



# EQ Positive Impact Balanced Plus

Model Portfolio Factsheet

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*Invest in solutions to social and environmental issues*

## 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	31/03/2024
Launch Date	31/10/2015
Portfolio Yield (indicative)	1.60%
EQ Management Charge	0.32%
Underlying fund MIFID II Charges <sup>2</sup>	
Ongoing	0.44%
Transactional	0.15%
Incidental	0.00%
Total	0.59%

Source: EQ, Morningstar

## Investment Team



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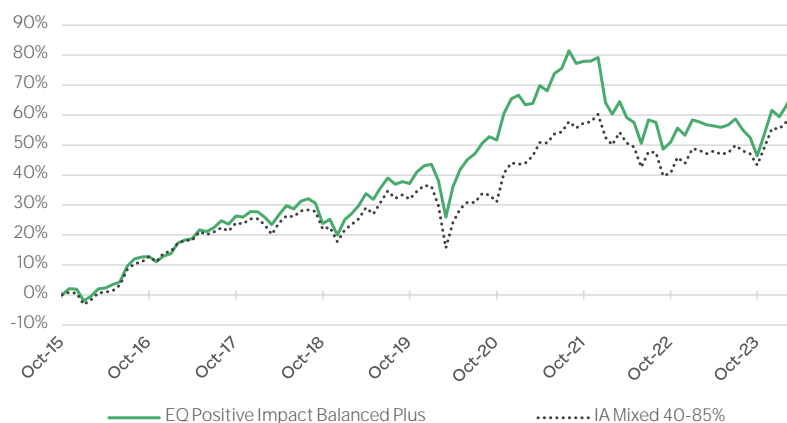
## Awards



## Portfolio Objective

The Positive Impact portfolios have been designed with a dual mandate, to maximise financial returns and to deliver a positive impact on both society and the environment. Our positive impact approach naturally avoids controversial sectors. Indeed, it favours those companies whose products and services are providing solutions to the world's major challenges. 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 Positive Impact Balanced Plus	3.80	9.93	6.97	2.32	29.25	67.71
IA Mixed 40-85%	4.14	10.15	10.11	10.67	29.15	61.99

Discrete Performance (%)	Apr 23 Mar 24	Apr 22 Mar 23	Apr 21 Mar 22	Apr 20 Mar 21	Apr 19 Mar 20
EQ Positive Impact Balanced Plus	6.97	-4.70	0.36	30.14	-2.94
IA Mixed 40-85%	10.11	-4.62	5.38	26.47	-7.73

Volatility (%)	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since launch
EQ Positive Impact Balanced Plus	9.85	10.76	11.07	9.66
IA Mixed 40-85%	7.29	8.42	10.26	8.99

## DFM Risk Profiler



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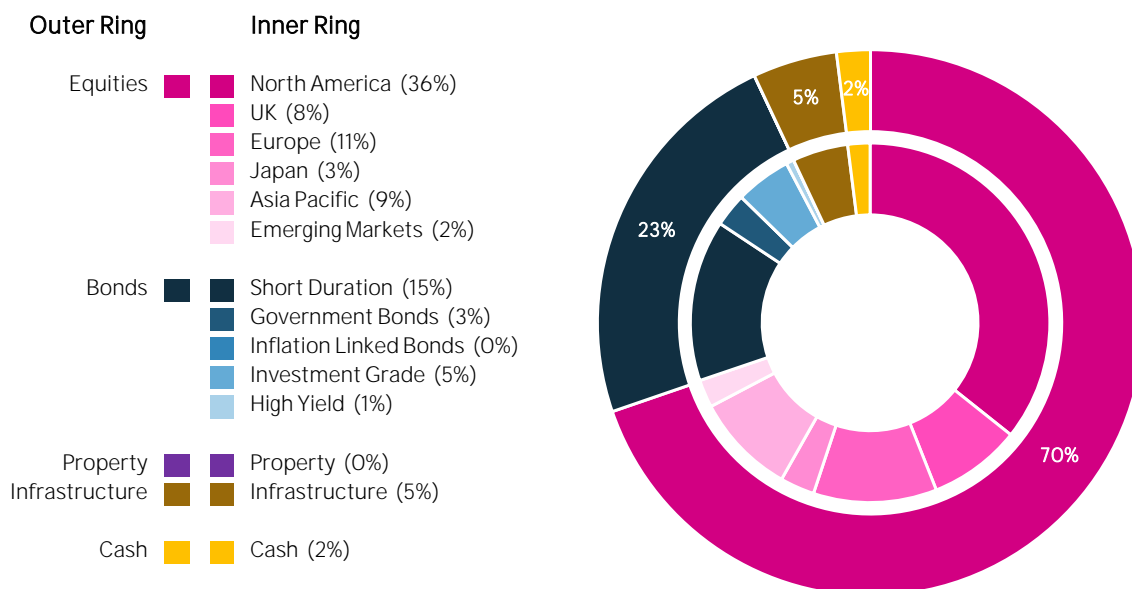
## Platform Availability

7IM, abrdn Wrap, Advance, Aegon, Aegon ARC, AJ Bell, Aviva, Fundment, Funds Network, Fusion Wealth, Hubwise, M&G Wealth, Morningstar, Novia, Nucleus, Parmenion, P1, Quilter, Scottish Widows, Transact and True Potential.

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 fund holdings (1-5)

Fund Holding	Weighting
CT Sustainable Global Equity Income	11.0%
Janus Henderson US Sustainable Equity	10.5%
Schroder Global Sustainable Value	9.5%
Regnan Sustainable Water and Waste	7.5%
Impax Environmental Leaders	7.5%

### Top fund holdings (6-10)

Fund Holding	Weighting
EdenTree R&S Short Dated Bond	6.3%
Wellington Global Impact Bond	6.3%
Stewart Investors Global Emerging Markets Leaders	4.5%
Ninety One Global Environment	4.0%
Baillie Gifford Positive Change	4.0%

### Top 10 underlying companies

Company	Description	Weighting
Microsoft	9 Cloud infrastructure, developer of soft and hardware technology solutions	2.0%
Waste Management	12 Waste management solutions, recycling, e-cycling and waste conversion	1.1%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	9 Leader in semiconductors manufacturing, key enabler to climate transition	1.1%
Xylem	6 Innovative water solutions including monitoring, testing and treatment	1.0%
Autodesk	9 3D design tools helping build more resource efficient products and buildings	0.9%
Schneider Electric	9 Provider of sustainable energy and efficiency technology	0.9%
TE Connectivity	9 Produces electronic components, network solutions, and specialty products	0.8%
NVIDIA	Leader in GPU design and chip systems for gaming, vehicles, and robotics	0.7%
Republic Services	12 Sustainable services in waste disposal	0.7%
Linde	12 Supplier of industrial gasses including hydrogen for clean fuel	0.7%

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 the UN Sustainable Development Goals. To produce this data, we use a snapshot of the funds held at the last rebalance.

## UN Sustainable Development Goals: A framework for impact

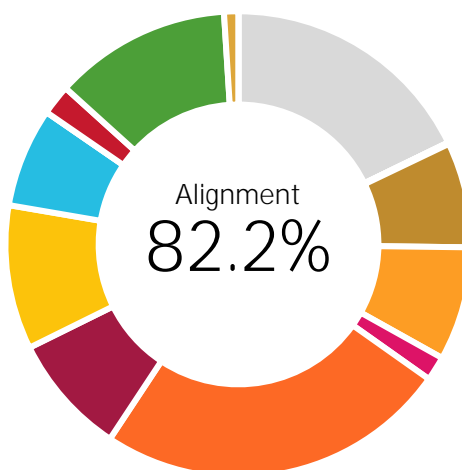
The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (“Global Goals”) describe the world’s greatest social and environmental challenges. These have been agreed as the global call to action by over 190 countries around the world. We use the Global Goals as our framework for impact, positively selecting investments that contribute to solutions to these diverse unmet needs, while excluding those investments that harm progress on the goals.

While many Global Goals can be tackled by a company’s core products and services, some goals are directly targeted through companies’ operations. We still touch on these goals, despite the lens of impact not being represented by the UN SDG mapping data shown. This is assured through selecting responsibly run companies driving positive change through their management. Our approach aims to positively impact non-investable goals through engagement on the operations of the company.

## Portfolio alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals

1	NO POVERTY	
2	ZERO HUNGER	1.0%
3	GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING	12.3%
4	QUALITY EDUCATION	2.1%
5	GENDER EQUALITY	
6	CLEAN WATER & SANITATION	6.9%
7	AFFORDABLE & CLEAN ENERGY	10.0%
8	DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH	8.4%
9	INDUSTRY, INNOVATION & INFRASTRUCTURE	24.5%

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



10	REDUCED INEQUALITIES	1.7%
11	SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES	7.9%
12	RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION	7.3%
13	CLIMATE ACTION*	
14	LIFE BELOW WATER	
15	LIFE ON LAND	0.1%
16	PEACE, JUSTICE & STRONG INSTITUTIONS	
17	PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS	
	NEUTRAL	17.8%
	NEGATIVE	

Global Goals with no figure indicate the portfolio has 0% exposure; this is because either the Global Goal presents few investable opportunities, or companies within the portfolio provide exposure to multiple goals and the most relevant goal has been selected. \*The Climate Action goal overlaps with more specific goals, so we have instead mapped our exposure to these.

To produce this data, we use a snapshot of the funds held at the last rebalance. Underlying fund holdings are updated on a quarterly basis. Percentages may not add up to 100% as they are rounded to the nearest decimal. All holdings are analysed against EQ’s proprietary taxonomy of SDG aligned products/services and the list of harmful product/services.

## Portfolio impact comparison to Global Equities & UK Equities

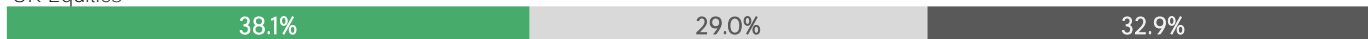
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### Global Equities



### UK Equities



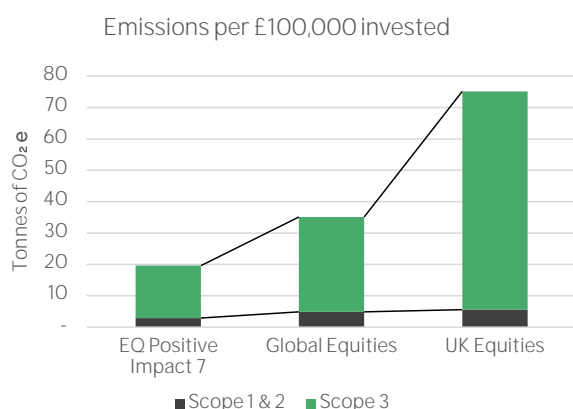
■ Sustainable Development Goal Alignment    ■ Neutral Impact    ■ Negative Impact

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.



## 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

**-73.9%**

£100,000 GBP investment in the EQ Positive Impact Balanced Plus portfolio has 56 tonnes less associated emissions, compared to investing the same amount into a broad UK Equities index.

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

- 12 average passenger cars driven within one year;
- 14 UK household's energy use within one year; or
- 6.2 thousand gallons of gasoline burned.

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

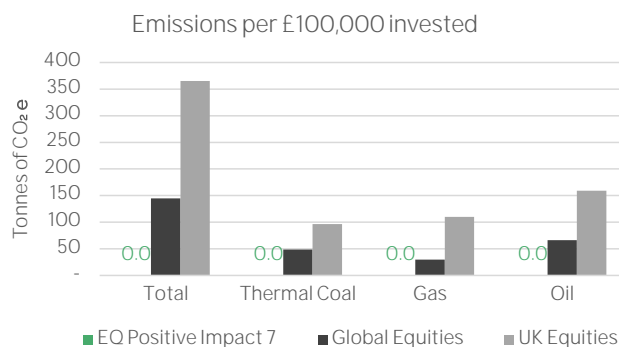
Please note that switching your investments does not directly save emissions in the real world and does not offset your personal carbon footprint.

We use an industry standard methodology, which lets us associate the tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent 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 tons 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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<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>