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To date, impact investing has focused mainly on the positive side of specific environmental or social outcomes (e.g. clean water or better education). More recently, large asset owners have expressed interest in impact investing in the domain of large global equities. This is particularly well-suited to pension fund portfolios, which by their very nature embrace long time horizons in terms of financial performance, in fact, decades into the future. An explicit assumption is that the risks to such investments will be minimized wherever and whenever the negative environmental impact of investment choices is contained. The notions of both long-term wealth generation and environmental security are the essence of sustainability and underpin a new investment business model.