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The past decade has seen enormous growth in the number of sustainable investment products, with many advisers and their clients looking for guidance on how to evaluate these funds' objectives and holdings. Since the launch of the Lonsec Sustainability Report in 2020, many advisers and their clients have used the reports to help shape their portfolios. As the market has evolved, we want our reports to reflect best practice so they can continue to provide value to investors.

New data provider

We have recently engaged Impact Cubed to provide the data that drives the Lonsec Sustainability Report. Impact Cubed is a specialist data provider that collates and creates outcome-based impact data for listed companies and securities globally to give investors true insight into their impact on the world around them. The quality and breadth of data from Impact Cubed, especially around waste, water, climate and carbon, reflects current best practice and allows us to provide enhanced insight for fund managers, advisers and investors.

Sustainability score

The Sustainability Score indicates the ranking of the fund against its peer universe and is represented by a number of bees. A score of five bees is the highest a fund can achieve and signifies that the fund's holdings are ranked within the top 10% of the peer universe, on a net 'goodness' basis. The following table shows the Sustainability Score and position of the fund relative to all Lonsec-rated funds.

5 bees	Top 10%
4 bees	Top 10% to 30%
3 bees	Middle 40%
2 bees	Bottom 10%-30%
1 bee	Bottom 10%

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) contribution

Established by the United Nations, the 17 SDG goals are the "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". Lonsec, powered by our partner Impact Cubed, maps the products and services delivered by a company, beyond a simple industry allocation, to determine how those products and services contribute to, or detract from, each of the SGDs.

The estimate of a fund's contribution to each of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) is represented as a bar chart. Both positive and negative contributors are included to provide a more balanced view of the overall portfolio.

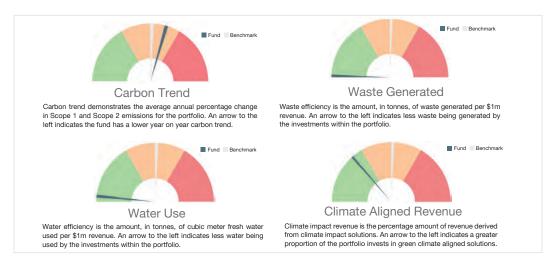


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Environmental factors

Speedometers provide an indication of the carbon trend, waste generated, water use and climate aligned revenue of a fund. These metrics are shown against the industry benchmark, which may differ from the fund's benchmark but allows for comparison between funds.

The benchmark is shown in the middle of the speedometer with arrows to the left or right of the benchmark indicating how that fund is performing against the benchmark. For example, if a fund has the arrow to the left of the benchmark for Climate Aligned Revenue, a greater proportion of the portfolio invests in climate-aligned solutions than the benchmark.



Manager exclusions

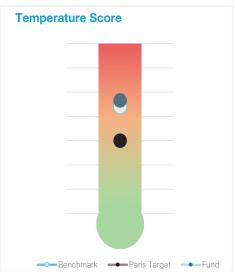
The Sustainability report includes a table of a fund's exclusions as provided by the Fund Manager. For each exclusion, the manager has provided a percentage (%) materiality threshold indicating the maximum amount of revenue accepted for an investment. Exclusions can result from PDS restriction, firm wide exclusion, ESG policy exclusion, team level exclusion or benchmark. For example, a 5% logging exclusion means that if a company earns more than 5% of its revenue from logging, it would be excluded from the investable universe.

Viewed in conjunction with the Portfolio look-through table, advisers and their clients can see actual fund holdings versus what the fund has the capacity to hold. In this metric, we will also flag if a fund has securities on the UN sanctions list.

Temperature score

The portfolio temperature score shows the warming associated with a fund's carbon trend. Presented in degrees Celsius, it offers a more intuitive view of a fund's climate impact, benchmarked to the Paris Target global warming goal.





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