

# Sustainability Report

Dimensional Global Bond Sustainability Trust

As at 31 December 2023

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## Focused Approach Guided by Science

### **Data Driven**

We use environmental data to identify issues we believe have the potential to impose significant external costs on future generations.

### **Climate Focused**

Our approach to sustainability focuses on the emissions that cause climate change.

### **Transparent Reporting**

Our strategies are designed to provide a meaningful reduction in carbon footprint exposure.

Dimensional's sustainability strategies pursue reduced carbon footprint exposure.

There is no guarantee strategies will be successful. Environmental and social screens may limit investment opportunities.



## **Emissions** Data

Focusing on greenhouse gas emissions data enables a climate-focused investment approach

### Relevancy

Greenhouse gas emissions are the primary driver of climate change.

### Accessibility

Companies around the world report greenhouse gas emissions annually.

### Comparability

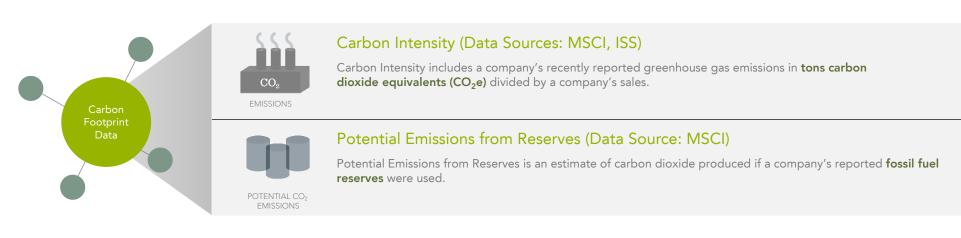
Comparing companies' emissions data allows investors to compare companies' environmental characteristics.



## Understanding Carbon Footprint Data

Evaluating company emissions by considering what's in the air and in the ground

### **Carbon Footprint Components:**



#### **Carbon Concepts at a Glance**

#### What are carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e)?

CO<sub>2</sub>e is a unit used to compare emissions of the seven greenhouse gases by converting each gas to an equivalent amount of  $CO_2$ based on their global warming potential.<sup>1</sup>

#### What is 1 Ton CO<sub>2</sub>e?



Equivalent to emissions from 427 litres of petrol consumed<sup>1</sup>

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Equivalent to carbon sequestered by 1.2 acres of US forests in

#### What are fossil fuel reserves?

Companies may have physical assets that include coal, oil, and natural gas, which can lead to high emissions in the future.<sup>2</sup>

1. Source: EPA.gov.

2. Source: MSCI

Carbon Intensity represents a company's recently reported or estimated Scope 1 (direct) + Scope 2 (indirect) greenhouse gas emissions in carbon dioxide equivalents (CO2e) normalized by sales in USD (metric tons CO2e per USD million sales). Greenhouse gases included are carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), nitrous oxide (N2O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride (SF6), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF3). Potential Emissions from Reserves is a theoretical estimate calculated by MSCI of carbon dioxide produced if a company's reported reserves of oil, gas, and coal were converted to energy, given estimated carbon and energy densities of the respective reserves.

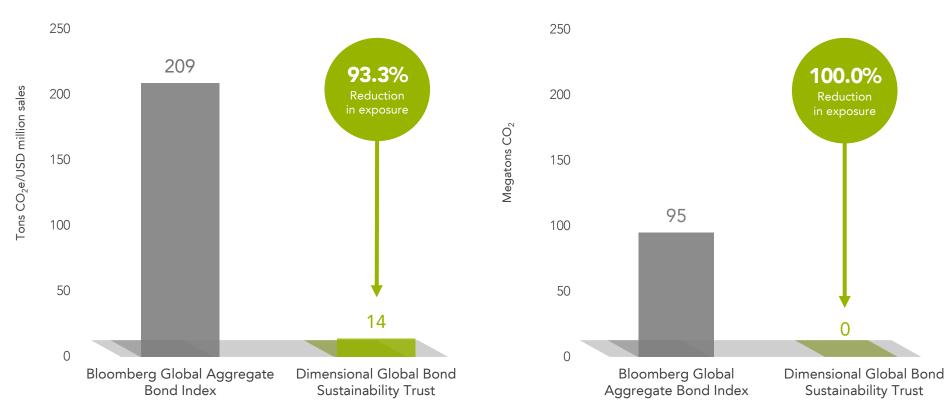


## Carbon Footprint

Emissions exposure as at 31 December 2023

### Weighted Average Carbon Intensity

Corporate Bonds Only



Weighted Average Carbon Intensity is found by calculating the recently reported or estimated Scope 1 (direct) + Scope 2 (indirect) greenhouse gas emissions in carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e) normalized by sales in USD (metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e per USD million sales) for each portfolio or index company and calculating the weighted average by portfolio or index weight. Greenhouse gases included are carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF<sub>3</sub>). Weighted Average Potential Emissions from Reserves is found using a theoretical estimate calculated by MSCI of carbon dioxide produced if a company's reported reserves of oil, gas, and coal were converted to energy, given estimated carbon and energy densities of the respective reserves, for each portfolio or index company and calculating the weighted average by portfolio or index weight. Please see "Sustainability Data Description and Disclosures" for additional information. Bloomberg data provided by Bloomberg.

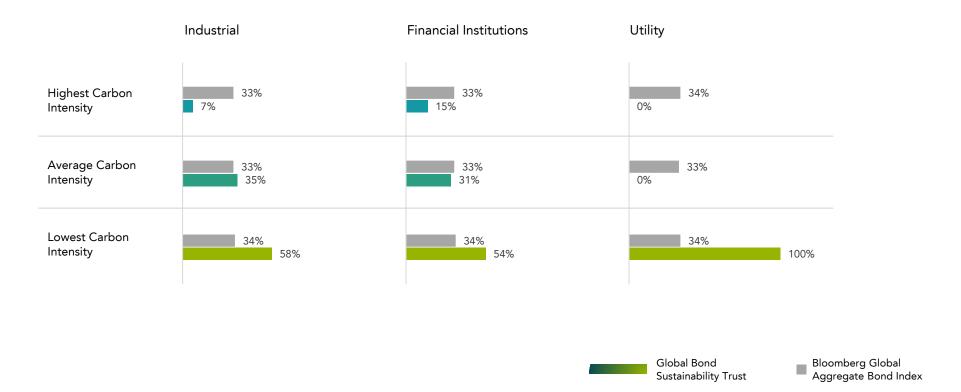
### Weighted Average Potential Emissions from Reserves

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# Sector Weight Distribution by Carbon Intensity

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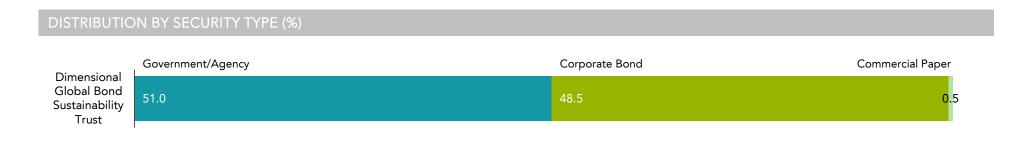


Corporate sectors defined by Barclays class 2 sector classifications for corporate issuers. Please see "Sustainability Data Description and Disclosures" slide for additional information. Please see "Sustainability Data Description and Disclosures" slide for additional information. Within the portfolio's target market, region, and industry, each company is classified from Lower Carbon Intensity to Higher Carbon Intensity. The Lowest Carbon Intensity group is defined as approximately the third of companies with the lowest carbon intensity. The Average Carbon Intensity group is defined as the next third; and the Higher Carbon Intensity group is defined as approximately the third of companies with the highest carbon intensity. Within the target market. Bloomberg data provided by Bloomberg.



# Security Type and Corporate Sector Weights

Characteristics as at 31 December 2023



### SECTOR WEIGHTS FOR CORPORATE BONDS (%)









## Sustainability Considerations

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SUSTAINABILITY EXCLUSIONS <sup>1</sup>				
Carbon Intensity <sup>2</sup>	GHG emissions in ca CO2e per USD millic nitrous oxide (N2O),	ecently reported or estimated Scope 1 (direct) + Scope 2 (indirect) rbon dioxide equivalents (CO2e) normalised by sales (metric tons on sales). GHG included are carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulphur nd Nitrogen trifluoride (NF3).	85% of score	Each corporate bond in the
Land Use and Biodiversity		company's history of disturbing large and/or fragile ecosystems and dequate policies and programs designed to protect biodiversity.		
Toxic Spills and Releases	An assessment of a company's involvement in non-greenhouse gas-related legal cases, criticisms by NGOs around non-GHG emission practices, resistance to improvement practices, and direct impact due to non GHG emissions.		15% of score	eligible universe is scored. Across the eligible universe, the lowest-scoring 10% by market value are generally excluded.
Operational Waste	An assessment of a company's history of involvement in non-hazardous waste-related legal cases, criticisms by NGOs around non-hazardous waste practices, resistance to improvement practices and direct impact due to non-hazardous waste.			
Water Management		company's history of involvement in water-related legal cases, around water practices, resistance to improvement practices and water pollution.		
Potential Emissions from Reserves	Total potential emissions are an estimate of carbon dioxide produced if a company's reserves of oil, gas, and coal were converted to energy, given estimated carbon and energy densities of the respective reserves.		Corporate, agency and supranational issuers with high total potential emissions from reserves are generally excluded.	
EMISSIONS-FOCUSED WEIGHT	ING <sup>1</sup>			
Carbon Intensity <sup>2</sup>	See "Sustainability Exclusions".	Corporate issuers in each sector are ranked by carbon intensity and bucketed into terciles based on percent of market value. In general, within a sector, the fund will allocate less than 25% among issuers in the worst tercile, and at least 40% among issuers in the best tercile. Agency and supranational issuers whose carbon intensity is within the worst 10% of the corporate universe are generally excluded.		

For more information on these factors please refer to the PDS (including Additional Information Guide). Investors should consider the current PDS in deciding whether to invest in the trusts, or to continue to hold their investments in the trusts. 1. The Global Sustainability Bond and Two-Year Sustainability Fixed Interest Trusts' primary sustainability goal is to aim to provide a reduction in exposure to carbon intensity of at least 50% and a reduction in exposure to potential emissions from reserves of at least 75% relative to the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index and the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index 1-3 Years respectively. There is no guarantee that the Trusts will meet their primary sustainability goal.

2. This methodology is subject to change with data developments or other findings or events.



## Sustainability Considerations

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ADDITIONAL ESG REFINEMENTS <sup>1,2</sup>		
Coal	Evidence of owning proven and probable thermal or metallurgical coal reserves or revenue from the mining of thermal coal and its sale to external parties.	
Factory Farming	>10% of revenue from sectors related to factory farming.	
Palm Oil	>10% of revenue from palm oil farming and/or palm oil processing.	
Controversial Weapons	Involvement in the manufacture of cluster munitions or anti-personnel mines or their key components, chemical and biological weapons, or depleted uranium ammunition and armour.	
Nuclear Weapons Components, Systems and Support Services	Involvement in the manufacture of components of nuclear weapons or systems that are capable of the delivery of nuclear warheads, or provision of support services related to nuclear weapons (such as the repair and maintenance of nuclear weapons).	
Торассо	Involvement in the production of tobacco products or, >10% of total revenue related to tobacco products.	
Child Labour	Involvement in severe controversies related to child labour practices.	
Alcohol	>10% of revenue from the production, distribution, retailing, licensing or supply of alcoholic beverages, key products and services.	
Gambling	>10% of revenue from the ownership or operation of gambling facilities, or from the support or services to the gambling industry.	
Adult Entertainment	>10% of revenue from the production, distribution or retailing of adult entertainment products.	
Personal Firearms	Involvement in the manufacture of handguns, pistols, shotguns, rifles, revolvers, and ammunition for civilian (nonmilitary) use, or >20% of revenue from distribution of personal firearms	

**Data sources:** Depending on each ESG consideration, data may be sourced externally from one or several vendors, including MSCI ESG Research and ISS. It may be cross-referenced and supplemented in order to create a proprietary data set. Alternatively, data may be created and maintained internally by our portfolio management team, using reported financial data and sector information, among others.

For more information on these factors please refer to the PDS (including Additional Information Guide). Investors should consider the current PDS in deciding whether to invest in the trusts, or to continue to hold their investments in the trusts.

1. Dimensional's sustainability funds generally (a) avoid purchase and (b) divest from issuers which, in our opinion, are involved in these activities and controversies. Indirect involvement, for example through ownership structures, may also lead

to exclusion. Should existing holdings, compliant at the time of purchase, subsequently become ineligible, they will be divested within a reasonable period of time considering turnover, liquidity and associated trading costs.

2. Issuers may be excluded for other factors believed to be important to investors interested in sustainability, such as issuers associated with significant environmental controversies.



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#### **Additional Information**

Carbon Intensity and Potential Emissions from Reserves data is provided by third-party data providers, and methodology is subject to change with data developments or other findings or events. Third-party emissions data is available for over 99% of public companies. For companies where data is not available, Dimensional applies a sector average value.



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