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# Sustainability report

SMPS Growth



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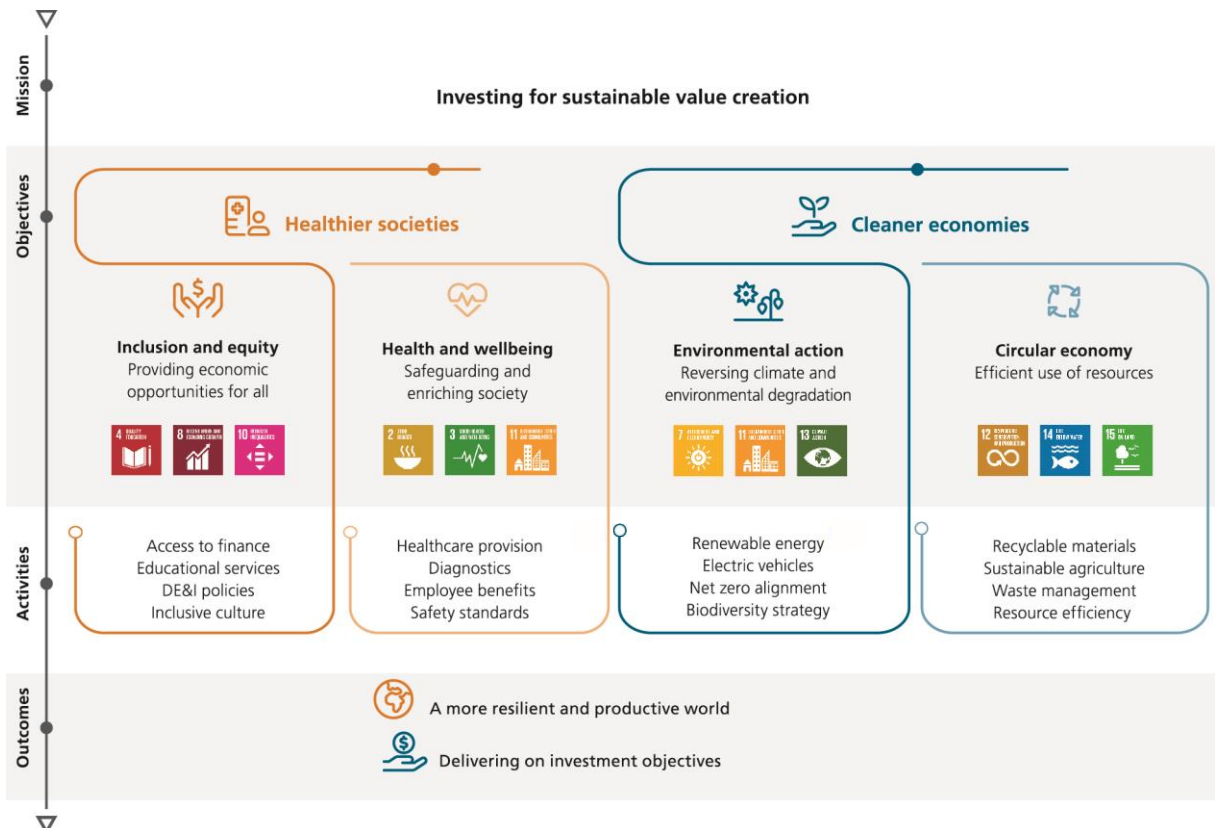
# Our sustainable investment framework

We believe that companies providing solutions to building a more sustainable economy, and those taking ownership of their own sustainability footprint are placing themselves at a competitive advantage to benefit from the changing policy, consumer and economic landscape. Focussing on **'Sustainable Value Creation' (SVC) considers how positive sustainability characteristics can enhance financial characteristics and outlook.** This allows investors to contribute to and benefit from the evolution to a more sustainable economic model.

**Central to a more sustainable economic model is creating healthier societies and cleaner economies.** Within these two structural mega trends we have identified four investment pillars that are closely aligned to several of the UNSDGs. These in turn help identify desirable and undesirable activities, both considering how a company operates and what it sells. **Our aim is to invest in companies that are positively contributing to a more resilient and productive world, whilst delivering on client investment objectives.**

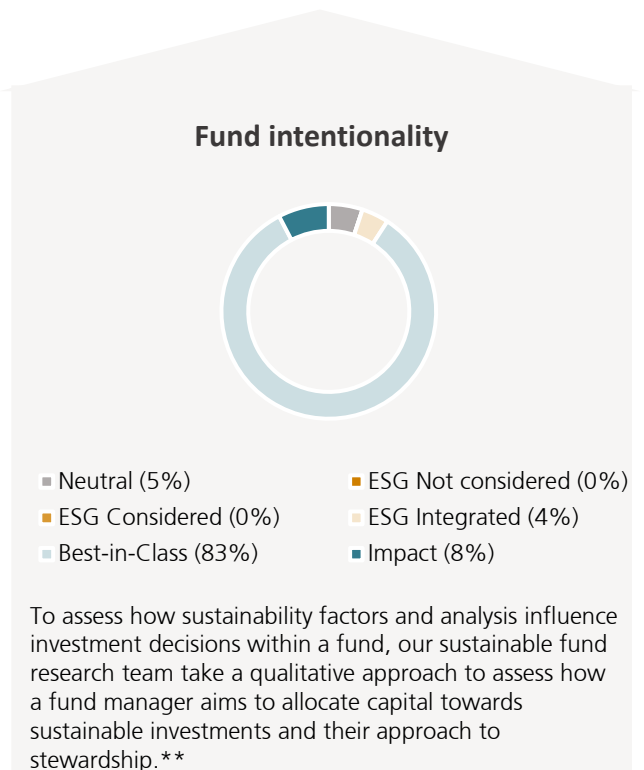
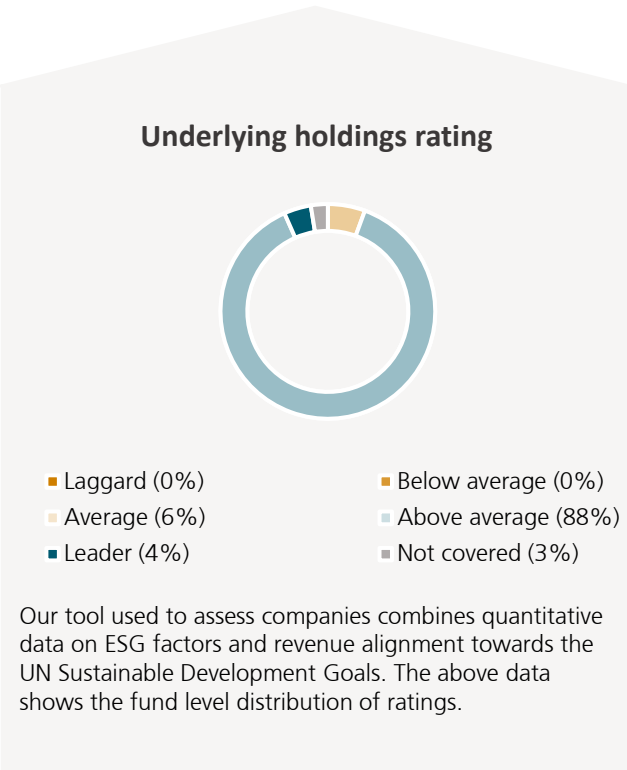
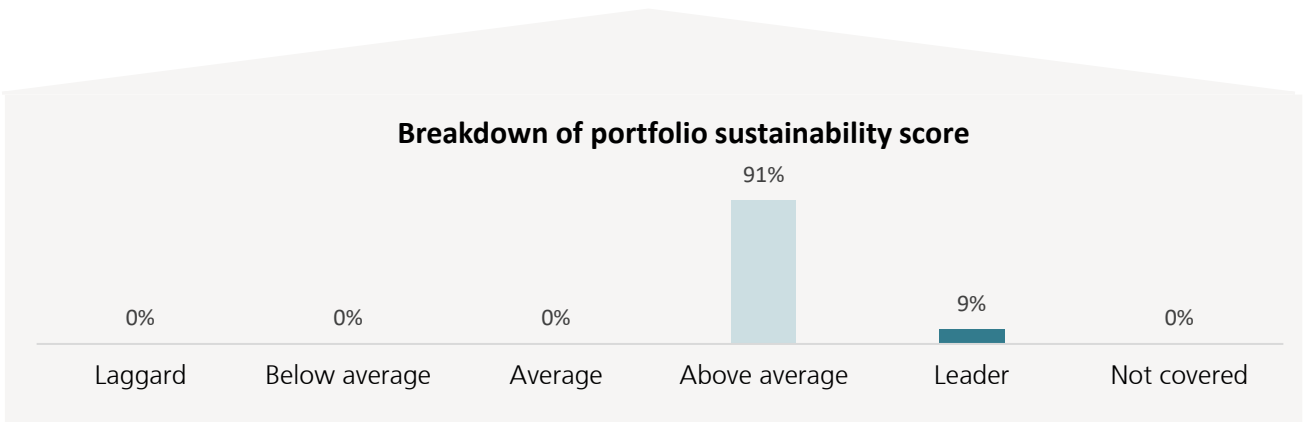
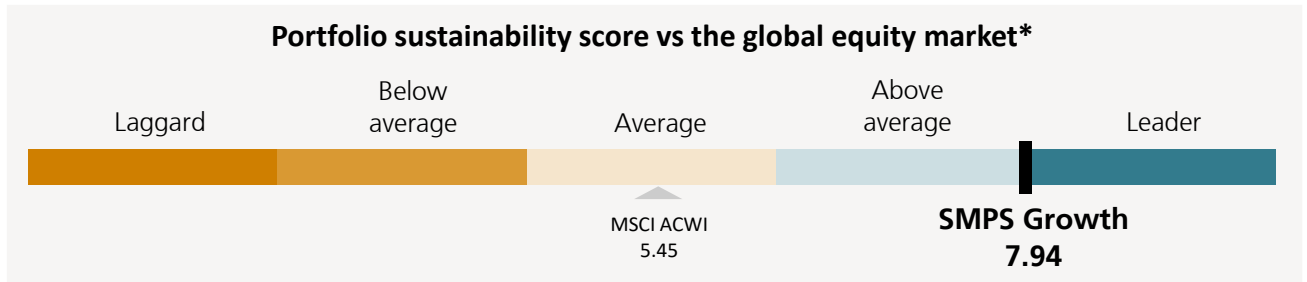
This report provides insights into the sustainability characteristics of our SMPS Growth portfolio using a combination of quantitative and qualitative information.

Whilst the data displayed in this report can provide interesting insights into our portfolios, it does not represent a definitive measurement of sustainability and should be considered alongside our broader qualitative reporting.



# LGT sustainability report: SMPS Growth

The LGT sustainability score is powered by our proprietary sustainability tool. It integrates both a data-based assessment of the corporate sustainability and product impact of the underlying investments, alongside a qualitative assessment of a funds intentionality to provide sustainable outcomes. The portfolio score is an aggregation of underlying fund scores.



\*MSCI ACWI index

\*\*For the full list of portfolio's holdings, sustainability and intentionality ratings, please refer to our appendix


# Portfolio carbon emissions

We analyse the carbon emissions of businesses, both scope 1 + 2 (operations), and scope 3 (supply chains and goods and services) to help understand their impact on the environment and exposure to climate related risks. We use carbon footprint (carbon tons per million pounds invested), as a way to measure our portfolio companies.


This can then be compared to sector averages to see if companies are outperforming their peers on reducing emissions, and the wider global index.

While emissions are an important consideration, they're not the sole indicator of a sustainable company. We consider carbon alongside other factors when making investment decisions.

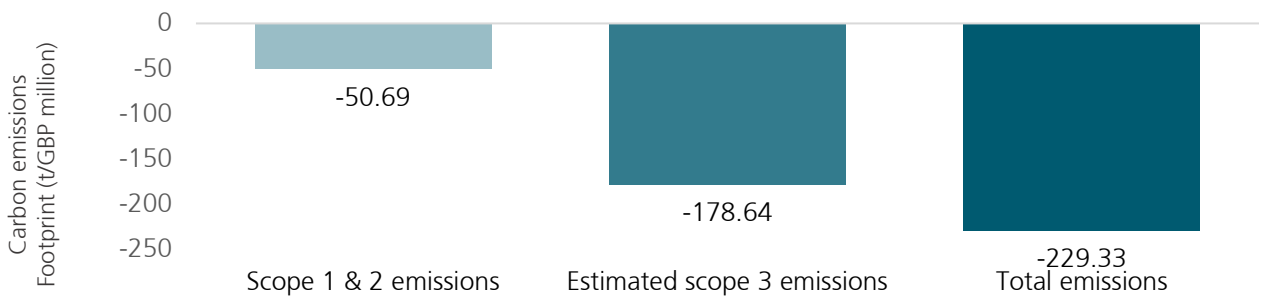
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Direct emissions



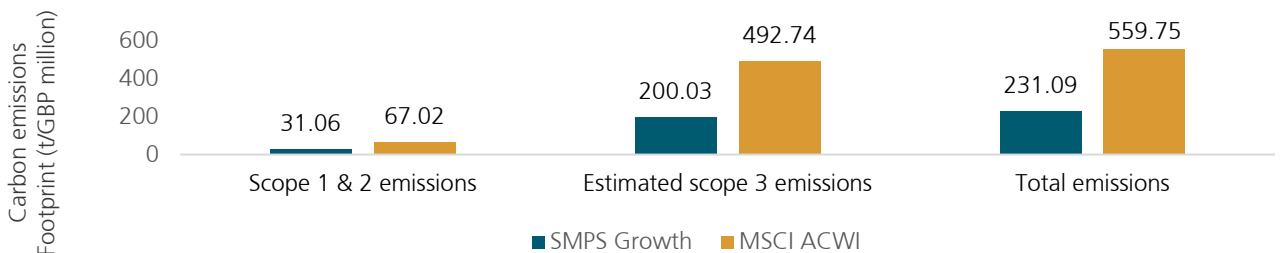
**Scope 3**  
Indirect emissions



## Carbon emissions vs sector average



## Carbon emissions vs global equity market\*



## Carbon emissions equivalents

The portfolio has 54% lower scope 1 and 2 carbon exposure than the MSCI ACWI Index. To provide some context, relative to a £1,000,000 investment this equates to:



**92,194**  
Miles driven by car



**126**  
Short-haul flights



**4**  
Homes' energy use for one year



**4,063**  
Gallons of petrol consumed

This should not be interpreted as a direct impact of the investment. It is purely an expression of the relative emissions produced by portfolio companies versus a global benchmark.

All data is sourced from LGT Wealth Management SMax ESG tool

# Case study

## Waste Management Inc



Circular economy



**Region:** North America | **Sector:** Waste Management | **Market cap:** \$85 billion

Company held within: Alliance Bernstein US Sustainable Thematic Fund

**Overview:** Waste management is US company focussed on processing waste in a manner that reduces negative impacts on the environment, including contributing to establishing a circular resource model where value is extracted through recycling. It provides its services to nearly 21 million residential, municipal and commercial customers across North America, operating around 250 landfill sites and 97 recycling plants.

**Challenge:** Despite efforts to focus on recycling, the majority of waste is still non recyclable and therefore gets sent to landfill, Waste Management processes over 100 million tons per year. Disposing of waste in this way can result in toxic substances leaching into the soil and surrounding waterways whilst decomposing matter also releases green house gas emissions.

**Response:** Waste Management has taken considerable steps to reduce these impacts including utilising liners and covers to reduce the impacts of leaching, integrating waste water treatment facilities and capturing emitted gasses to turn into biofuel. They are also investing in technology installing sensor and measurement systems to allow operators to effectively manage the inputs and outputs related to their sites.



**97\***

Recycling facilities as of 2023



**100%**

Renewable energy usage targeted for 2025



**21 million**

customers across North America

Source: Waste Management Inc

# Stewardship of your assets

Stewardship is the responsible allocation, management and oversight of capital to create long-term value for clients and beneficiaries leading to sustainable benefits for the economy, the environment and society (UK Stewardship Code).

We believe that it is part of our duty to use our voice as investors to ensure the best outcomes for clients.

Each year we send out our annual Sustainability Due Diligence Questionnaire to the third party fund managers we invest in. It is important we use these responses to reassess the sustainable strengths of our fund managers, and track their year on year progress.

In this dynamic landscape it allows us to structurally review and compare our funds approach across seven areas of sustainability, covering 150+ questions. We feedback this information and our opinions in our report to help progress industry practices and standards.

## Key takeaways from our 2023 fund engagement report

<b>Policies and process</b>	We have seen an increasing proportion of our funds being members of the UK Stewardship Code.
<b>Climate</b>	A significant proportion of funds have 2050 net zero targets. We are engaging to encourage interim reduction initiatives.
<b>Stewardship</b>	Many have a formal stewardship policy focused on fund objectives.
<b>Biodiversity</b>	As an emerging area with limited data, most are still developing their approach on biodiversity. We will assess progress next year.
<b>Human Rights</b>	The quality of modern slavery statements have improved, with a stronger alignment to distinguished human rights frameworks.
<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion</b>	We were pleased most had a D&I policy in place. Gender ratios across business, investment teams and new hires have improved.



For more detail, see our fund manager engagement report [HERE](#)

## Collaborative engagements

We as LGT WM, have also joined a variety of collaborative investor engagements. These initiatives allow investors to amplify their voice around common objectives in order to increase influence with businesses and accelerate change.



For more detail on our collaborative engagement across LGT WM, please refer to our 2023 stewardship report here: [LINK](#)

\*Fast moving consumer goods

# Appendix 1: Data disclosures

## Sustainability score coverage

This report is based on data as at 30/06/2024.

### **100% of the funds within this portfolio have a sustainability rating.**

For our equity funds, on average 86% of a fund's underlying holdings were covered.

For our bond funds, on average 60% of a fund's underlying holdings were covered.

Whilst we aim to have 100% coverage across the analysis that we conduct, the coverage may be lower. The primary reason for this is lack of data availability on certain holdings and asset classes, for example privately-issued bonds.

Corporate bond scores are aligned to its parent issuer's score. We have a separate sovereign bond assessment framework which scores countries based on a wide range of metrics including freedom of press, strength of institutions, and democratic freedoms', this is integrated into the sustainability score.

For funds, we have coverage thresholds that determine whether a fund's sustainability rating can be assessed appropriately by the fund's underlying holdings.

- Equity funds – At least 65% of the fund's underlying holdings must be assessed
- Fixed income/alternative funds – At least 50% of the fund's underlying holdings must be assessed

Should a fund not meet these thresholds, the assessment of the underlying holdings is deemed void and the fund will be scored solely based on its intentionality rating.

For more details on our SMAX engine methodology, please get in contact your LGT representative/contact.

## Carbon emissions coverage

### **95% of the funds within this portfolio have a carbon emissions profile.**

For our equity funds, on average 90% of a fund's underlying holdings were covered.

For our corporate bond funds, on average 41% of a fund's underlying holdings were covered.

To calculate emissions footprint we have measured total carbon emissions against Enterprise Value Including Cash (EVIC). EVIC is a calculation of a company's total value including market capitalization of equity, book value of debt instruments and cash. This is the preferred calculation of the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC).

When comparing carbon against sector averages, we have defined the sectors in line with Global Industry Classification Sectors (GICS) standards, aggregating the differences in emissions at a company level respective to its GICS industry.

For bonds, we take the parent issuer's emissions when assessing carbon exposure. In the case of sovereign bonds where the parent issuer is a government or municipal entity, we do not currently measure any carbon emissions for these entities and therefore, these holdings are excluded from our analysis.

Portfolio scope 3 emissions are estimated and are indicative of how exposed a portfolio is to scope 3 emissions. We are cognisant of the data limitations surrounding scope 3 emissions reporting and of the limitations of calculating an aggregated scope 3 emissions figure for a portfolio including challenges surrounding double counting.

For more details on our carbon methodology, please get in contact with your LGT representative/contact.

## Carbon footnotes

Data supporting the metric ton carbon equivalents is sourced from the US Environmental Protection Agency and is accurate as of July 2023. Their methodology can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gases-equivalencies-calculator-calculations-and-references>



## Appendix 2: Underlying fund sustainability categories

Equities	Sustainability score	Intentionality rating	Asset type
Alliance Bernstein Sustainable US Thematic	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Sparinvest SICAV Ethical Global Value	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Schroder Global Sustainable Value Equity	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Janus Henderson Global Sustainable Equity Fund	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Lazard Global Sustainable Equity	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Morgan Stanley Global Sustain	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Stewart Investors Worldwide Sustainability Fund	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders Sustainability Fund	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Ninety One Global Environment	Leader	Impact	Equity
Polar Capital Emerging Markets Stars	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Foresight Global Real Infrastructure Fund	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Impax Asian Environmental Markets	Above average	Impact	Equity
Liontrust Sustainable Future UK Growth Fund	Leader	Best-in-class	Equity
Liontrust GF Sustainable Future Global Growth	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
Liontrust Sustainable Future European Growth Fund	Leader	Best-in-class	Equity
HC Cadira Sustainable Japan Equity Fund	Above average	Best-in-class	Equity
<b>Corporate bond</b>			
TwentyFour Sustainable Short Term Bond Income	Above average	Best-in-class	Bond
Rathbone Ethical Bond	Above average	Best-in-class	Bond
Brown Advisory Global Sustainable Total Return Bond Fund	Above average	Best-in-class	Bond
<b>Government bonds</b>			
Legal & General All Stocks Gilt Index Trust	Above average	Neutral	Government
Vanguard® U.K. Long Duration Gilt Index Fund	Above average	Neutral	Government
<b>Alternatives</b>			
Trojan Ethical Fund	Above average	ESG integrated	Alternative

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