Appendix B

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# **Quarterly Investment Report - 80237**

For the Period 01 Jul 2023 to 30 Sep 2023

### Middlesbrough Borough Council

Middlesbrough Borough Council

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### **Quarterly Investment Report - 80237**

As of 30 Sep 2023 Middlesbrough Borough Council

# Accounting Summary (expressed in GBP)

As of 30 Sep 2023

### Middlesbrough Borough Council

	Market Value 01 Jul 2023		Contributions	Withdrawals	Change in Market Value	Market Value 30 Sep 2023	
Passive Equity Portfolio							
North America Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	40,743,594	6.81%	0	0	419,389	41,162,983	6.91%
Europe ex UK Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	133,477,112	22.30%	0	0	(2,501,492)	130,975,619	21.98%
Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	110,949,250	18.53%	0	0	3,376,337	114,325,587	19.19%
Asia Pacific ex Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	313,425,456	52.36%	0	0	(4,014,831)	309,410,625	51.93%
Total	598,595,411	100.00%	0	0	(2,720,597)	595,874,814	100.00%

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As of 30 Sep 2023 Middlesbrough Borough Council

# Performance Summary (expressed in GBP)

As of 30 Sep 2023

### Middlesbrough Borough Council

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
Passive Equity Portfolio								
North America Screened Index Equity Su	b-Fund							21 Sep 2018
Total Returns	-0.99%	1.03%	12.40%	11.46%	11.62%	11.15%	N/A	11.32%
FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	-1.03%	0.90%	11.99%	10.92%	11.10%	10.82%	N/A	10.99%
Difference	0.04%	0.13%	0.41%	0.54%	0.52%	0.33%	N/A	0.33%
Total Returns (Net)	-0.99%	1.02%	12.39%	11.44%	11.60%	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	-1.03%	0.90%	11.99%	10.92%	11.10%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Difference	0.04%	0.12%	0.40%	0.52%	0.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Europe ex UK Screened Index Equity Sul	o-Fund							26 Sep 2018
Total Returns	-1.15%	-1.87%	7.07%	19.40%	8.29%	6.20%	N/A	5.98%
FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW	1.01%	4.070	0.000/	10.010/	7 700/	5.0404		5 700/
	-1.21%	-1.97%	6.60%	19.01%	7.79%	5.94%	N/A	5.72%
Difference	0.06%	0.10%	0.47%	0.39%	0.50%	0.26%	N/A	0.26%
Total Returns (Net)	-1.15%	-1.88%	7.05%	19.38%	8.27%	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW								
INDEX	-1.21%	-1.97%	6.60%	19.01%	7.79%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Difference	0.06%	0.09%	0.45%	0.37%	0.48%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund								01 Jun 2001
Total Returns	1.72%	3.04%	9.65%	15.07%	5.09%	3.61%	7.88%	4.24%
FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	1.57%	2.89%	9.24%	14.56%	4.63%	3.35%	7.76%	4.07%
Difference	0.15%	0.15%	0.41%	0.51%	0.46%	0.26%	0.12%	0.17%

### **Quarterly Investment Report - 80237**

As of 30 Sep 2023 Middlesbrough Borough Council

### Middlesbrough Borough Council

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
Total Returns (Net)	1.72%	3.04%	9.64%	15.04%	5.08%	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	1.57%	2.89%	9.24%	14.56%	4.63%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Difference	0.15%	0.15%	0.40%	0.48%	0.45%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asia Pacific ex Japan Screened Index Eq	uity Sub-Fund							01 Jun 2001
Total Returns	-0.17%	-1.28%	-3.13%	4.20%	4.50%	2.73%	5.81%	8.69%
FTSE DEVELOPED ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX	0.4407	4.05%	0.470/	1.050/	4.000/	0.000/		0.000/
CW INDEX	-0.11%	-1.35%	-3.17%	4.05%	4.39%	2.68%	5.75%	8.63%
Difference	-0.06%	0.07%	0.04%	0.15%	0.11%	0.05%	0.06%	0.06%
Total Returns (Net)	-0.17%	-1.29%	-3.14%	4.18%	4.48%	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE DEVELOPED ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX								
CW INDEX	-0.11%	-1.35%	-3.17%	4.05%	4.39%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Difference	-0.06%	0.06%	0.03%	0.13%	0.09%	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™ Summary**

Europe ex UK Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

### Benchmark: FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	76.58	76.60	-0.02
ESG	77.06	77.08	-0.02
Corporate Governance	47.05	47.08	-0.03

Source: SSGA Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### 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	421	99.29%	99.59%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	424		
Source: Factact/SSCA Holdings on of 20 San 20	22 D Feeter date	oo of 21 Aug 2022	)

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	0.41%
Laggard	0.05%
Underperformer	1.22%
Average Performer	4.49%
Outperformer	16.11%
Leader	77.73%

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R	R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.
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Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Nestle S.A.	4.12%	4.12%	0.00%	82.64
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	3.89%	3.89%	0.00%	N/A
ASML Holding NV	3.17%	3.17%	0.00%	82.84
Novartis AG	2.87%	2.89%	-0.01%	91.24
Roche Holding Ltd Dividend	2.58%	2.58%	0.00%	77.07
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis	2.55%	2.55%	0.00%	73.20
TotalEnergies SE	2.01%	2.01%	0.01%	83.45
SAP SE	1.94%	1.94%	0.01%	87.88
Sanofi	1.59%	1.59%	0.00%	93.35
Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	1.44%	1.45%	-0.01%	81.67
Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings	s as of 30 Sep 2023	3, R-Factor data as	of 31 Aug 2023.	

Top 5 R-Factor Ratings				
Schneider Electric SE	1.19%	1.20%	-0.01%	100.00
Danone SA	0.47%	0.47%	0.00%	99.04
Aena SME SA	0.14%	0.14%	0.00%	97.31
Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A.	0.54%	0.54%	0.00%	96.08
Capgemini SE	0.38%	0.38%	-0.01%	95.58
Source: Feetent/SSCA Holding		D Footor data aa	of 21 Aug 2022	

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

CTS Eventim AG & Co. KGa	0.05%	0.05%	0.00%	19.14
Lifco AB Class B	0.06%	0.05%	0.00%	33.62
PSP Swiss Property AG	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	33.79
BKW AG	0.05%	0.04%	0.01%	34.26
L E Lundbergforetagen AB	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	36.80

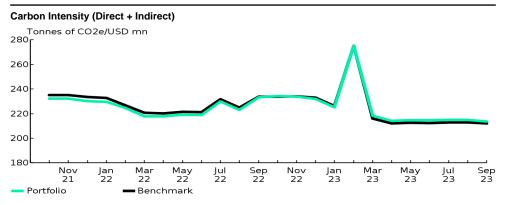
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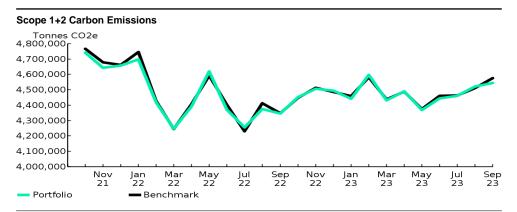
### **Climate Profile**

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

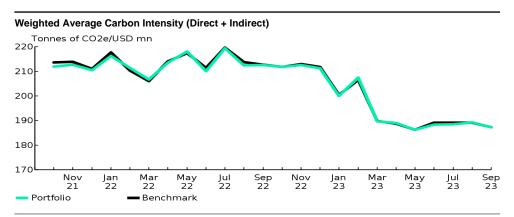
#### Benchmark: FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX



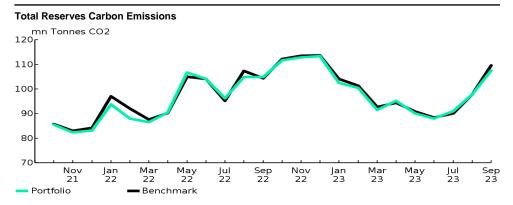
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### **Stewardship Profile**

Europe ex UK Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

### Benchmark: FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2023
Number of Meetings Voted	372
Number of Countries	18
Management Proposals	7,029
Votes for	89.27%
Votes Against	10.73%
Shareholder Proposals	182
With Management	98.90%
Against Management	1.10%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2023

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Gender Diversity		
Women on Board	Number of Securities	
0	3	
1	13	
2	39	
3	80	
4	90	
5	82	
6	70	
7	23	
8	15	
9	4	
10	3	
10+	1	
Not Available	1	
Total	424	

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, Factset data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### **R-Factor™ Summary**

North America Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

### Benchmark: FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

Fund	Benchmark	Difference
68.41	68.37	0.04
66.72	66.69	0.03
66.11	66.08	0.03
	68.41 66.72	68.41         68.37           66.72         66.69

Source: SSGA Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### What is R-Factor?

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Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	619	99.20%	99.48%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	624		
Source: Eastert/SSCA, Heldings as of 20 Sep 2022, P. Easter data as of 21 Aug 2022			

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	0.52%
Laggard	0.52%
Underperformer	3.48%
Average Performer	12.47%
Outperformer	29.83%
Leader	53.17%

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Apple Inc.	6.83%	6.79%	0.04%	89.10
Microsoft Corporation	6.28%	6.22%	0.06%	78.69
Amazon.com Inc.	3.06%	3.02%	0.03%	61.89
NVIDIA Corporation	2.76%	2.73%	0.03%	76.54
Alphabet Inc. Class A	2.09%	2.10%	-0.01%	73.02
Tesla Inc.	1.84%	1.81%	0.03%	60.55
Alphabet Inc. Class C	1.79%	1.80%	-0.01%	73.02
Meta Platforms Inc. Class A	1.77%	1.79%	-0.02%	72.49
Exxon Mobil Corporation	1.26%	1.28%	-0.01%	64.30
UnitedHealth Group Incorpo	1.26%	1.26%	-0.01%	53.11
Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.				

### Top 5 R-Factor Ratings

HP Inc.	0.06%	0.06%	0.00%	100.00
Cisco Systems Inc.	0.58%	0.59%	-0.01%	94.33
Apple Inc.	6.83%	6.79%	0.04%	89.10
Hasbro Inc.	0.03%	0.02%	0.00%	88.86
Canadian National Railway	0.17%	0.17%	0.00%	87.98
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Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### **Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings**

Constellation Software Inc.	0.11%	0.11%	0.00%	13.59
Live Nation Entertainment In	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	17.90
D.R. Horton Inc.	0.09%	0.09%	0.00%	21.82
Liberty Broadband Corp. Cla	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	24.51
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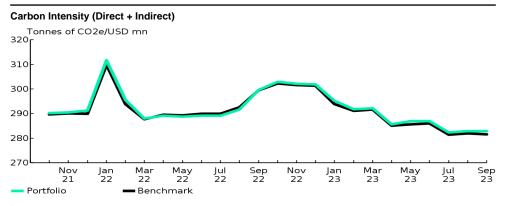
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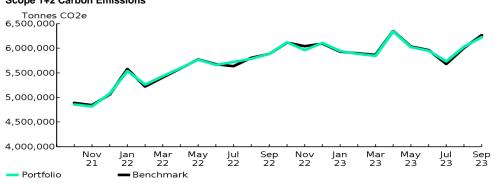
#### North America Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

#### Benchmark: FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

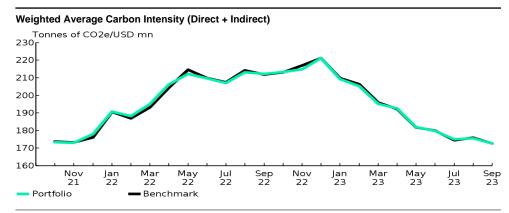


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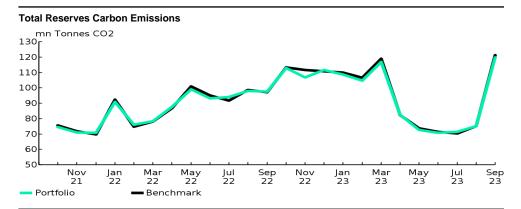
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### **Stewardship Profile**

North America Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

### Benchmark: FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2023
Number of Meetings Voted	511
Number of Countries	11
Management Proposals	6,153
Votes for	92.07%
Votes Against	7.93%
Shareholder Proposals	489
With Management	82%
Against Management	18%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2023

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Gender Diversity				
	Women on Board	Number of Securities		
	0	3		
	1	15		
	2	77		
	3	213		
	4	186		
	5	82		
	6	30		
	7	13		
	8	2		
	9	0		
	10	0		
	10+	0		
	Not Available	3		
	Total	624		

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, Factset data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### **R-Factor™ Summary**

Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

#### Benchmark: FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	63.82	63.83	-0.01
ESG	61.95	61.96	-0.01
Corporate Governance	67.80	67.81	-0.01
	67.80		

Source: SSGA Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

#### What is R-Factor?

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Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	498	97.84%	99.60%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	509		
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Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

#### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	0.40%
Laggard	1.97%
Underperformer	5.12%
Average Performer	14.94%
Outperformer	39.98%
Leader	37.59%

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

	Benchmark	5.77	
Fund Weight	weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
5.45%	5.46%	0.00%	77.72
2.57%	2.58%	0.00%	80.28
2.51%	2.51%	0.00%	66.01
1.86%	1.84%	0.01%	48.33
1.60%	1.60%	0.01%	58.28
1.56%	1.55%	0.01%	75.92
1.43%	1.42%	0.01%	73.44
1.42%	1.41%	0.01%	79.67
1.42%	1.43%	-0.01%	65.42
1.38%	1.39%	0.00%	59.29
	2.57% 2.51% 1.86% 1.60% 1.56% 1.43% 1.42% 1.42%	Fund Weight         Weight           5.45%         5.46%           2.57%         2.58%           2.51%         2.51%           1.86%         1.84%           1.60%         1.60%           1.55%         1.42%           1.42%         1.41%           1.42%         1.43%	Fund Weight         Weight         Difference           5.45%         5.46%         0.00%           2.57%         2.58%         0.00%           2.51%         2.51%         0.00%           1.86%         1.84%         0.01%           1.60%         1.60%         0.01%           1.43%         1.42%         0.01%           1.42%         1.41%         0.01%

#### Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

Top 5 R-Factor Ratings				
Ricoh Company Ltd.	0.12%	0.13%	0.00%	86.19
Daido Steel Co. Ltd.	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	84.95
Japan Real Estate Investme	0.13%	0.13%	0.00%	84.77
Kao Corp.	0.43%	0.43%	0.00%	83.49
Panasonic Holdings Corpor	0.61%	0.61%	-0.01%	82.28
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Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

#### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

Gungho Online Entertainme	0.02%	0.01%	0.00%	12.95
COSMOS Pharmaceutical C	0.05%	0.05%	0.00%	13.89
Relo Group Inc.	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	14.03
Sankyo Co. Ltd.	0.05%	0.05%	0.00%	16.03
TSURUHA Holdings Inc.	0.07%	0.06%	0.00%	16.78

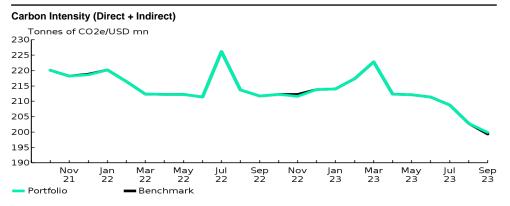
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### **Climate Profile**

#### Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

#### Benchmark: FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

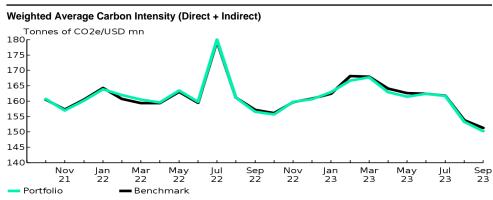


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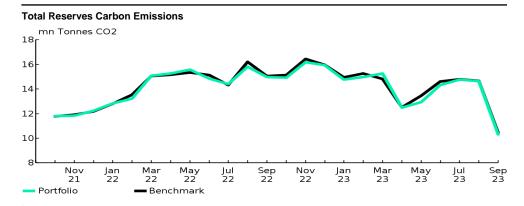
#### Scope 1+2 Carbon Emissions



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### **Stewardship Profile**

Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

### Benchmark: FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2023
Number of Meetings Voted	416
Number of Countries	1
Management Proposals	4,986
Votes for	92.38%
Votes Against	7.62%
Shareholder Proposals	141
With Management	92.91%
Against Management	7.09%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2023

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Gender Diversity		
Women on Board	Number of Securities	
0	109	
1	222	
2	123	
3	38	
4	14	
5	3	
6	0	
7	0	
8	0	
9	0	
10	0	
10+	0	
Not Available	0	
Total	509	

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, Factset data as of 31 Aug 2023.

Middlesbrough Borough Council

### **R-Factor<sup>™</sup> Summary**

Asia Pacific ex Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

### Benchmark: FTSE DEVELOPED ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	65.29	65.30	-0.01
ESG	65.05	65.06	-0.01
Corporate Governance	53.25	53.28	-0.03

Source: SSGA Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### 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	382	97.45%	98.68%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	392		
Source: Eactest/SSGA Holdings as of 30 Sep 20	23 P-Eactor data	as of 31 Aug 2023	3

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	1.32%
Laggard	2.43%
Underperformer	2.35%
Average Performer	16.94%
Outperformer	30.89%
Leader	46.06%

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-I	-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.
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Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Samsung Electronics Co. Lt	9.56%	9.59%	-0.03%	79.57
Commonwealth Bank of Aus	4.34%	4.32%	0.02%	79.74
AIA Group Limited	3.78%	3.80%	-0.02%	73.18
CSL Limited	3.11%	3.10%	0.01%	68.70
National Australia Bank Limi	2.35%	2.34%	0.01%	79.42
ANZ Group Holdings Limite	1.99%	1.98%	0.01%	80.83
Westpac Banking Corporati	1.90%	1.89%	0.01%	73.35
Hong Kong Exchanges & Cl	1.88%	1.90%	-0.01%	64.33
SK hynix Inc.	1.82%	1.83%	-0.01%	70.50
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	1.78%	1.78%	0.00%	63.07
Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.				

Top 5 R-Factor Ratings				
City Developments Limited	0.09%	0.09%	0.00%	89.91
GPT Group	0.19%	0.19%	0.00%	87.78
Dexus	0.20%	0.20%	0.00%	83.87
AMP Limited	0.09%	0.09%	0.00%	80.86
ANZ Group Holdings Limite	1.99%	1.98%	0.01%	80.83
Source: Eastent/SSCA Holding	ac of 20 Son 202	P Easter data as	of 21 Aug 2022	

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

SSANGYONGC&E.CO.LTD.	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	1.91
JS Global Lifestyle Compan	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	9.79
China Travel International In	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	10.09
Paradise Co. Ltd	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	11.14
HOTEL SHILLA CO. LTD.	0.07%	0.08%	0.00%	12.86

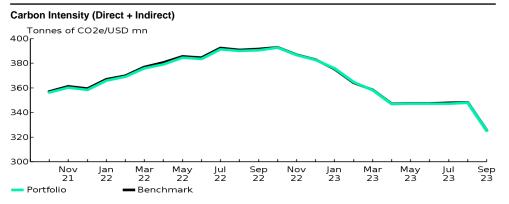
Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2023.

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**

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

### Benchmark: FTSE DEVELOPED ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

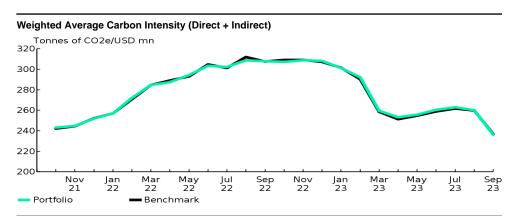


Source: SSGA Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023. Trucost data as of 31 Aug 2023.

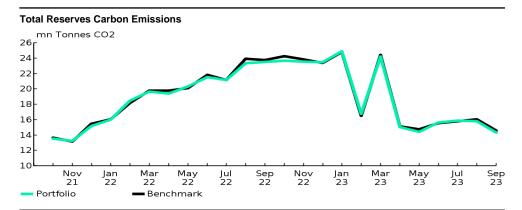
#### Scope 1+2 Carbon Emissions



Source: SSGA Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023. Trucost data as of 31 Aug 2023.



Source: SSGA Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023. Trucost data as of 31 Aug 2023.



Source: SSGA Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023. Trucost data as of 31 Aug 2023.

### **Stewardship Profile**

Asia Pacific ex Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

### Benchmark: FTSE DEVELOPED ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2023
Number of Meetings Voted	119
Number of Countries	9
Management Proposals	1,082
Votes for	85.03%
Votes Against	14.97%
Shareholder Proposals	6
With Management	100%
Against Management	0%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2023

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Gender Diversity	
Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	83
1	90
2	70
3	74
4	52
5	16
6	4
7	1
8	0
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	2
Total	392

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2023, Factset data as of 31 Aug 2023.

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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.
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- 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
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- Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect) Measured in Metric tons CO2e/USD millions revenues. The weighted average of individual company intensities (operational and first-tier supply chain

emissions over 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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