, om te helpen bij het bepalen van de relevantie en het vermogen van elk bedrijf om proactief beheer van en aanpassing aan klimaatverandering te bevorderen. De MSCI-score wordt in eerste instantie verkregen en vervolgens beoordeeld in het licht van het beleggingsbeleid van het Fonds door interne medewerkers van de Beleggingsbeheerder.

Bedrijven die scoren in de bovenste helft van het scorebereik van MSCI's koolstofarme transitie score ('**Koolstofarme Transitie score**') worden geacht bij te dragen aan de bevordering van het Milieukekenmerk. Het bereik van de Koolstofarme Transitie score, van 0-10, is een verdeling van individuele bedrijfsbeoordelingen die potentiële koplopers en achterblijvers identificeert door de blootstelling van een bedrijf aan en het beheer van risico's en kansen met betrekking tot de koolstofarme transitie te meten. De score is gebaseerd op een multidimensionale beoordeling van risico's en kansen en houdt rekening met zowel de primaire risico's (bijvoorbeeld veranderingen in marktdynamiek en regelgeving) als de secundaire risico's (risico's die de economie als geheel beïnvloeden) waarmee een bedrijf te maken krijgt door de koolstoftransitie. Het wordt uiteindelijk door MSCI bepaald door een combinatie van de huidige risicoblootstelling van elk bedrijf en zijn inspanningen om de risico's en kansen van de koolstoftransitie te beheren.

Gegevens van derden worden gebruikt om de posities in de portefeuille te bewaken en ervoor te zorgen dat de vermogensallocatie van beleggingen wordt nageleefd. Het ESG-team houdt toezicht op deze beoordeling door middel van regelmatige bijeenkomsten die gewijd zijn aan dit toezicht, dat op zijn beurt wordt uitgevoerd door de portefeuillebeheerders. Het ESG-team voorziet de portefeuillebeheerders van een doorlopend rapport dat materiële veranderingen in het gepromote Milieukeurmerk noteert, evenals de toewijzing en prestaties van individuele participaties ten opzichte van het Milieukeurmerk.

In gevallen waarin de gegevens van derden geschat zijn, heeft de Beleggingsbeheerder toegang tot de methodologische documenten om te begrijpen hoe een berekening is bepaald, maar heeft hij mogelijk geen toegang tot eigen berekeningen. Als zodanig zal de Beleggingsbeheerder zijn due diligence richten op de kwaliteit van de ingekochte diensten en zich inspannen om eventuele inconsistenties tussen de gegevens en zijn eigen inzicht in de onderliggende activa met elkaar in overeenstemming te brengen. De Beleggingsbeheerder gaat ook regelmatig in dialoog met portefeuillebedrijven om zijn beleggingsonderzoek en beleggingsbeslissingen te onderbouwen.

Er is geen referentiebenchmark aangewezen voor het bereiken van het Milieukeurmerk dat door het Fonds wordt gepromoot.

#### **(b) No Sustainable Investment Objective**

The Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

#### **(c) Environmental or Social Characteristics of the Fund**

The Fund promotes the environmental characteristic of proactive climate change management and adaptation, defined as investing in companies determined to be well positioned in relation to their peers in their ability to manage existing climate related risks and seize on climate related opportunities, including, but not limited to, the improvement of environmental efficiencies, designing new environmentally friendly production processes and development of new climate friendly products (the “**Environmental Characteristic**”).

#### **(d) Investment Strategy**

The Fund pursues its investment goals primarily by investing in a broad range of income producing securities, including stocks and bonds, as described below. The Fund will under normal conditions invest at least 80% of its assets in income-producing common or preferred stocks.

The Fund's seeks to provide a higher yield than the MSCI World Index (“**Index**”). The Fund is actively managed and pursues a strategy to outperform the Index. The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets. It consists of 23 developed market country indices. The Index represents a broad measure of equity market performance in developed markets.

The Fund may invest in any stock, ETF or other equity security which the Investment Manager believes may assist the Fund in pursuing its investment goals (including smaller companies with market capitalization of less than USD 500 million and companies in developing countries) and also including preferred stock, publicly traded real estate investment trusts, other equity trusts and partnership interests. The Fund expects that equity investments in the Fund's portfolio normally will be weighted in favour of companies which pay dividends or other current income.

The Fund may invest in debt obligations of any kind, including corporate bonds and other obligations, mortgage and other asset-backed securities and government obligations. The Fund may purchase debt obligations of any maturity and of any rating quality or which may be unrated. However, investments in debt obligations will not exceed 20% of Net Asset Value. The Fund may also invest in debt obligations which have a combination of equity and debt characteristics, such as convertible bonds or are in the form of participatory notes.

The Fund may invest a significant portion of its assets in securities of issuers domiciled in developed and developing countries. Investments in emerging markets may exceed 20% of Net Asset Value. Where the Fund invests in securities issued in the People's Republic of China, it may do so via Stock Connect.

The Fund is structured as a long-only portfolio.

The Fund may invest in securities listed or traded on any Recognised Market identified in Appendix II of the Prospectus and it may seek exposure to a country or region through investment in companies or instruments listed or traded on the stock exchanges or markets located in other jurisdictions, including US markets. It may also invest in American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs) and European Depositary Receipts (EDRs).

To assess good governance practices, the Investment Manager uses an exclusion list of issuers that violate principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

The Investment Manager in pursuit of the environmental characteristics sought to be promoted by the Fund will apply the following exclusion criteria: -

- The Fund will not invest in companies found to have violated principles of the United Nations Global Compact,
- The Fund will not invest in companies determined to be involved in the production of tobacco products, including nicotine-containing products,
- The Fund will not invest in companies involved in the production of controversial weapons including biological and chemical weapons, landmine weapons systems, cluster munitions weapons systems, and others (together the “**Exclusions**”).

For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager has set a 0% threshold exposure limit to each of the Exclusions. The Exclusions will regularly be reviewed by the Investment Manager's ESG team.

#### **(e) Proportion of Investments**

The Fund intends to invest at least 51% of its assets in a manner that promotes the Environmental Characteristic. Investments which are not promoting the Environmental Characteristic will be in investments which otherwise fulfil the investment objective of the Fund, cash or other short term investments for temporary defensive or liquidity purposes.

The other investments of the Fund are still subject to the Exclusions set out above, however will not be investments for the purposes of pursuing the Environmental Characteristic of the Fund. Such investments include cash or other investments made for cash flow management and investments made for investment purposes.

The Fund will not seek to make environmentally sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy, accordingly the percentage of EU Taxonomy aligned investments is expected to be 0%.

#### **(f) Monitoring of Environmental or Social Characteristics**

Third party data is utilized to monitor the portfolio holdings and ensure that the asset allocation of investments is adhered to. This assessment is supervised by the ESG Team through regular meetings which are dedicated to such monitoring, which in turn is implemented by the portfolio managers. The ESG Team provides the portfolio managers with an ongoing report which notes material changes to the promoted Environmental Characteristic, as well as the attribution and performance of individual holdings relative to the Environmental Characteristic. The Investment Manager additionally conducts due diligence on the third-party provider to verify the continued adequacy and appropriateness of the data used in the determination of the Environmental Characteristic promoted by the Fund.

#### **(g) Methodologies**

The Investment Manager utilizes a third-party assessment, generated by MSCI to assist in its determination as to the relevance and ability of each company to promote proactive climate change management and adaptation. The MSCI score is initially obtained and subsequently assessed in light of the Fund's investment policy by internal Investment Manager staff.

Companies scoring in the top half of the scoring range of MSCI's low carbon transition score ("**Low Carbon Transition Score**") will be determined to be contributing to the promotion of the Environmental Characteristic. The Low Carbon Transition Score range, from 0-10, is a distribution of individual company assessments that identifies potential leaders and laggards by measuring a company's exposure to and management of risks and opportunities related to the low carbon transition. The score is based on a multidimensional risks and opportunities assessment, and considers both the primary risks (e.g., changes in market dynamics and regulations) and secondary risks (risks affecting the economy as a whole) that a company faces from the carbon transition. It is finally determined, by MSCI, by a combination of each company's current risk exposure and its efforts to manage the risks and opportunities presented by the low carbon transition.

Where MSCI data is unavailable or the Investment Manager has reason to believe it to be incorrect or outdated, the Investment Manager may perform direct analysis by reviewing a company's primary documentation which would clearly corroborate the erroneous or outdated information within the MSCI data set in addition to evidencing a company's compliance with the Investment Manager's parameters (i.e., Low Carbon Transition Score) in pursuit of the promoted environmental characteristics. The Investment Manager may engage in enhanced due diligence to assess the ability of a company to contribute to the promotion of the Environmental Characteristic where necessary.

#### **(h) Data Sources and Processing**

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The Investment Manager endeavours to utilize third party data as its primary source of data to ascertain the contribution of individual securities to the promoted Environmental Characteristic. Primary research may be necessary to make determinations in cases where securities are not covered by the third-party provider or fall into various categories described below in the '*Limitations to Methodologies and Data*' section. All information is sourced from publicly available company disclosures, or where not available, third party or industry estimates.

#### **(i) Limitations to Methodologies and Data**

The Investment Manager recognizes that ESG data has inherent limitations that require significant attention to ensure its use in support of the promoted criteria and that while best efforts will be made to procure or make determinations in the spirit of the described characteristics the Investment Manager has limited ability to influence the quality or timeliness of company disclosures that underpin the data. As ESG data relies on publicly available information or industry estimates it generally contains a reporting lag that may lead to the company's disclosed data to be materially different from current conditions. Additionally, ESG data is reliant on the issuer's and subsequently third party's own limitations and methodologies, which don't always align across sectors, geographies, and time periods. ESG data may contain judgement by the issuer in how it represents its ESG characteristics, by the third party in how it collects and standardizes this disclosure, or by the Investment Manager in how it interprets alignment of the data it procures with the stated characteristics.

#### **(j) Due Diligence**

The Investment Manager has limited ability to conduct extensive due diligence on specific data details of individual securities across the whole Fund. In cases where the third-party data is estimated, the Investment Manager will have access to the methodology documents to understand how a calculation is determined but may not have access to proprietary calculations. As such, the Investment Manager will focus its due diligence on the quality of the services procured and will make efforts to reconcile

inconsistencies between the data and its own understanding of the underlying assets that it may encounter.

**(k) Engagement Policies**

The Investment Manager engages in regular dialogue with portfolio companies for the purposes of informing its investment research and investment decisions. Engagement spans a variety of methods, including 1:1 meetings, attendance of conference presentations, calls with management, proxy voting, email communications, and others. These discussions take place in support of the Investment Manager's fiduciary obligation to oversee the clients' investments in portfolio companies and focus on financially material topics.

**(l) Designated Reference Benchmark**

A reference benchmark has not been designated for the purpose of attaining the Environmental Characteristic promoted by the Fund.

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