



# Quarterly Investment Report - 80237

For the Period 01 Jan 2024 to 31 Mar 2024

## Middlesbrough Borough Council

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# Accounting Summary (expressed in GBP)

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	Market Value 01 Jan 2024		Contributions	Withdrawals	Change in Market Value	Market Value 31 Mar 2024	
<b>Passive Equity Portfolio</b>							
North America Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	44,245,488	6.95%	0	0	4,982,860	49,228,348	7.37%
Europe ex UK Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	141,177,211	22.17%	0	0	9,274,314	150,451,525	22.52%
Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	118,123,361	18.55%	0	0	13,679,736	131,803,097	19.73%
Asia Pacific ex Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	333,134,624	52.32%	0	0	3,396,384	336,531,009	50.38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>636,680,684</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,333,295</b>	<b>668,013,979</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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# Performance Summary (expressed in GBP)

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	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
<b>Passive Equity Portfolio</b>								
<b>North America Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund</b>								21 Sep 2018
Total Returns	3.20%	11.26%	11.26%	27.74%	14.07%	15.55%	N/A	13.87%
FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX	3.16%	11.14%	11.14%	27.06%	13.50%	15.15%	N/A	13.51%
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.04%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.68%</b>	<b>0.57%</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.36%</b>
Total Returns (Net)	3.20%	11.26%	11.26%	27.72%	14.05%	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX	3.16%	11.14%	11.14%	27.06%	13.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.04%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>0.55%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Europe ex UK Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund</b>								26 Sep 2018
Total Returns	3.69%	6.57%	6.57%	13.15%	9.32%	10.04%	N/A	8.10%
FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX	3.71%	6.72%	6.72%	12.87%	8.88%	9.83%	N/A	7.90%
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-0.02%</b>	<b>-0.15%</b>	<b>-0.15%</b>	<b>0.28%</b>	<b>0.44%</b>	<b>0.21%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.20%</b>
Total Returns (Net)	3.69%	6.56%	6.56%	13.13%	9.30%	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX	3.71%	6.72%	6.72%	12.87%	8.88%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-0.02%</b>	<b>-0.16%</b>	<b>-0.16%</b>	<b>0.26%</b>	<b>0.42%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund</b>								01 Jun 2001
Total Returns	3.43%	11.58%	11.58%	22.39%	6.78%	8.50%	10.09%	4.80%
FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX	3.30%	11.44%	11.44%	21.89%	6.34%	8.20%	9.95%	4.62%
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.50%</b>	<b>0.44%</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.18%</b>

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Total Returns (Net)	3.43%	11.58%	11.58%	22.36%	6.76%	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX	3.30%	11.44%	11.44%	21.89%	6.34%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	<b>0.42%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Asia Pacific ex Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund</b>								01 Jun 2001
Total Returns	2.72%	1.02%	1.02%	5.16%	0.54%	4.59%	6.73%	8.90%
FTSE DEV ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX	2.80%	1.25%	1.25%	5.13%	0.43%	4.53%	6.66%	8.83%
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-0.08%</b>	<b>-0.23%</b>	<b>-0.23%</b>	<b>0.03%</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.06%</b>	<b>0.07%</b>	<b>0.07%</b>
Total Returns (Net)	2.72%	1.01%	1.01%	5.14%	0.53%	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE DEV ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX	2.80%	1.25%	1.25%	5.13%	0.43%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-0.08%</b>	<b>-0.24%</b>	<b>-0.24%</b>	<b>0.01%</b>	<b>0.10%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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

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# R-Factor™ Summary

As of 31 Mar 2024

Europe ex UK Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	76.30	76.29	0.01
ESG	76.75	76.75	0.00
Corporate Governance	47.16	47.15	0.01

Source: SSGA Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

### What is R-Factor?

R-Factor™ 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-in-class 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	413	99.28%	99.74%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	416		

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	0.26%
Laggard	0.06%
Underperformer	0.89%
Average Performer	5.61%
Outperformer	15.48%
Leader	77.70%

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	4.61%	4.58%	0.03%	76.08
ASML Holding NV	4.40%	4.40%	0.00%	84.97
Nestle S.A.	3.29%	3.29%	0.00%	82.51
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis...	2.58%	2.58%	0.00%	73.64
SAP SE	2.48%	2.48%	0.00%	86.29
Novartis AG	2.33%	2.33%	0.00%	90.24
Roche Holding Ltd Dividend...	2.05%	2.05%	0.00%	76.25
Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	1.65%	1.65%	0.00%	81.95
TotalEnergies SE	1.64%	1.64%	0.00%	83.34
Schneider Electric SE	1.40%	1.40%	0.00%	99.06

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

### Top 5 R-Factor Ratings

Danone SA	0.47%	0.47%	0.00%	100
Schneider Electric SE	1.40%	1.40%	0.00%	99.06
Aena SME SA	0.16%	0.16%	0.00%	97.33
CaixaBank SA	0.22%	0.21%	0.00%	96.68
Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A.	0.68%	0.68%	0.00%	96.10

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

CTS Eventim AG & Co. KGa...	0.06%	0.06%	0.00%	25.57
Brunello Cucinelli S.p.A.	0.05%	0.05%	0.00%	32.01
Lifco AB Class B	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	34.23
L E Lundbergforetagen AB...	0.05%	0.05%	0.00%	34.80
PSP Swiss Property AG	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	35.95

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

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# Climate Metrics

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Europe ex UK Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

Carbon Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference versus Benchmark
TCFD Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI)	85.09	85.60	-0.60%
TCFD Total Carbon Emissions**	65,556.42*	N/A	N/A
TCFD Carbon Footprint	61.71	62.09	-0.61%
TCFD Carbon Intensity	133.81	134.69	-0.65%

See "Explanatory Notes" for detailed calculation notes such as missing data treatment, data lag and exclusions. Source: State Street Global Advisors, S&P Trucost, FactSet, Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). The results are estimates based on assumptions and analysis made by State Street Global Advisors. They are not intended to represent actual results of any offering. Actual results may differ.\* The TCFD Total Carbon Emission metric allocates emissions to investors based on an equity ownership approach. In the case of commingled funds, the results represent the environmental responsibility of the entire fund's assets under management. For individual unitholder's responsibility, an apportioned responsibility can be calculated based on the individual holding percentage. \*\* The metric is not used to compare portfolios and benchmarks because the data is not normalised.

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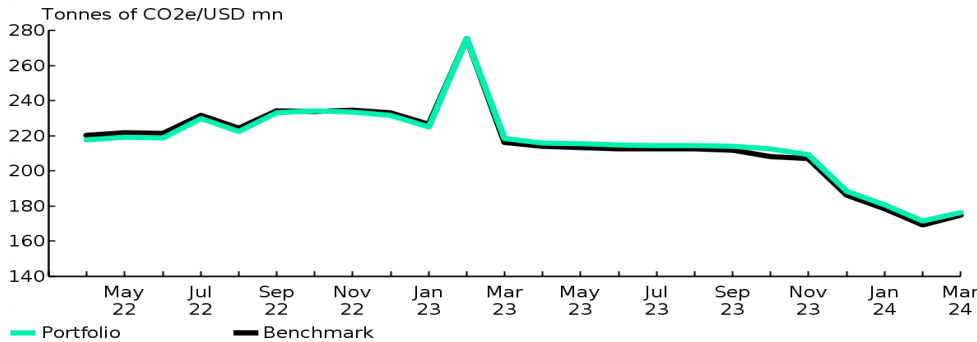
# Climate Profile

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Europe ex UK Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

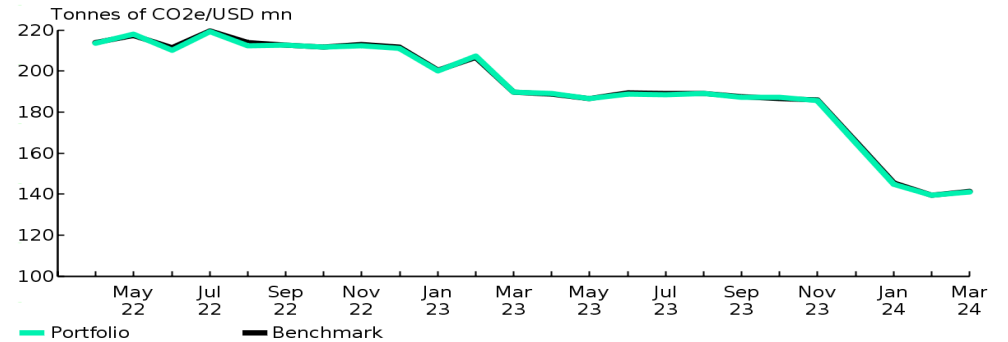
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## Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)



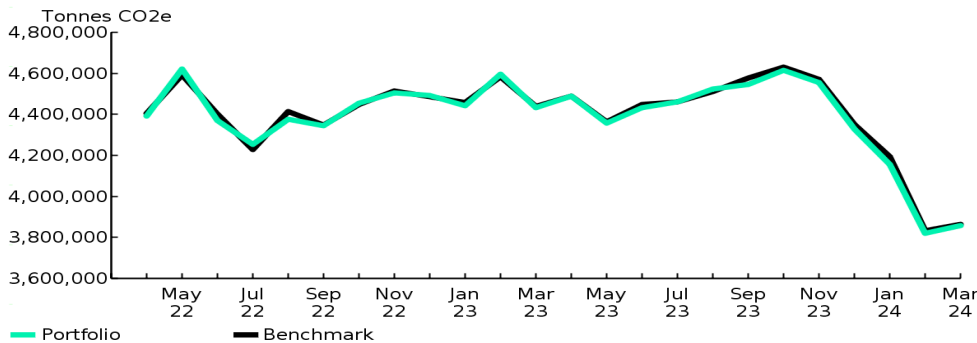
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## Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)



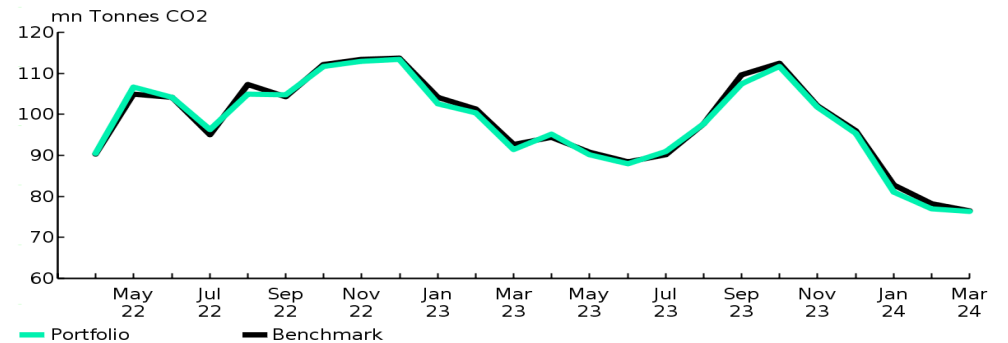
Source: SSGA Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024. Trucost data as of 29 Feb 2024.

## Scope 1+2 Carbon Emissions



Source: SSGA Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024. Trucost data as of 29 Feb 2024.

## Total Reserves Carbon Emissions



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# Stewardship Profile

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Europe ex UK Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

Stewardship Profile	Q4 2023
Number of Meetings Voted	456
Number of Countries	12
Management Proposals	166
Votes for	88.55%
Votes Against	11.45%
Shareholder Proposals	5
With Management	100%
Against Management	0%

Source: SSGA as of 31 Dec 2023

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## Gender Diversity

Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	4
1	12
2	32
3	80
4	96
5	69
6	70
7	29
8	16
9	4
10	3
10+	0
Not Available	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>416</b>

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, Factset data as of 29 Feb 2024.

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# R-Factor™ Summary

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### North America Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	67.84	67.83	0.01
ESG	66.29	66.28	0.01
Corporate Governance	64.72	64.71	0.01

Source: SSGA Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

#### What is R-Factor?

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Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	589	98.66%	99.39%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	597		

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

#### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	0.61%
Laggard	0.55%
Underperformer	3.32%
Average Performer	13.01%
Outperformer	27.95%
Leader	54.56%

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Microsoft Corporation	6.97%	6.97%	0.00%	77.71
Apple Inc.	5.57%	5.57%	0.00%	88.21
NVIDIA Corporation	4.78%	4.78%	0.00%	74.53
Amazon.com Inc.	3.62%	3.62%	0.00%	61.75
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	2.39%	2.39%	0.00%	70.70
Alphabet Inc. Class A	2.00%	2.00%	0.00%	69.50
Alphabet Inc. Class C	1.70%	1.70%	0.00%	69.50
Eli Lilly and Company	1.46%	1.47%	0.00%	63.52
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.28%	1.29%	0.00%	75.74
Broadcom Inc.	1.28%	1.27%	0.01%	56.63

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

#### Top 5 R-Factor Ratings

HP Inc.	0.06%	0.06%	0.00%	100
Cisco Systems Inc.	0.45%	0.45%	0.00%	91.87
CNH Industrial NV	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	89.38
First Solar Inc.	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	89.25
Canadian National Railway...	0.17%	0.17%	0.00%	88.65

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

#### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

Live Nation Entertainment In...	0.03%	0.04%	0.00%	16.92
Constellation Software Inc.	0.12%	0.12%	0.00%	18.37
Liberty Broadband Corp. Cla...	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	21.62
Liberty Broadband Corp. Cla...	0.02%	0.01%	0.00%	21.62
D.R. Horton Inc.	0.11%	0.11%	0.00%	23.05

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# Climate Metrics

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North America Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

Carbon Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference versus Benchmark
TCFD Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI)	72.58	72.89	-0.43%
TCFD Total Carbon Emissions**	99,168.18*	N/A	N/A
TCFD Carbon Footprint	27.05	27.10	-0.18%
TCFD Carbon Intensity	83.83	84	-0.20%

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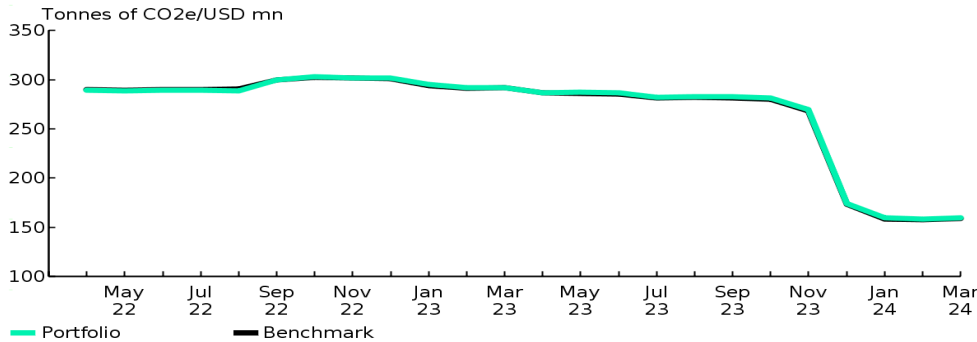
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**North America Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund**

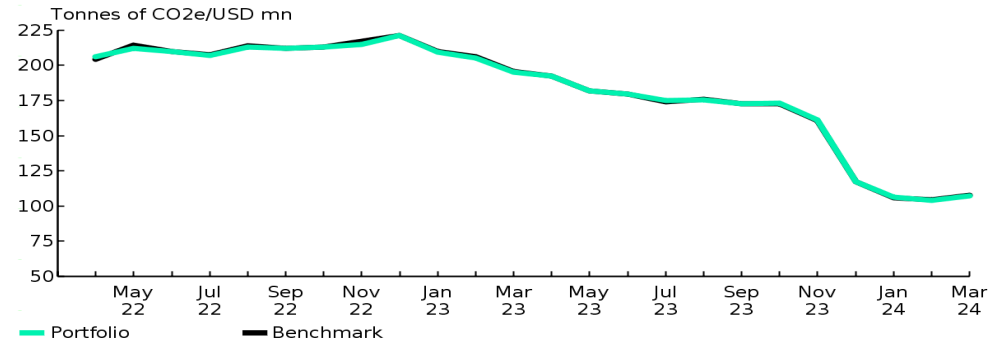
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**Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)**



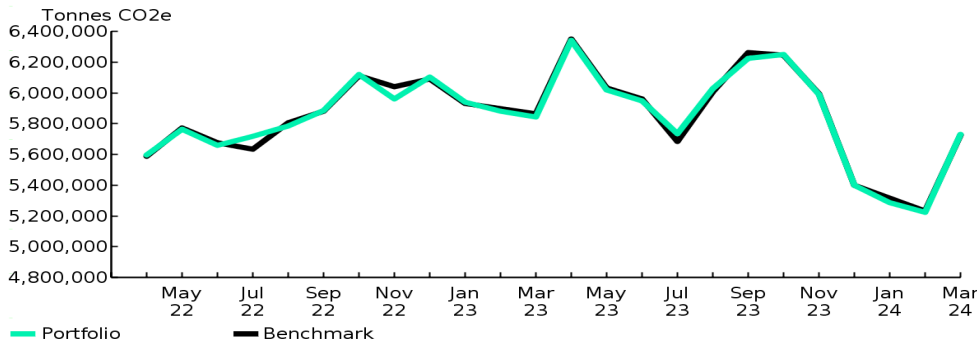
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**Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)**



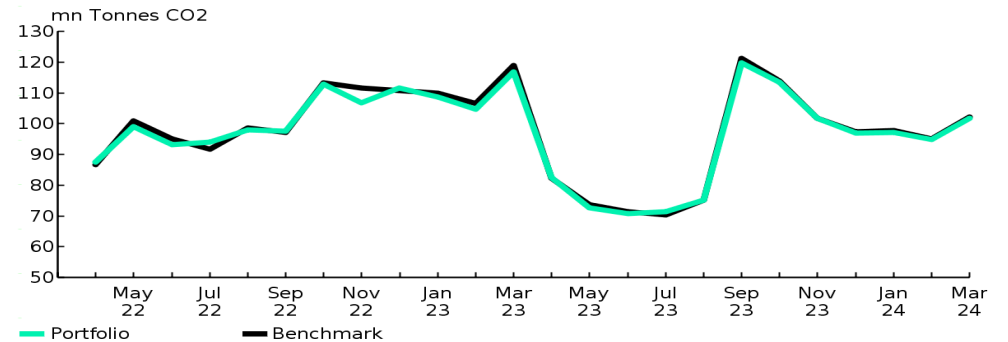
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**Scope 1+2 Carbon Emissions**



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**Total Reserves Carbon Emissions**



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# Stewardship Profile

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North America Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

Stewardship Profile	Q4 2023
Number of Meetings Voted	596
Number of Countries	4
Management Proposals	440
Votes for	92.05%
Votes Against	7.95%
Shareholder Proposals	28
With Management	75%
Against Management	25%

Source: SSGA as of 31 Dec 2023

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## Gender Diversity

Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	3
1	11
2	64
3	204
4	184
5	78
6	39
7	11
8	0
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>

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# R-Factor™ Summary

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### Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	64.39	64.40	-0.01
ESG	62.49	62.50	-0.01
Corporate Governance	67.73	67.74	-0.01

Source: SSGA Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

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Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	497		

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#### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	0.46%
Laggard	1.40%
Underperformer	4.70%
Average Performer	16.57%
Outperformer	36.86%
Leader	40.02%

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Toyota Motor Corp.	6.52%	6.52%	0.00%	78.01
Tokyo Electron Ltd.	2.51%	2.50%	0.00%	75.32
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Gr...	2.49%	2.49%	-0.01%	62.07
Sony Group Corporation	2.31%	2.31%	0.00%	80.31
Keyence Corporation	1.94%	1.95%	-0.01%	49.43
Mitsubishi Corporation	1.91%	1.90%	0.01%	59.55
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co Ltd	1.81%	1.81%	0.00%	65.55
HitachiLtd.	1.77%	1.77%	0.00%	76.31
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial...	1.61%	1.61%	0.00%	62.67
Mitsui & Co.Ltd	1.49%	1.49%	0.00%	62.88

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

#### Top 5 R-Factor Ratings

Bridgestone Corporation	0.53%	0.54%	-0.01%	86.36
Ricoh Company Ltd.	0.11%	0.11%	0.00%	85.53
Daido Steel Co. Ltd.	0.05%	0.05%	0.00%	85.03
Kao Corp.	0.36%	0.37%	0.00%	84.20
Japan Real Estate Investme...	0.11%	0.10%	0.01%	83.62

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

#### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

COSMOS Pharmaceutical C...	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	13.09
Sankyo Co. Ltd.	0.05%	0.04%	0.01%	15.90
TSURUHA Holdings Inc.	0.06%	0.06%	0.00%	16.19
Relo Group Inc.	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	17.98
Ship Healthcare Holdings In...	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	19.49

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

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# Climate Metrics

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Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

Carbon Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference versus Benchmark
TCFD Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI)	84.40	85.10	-0.82%
TCFD Total Carbon Emissions**	61,367.39*	N/A	N/A
TCFD Carbon Footprint	93.43	93.80	-0.39%
TCFD Carbon Intensity	112.36	113.15	-0.70%

See "Explanatory Notes" for detailed calculation notes such as missing data treatment, data lag and exclusions. Source: State Street Global Advisors, S&P Trucost, FactSet, Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). The results are estimates based on assumptions and analysis made by State Street Global Advisors. They are not intended to represent actual results of any offering. Actual results may differ.\* The TCFD Total Carbon Emission metric allocates emissions to investors based on an equity ownership approach. In the case of commingled funds, the results represent the environmental responsibility of the entire fund's assets under management. For individual unitholder's responsibility, an apportioned responsibility can be calculated based on the individual holding percentage. \*\* The metric is not used to compare portfolios and benchmarks because the data is not normalised.

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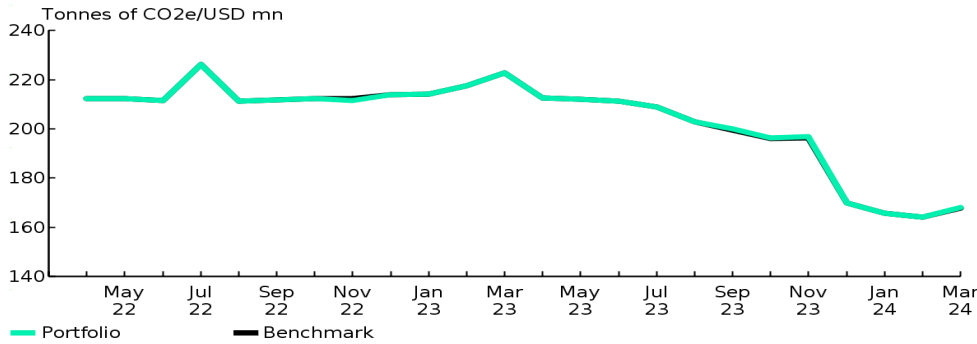
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**Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund**

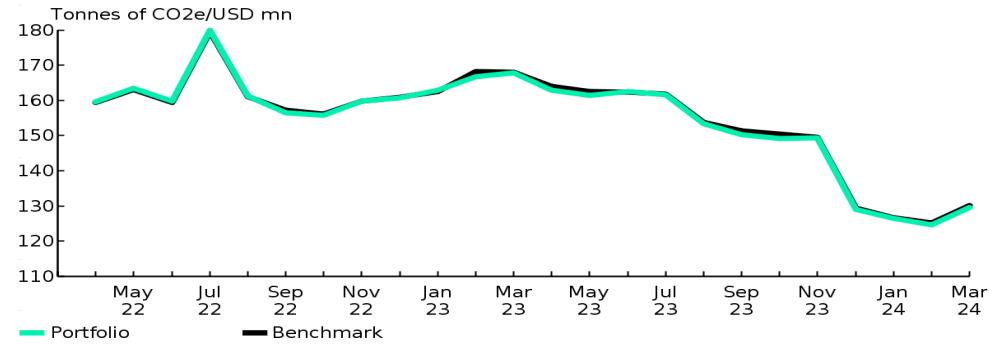
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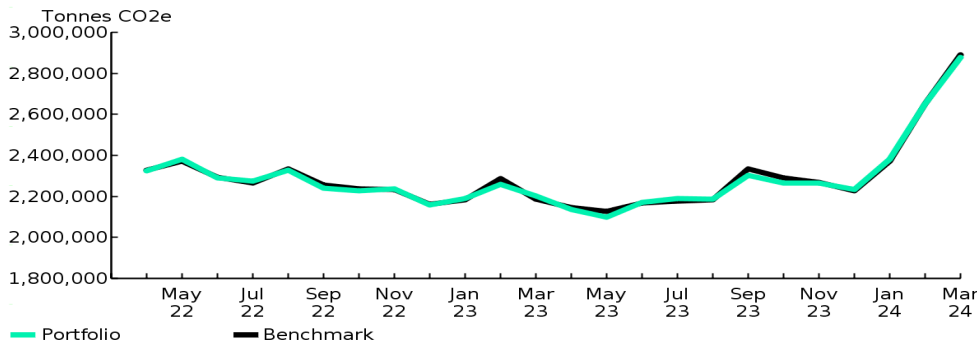
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**Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)**



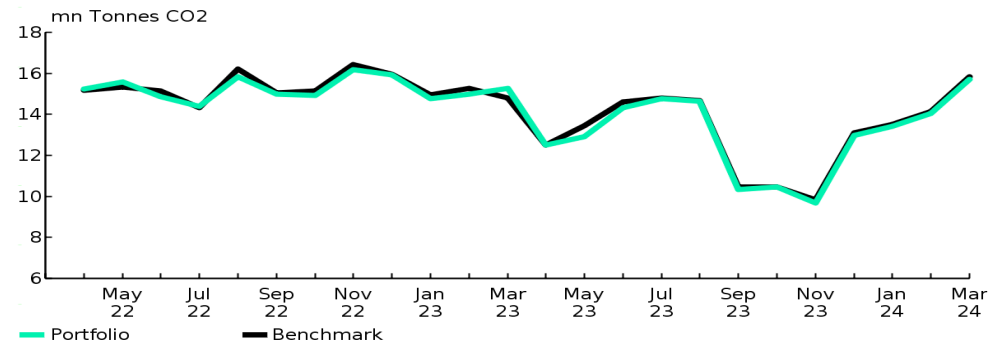
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**Scope 1+2 Carbon Emissions**



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**Total Reserves Carbon Emissions**



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# Stewardship Profile

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Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

Stewardship Profile	Q4 2023
Number of Meetings Voted	528
Number of Countries	1
Management Proposals	202
Votes for	95.05%
Votes Against	4.95%
Shareholder Proposals	0
With Management	0%
Against Management	0%

Source: SSGA as of 31 Dec 2023

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## Gender Diversity

Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	100
1	214
2	123
3	41
4	14
5	5
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>497</b>

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, Factset data as of 29 Feb 2024.

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# R-Factor™ Summary

As of 31 Mar 2024

Asia Pacific ex Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE DEV ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	65.90	65.87	0.03
ESG	65.50	65.48	0.02
Corporate Governance	54.46	54.40	0.06

Source: SSGA Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

### What is R-Factor?

R-Factor™ 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-in-class 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	369	97.36%	99.40%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	379		

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	0.60%
Laggard	2.11%
Underperformer	3.64%
Average Performer	16.25%
Outperformer	30.64%
Leader	46.76%

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Samsung Electronics Co. Lt...	10.63%	10.63%	0.00%	81.80
Commonwealth Bank of Aus...	4.83%	4.83%	0.00%	88.76
CSL Limited	3.30%	3.30%	0.00%	71.49
AIA Group Limited	2.78%	2.79%	0.00%	71.76
SK hynix Inc.	2.67%	2.67%	0.00%	66.86
National Australia Bank Limi...	2.59%	2.59%	0.00%	74.15
Westpac Banking Corporati...	2.17%	2.17%	0.00%	72.25
ANZ Group Holdings Limite...	2.10%	2.10%	0.00%	73.28
Wesfarmers Limited	1.84%	1.84%	0.00%	64.14
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	1.76%	1.77%	0.00%	64.66

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

### Top 5 R-Factor Ratings

City Developments Limited	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	90.08
Commonwealth Bank of Aus...	4.83%	4.83%	0.00%	88.76
Swire Properties Limited	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	84.47
GPT Group	0.21%	0.21%	0.00%	83.16
Dexus	0.20%	0.20%	0.00%	82.95

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, R-Factor data as of 29 Feb 2024.

### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

Celltrion Pharm Inc.	0.06%	0.06%	0.00%	6.91
Paradise Co. Ltd	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	9.10
LOTTE ENERGY MATERIAL..	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	17.21
Washington H. Soul Pattins...	0.20%	0.19%	0.00%	18.67
ALTEOGEN Inc.	0.18%	0.18%	0.00%	19.69

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# Climate Metrics

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Asia Pacific ex Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE DEV ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

Carbon Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference versus Benchmark
TCFD Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI)	165.45	166.84	-0.83%
TCFD Total Carbon Emissions**	57,552.10*	N/A	N/A
TCFD Carbon Footprint	78.37	78.16	0.27%
TCFD Carbon Intensity	165.03	164.53	0.30%

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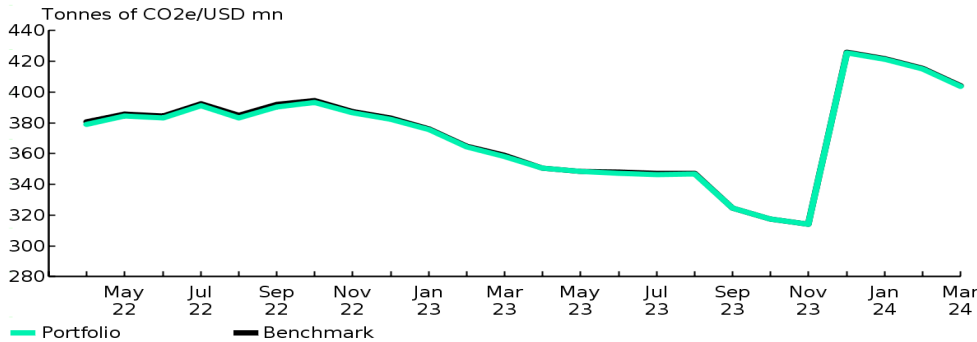
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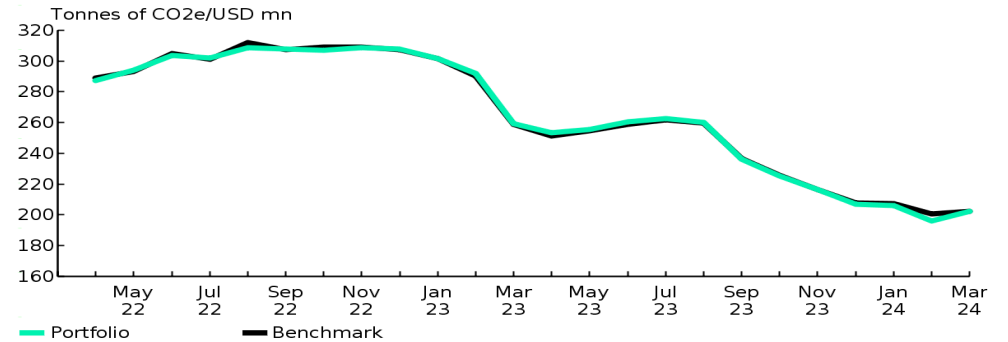
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## Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)



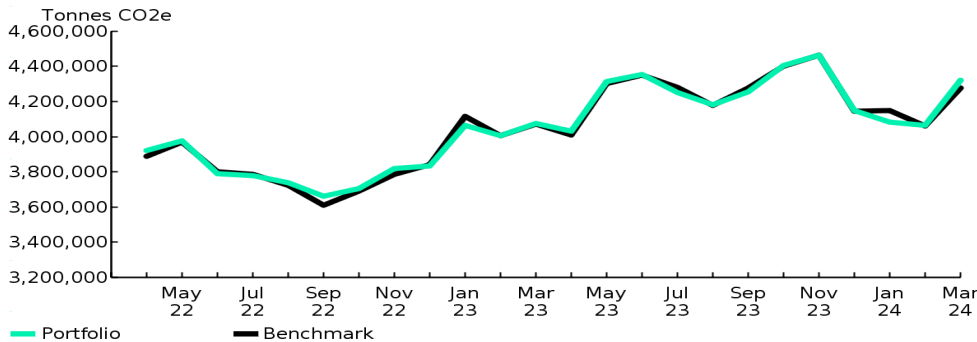
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## Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Direct + Indirect)



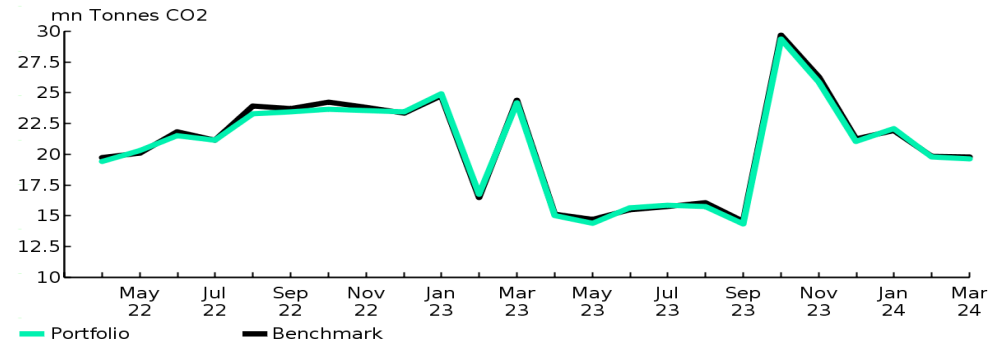
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## Scope 1+2 Carbon Emissions



Source: SSGA Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024. Trucost data as of 29 Feb 2024.

## Total Reserves Carbon Emissions



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# Stewardship Profile

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Asia Pacific ex Japan Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE DEV ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW EX TOB EX TC(10%) INDEX

Stewardship Profile	Q4 2023
Number of Meetings Voted	392
Number of Countries	7
Management Proposals	601
Votes for	87.35%
Votes Against	12.65%
Shareholder Proposals	7
With Management	100%
Against Management	0%

Source: SSGA as of 31 Dec 2023

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4	46
5	21
6	4
7	1
8	0
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>379</b>

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 31 Mar 2024, Factset data as of 29 Feb 2024.

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## Important Information

- R-Factor™ 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™ is designed to put companies in the driver's seat to help create sustainable markets.
- R-Factor™ 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™ 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™ 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™ 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™ 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™ score against a band. R-Factor™ scores are normally distributed using normalized ratings on a 0-100 rating scale.
- Discrepancy between the number of holdings in the R-Factor™ Summary versus the number of holdings in the regular reporting package may arise as the R-Factor™ 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 (Direct + First-Tier Indirect) - 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 (Direct + First Tier Indirect) - Measured in Metric tons CO2e/USD millions revenues. The weighted average of individual company intensities (operational and first-tier

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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 CO<sub>2</sub>e. 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 CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions - Measured in Metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. 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.
- We are currently using FactSet's own "People" dataset to disclose the number of women on the board, for each company in the Fund's portfolio.
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- TCFD Carbon Intensity - Volume of carbon emissions per million dollars of revenue (carbon efficiency of a portfolio), expressed in tons CO<sub>2</sub>e / \$M revenue. Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions are allocated to investors based on an equity ownership approach.
- TCFD Weighted Average Carbon Intensity - Portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies, expressed in tons CO<sub>2</sub>e / \$M revenue. Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions are allocated based on portfolio



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weights (the current value of the investment relative to the current portfolio value). .

- TCFD Total Carbon Emissions - The absolute greenhouse gas emissions associated with a portfolio, expressed in tons CO<sub>2</sub>e. Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions are allocated to investors based on an equity ownership approach.
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- The account summary page details the opening balance at the start of the reporting period which is the equivalent of the closing balance of the previous reporting period.
- If you are invested into any pooled fund or common trust fund, it may use over-the-counter swaps, derivatives or a synthetic instrument (collectively "Derivatives") to increase or decrease exposure in a

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