

# EQ Blended World Balanced Plus

Model Portfolio Factsheet

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*The best of both; blending active & passive investing.*

## 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	28/02/2025
Launch Date	30/09/2013
Portfolio Yield (indicative)	1.43%
EQ Management Charge	0.63%
Underlying fund MIFID II Charges <sup>2</sup>	
Ongoing	0.33%
Transactional	0.12%
Incidental	0.07%
Total	0.52%

Source: EQ, Morningstar

## Investment Team



Andrew Rees  
Portfolio Manager

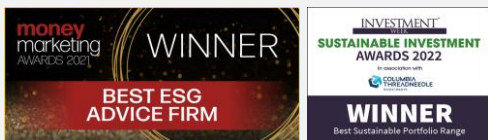


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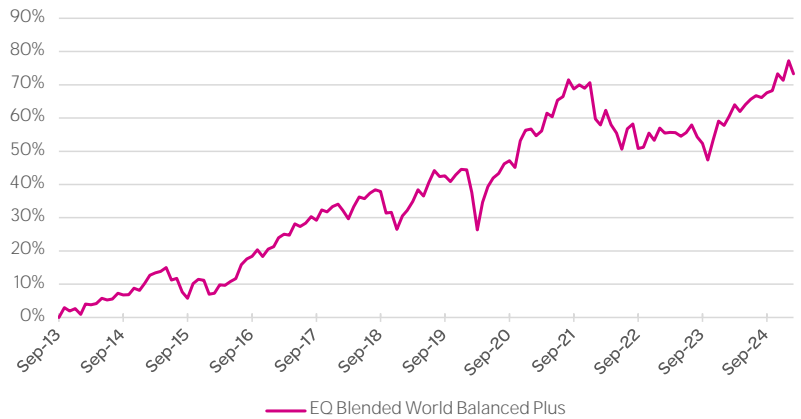
## Awards



## Portfolio Objective

The Blended World portfolios seek to achieve long-term capital growth ahead of market indices, achieved through dynamic asset allocation and by combining benefits from both actively and passively managed funds. The portfolio invests in active funds where specialist fund managers are expected to beat the market and where markets are more efficient, we will invest in passive funds that track their market index. This Balanced Plus portfolio is diversified across a mix of equities, fixed income, infrastructure and cash.

## Portfolio Performance<sup>1</sup>



Cumulative Performance (%)	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since launch
EQ Blended World Balanced Plus	0.00	4.33	7.99	9.77	25.92	73.31

Discrete Performance (%)	Mar 24 Feb 25	Mar 23 Feb 24	Mar 22 Feb 23	Mar 21 Feb 22	Mar 20 Feb 21
EQ Blended World Balanced Plus	7.99	3.24	-1.55	2.10	12.35

Volatility (%)	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since launch
EQ Blended World Balanced Plus	5.94	7.68	9.18	7.79

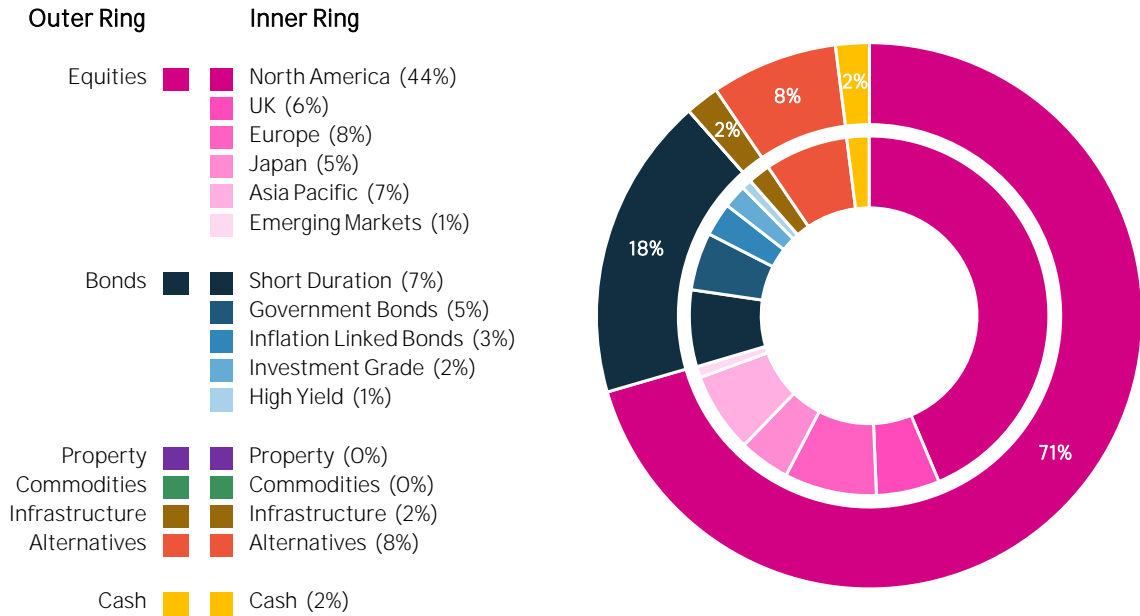
## Our Commitments

**Certified B Corporation** At EQ Investors we invest in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standard industry leaders, and companies whose products and services help achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We are proud to be a Certified B Corporation (B Corp) and signatories to many important initiatives including the UN Principles for Responsible Investing, the Impact Management Project, ShareAction, and the Global Impact Investing Network. As a business, we recognise the global climate emergency and we have committed to become a net zero carbon emission business by 2030.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All performance is shown in sterling, net of EQ's management fee (0.63%) and underlying fund charges. Source: EQ, Morningstar.

## Asset Allocation

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



### Top fund holdings (1-5)

Top fund holdings (1-5)	Weighting
iShares US Equity ESG S&O Index	27.8%
Schroder Global Sustainable Value	6.3%
Sanlam Global Artificial Intelligence	6.0%
Montlake DUNN WMA Institutional	4.5%
iShares European Equity ESG S&O Index	4.0%

### Top fund holdings (6-10)

Top fund holdings (6-10)	Weighting
Federated Hermes Asia ex-Japan Equity	4.0%
Trojan Ethical Global Income	4.0%
Brown Advisory US Sustainable Value	3.5%
TwentyFour Sustainable S-T Bond Income	3.3%
TwentyFour Monument European ABS	3.3%

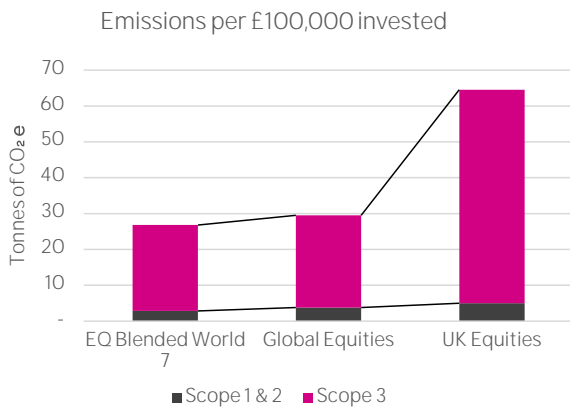
### Top 10 underlying companies

Top 10 underlying companies	Description	Weighting
Microsoft	Cloud infrastructure, developer of soft and hardware technology solutions	2.2%
NVIDIA	Semiconductor design for GPUs, data science and cloud computing	2.2%
Apple	Producer and supplier of consumer electronics, software, and online services	1.8%
Alphabet	Global tech company behind 'Google', with advertising as main revenue	1.4%
Amazon	Global multifaceted e-commerce and technology company	1.2%
UnitedHealth Group	Multinational healthcare and insurance provider	0.7%
Tesla	Manufacturer of electric vehicles, battery storage systems & clean energy	0.6%
Meta	Leader in social media, digital advertising, and virtual reality technologies	0.6%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Global leader in semiconductor contract manufacturing & design	0.6%
Eli Lilly and Co	Develops breakthrough medications for enhanced health and well-being	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. To produce this data, we use a snapshot of the funds held at the last rebalance.

## What's the carbon footprint of your portfolio?

All investments carry a carbon footprint, by investing in businesses that emit greenhouse gases through their activities.



% difference in carbon emissions vs UK Equities

**-58.5%**

£100,000 GBP investment in the EQ Blended World Balanced Plus portfolio has 0 tonnes less associated emissions, compared to investing the same amount in a UK Equities index.

To illustrate the scale of this difference, we have converted it into commonly known equivalents:

- 8 average passenger cars driven within one year;
- 9 UK household's energy use within one year; or
- 4.2 thousand gallons of gasoline burned.

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

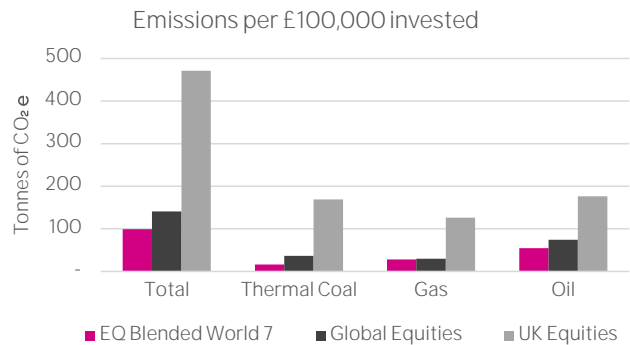
Please note that switching your investments does not directly save emissions in the real world and does not offset your personal carbon footprint.

We use an industry standard methodology, which lets us associate the tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) emitted per 1m GBP invested, and scale it to any amount of shareholding. We use the "Financed carbon emissions method", using Enterprise Value including Cash (EVIC) as recommended in the PCAF carbon accounting standard.<sup>3</sup>

## 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 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

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.



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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.

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<sup>1</sup> The value of investments and income derived from them may fluctuate and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. The performance of portfolios linked to this model may differ from the model itself, due to the variation in timing of the initial and subsequent investments. This portfolio is not suitable for all investors: investments may only be undertaken based on a recommendation from a financial adviser.

<sup>2</sup> The MIFID II Ex-Ante charges are forward looking estimates based on the previous fiscal year's information and may vary year to year. 'Ongoing Costs' include adviser, administration, custodian, legal and other fees that typically do not vary year to year. 'Transaction Costs' include the costs of buying or selling assets for the fund. 'Incidental Costs' include performance fees. For newly launched funds that do not have historical data available, the Ex-Ante figure is estimated. The fund charges shown are based on the share classes available on the Pershing platform; charges may vary across platforms based on share class availability.

<sup>3</sup> 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). Scope 1 & 2 covers direct emissions and those from purchased energy. We also chose to include Scope 3 emissions, which are all the indirect upstream and downstream emissions of a business, e.g. providers/suppliers or from the use of their products and services. Please note that naturally, the associated Scope 3 emissions may include some double counting when investing in businesses sharing the same supply chains. The underlying Scope 1,2 and 3 carbon emissions data is sourced by MSCI and reflect most recent portfolio holdings and disclosed carbon data.

For a full methodology: Visit: <https://eqinvestors.co.uk/headless/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/CarbonCalculatorMethodV2.pdf>