

# Sustainability Report

Evidential Sustainable Targeted Factor Fund

As at 31 March 2025

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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.



# **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

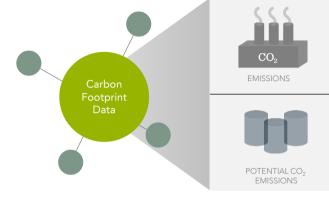
Comparing companies' emissions data allows investors to compare companies' environmental characteristics.



# Understanding Carbon Footprint Data

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

### **Carbon Footprint Components:**



### Carbon Intensity (Data Sources: MSCI, ISS)

Carbon Intensity includes a company's recently reported greenhouse gas emissions in **tons carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e)** divided by a company's sales.

### Potential Emissions from Reserves (Data Source: MSCI)

Potential Emissions from Reserves is an estimate of carbon dioxide produced if a company's reported **fossil fuel** 

### 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<sub>2</sub> 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>



Equivalent to carbon sequestered by **1.2** acres of US forests in one year <sup>1</sup>

### 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>

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.

<sup>1.</sup> Source: EPA.gov.

<sup>2.</sup> Source: MSCI



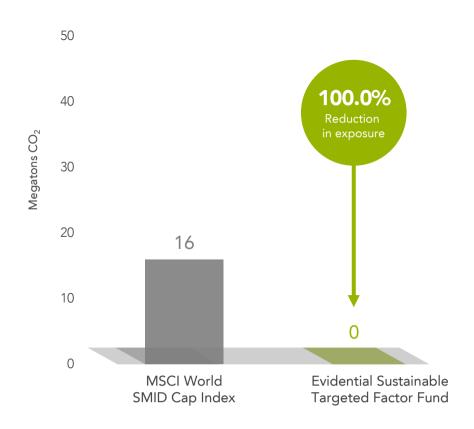
# Carbon Footprint

Emissions exposure as at 31 March 2025

### Weighted Average Carbon Intensity

# 250 Selection 150 150 MSCI World SMID Cap Index Evidential Sustainable Targeted Factor Fund

### Weighted Average Potential Emissions from Reserves



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 ( $CO_2e$ ) normalized by sales in USD (metric tons  $CO_2e$  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 ( $CO_2e$ ), methane ( $CH_4e$ ), nitrous oxide ( $N_2O_3e$ ), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride ( $N_3O_3e$ ). 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. MSCI data © MSCI 2025, all rights reserved.



# Carbon Footprint by Sector

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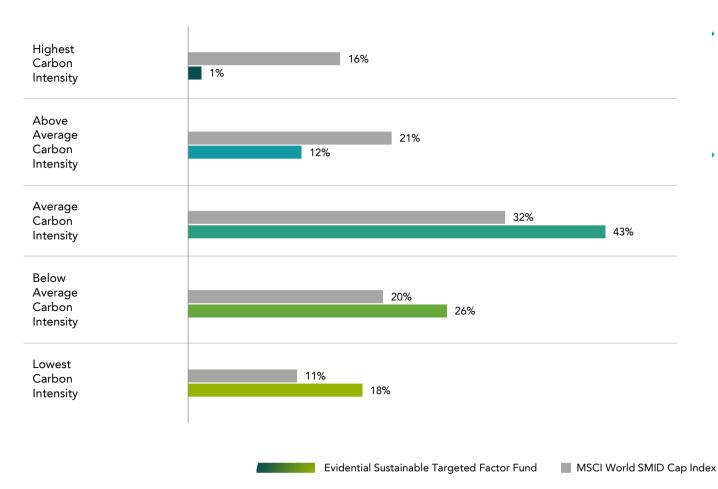
	Sector Weight		Wtd Avg Carbon Intensity (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/USD millions sales)		Wtd Avg Potential Emissions from Reserves (MtCO <sub>2</sub> )	
Sector	Evidential Sustainable Targeted Factor Fund	MSCI World SMID Cap Index	Evidential Sustainable Targeted Factor Fund	MSCI World SMID Cap Index	Evidential Sustainable Targeted Factor Fund	MSCI World SMID Cap Index
Communication Services	4.1	3.9	6.8	14.5	_	<del>_</del>
Consumer Discretionary	13.5	10.3	14.1	42.3	_	_
Consumer Staples	6.1	5.2	34.4	59.6	_	_
Energy	2.6	4.1	94.6	367.9	_	325.8
Financials	23.3	16.3	2.8	4.6	_	0.7
Health Care	9.5	9.1	14.6	25.4	_	_
Industrials	22.1	19.7	21.6	67.3	_	2.0
Information Technology	8.7	10.7	12.6	38.4	_	_
Materials	8.5	7.5	160.2	474.4	_	4.9
Real Estate	0.9	7.7	15.6	46.6	_	0.0
Utilities	0.7	5.4	103.7	1,501.7	_	28.4
Total			29	164	0	16

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# Weight Distribution by Carbon Intensity

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- Dimensional's sustainability strategies are designed to reduce exposure to higher carbon intensity companies and increase exposure to lower carbon intensity companies.
- Companies with high carbon intensity overall or relative to sector peers are excluded or underweighted in the portfolio, while companies with lower carbon intensity overall or relative to sector peers may be overweighted.

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# Appendix



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