

Achieve Partners Named to ImpactAssets' IA 50 2025

Pioneering education and workforce firm recognized for industry leadership as impact investing continues to expand worldwide

New York, NY – Achieve Partners today announced that, for the second consecutive year, it has been named to [ImpactAssets 50™ \(IA 50\)](#), the definitive guide to impact investment fund managers globally. Developed by [ImpactAssets](#), the impact investing leader with a 15-year track record of mobilizing capital for good, this year's IA 50 features 50 fund managers on the core IA 50 list (including Achieve), 65 managers for the Emerging Impact Manager list, and 50 managers for the Emeritus list.

“Our work is rooted in the idea that it’s possible to generate market-leading returns while also prioritizing impact,” said Achieve Managing Director Daniel Pianko. “We’re honored to be recognized by IA 50 and look forward to continuing to drive the industry forward in ways that both close persistent talent gaps and create new pathways to economic mobility.”

Now in its 14th year, the IA 50 remains the most comprehensive resource for identifying best-in-class impact fund managers, offering investors a rigorously curated and publicly accessible database to explore the industry’s leaders across the full range of investment types.

This year’s IA 50 highlights unabated momentum in impact investing: Application volume has grown 250% since 2020, and 28% of 2025 applicants had never applied before – both signals of rapid market expansion. Total assets under management (AUM) of IA 50 firms surged to \$130.6 billion, representing a 35% year-over-year increase – driven by the inclusion of new, large impact managers, as well as the steady growth of established firms. Notably, this year’s Emerging Impact Manager (EIM) category lists 21 managers who focus on climate as their primary impact theme, the largest number ever in this category and a category total that has nearly doubled since 2021. This year’s EIM category also witnesses a resurgence of infrastructure-focused managers with three such managers selected, signaling the highest-ever infrastructure focus on the EIM list.

“As impact investing continues its march into the financial mainstream, the IA 50 has become a powerful barometer of industry maturation and the most respected recognition in our sector,” said Margret Trilli, CEO and Chief Investment Officer of ImpactAssets and an IA 50 Review Committee member. “The scale, growth and credibility of this year’s IA 50 managers demonstrate that impact investing is not only thriving, it is becoming an undeniable force in the market.”

Market Signals: Key Trends from the IA 50 2025

The composition of the IA 50 2025 reveals key trends shaping impact investing today:

- **Growing Manager AUMs:** A total of 24 IA 50 managers have reached institutional scale, with \$1 billion or more in AUM, a 33% increase over the two previous years.
- **Financial Returns and Impact Work In Tandem:** 46% of managers on the list target market-rate returns, while 28% pursue above-market returns. The core IA 50 list is predominantly market-rate (36%) and above-market (28%) managers.
- **Climate and Social Impact Priorities:** 50% of listed managers primarily focus on social themes such as financial inclusion and community development, while 33% prioritize climate-related investments, including clean tech, alternative energy, and decarbonization.
- **Beneficiaries of Impact Capital:** The majority of IA 50 managers focus on supporting small businesses, rural communities, low income and disadvantaged communities.
- **Third-Party Impact Verification on the Rise:** 28% of core IA 50 managers and 24% of Emeritus managers have impact reports verified by third-party assessors, marking a steady progression in impact transparency.

“This year’s IA 50 showcases how impact investing is quickly coming of age – not only in scale and financial sophistication, but also in accountability and rigor,” said Jed Emerson, IA 50 Review Committee Chair. “The increasing prevalence of third-party impact verification, larger institutional-scale fund sizes and record-breaking newer entrants signal a maturing market that remains deeply committed to driving positive change.”

About the ImpactAssets 50

[ImpactAssets 50™ \(IA 50\)](#) is the definitive guide to impact investing fund managers globally. The publicly available database is composed of experienced and emerging private debt and equity impact investment fund managers committed to generating positive impact. The IA 50 2025 reflects the innovation and exponential growth of impact investing that the IA 50 has helped to spotlight over 14 years.

The IA 50 is not an index or investable platform and does not constitute an offering or solicitation to buy or sell securities or a private placement, or recommend specific products. Nor is this an endorsement of any of the listed fund managers. It is not a replacement for due diligence. Additional details on the selection process are available [here](#).

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About Achieve Partners

Achieve Partners is engineering the future of learning and earning by investing in cutting edge technologies and novel business models to bolster skill development and secure the future of work for millions of Americans. By harnessing digital transformation to build new models for learning and new pathways to good jobs, Achieve is helping to level the playing field, improve socioeconomic mobility, and rekindle the American Dream.

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About ImpactAssets

[ImpactAssets](#) is an impact investing leader dedicated to changing the trajectory of the planet's future and improving the lives of all people. As a leading impact investing firm, ImpactAssets offers deep strategic expertise to help its clients define and execute on their impact goals. Founded in 2010, ImpactAssets increases flows of money to impact investing in partnership with its clients through its impact investment platform, philanthropic solutions and field-building initiatives, including the IA 50 database of private debt and equity impact fund managers. ImpactAssets has more than \$3 billion in assets, working with purpose-driven individuals and their wealth managers, family offices, foundations and corporations. ImpactAssets is an independent 501(c)(3) organization. is an independent 501(c)(3) organization.

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