

FUND RATINGS DEFINED

HIGHLY COMMENDED We have **high confidence** in this investment product.



This is a Fund or Investment Product that has scored consistently very well across all areas of Evergreen Ratings' research and analysis framework. As a result, we believe the Fund has a very high probability of meeting its objectives.

It is appropriately designed, with appropriate fees and has sufficient, high quality systems and resources, including risk management and corporate governance, to manage an appropriate outcome.

COMMENDED

We have **confidence** in this fund manager or investment product.



This is a Fund or Investment Product that has scored consistently well across most areas of Evergreen Ratings' research and analysis framework. As a result, we believe the Fund has a high probability of meeting its objectives.

It is reasonably well designed, with fees more or less in line with the nature of the product and its peers. The Manager has sufficient, quality systems and resources, including risk management and corporate governance, to manage an appropriate outcome.

SATISFACTORY

We have **some confidence** in this investment product.



While this is a Fund or Investment Product that has scored well in some areas of Evergreen Ratings' research and analysis framework, it did not score as well in other areas important to achieving a good investment outcome.

As a result, Evergreen Ratings believes it has a reasonable chance of meeting its investment objectives.

NOT APPROVED

We have **little confidence** in the investment product



This is a Fund or Investment product that did not score well across most areas of Evergreen Ratings' research and analysis framework. There is a lack of identifiable strengths across some or all of product design, fees, systems and governance, therefore placing doubt on the likelihood of the fund or product achieving its investment objectives.

NOT RATED

This fund manager or investment product has been **screened out**. Evergreen Ratings has either (i) conducted a preliminary review of the investment product and has identified material or structural flaws or (ii) the Manager has elected to not confirm some elements of the research process requisite in the ratings protocol to release the research report.

