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# Introducing EQ Bespoke: how our service can benefit your sustainable proposition

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### **EQ Investors**



- Staff-owned discretionary fund manager
- £1.3 billion AUM (May '21)
- Founding UK B Corporation
- Experts in sustainable investment solutions
- 8-year track record in sustainable and impact investing



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### Summary



# Our bespoke service has a 6 year track record supporting advisers and their clients

	Model	Bespoke
Custody	Platforms	Direct (Pershing)
Investment universe	Open ended funds, ETFs	Open ended funds, Investment Trust, ETFs, REITs
Tax wrappers	Platform dependent	Open architecture
Portfolio tax considerations	None	Integrated in portfolio management
Investment strategy	Positive Impact or Future Leaders	Flexible to meet client needs
EQ Portal	No access	Fully bespoke reporting
Adviser charging	Platform dependent	Facilitated

### Leveraging on our area of expertise



### Agenda

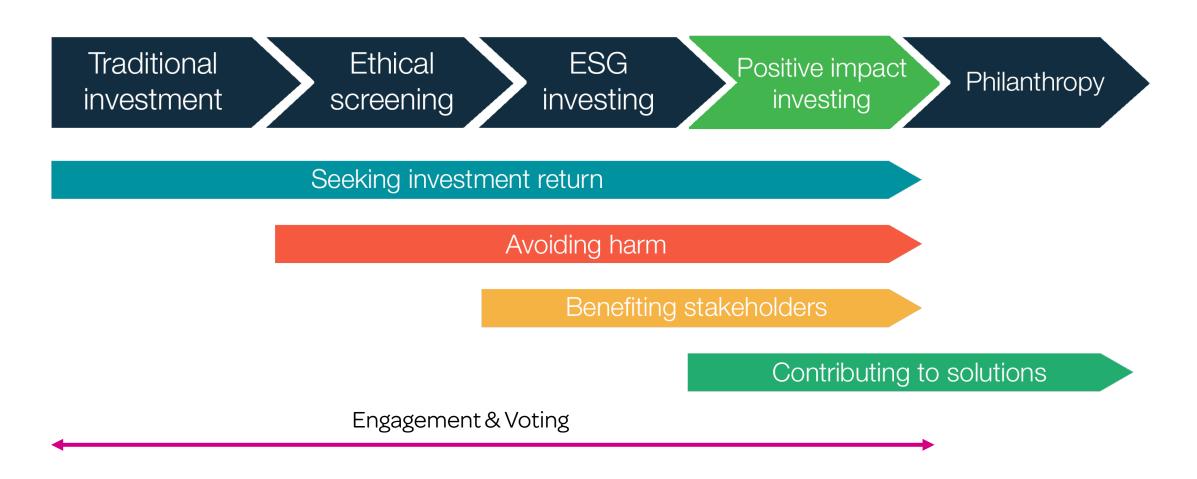
- Sustainable investing: Differentiating ethical, ESG\*, and impact investing
- EQ Bespoke service, case studies:
  - Transition to an impact strategy
  - Considering tax
  - Personalised portfolio construction
- Reporting & transparency



# Defining sustainable investing

# The spectrum of capital

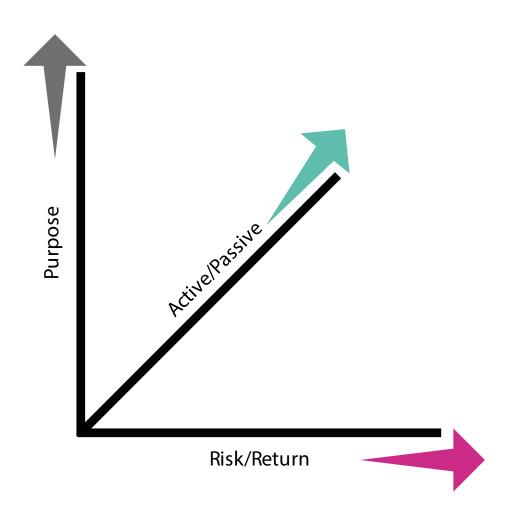




(Source: EQ Investors, 2020, developed from Impact Management Project's "Spectrum of Capital" approach)

### Sustainability in a traditional framework





#### Purpose

– Where does the approach sit on the spectrum of capital?

#### Risk

Consider drawdown, volatility, and liquidity

#### Cost factors

Balancing cost sensitivity within overall portfolio construction



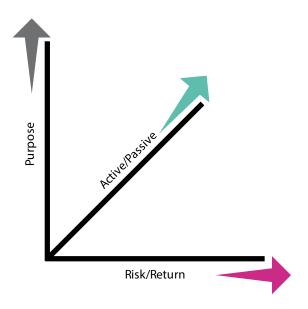
# Case Study

Transitioning to an impact strategy

### Background



- Existing portfolio managed with an 'ethical' tilt
- Specific focus on climate change risk and desire for zero fossil fuel exposure
- Concerned about inflation

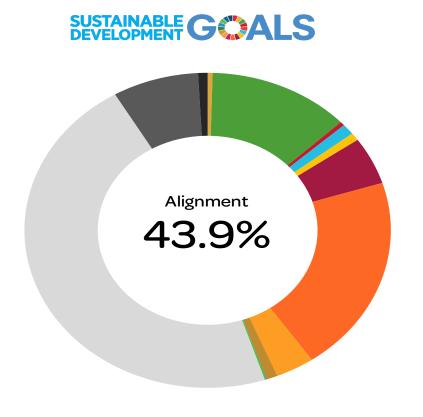


### Mapping to the UN SDGs



#### A largely neutral portfolio and 7.6% negatively aligned.

1	NO POVERTY	
2	ZERO HUNGER	
3	GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING	12.5%
4	QUALITY EDUCATION	
5	GENDER EQUALITY	
6	CLEAN WATER & SANITATION	1.1%
7	AFFORDABLE & CLEAN ENERGY	0.8%
8	DECENT WORK &ECONOMIC GROWTH	4.9%
9	INDUSTRY, INNOVATION & INFRASTRUCTURE	20.2%
10	REDUCED INEQUALITIES	



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	COMMUNITIES	3.4%	
	RESPONSIBLE		
12	CONSUMPTION	1.0%	
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13	CLIMATE		
10	ACTION*		
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14	LIFE BELOW WATER		
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15	LAND		
10	PEACE, JUSTICE		
16	& STRONG		
	INSTITUTIONS		
17	PARTNERSHIP		
	FOR THE GOALS		
AVOIDSHARM		46.6%	
CAUSES HARM		7.6%	
UNMAPPED		0.8%	

UN Sustainable Development Goals with no figure indicate that the portfolio has a 0% exposure; this is because either the Sustainable Development Goal presents very few investable opportunities, or that companies within the portfolio may give exposure to multiple goals and the more relevant goal has been selected.

### Deep dive into negative contributors



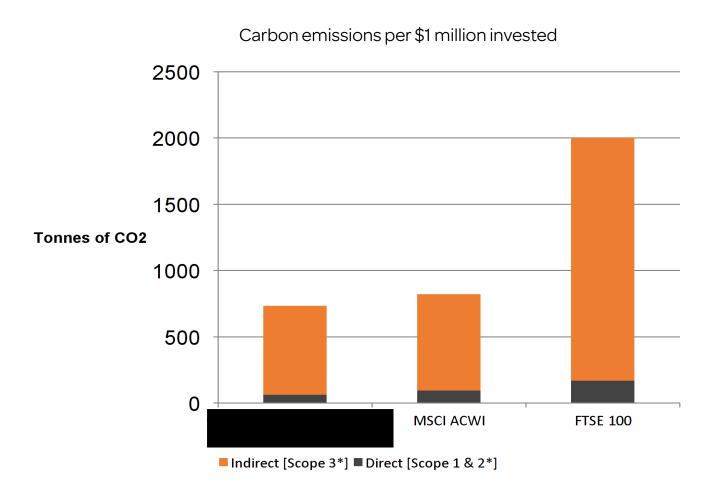
### A range of sectors, but most concerning is fossil fuel exposure.

Sector	Holdings	Allocation	Example Holdings
Alcohol	21	0.90%	Anheuser-Busch, Heineken
Automotive Pollution	14	0.46%	Ford Motor Co, Daimler AG
Cruise Pollution	1	0.10%	Carnival Corp
Gambling	7	0.14%	GVC Holdings PLC, Evolution Gaming
Intensive Farming	2	0.08%	Tyson Foods WH Group
Military	10	0.84%	HEICO Corp, L3 Harris
Mining	33	1.35%	Rio Tinto, Newmont Gold Corp
Ocean Freight	7	0.04%	Nippon Express Co Ltd
Oil & Gas Distribution	1	0.17%	Atmos Energy Corp
Oil & Gas Extraction	10	0.17%	Tatneft PJSC, Saudi Arabian Oil Co
Oil & Gas Services	30	0.41%	SK Innocation, Gazprom, PetroChina
Oil, Gas, Coal (Electric Utilities)	2	0.09%	Sempra Energy
Palm Oil	4	0.02%	Genting Plantations, Kuala Lumpar Kepong
Pesticides	5	0.25%	Corteva, Bayer AG
Thermal Goal	1	0.01%	Genting Bhd
Tobacco	1	0%	BAT via Reinet Investments
Unhealthy Food & Beverage	17	2.54%	Nestle, PepsiCo, Mondelez
Total	169	7.59%	

### Looking at carbon intensity



#### Emissions broadly in line with global equities



### The plan of action



# By investing with an impact lens we can align the investments clearly with the investors goals

- ✓ Remove exposure to harmful investments and fossil fuel reserves.
- ✓ Improve the alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals by 43.6%
- ✓ Using 'neutral' investments to build inflation protection
- ✓ Reduce the carbon intensity by 34.09%



# Case Study

Considering taxation

### Background



- Traditional taxable personal and trust portfolios
- Considerable accrued gains
- One additional rate tax payer
- Ambition to contribute towards a better environment and society

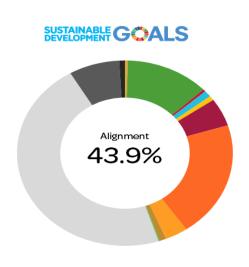
# Planning with adviser



# We worked with an adviser to identify how they can meet the ambition set by the client

- A model portfolio approach would lead to an unnecessary tax bill
- Source of the most harmful products and services identified





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12	RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION	1.0%
13	CLIMATE ACTION*	
14	LIFE B ELOW WATER	
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### A tax efficient transition



### Utilising the flexibility of our bespoke service

- ✓ In specie transfer of assets
- ✓ Utilising capital gains allowances
- ✓ Inter spousal transfers



# Case Study

Personalised portfolio construction

### Background



- Investor background led them to have a specific focus
- Invest to benefit from the take up of cleaner energy sources
- An overall preference to use capital purposefully, although not the primary driver

# Planning with adviser



- Consider the risks of a focused investment strategy
  - Lower diversification
  - Concentrated sector and factor exposures
- Understand the opportunity set within the objectives
  - Clean energy
  - Electrification of transport
  - Circular economy and waste management



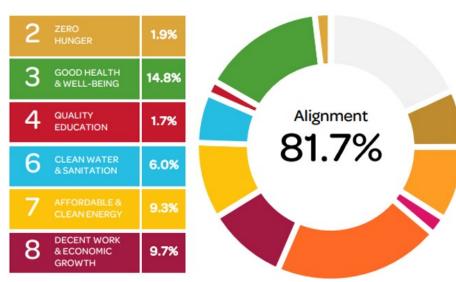






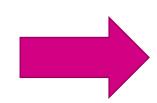
### A portfolio approach to meet the objectives



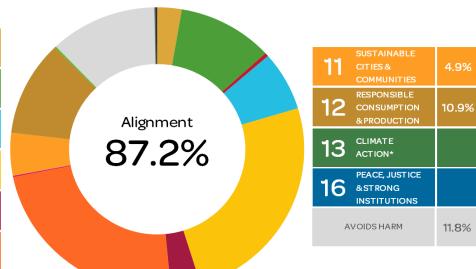




- A balanced approach extending beyond clean energy
- Wider sustainable themes, to ensure a diversification and a mix of return / revenue sources.



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# Bespoke Service

A differentiated offering

### How do you hold us to account?



256 funds have rebranded as sustainable in 2020 and 127 in Q1 this year alone.

- ✓ Our impact reporting allows you to hold us to account
- ✓ Impact reporting sits alongside data on financial returns and risk

### EQ Portal personalised impact reporting



Portfolio Performance

Asset Allocation

Geography & Sectors

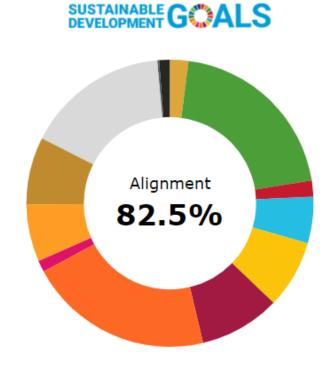
Positive Impact

Sustainable Development Goals

Carbon Emissions

#### Portfolio alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals

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4	Quality Education	1.8%
5	Gender Equality	0.0%
6	Clean Water & Sanitation	5.2%
7	Affordable & Clean Energy	7.7%
8	Decent Work & Economic Growth	9.1%
9	Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure	20.8%
10	Reduced Inequalities	1.3%



11	Sustainable Cities & Communities	6.4%
12	Responsible Consumption & Production	7.6%
13	Climate Action*	
14	Life Below Water	0.0%
15	Life on Land	0.0%
16	Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions	
17	Partnerships for the Goals	
	Avoids Harm	16.1%
	Causes Harm	0.2%
	Unmapped	1.2%

### EQ Portal personalised impact reporting



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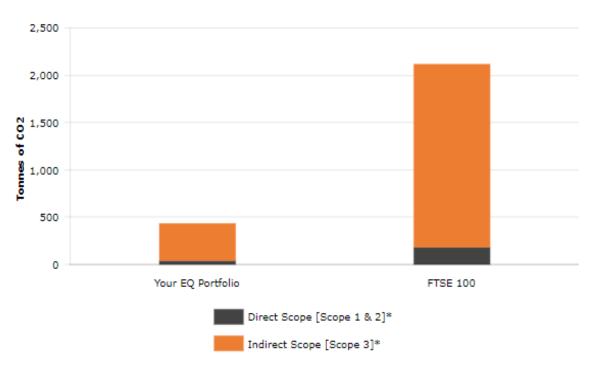
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#### Carbon emissions



\*Scope 1 & 2 represents direct emissions as well as indirect emissions from electricity usage, Scope 3 represents other indirect generation

The carbon footprint of your portfolio is:

79.33% lower than the FTSE 100 index

That's equivalent to...

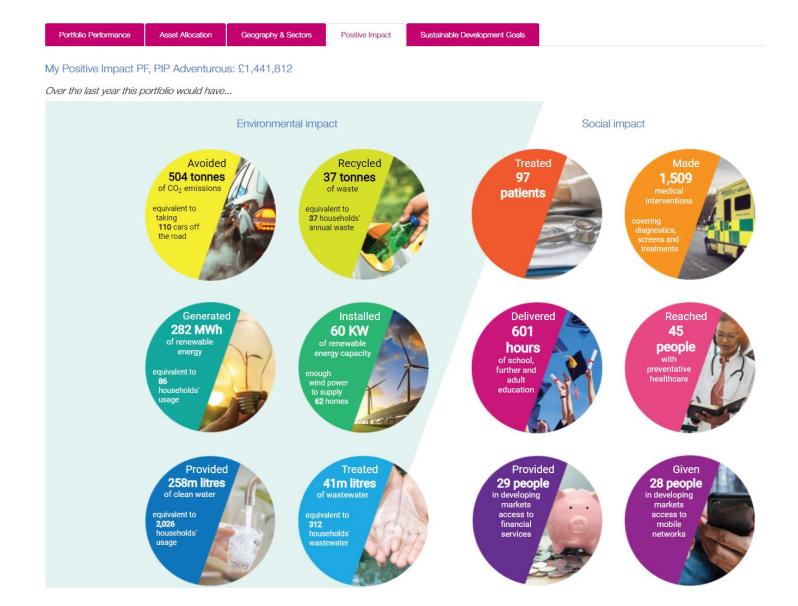
aking 365 passenger cars off the road or

saving 415 UK household's total energy use or

preventing 189 thousand gallons of gasoline from being burned

### EQ Portal personalised impact reporting





### EQ Portal detailed financial reporting





### Alternative investments



Wider range of investments that include alternatives and investment companies

Schroder Big Society Capital Investment Trust





- Renewable energy infrastructure
- Keystone Positive Change





### Our fees



# Tiered on total portfolio value, and adviser charging paid quarterly

Portfolio Size	Management Fees p.a %
£1m - £1.5m*	0.70
£1.5m-£2.5m	0.60
£2.5m-£3.5m	0.55
£3.5m-£5m*	0.50

<sup>\*</sup>Management fee >£5m negotiable

	£1,000,000	£3,500,000
EQ Fee (custody and portfolio management)	0.70%	0.50%
VAT @20%	0.14%	0.10%
Underlying ongoing charges figure	0.25 – 0.60%	0.25 – 0.60%
Transaction charges	~0.10%	~0.03%
Total	1.19% - 1.54%	0.88% - 1.23%

### Summary



### Our Bespoke Service is designed to be flexible

### We work with you to ensure the right outcomes for your clients

- ✓ Personalised impact reporting and analysis
- ✓ Tailored portfolios built using a wider investment universe
- ✓ Managed by a specialist sustainable investment manager, allowing you to leverage on our expertise

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