



EQ Climate Action Defensive

Model Portfolio Factsheet

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Invest in the path to a Net-Zero economy.

Company Description

EQ Investors is an award-winning discretionary fund manager focused on sustainable and impact investing. Proud to be a Certified B Corporation (B Corp), we firmly believe investors can achieve their goals while doing good for people and the planet.

Key Facts

Factsheet Date	31/07/2023
Launch Date	28/02/2022
Portfolio Yield (indicative)	1.24%
EQ Management Charge	0.32%
Underlying fund MIFID II Charges**	
Ongoing	0.40%
Transactional	0.09%
Incidental	0.00%
Total	0.49%

Source: EQ, Morningstar

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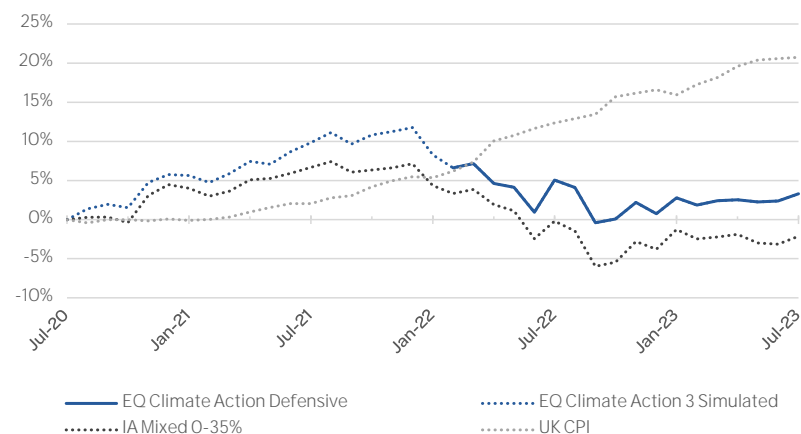
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Portfolio Objective

The Climate Action portfolios have been designed with a dual mandate, to maximise financial returns and contribute to a low carbon economy. This strategy selects funds that invest in companies providing environmental solutions and driving transition in the Path to Net Zero, while avoiding controversial sectors. The strategy is comprised of specialist, actively managed and passive tracker funds. This Defensive portfolio is diversified across a mix of equities, fixed income, infrastructure and cash.

Portfolio Performance*



Cumulative Performance (%)	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	Since Inception 02/2022
EQ Climate Action Defensive	0.74	0.50	-1.64	3.31	-3.10
IA Mixed 0-35%	-0.27	-0.87	-1.96	-2.15	-5.31
UK CPI	0.97	4.15	7.47	20.74	13.70

Discrete Performance (%)	Aug 22 Jul 23	Aug 21 Jul 22	Aug 20 Jul 21	Aug 19 Jul 20	Aug 18 Jul 19
EQ Climate Action Defensive	-1.91	-4.62	9.54	-	-
IA Mixed 0-35%	-1.96	-6.43	6.67	0.37	4.15
UK CPI	7.47	10.10	2.04	1.04	2.06

Volatility (%)	1Y	3Y	Since Inception 02/2022
EQ Climate Action Defensive	5.93	5.90	6.92
IA Mixed 0-35%	6.80	5.67	6.19
UK CPI	2.20	2.08	1.87

Platform Availability

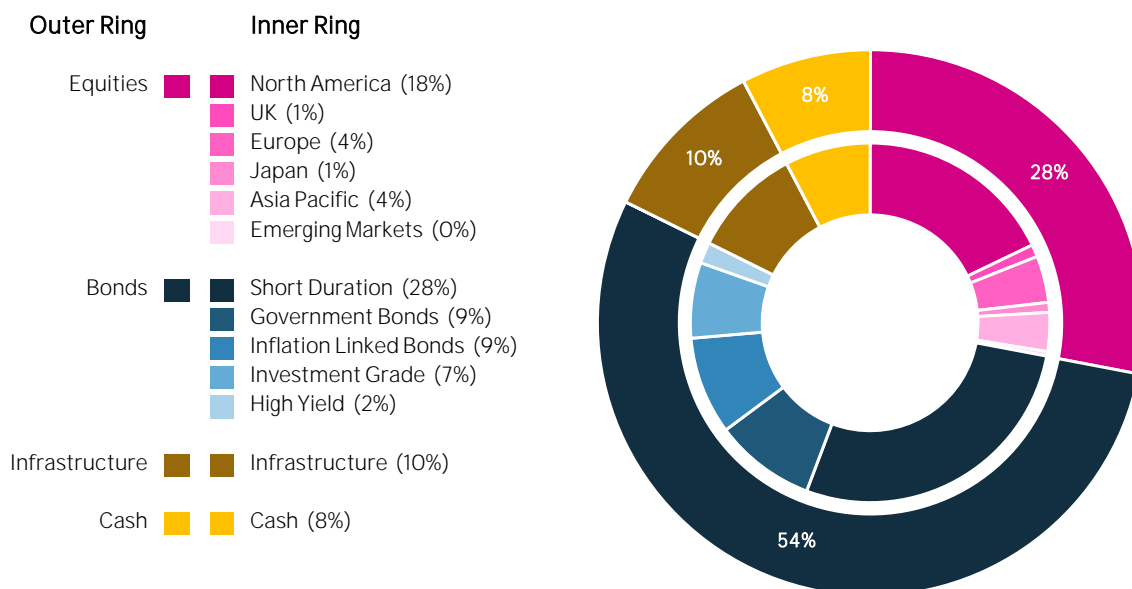
7IM, abrdn Wrap, AJ Bell, Aviva, Fundment, Novia, Nucleus, Parmenion, Quilter and Transact.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All performance is shown in sterling, net of EQ's management fee (0.32%) and underlying fund charges. It does not include platform or adviser fees. Investment Association (IA) is a universe index comprising multi asset funds that has a set equity exposure range. Source: EQ, Morningstar.



Asset Allocation

The chart below shows the short-term asset allocations of the portfolio. Percentages are subject to rounding.



Top 5 fund holdings

	Description	Weighting
Pimco GIS Climate Bond	Multi-sector green bonds, aiding the transition to a net zero carbon economy.	14.3%
AXA ACT Green Bond Short Duration	Financing the energy & ecology transition, with a positive environmental impact.	12.0%
TwentyFour Sustainable S-T Bond Income	Invests in primarily short dated bonds with a sustainable screen.	9.0%
iShares Green Bond Index	Exposure to Green bonds across multiple income sectors.	9.0%
iShares \$ TIPS 0-5 ETF	Exposure to inflation protected US Government bonds with maturities of 0-5 years.	8.8%

Top 10 underlying companies

	Description	Weighting
Microsoft	Provider of cloud infrastructure, enabling decarbonisation of its clients	1.3%
Greencoat UK Wind	Renewable infrastructure fund of UK wind farms	0.9%
Renewables Infrastructure Group	Renewable wind farms and solar parks for a net zero carbon future	0.8%
Foresight Solar Fund	Portfolio of ground-based, operational solar power plants	0.7%
JLEN Environmental Assets Group	Diversified portfolio of environmental and renewable infrastructure assets	0.6%
Alphabet	Provides cloud computing and software, and is a low carbon leader	0.6%
Greencoat Renewables	Renewable infrastructure fund of European wind farms	0.6%
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	Portfolio of energy efficiency and distributed energy generation assets	0.5%
NextEnergy Solar Fund	Diversified portfolio of solar energy infrastructure	0.5%
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	Facilitator of renewable growth through energy storage projects	0.5%

The top 10 underlying equity holdings represent the top 10 equity exposures held in an aggregated list of each funds' underlying holdings in the portfolio. Multiple issues of a single company are aggregated in this list. Icons represent the overall company alignment to our Climate Buckets. To produce this data, we use a snapshot of the funds held at the last rebalance.



Optimising Climate Exposure

Alongside investing in Low Carbon Leaders, investment in the climate transition and in climate solutions can be a catalyst for further change by signalling to companies and governments that this is priority for owners of capital.

Companies that provide solutions to climate change are likely to experience a strong increase in revenues by solving unmet needs. In the meantime, companies that are not transitioning quickly enough to a low carbon economy are likely to suffer write-downs, a potential drop in future revenues, and a rise in operating cost as the impact of regulatory instruments such as carbon taxes begin to bite into bottom lines.

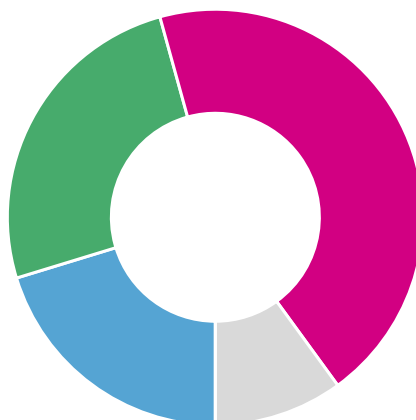
Low Carbon 25%

Leaders in carbon efficiency, with emissions at least 33% lower than their industry peers.

Transition 20%

Companies on a credible, science-based path to decarbonising their business models.

Climate Exposures



Climate Solutions 44%

Companies whose products & services provide solutions to decarbonisation and where financing is targeted at green projects.

Laggards 10%

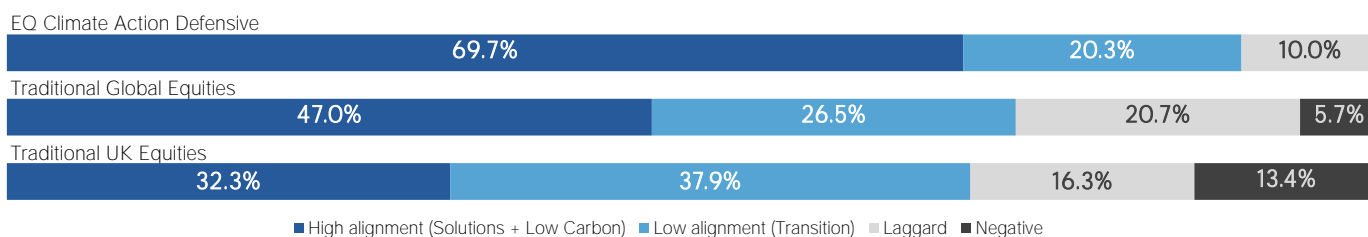
Either companies whose operations or whose products & services are not aligned to a net zero scenario. These companies have been chosen with a view to engage for change.

Negative 0%

Companies actively involved in controversial business activities such as fossil fuel extraction or thermal coal.

Climate exposures reference the equity portion of the portfolio only. Percentages may not add up to 100% as they are rounded to the nearest decimal. All percentages are rescaled to exclude any unmapped exposures.

Portfolio climate comparison to Global Equities & UK Equities

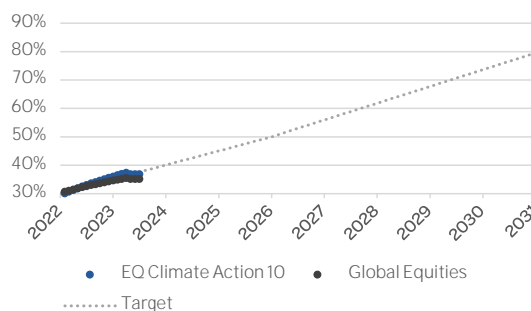


Science Based Targets (SBTs)

Launched in 2015, the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) has been the gold standard for Net Zero emissions targets and is backed by four prestigious global bodies*.

The initiative intends to increase corporate ambition on climate action by mobilising companies to set greenhouse gas emission reduction targets consistent with the level of decarbonisation required by science to limit warming to less than 1.5°C / 2°C compared to preindustrial temperatures.

The chart alongside shows the EQ Climate Action Balanced portfolio's company alignment to the SBTs. At EQ our Climate Action portfolios are committed to becoming 50% aligned by 2025 and 80% by 2030.

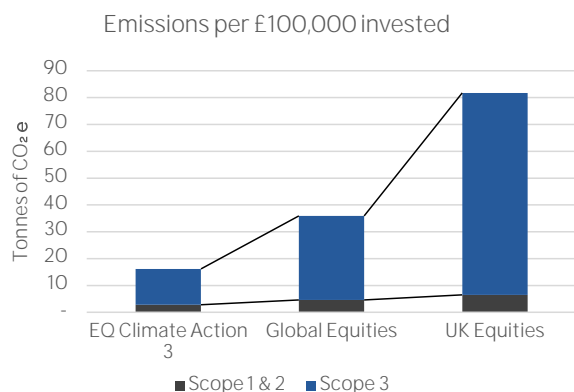


* Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), UN Global Compact (UNGC), World Resource Institute (WRI) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

To produce this data, we use a snapshot of the funds held at the last rebalance. Underlying fund holdings are updated on an annual basis in July. New funds added to the portfolio use the latest holding data available at the time. Percentages may not add up to 100% as they are rounded to the nearest decimal. Portfolio data may differ depending on the platform used.



Carbon Footprint



Data source: MSCI, Analysis: EQ Investors, data as at the last rebalance.

% difference in carbon emissions vs UK Equities

-80.2%

£100,000 GBP invested in the EQ Climate Action Defensive portfolio implied a difference in annual emissions of 66 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, compared to investing the same amount into UK Equities. The difference is equivalent to the annual emissions of:

- 14 passenger cars driven;
- 16 UK household's energy used; or
- 7.4 thousand gallons of gasoline burned.

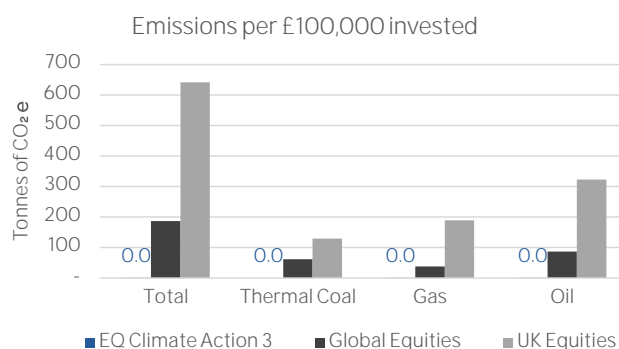
Climate Change Scenarios

Climate change's current path is still uncertain, and depends on how fast the global economy responds to the challenge to cut global carbon emissions - which are the main driver of global climate change. It is therefore relevant to understand whether the companies within a portfolio are aligned to a desirable emission reduction pathway for us. Climate scientists and global leaders have agreed that limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C is the most desirable and yet realistic scenario.

Potential Emissions from Fossil Fuel Reserves

Currently, only 20% of the Earth's existing fossil fuel reserves can be burned while limiting global warming to the 1.5 degrees target by 2050, making the rest un-usable. To compare fuel reserves, we express potential emissions to greenhouse gas emissions as tons of CO₂.

Certain fuels such as thermal coal, oil sands, shale oil/gas have a higher carbon content than other types. In addition to carbon intensity, extraction can be costly and climate unfriendly because of geological, technical and environmental challenges.



Data source: MSCI, Analysis: EQ Investors, data as at the last rebalance.

To calculate the alignment for 'Global Equities' and 'UK Equities', we use data from ETFs tracking the performance of MSCI ACWI and FTSE 100, respectively.

We use an industry standard methodology, which lets us associate the tonnes of CO₂ equivalent emitted per 1m GBP invested, scaled down to 100,000 GBP invested. We use the "Financed carbon emissions method", using Enterprise Value including Cash (EVIC) as recommended in the PCAF carbon accounting standard¹. We only focus on the equity portion of the portfolio to enable comparability with a standard market index, and include direct and indirect carbon emissions from the businesses (Scope 1, 2 and 3 as defined by the greenhouse gas protocol)².

¹ For more information, please visit <https://carbonaccountingfinancials.com/files/downloads/PCAF-Global-GHG-Standard.pdf>.

² For more information, please visit <https://ghgprotocol.org/calculation-tools>

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