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# Quarterly Investment Report - 80237

For the Period 01 Jul 2021 to 30 Sep 2021

## Middlesbrough Borough Council

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# Accounting Summary (expressed in GBP)

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	Market Value 01 Jul 2021		Contributions	Withdrawals	Change in Market Value	Market Value 30 Sep 2021	
<b>Passive Equity Portfolio</b>							
North America ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	36,083,139	5.86%	0	0	985,563	37,068,702	6.08%
Europe ex UK ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	124,702,149	20.26%	0	0	1,139,789	125,841,938	20.65%
Japan ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	107,640,730	17.49%	0	0	7,532,574	115,173,304	18.90%
Asia Pacific ex Japan ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund	347,171,324	56.40%	0	0	(15,892,038)	331,279,286	54.36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>615,597,342</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(6,234,111)</b>	<b>609,363,231</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 ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund</b>								21 Sep 2018
Total Returns	-2.70%	2.73%	17.07%	25.21%	15.16%	N/A	N/A	15.42%
FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	-2.75%	2.60%	16.66%	24.69%	14.98%	N/A	N/A	15.24%
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.05%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>0.41%</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>0.18%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.18%</b>
Total Returns (Net)	-2.70%	2.74%	17.07%	25.20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	-2.75%	2.60%	16.66%	24.69%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.05%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.41%</b>	<b>0.51%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Europe ex UK ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund</b>								26 Sep 2018
Total Returns	-3.42%	0.91%	11.99%	21.99%	9.08%	N/A	N/A	8.69%
FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	-3.53%	0.80%	11.64%	21.68%	9.05%	N/A	N/A	8.66%
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.35%</b>	<b>0.31%</b>	<b>0.03%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.03%</b>
Total Returns (Net)	-3.42%	0.91%	11.98%	21.97%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	-3.53%	0.80%	11.64%	21.68%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.34%</b>	<b>0.29%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Japan ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund</b>								01 Jun 2001
Total Returns	4.83%	7.00%	7.61%	16.92%	6.35%	8.83%	10.35%	4.70%
FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	4.72%	6.87%	7.25%	16.40%	6.21%	8.75%	10.31%	4.56%
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>0.36%</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>0.08%</b>	<b>0.04%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>

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FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	4.72%	6.87%	7.25%	16.40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>0.36%</b>	<b>0.51%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Asia Pacific ex Japan ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund</b>								01 Jun 2001
Total Returns	-2.33%	-4.58%	2.73%	22.17%	7.00%	8.31%	9.42%	9.96%
FTSE DEVELOPED ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	-2.36%	-4.66%	2.72%	22.13%	7.01%	8.28%	9.39%	9.90%
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.03%</b>	<b>0.08%</b>	<b>0.01%</b>	<b>0.04%</b>	<b>-0.01%</b>	<b>0.03%</b>	<b>0.03%</b>	<b>0.06%</b>
Total Returns (Net)	-2.33%	-4.58%	2.72%	22.15%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FTSE DEVELOPED ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX	-2.36%	-4.66%	2.72%	22.13%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0.03%</b>	<b>0.08%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.02%</b>	<b>N/A</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

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Europe ex UK ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

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

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	71.77	71.80	-0.03
ESG	72.55	72.59	-0.04
Corporate Governance	44.79	44.81	-0.02

Source: SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### What is R-Factor?

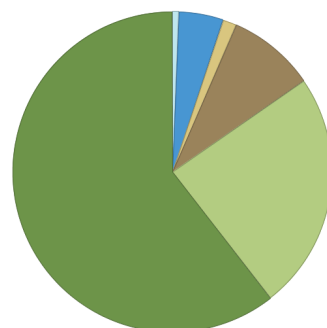
R-Factor™ is built off a transparent scoring methodology that leverages the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Materiality Map, corporate governance codes, and inputs from four best-in-class ESG data providers. R-Factor supports the development of sustainable capital markets by giving investors 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	451	98.47%	99.35%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	458		

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	0.65%
Laggard	4.76%
Underperformer	1.44%
Average Performer	9.22%
Outperformer	25.17%
Leader	63.26%



Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

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Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Nestle S.A.	4.10%	4.09%	0.01%	88.02
ASML Holding NV	3.56%	3.57%	0.00%	78.01
Roche Holding Ltd	3.15%	3.05%	0.10%	66.04
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis...	2.16%	2.16%	0.00%	79.26
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	1.85%	1.85%	0.00%	71.76
SAP SE	1.80%	1.81%	0.00%	82.36
Siemens AG	1.49%	1.49%	0.00%	76.60
TotalEnergies SE	1.40%	1.40%	0.00%	75.75
Sanofi	1.26%	1.26%	0.00%	82.85
L'Oreal SA	1.20%	1.20%	0.00%	91.45

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Top 5 R-Factor Ratings

Veolia Environnement SA	0.19%	0.23%	-0.03%	96.36
Schneider Electric SE	1.06%	1.06%	0.00%	94.88
Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield...	0.12%	0.12%	0.00%	93.76
Industria de Diseno Textil S...	0.47%	0.47%	0.00%	91.77
L'Oreal SA	1.20%	1.20%	0.00%	91.45

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

D'Ieteren Group	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	24.79
Sofina SA	0.08%	0.07%	0.00%	25.41
EXOR N.V.	0.10%	0.11%	0.00%	27.96
InPost S.A.	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	29.96
CTS Eventim AG & Co. KGa...	0.06%	0.05%	0.00%	32.14

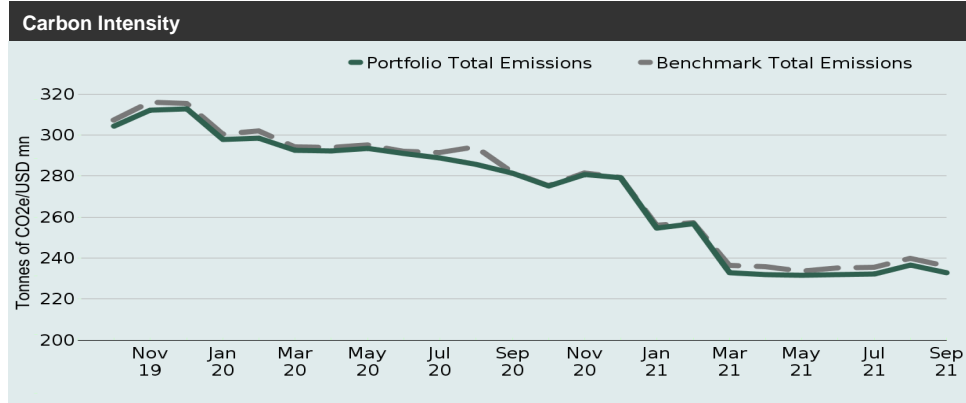
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# Climate Profile

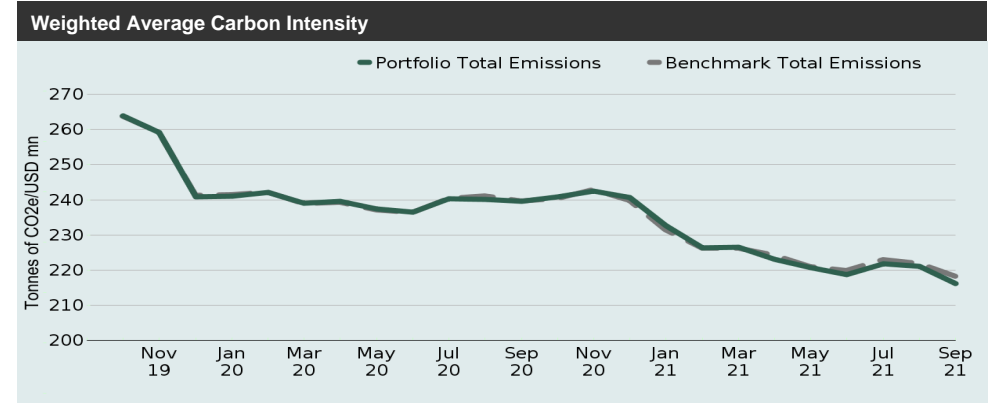
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Europe ex UK ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

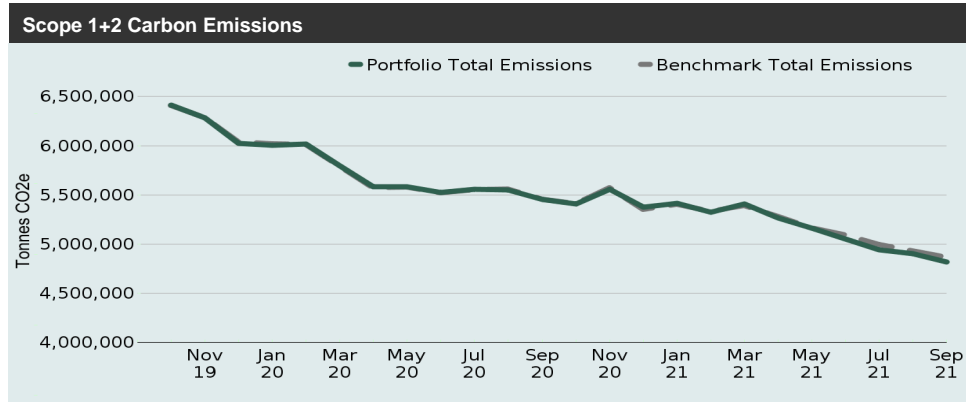
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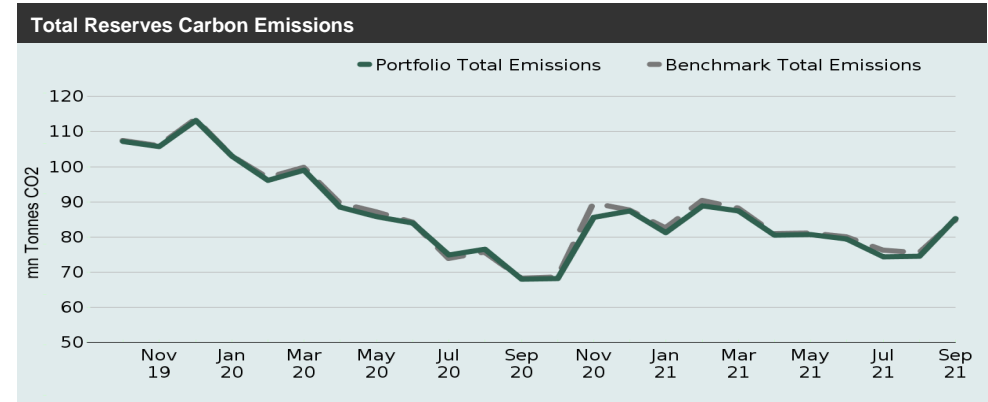
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# Stewardship Profile

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Europe ex UK ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

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

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2021
Number of Meetings Voted	548
Number of Countries	16
Management Proposals	8,930
Votes for	89.41%
Votes Against	10.59%
Shareholder Proposals	236
With Management	91.95%
Against Management	8.05%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2021

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Gender Diversity	
Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	9
1	32
2	59
3	94
4	80
5	74
6	58
7	28
8	12
9	7
10	1
10+	3
Not Available	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>458</b>

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# R-Factor™ Summary

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North America ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE NORTH AMERICA EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	63.52	63.52	0.00
ESG	62.18	62.17	0.01
Corporate Governance	63.76	63.78	-0.02

Source: SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### What is R-Factor?

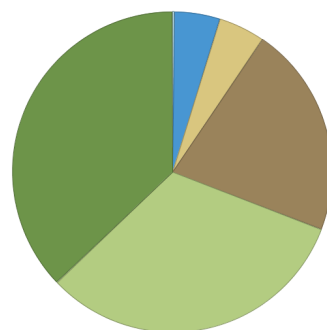
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Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	645	98.77%	99.81%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	653		

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	0.19%
Laggard	4.76%
Underperformer	4.82%
Average Performer	21.82%
Outperformer	32.81%
Leader	38.02%



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Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Apple Inc.	5.72%	5.72%	0.00%	87.72
Microsoft Corporation	5.47%	5.47%	0.00%	72.52
Amazon.com Inc.	3.67%	3.67%	0.00%	64.57
Facebook Inc. Class A	2.09%	2.09%	0.00%	58.27
Alphabet Inc. Class A	2.06%	2.07%	-0.01%	56.31
Alphabet Inc. Class C	1.94%	1.92%	0.01%	56.31
Tesla Inc	1.59%	1.59%	0.00%	60.94
NVIDIA Corporation	1.28%	1.28%	0.00%	77.70
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.25%	1.25%	0.00%	72.01
Visa Inc. Class A	0.97%	0.97%	0.00%	71.01

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Top 5 R-Factor Ratings

HP Inc.	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	100
Cisco Systems Inc.	0.59%	0.59%	0.00%	97.34
Host Hotels & Resorts Inc.	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	89.89
Ball Corporation	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	89.46
Accenture Plc Class A	0.52%	0.52%	0.00%	88.18

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### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

Lennar Corporation Class A	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	9.13
Lennar Corporation Class B	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.13
Constellation Software Inc.	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	12.28
D.R. Horton Inc.	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	12.98
Live Nation Entertainment In...	0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	13.48

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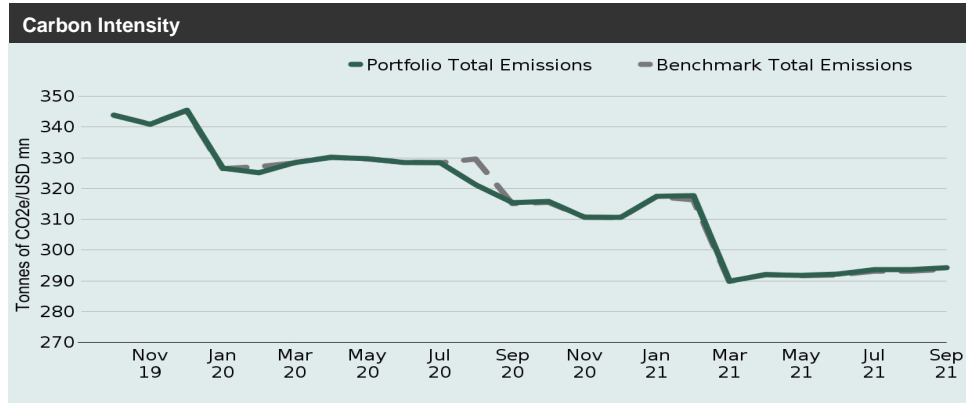
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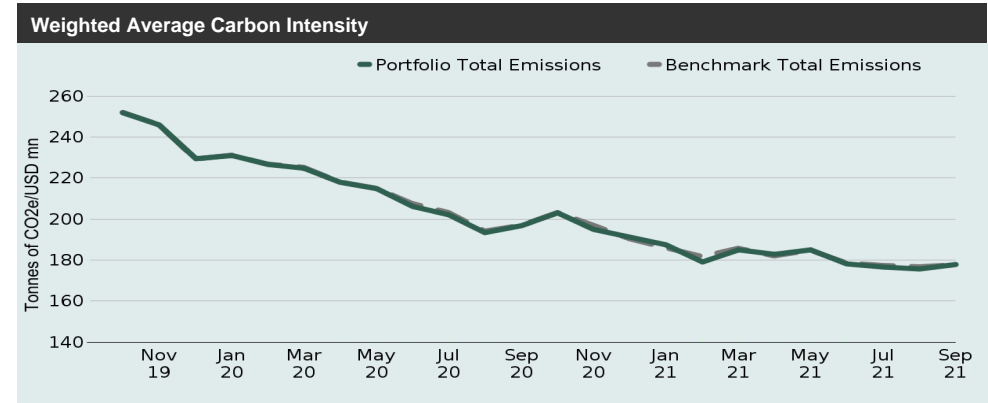
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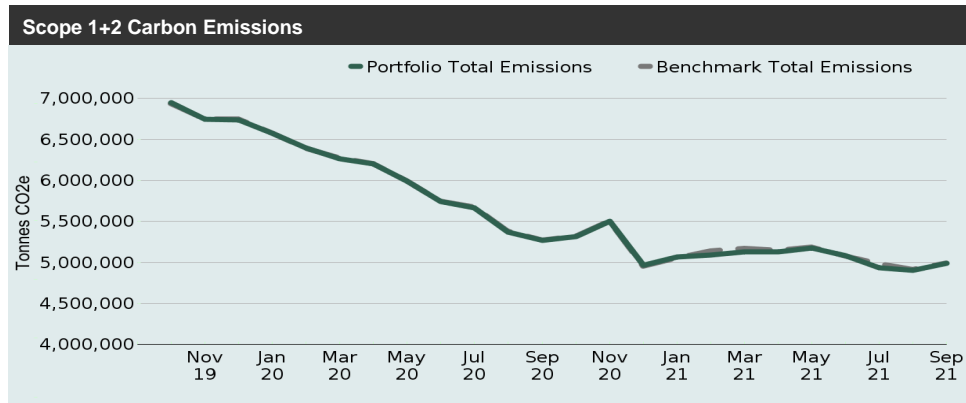
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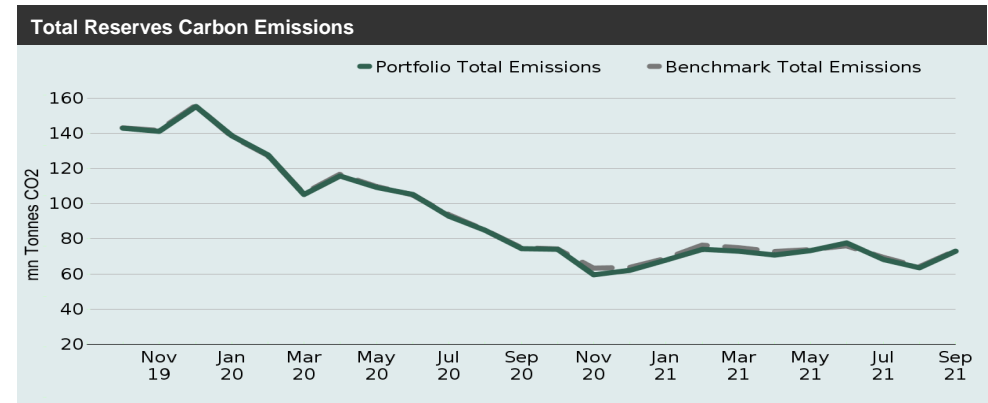
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3	234
4	153
5	61
6	22
7	4
8	3
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>653</b>

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# R-Factor™ Summary

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Japan ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

R-Factor Summary	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
R-Factor	60.59	60.63	-0.04
ESG	58.92	58.97	-0.05
Corporate Governance	66.38	66.37	0.01

Source: SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### What is R-Factor?

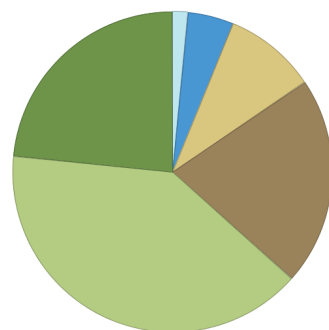
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Fund Coverage	Count	Percent of Total Securities	Percent of Total Market Value
R-Factor Securities Coverage	477	93.71%	98.43%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	509		

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	1.57%
Laggard	4.76%
Underperformer	9.62%
Average Performer	21.52%
Outperformer	41.02%
Leader	24.02%



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Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Toyota Motor Corp.	4.79%	4.79%	0.00%	66.91
Sony Group Corporation	3.00%	3.00%	0.00%	81.37
Keyence Corporation	2.34%	2.35%	0.00%	40.70
Recruit Holdings Co. Ltd.	1.77%	1.77%	0.00%	66.97
SoftBank Group Corp.	1.69%	1.69%	0.00%	56.10
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Gr...	1.59%	1.59%	0.00%	58.54
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co Ltd	1.46%	1.46%	0.00%	61.43
Tokyo Electron Ltd.	1.43%	1.43%	0.00%	76.65
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES LTD.	1.26%	1.26%	0.00%	65.61
HOYA CORPORATION	1.21%	1.21%	0.00%	47.31

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Top 5 R-Factor Ratings

Konica Minolta Inc.	0.06%	0.05%	0.01%	86.89
Kao Corp.	0.59%	0.60%	-0.01%	82.41
Asics Corporation	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	82.07
Sony Group Corporation	3.00%	3.00%	0.00%	81.37
Japan Real Estate Investme...	0.17%	0.17%	0.00%	81.27

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

Relo Group Inc.	0.04%	0.05%	0.00%	3.64
COSMOS Pharmaceutical C...	0.06%	0.06%	0.00%	12.71
ABC-MART INC.	0.04%	0.03%	0.00%	14.56
SMS Co. Ltd.	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	15.39
Iida Group Holdings Co. Ltd.	0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	17.53

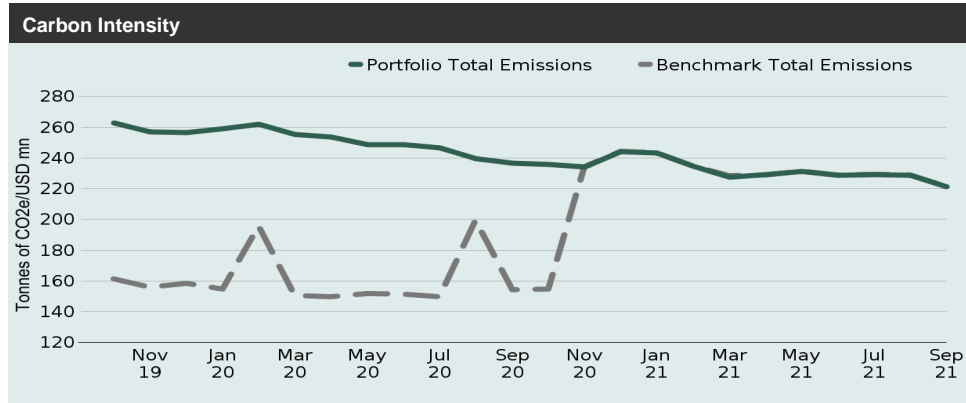
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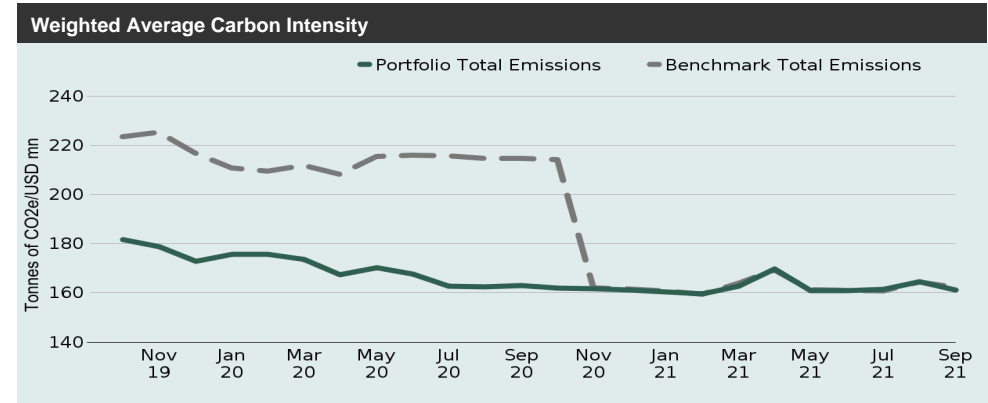
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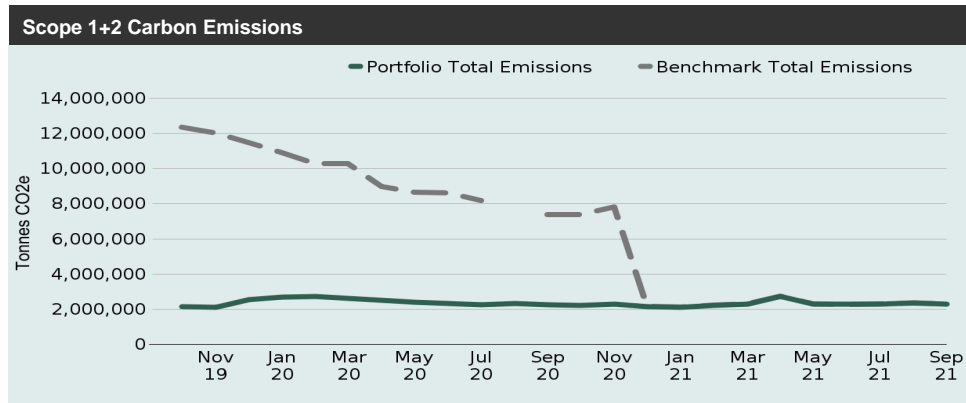
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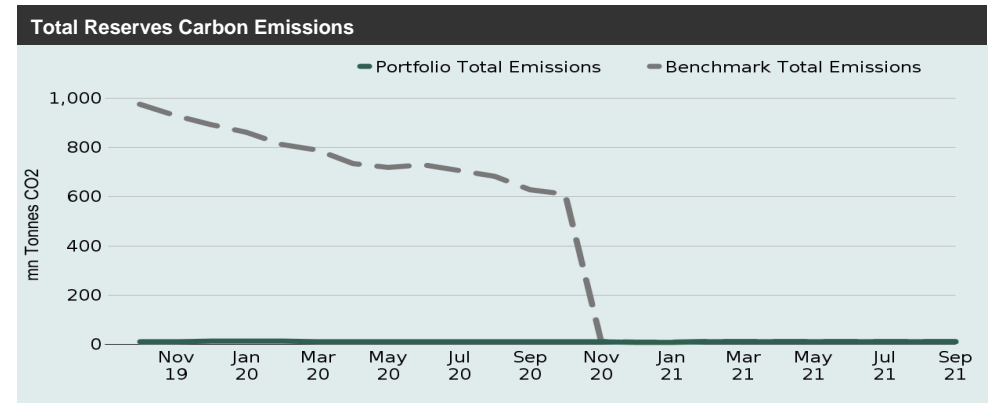
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# Stewardship Profile

Japan ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

Benchmark: FTSE JAPAN EX CONTROVERSIES EX CW INDEX

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2021
Number of Meetings Voted	531
Number of Countries	1
Management Proposals	6,202
Votes for	91.29%
Votes Against	8.71%
Shareholder Proposals	132
With Management	91.67%
Against Management	8.33%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2021

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As of 30 Sep 2021

Gender Diversity	
Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	165
1	222
2	99
3	19
4	4
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>509</b>

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, Factset data as of 31 Aug 2021.

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# R-Factor™ Summary

As of 30 Sep 2021

Asia Pacific ex Japan ESG 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	61.04	61.05	-0.01
ESG	60.68	60.69	-0.01
Corporate Governance	54.58	54.57	0.01

Source: SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### What is R-Factor?

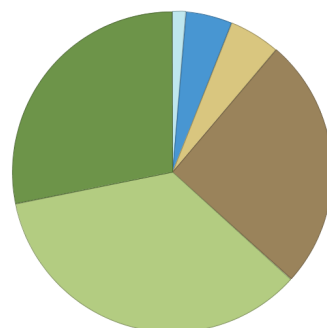
R-Factor™ is built off a transparent scoring methodology that leverages the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Materiality Map, corporate governance codes, and inputs from four best-in-class ESG data providers. R-Factor supports the development of sustainable capital markets by giving investors 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	380	95.96%	98.63%
Total Number of Securities in Portfolio	396		

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Fund R-Factor Profile

Not Available	1.37%
Laggard	4.76%
Underperformer	5.20%
Average Performer	25.65%
Outperformer	35.40%
Leader	28.41%



Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

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.

Top 10 Positions	Fund Weight	Benchmark Weight	Difference	R-Factor Rating
Samsung Electronics Co. Lt...	9.64%	9.68%	-0.04%	80.09
AIA Group Limited	4.58%	4.60%	-0.02%	72.68
Commonwealth Bank of Aus...	4.39%	4.37%	0.02%	66.76
CSL Limited	3.16%	3.15%	0.01%	64.02
Hong Kong Exchanges & Cl...	2.56%	2.57%	-0.01%	64.58
Westpac Banking Corporati...	2.26%	2.25%	0.01%	66.00
National Australia Bank Limi...	2.17%	2.17%	0.00%	67.90
Australia and New Zealand...	1.90%	1.89%	0.00%	70.33
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd...	1.59%	1.59%	-0.01%	80.09
Wesfarmers Limited	1.49%	1.49%	0.00%	54.08

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Top 5 R-Factor Ratings

Dexus	0.27%	0.27%	0.00%	94.28
GPT Group	0.22%	0.23%	-0.01%	92.86
COWAY Co. Ltd.	0.12%	0.12%	0.00%	81.84
Lenovo Group Limited	0.26%	0.26%	0.00%	81.17
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd...	1.59%	1.59%	-0.01%	80.09

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, R-Factor data as of 31 Aug 2021.

### Bottom 5 R-Factor Ratings

KOREA INVESTMENT HOLD...	0.09%	0.09%	0.00%	4.44
JS Global Lifestyle Compan...	0.05%	0.05%	0.00%	5.12
Medy-Tox Inc.	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	7.14
SillaJen Inc.	0.03%	0.00%	0.03%	8.55
HOTEL SHILLA CO. LTD.	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	9.88

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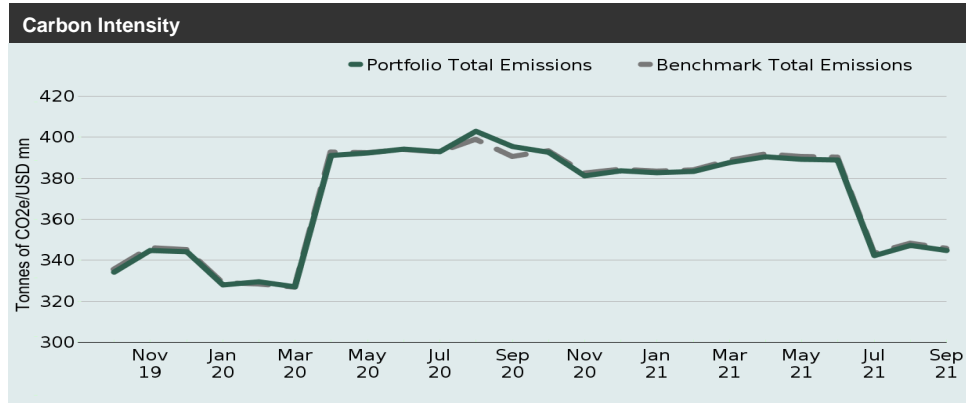
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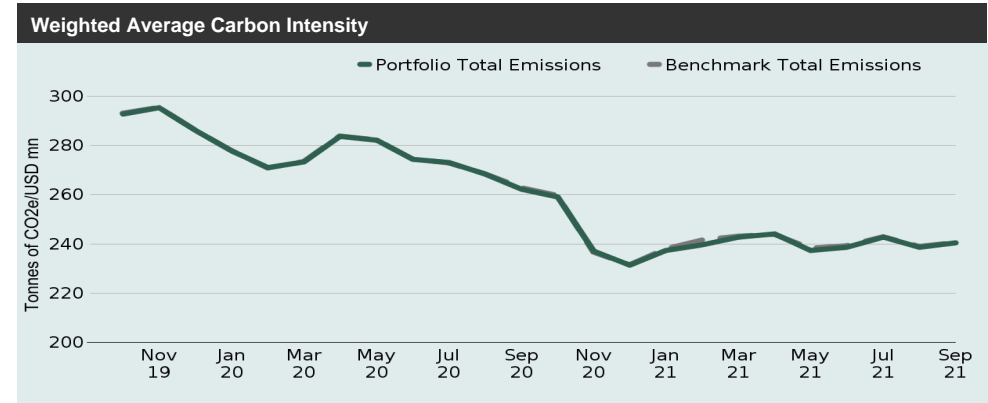
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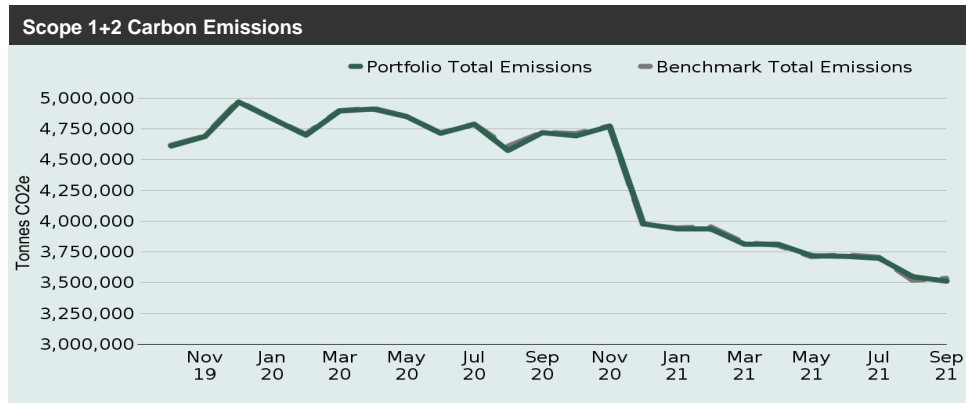
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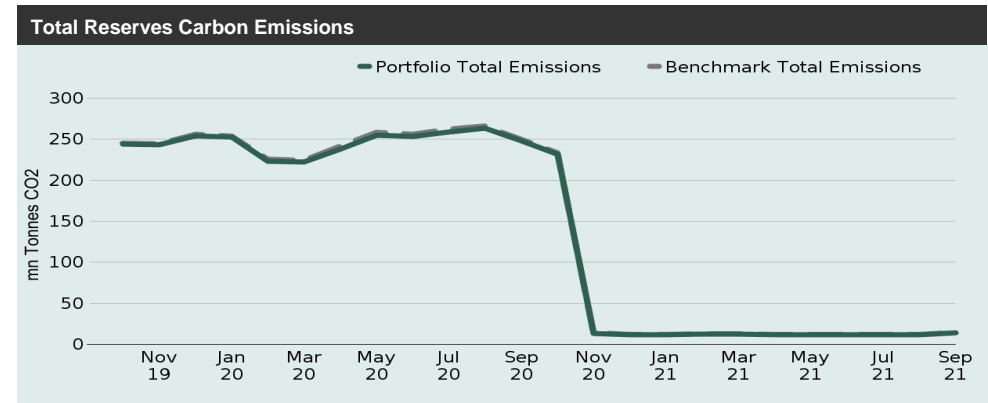
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# Stewardship Profile

As of 30 Sep 2021

Asia Pacific ex Japan ESG Screened Index Equity Sub-Fund

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

Stewardship Profile	Q2 2021
Number of Meetings Voted	438
Number of Countries	12
Management Proposals	3,042
Votes for	82.08%
Votes Against	17.85%
Shareholder Proposals	62
With Management	77.42%
Against Management	22.58%

Source: SSGA as of 30 Jun 2021

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Gender Diversity	
Women on Board	Number of Securities
0	121
1	79
2	79
3	78
4	25
5	9
6	0
7	0
8	1
9	0
10	0
10+	0
Not Available	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>396</b>

Source: Factset/SSGA. Holdings as of 30 Sep 2021, Factset data as of 31 Aug 2021.

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- 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>
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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 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.
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