

# Not Your Grandmother's Impact Investing

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## What is Impact Investing?

- According to the Global Impact Investment Network:
  - impact investing is an approach to investing seeking to “harness the power of ... investment capital to actively contribute to improvements in people’s lives and the health of the environment”
  - impact investments are investments made with the intention to generate **positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return.**



# Characteristics of Impact Investing

- According to the GIIN, impact investments share the following:
  1. Intentional focus on social and environmental impact
  2. Expectation of financial return
  3. Made across asset classes
  4. Impact that is measured and disclosed



# Continuum of Impact Investing

- Socially responsible investments (SRIs)
  - Considers environmental, social, and corporate governance criteria to generate long-term competitive financial returns and positive social impact
- Mission-related investments (MRIs)
  - Investments made with the intention to further the investor's mission and recover the invested principal or earn a financial return
- Program-related investments (PRIs)
  - Investment with a primary purpose of accomplishing charitable goal and no significant purpose of providing a financial return
  - Exception to PF prohibition on jeopardizing investments



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