Appendix B

# STATE STREET Global Advisors.

# **Quarterly Investment Report**

For the Period 01 Jul 2020 to 30 Sep 2020

### **Middlesbrough Borough Council**

Middlesbrough Borough Council

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As of 30 Sep 2020 Middlesbrough Borough Council

## Accounting Summary (expressed in GBP)

As of 30 Sep 2020

### Middlesbrough Borough Council

	Market Value 01 Jul 2020		Contributions	Withdrawals	Change in Market Value	Market Value 30 Sep 2020	
Passive Equity Portfolio							
MPF North America Equity Index Sub-Fund	680,378,354	39.74%	0	50,000,000	30,351,796	660,730,151	38.70%
MPF Europe ex UK Equity Index Sub-Fund	408,170,162	23.84%	0	0	5,797,714	413,967,876	24.25%
MPF Japan Equity Index Sub-Fund	256,707,564	14.99%	0	0	5,954,623	262,662,188	15.38%
MPF Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Sub- Fund	366,966,548	21.43%	0	0	2,938,886	369,905,434	21.67%
Total	1,712,222,629	100.00%	0	50,000,000	45,043,019	1,707,265,648	100.00%

As of 30 Sep 2020 Middlesbrough Borough Council

## Performance Summary (expressed in GBP)

As of 30 Sep 2020

### Middlesbrough Borough Council

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
Passive Equity Portfolio								
MPF North America Equity Index Sub-Fund								21 Sep 2018
Total Returns	-0.45%	4.50%	9.01%	10.51%	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.87%
FTSE World North America Net UK Tax Index	-0.45%	4.54%	9.00%	10.49%	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.84%
Difference	0.00%	-0.04%	0.01%	0.02%	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.03%
Total Returns (Net)	-0.45%	4.49%	9.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE World North America Net UK Tax Index	-0.45%	4.54%	9.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Difference	0.00%	-0.05%	0.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MPF Europe ex UK Equity Index Sub-Fund								26 Sep 2018
Total Returns	0.59%	1.42%	-0.51%	0.38%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.63%
FTSE All-World Developed Europe ex UK Index	0.67%	1.52%	-0.34%	0.55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.72%
Difference	-0.08%	-0.10%	-0.17%	-0.17%	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.09%
Total Returns (Net)	0.59%	1.42%	-0.52%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE All-World Developed Europe ex UK Index	0.67%	1.52%	-0.34%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Difference	-0.08%	-0.10%	-0.18%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MPF Japan Equity Index Sub-Fund								01 Jun 2001
Total Returns	4.84%	2.32%	2.23%	2.49%	5.38%	11.37%	8.86%	4.11%
FTSE All-World Developed Japan Index	4.97%	2.44%	2.34%	2.59%	5.44%	11.39%	8.86%	3.98%
Difference	-0.13%	-0.12%	-0.11%	-0.10%	-0.06%	-0.02%	0.00%	0.13%
Total Returns (Net)	4.84%	2.32%	2.21%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE All-World Developed Japan Index	4.97%	2.44%	2.34%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Difference	-0.13%	-0.12%	-0.13%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

As of 30 Sep 2020 Middlesbrough Borough Council

### Middlesbrough Borough Council

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
MPF Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Sub-F	und							01 Jun 2001
Total Returns	0.02%	0.80%	-3.64%	-3.11%	2.20%	11.46%	6.17%	9.36%
FTSE All-World Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan Index	0.07%	0.80%	-3.63%	-3.11%	2.20%	11.42%	6.13%	9.30%
Difference	-0.05%	0.00%	-0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.04%	0.06%
Total Returns (Net)	0.02%	0.80%	-3.65%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE All-World Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan Index	0.07%	0.80%	-3.63%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Difference	-0.05%	0.00%	-0.02%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

For information regarding performance data, including net performance data, please refer to the section entitled "Important Information" at the end of the report.

## **R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> Summary**

MPF Europe ex UK Equity Index Sub-Fund

#### Benchmark: FTSE All-World Developed Europe ex UK Index

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	73.16	73.13	0.03
ESG	73.81	73.79	0.02
Corporate Governance	46.56	46.57	-0.01
0			

Source: SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

#### What is R-Factor?

R-Factor<sup>™</sup> is built off a transparent scoring methodology that leverages the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Materiality Map, corporate governance codes, and inputs from four best-inclass ESG data providers. R-Factor supports the development of sustainable capital markets by giving investors the ability to invest in solutions that integrate financially material ESG data while incentivizing companies to improve their ESG practices and disclosure in areas that matter.

Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	450	99.78%	99.97%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	451		

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

Fund R-Factor Profile					
	Not Available	0.03%			
	Laggard	0.22%			
	Underperformer	2.09%			
	Average Performer	7.30%			
	Outperformer	17.87%			
	Leader	72.48%			

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Nestle S.A.	4.88%	4.88%	-0.01%	88.82
Roche Holding AG	3.51%	3.52%	0.00%	70.36
Novartis AG	2.77%	2.75%	0.01%	78.88
SAP SE	2.57%	2.56%	0.01%	93.07
ASML Holding NV	2.16%	2.16%	0.00%	74.81
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis	1.72%	1.71%	0.01%	75.60
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	1.65%	1.64%	0.01%	74.96
Sanofi	1.60%	1.60%	0.00%	80.93
Siemens AG	1.42%	1.42%	0.00%	77.18
Unilever NV	1.29%	1.29%	0.00%	85.38
Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 A	ug 2020			

Top 5 R-Factor Ratings				
Gecina SA	0.10%	0.10%	0.00%	95.34
SAP SE	2.57%	2.56%	0.01%	93.07
Henkel AG & Co. KGaA	0.14%	0.14%	0.00%	92.64
Henkel AG & Co. KGaA Pref	0.27%	0.27%	0.00%	92.64
Schneider Electric SE	0.96%	0.96%	0.00%	91.88

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings				
EXOR N.V.	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	27.90
Dino Polska S.A.	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	30.26
BANK POLSKA KASA OPIE	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	30.87
Sofina SA	0.06%	0.06%	0.00%	31.04
PSP Swiss Property AG	0.07%	0.08%	0.00%	31.76

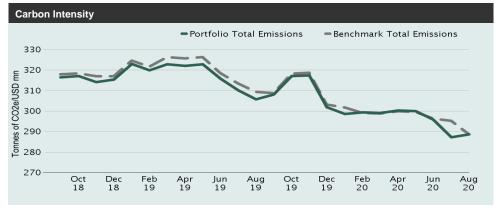
Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

The R-Factor summary reflects certain ESG characteristics only, and does not reflect the portfolio's performance. Certain instruments such as cash & derivatives are excluded. ESG analytics data reported on a one month lag relative to monthly performance reporting period. Please see Important Information section for more information and definitions of the ESG Metrics presented.

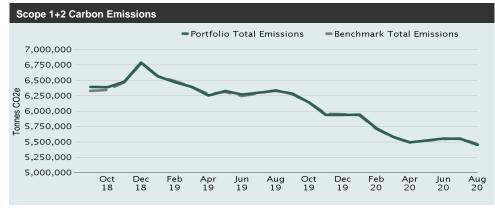
### **Climate Profile**

#### MPF Europe ex UK Equity Index Sub-Fund

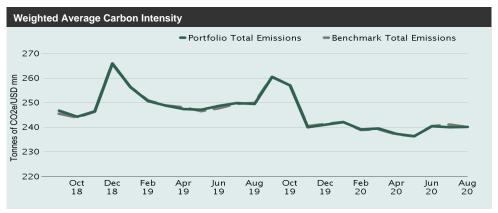
#### Benchmark: FTSE All-World Developed Europe ex UK Index



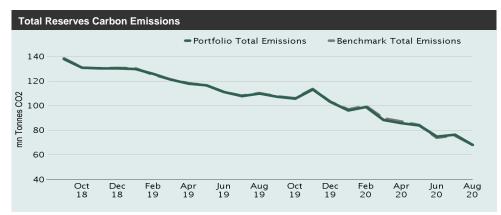
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Source: TruCost/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020







Source: TruCost/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

### **Stewardship Profile**

MPF Europe ex UK Equity Index Sub-Fund

#### Benchmark: FTSE All-World Developed Europe ex UK Index

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2020
Number of Meetings Voted	395
Number of Countries	16
Management Proposals	7,179
Votes for	88.61%
Votes Against	11.39%
Shareholder Proposals	207
With Management	95.17%
Against Management	4.83%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2020

Figures are based on State Street Global Advisors' general approach to voting at the companies held by the Fund at quarter end. This information is not a substitute for a proxy voting report, which can be requested through your relationship manager.

State Street Global Advisors' (SSGA) asset stewardship program is aimed at engaging with our portfolio companies on issues that impact long-term value creation across environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations. In the recent past, SSGA has issued extensive guidance on key governance matters such as effective, independent board leadership. SSGA's current focus is on helping boards think about the possible impacts of environmental and social issues and incorporating a sustainability lens into boards' oversight of long-term strategy as a sound business practice.

Gender Diversity	
Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	12
1	34
2	63
3	77
4	101
5	72
6	45
7	30
8	6
9	9
10	0
10+	2
Not Available	0
Total	451

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

## **R**-Factor<sup>TM</sup> Summary

MPF North America Equity Index Sub-Fund

#### Benchmark: FTSE World North America Net UK Tax Index

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	64.28	64.29	-0.01
ESG	62.79	62.80	-0.01
Corporate Governance	65.33	65.33	0.00
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Source: SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

#### What is R-Factor?

R-Factor<sup>™</sup> is built off a transparent scoring methodology that leverages the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Materiality Map, corporate governance codes, and inputs from four best-inclass ESG data providers. R-Factor supports the development of sustainable capital markets by giving investors the ability to invest in solutions that integrate financially material ESG data while incentivizing companies to improve their ESG practices and disclosure in areas that matter.

Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	633	99.53%	99.80%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	636		

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

Fund R-Factor Profile				
	Not Available	0.20%		
	Laggard	2.95%		
	Underperformer	4.76%		
	Average Performer	15.07%		
	Outperformer	35.68%		
	Leader	41.33%		

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Apple Inc.	6.09%	6.09%	0.00%	84.52
Microsoft Corporation	5.13%	5.13%	0.00%	74.85
Amazon.com Inc.	4.35%	4.35%	0.00%	65.52
Facebook Inc. Class A	2.05%	2.05%	0.00%	59.50
Alphabet Inc. Class A	1.45%	1.43%	0.01%	59.90
Alphabet Inc. Class C	1.41%	1.42%	-0.01%	59.90
Johnson & Johnson	1.28%	1.28%	0.00%	72.36
Procter & Gamble Company	1.10%	1.10%	0.00%	70.37
Visa Inc. Class A	1.10%	1.10%	0.00%	71.16
NVIDIA Corporation	1.04%	1.04%	0.00%	78.99
Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31	Aug 2020			

Top 5 R-Factor Ratings				
HP Inc.	0.09%	0.09%	0.00%	100.00
Cisco Systems Inc.	0.54%	0.55%	0.00%	96.15
Host Hotels & Resorts Inc.	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	91.54
Accenture Plc Class A	0.47%	0.47%	0.00%	85.48
NIKE Inc. Class B	0.50%	0.50%	0.00%	85.28
Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Au	g 2020			

Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings				
Live Nation Entertainment In	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	4.66
Lennar Corporation Class A	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	6.93
D.R. Horton Inc.	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	13.61
Constellation Software Inc.	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	13.73
NVR Inc.	0.05%	0.04%	0.00%	15.48

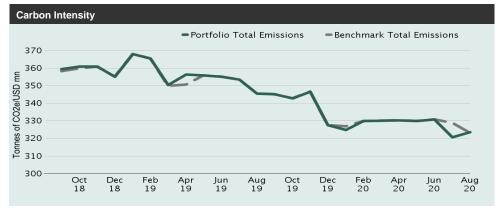
Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

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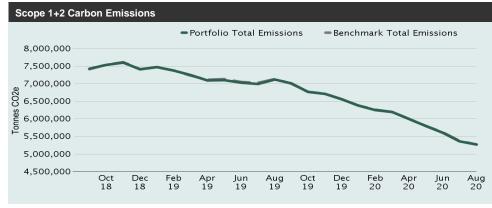
### **Climate Profile**

#### MPF North America Equity Index Sub-Fund

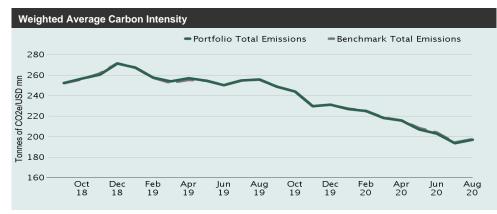
#### Benchmark: FTSE World North America Net UK Tax Index



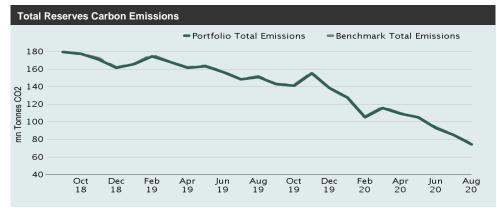
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Source: TruCost/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

## **Stewardship Profile**

MPF North America Equity Index Sub-Fund

#### Benchmark: FTSE World North America Net UK Tax Index

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2020
Number of Meetings Voted	571
Number of Countries	15
Management Proposals	6,852
Votes for	91.40%
Votes Against	8.60%
Shareholder Proposals	366
With Management	72.40%
Against Management	27.60%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2020

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Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	3
1	51
2	158
3	228
4	121
5	53
6	13
7	4
8	2
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	3

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

## **R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> Summary**

MPF Japan Equity Index Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE All-World Developed Japan Index

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	59.94	59.95	-0.01
ESG	58.34	58.34	0.00
Corporate Governance	65.87	65.88	-0.01
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Source: SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

#### What is R-Factor?

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Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	493	95.54%	99.35%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	516		

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

Fund R-Factor Profile			
	Not Available	0.65%	
	Laggard	3.15%	
	Underperformer	10.38%	
	Average Performer	23.76%	
	Outperformer	30.11%	
	Leader	31.95%	

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Toyota Motor Corp.	4.19%	4.20%	0.00%	69.53
Sony Corporation	2.40%	2.41%	-0.01%	82.13
SoftBank Group Corp.	2.34%	2.34%	-0.01%	55.48
Keyence Corporation	2.16%	2.17%	-0.01%	40.96
Nintendo Co. Ltd.	1.56%	1.56%	-0.01%	63.12
Daiichi Sankyo Company Li	1.53%	1.51%	0.01%	70.16
Takeda Pharmaceutical Co	1.40%	1.40%	-0.01%	78.85
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co Ltd	1.33%	1.34%	-0.01%	58.61
Recruit Holdings Co. Ltd.	1.28%	1.29%	-0.01%	67.45
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Gr	1.27%	1.28%	-0.01%	60.77
Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 A	ug 2020			

Top 5 R-Factor Ratings				
Konica Minolta Inc.	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	89.65
Kao Corp.	0.90%	0.91%	-0.01%	84.79
Sony Corporation	2.40%	2.41%	-0.01%	82.13
NEC Corp.	0.40%	0.40%	0.00%	79.46
Takeda Pharmaceutical Co	1.40%	1.40%	-0.01%	78.85

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings				
Relo Group Inc.	0.07%	0.06%	0.00%	0.00
SHO BOND Holdings Co. Lt	0.06%	0.06%	0.00%	8.78
Sanrio Company Ltd.	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	10.78
lida Group Holdings Co. Ltd.	0.08%	0.07%	0.00%	11.55
SHIMAMURA Co. Ltd.	0.06%	0.05%	0.00%	14.52

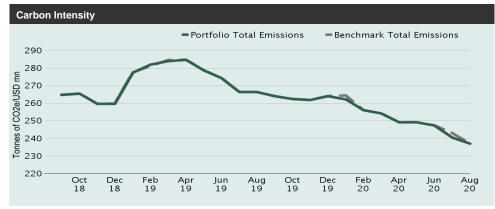
Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

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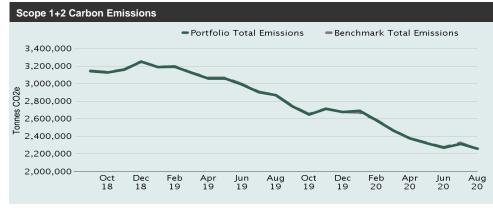
### **Climate Profile**

#### MPF Japan Equity Index Sub-Fund

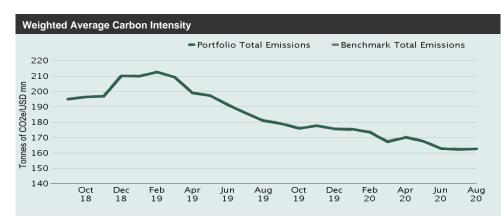
#### Benchmark: FTSE All-World Developed Japan Index



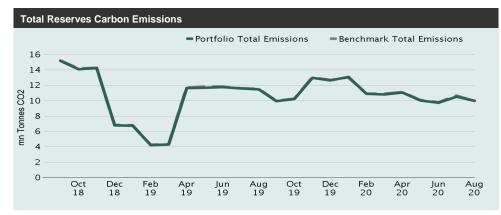
Source: TruCost/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020



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Source: TruCost/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

## **Stewardship Profile**

MPF Japan Equity Index Sub-Fund

#### Benchmark: FTSE All-World Developed Japan Index

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2020
Number of Meetings Voted	455
Number of Countries	1
Management Proposals	5,449
Votes for	91.48%
Votes Against	8.52%
Shareholder Proposals	131
With Management	92.37%
Against Management	7.63%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2020

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Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	206
1	224
2	71
3	13
4	1
5	1
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	0

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

## **R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> Summary**

MPF Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE All-World Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan Index

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	61.65	61.67	-0.02
ESG	61.50	61.52	-0.02
Corporate Governance	52.87	52.89	-0.02
Courses CCCA as of 24 Aug 2020			

Source: SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

#### What is R-Factor?

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Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	375	94.94%	98.67%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	395		

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

Fund R-Factor Profile			
	Not Available	1.33%	
	Laggard	4.21%	
	Underperformer	6.50%	
	Average Performer	21.87%	
	Outperformer	31.90%	
	Leader	34.19%	

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

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Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Samsung Electronics Co. Lt	9.35%	9.31%	0.04%	81.40
AIA Group Limited	4.73%	4.72%	0.01%	70.44
CSL Limited	3.72%	3.74%	-0.02%	68.26
Commonwealth Bank of Aus	3.22%	3.24%	-0.02%	68.63
BHP Group Ltd	3.00%	3.02%	-0.01%	79.15
Hong Kong Exchanges & Cl	2.37%	2.36%	0.01%	64.23
Westpac Banking Corporati	1.74%	1.75%	-0.01%	68.47
National Australia Bank Limi	1.67%	1.68%	-0.01%	71.10
SK hynix Inc	1.48%	1.48%	0.01%	67.81
Wesfarmers Limited	1.44%	1.45%	-0.01%	61.01
Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 A	ug 2020			

Top 5 R-Factor Ratings				
GPT Group	0.22%	0.22%	0.00%	93.54
Dexus	0.28%	0.28%	0.00%	88.45
COWAY Co. Ltd.	0.15%	0.15%	0.00%	82.76
Stockland	0.26%	0.26%	0.00%	82.57
Samsung Electronics Co. Lt	9.35%	9.31%	0.04%	81.40

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings				
KOREA INVESTMENT HOLD	0.10%	0.09%	0.00%	0.00
KT & G Corporation	0.31%	0.31%	0.00%	9.08
GS Retail Co. Ltd.	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	9.63
Hanssem Co. Ltd	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	10.35
HOTEL SHILLA CO. LTD.	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	12.22

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

The R-Factor summary reflects certain ESG characteristics only, and does not reflect the portfolio's performance. Certain instruments such as cash & derivatives are excluded. ESG analytics data reported on a one month lag relative to monthly performance reporting period. Please see Important Information section for more information and definitions of the ESG Metrics presented.

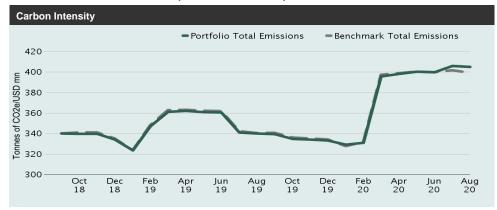
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### **Climate Profile**

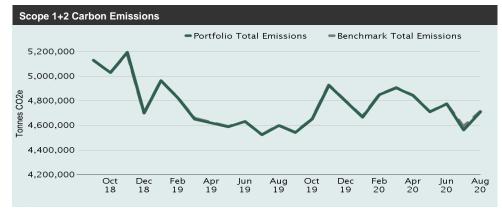
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#### MPF Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Sub-Fund

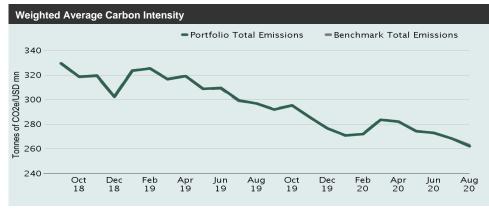
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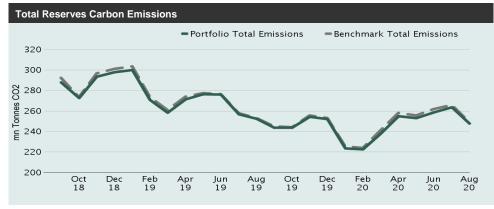
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## **Stewardship Profile**

MPF Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE All-World Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan Index

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2020
Number of Meetings Voted	274
Number of Countries	12
Management Proposals	2,034
Votes for	83.78%
Votes Against	16.22%
Shareholder Proposals	45
With Management	86.67%
Against Management	13.33%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2020

Figures are based on State Street Global Advisors' general approach to voting at the companies held by the Fund at quarter end. This information is not a substitute for a proxy voting report, which can be requested through your relationship manager.

State Street Global Advisors' (SSGA) asset stewardship program is aimed at engaging with our portfolio companies on issues that impact long-term value creation across environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations. In the recent past, SSGA has issued extensive guidance on key governance matters such as effective, independent board leadership. SSGA's current focus is on helping boards think about the possible impacts of environmental and social issues and incorporating a sustainability lens into boards' oversight of long-term strategy as a sound business practice.

Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	131
1	81
2	78
3	70
4	24
5	8
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	3

Source: Factset/SSGA as of 31 Aug 2020

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### **Important Information**

- R-Factor<sup>™</sup> is an ESG scoring system that leverages commonly accepted materiality frameworks to generate a unique ESG score for listed companies. The score is powered by ESG data from four different providers in an effort to improve overall coverage and remove biases inherent in existing scoring methodologies. R-Factor<sup>™</sup> is designed to put companies in the driver's seat to help create sustainable markets.
- R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> Scores are comparable across industries. The ESG and Corporate Governance (CorpGov) scores are designed to be based on issues that are material to a company's industry and regulatory region. A uniform grading scale allows for interpretation of the final company level score to allow for comparison across companies.
- Responsible-Factor (R Factor) scoring is designed by State Street to reflect certain ESG characteristics and does not represent investment performance. Results generated out of the scoring model is based on sustainability and corporate governance dimensions of a scored entity.
- The returns on a portfolio of securities which exclude companies that do not meet the portfolio's specified ESG criteria may trail the returns on a portfolio of securities which include such companies. A portfolio's ESG criteria may result in the portfolio investing in industry sectors or securities which underperform the market as a whole.
- The R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> scoring process comprises two underlying components. The first component is based on the framework published by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board ("SASB"), which is used for all ESG aspects of the score other than those relating to corporate governance issues. The SASB framework attempts to identify ESG risks that are financially material to the issuer-based on its industry classification. This component of the R-Factor<sup>TM</sup> score is determined using only those metrics from the ESG data providers that specifically address ESG risks identified by the SASB framework as being financially material to the issuer-based on its industry classification.
- The second component of the score, the CorpGov score, is generated using region-specific corporate governance codes developed by investors or regulators. The governance codes describe minimum corporate governance expectations of a particular region and typically address topics such as shareholder rights, board independence and executive compensation. This component of the R-Factor<sup>™</sup> uses data provided by ISS Governance to assign a governance score to issuers according to these governance codes.
- Within each industry group, issuers are classified into five distinct ESG performance groups based on which percentile their R-Factor<sup>™</sup> scores fall into. A company is classified in one of the five ESG performance classes (Laggard 10% of universe, Underperformer 20% of universe, Average Performer 40% of universe, Outperformer 20% of universe or Leader 10% of universe) by comparing the company's R-Factor<sup>™</sup> score against a band. R-Factor<sup>™</sup> scores are normally distributed using normalized ratings on a 0-100 rating scale.
- Discrepancy between the number of holdings in the R-Factor<sup>™</sup> Summary versus the number of holdings in the regular reporting package may arise as the R-Factor<sup>™</sup> Summary is counted based on number of issuers rather than number of holdings in the portfolio.
- For examples of public language regarding R-Factor see the ELR Registration Statement here: https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1107414/000119312519192334/d774617d497.html
- Carbon Intensity Measured in Metric tons CO2e/USD millions revenues. The aggregation of operational and first-tier supply chain carbon footprints of index constituents per USD (equal weighted).
- Weighted Average Carbon Intensity Measured in Metric tons CO2e/USD millions revenues. The weighted average of individual company intensities (operational and first-tier supply chain emissions over

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revenues), weighted by the proportion of each constituent in the index.

- Scope 1+2 Carbon Emissions- Measured in Metric Tons of CO2e. The GHG emissions from operations that are owned or controlled by the company, as well as GHG emissions from consumption of purchased electricity, heat or steam, by the company
- Total Reserves CO2 Emissions Measured in Metric tons of CO2. The carbon footprint that could be generated if the proven and probable fossil fuel reserves owned by index constituents were burned per USD million invested. Unlike carbon intensity and carbon emissions, the S&P Trucost Total Reserves Emissions metric is a very specific indicator that is only applicable to a very selected number of companies in extractive and carbon-intensive industries. Those companies are assigned Total Reserves Emissions numerical results by Trucost, whereas the rest of the holdings in other industries do not have numerical scores and are instead displaying "null", blank values. In order to present a more comprehensive overview of a portfolio's overall weighted average fossil fuel reserves, State Street Global Advisors replaces blank results with "zeros". While that might slightly underestimate the final weighted average volume, it provides a more realistic result, given that most companies in global indices have no ownership of fossil fuel reserves.
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