



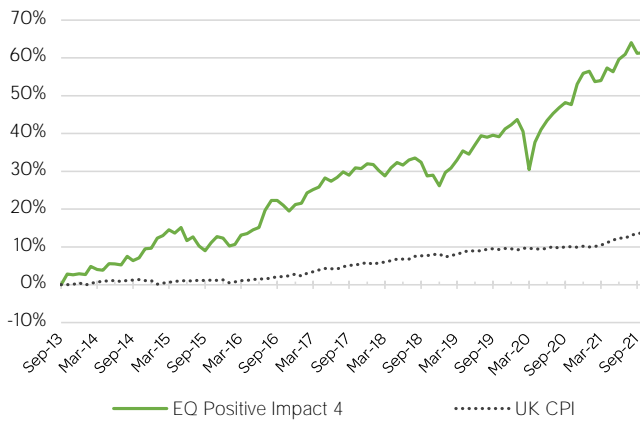
# Positive Impact 4 - Cautious Model Portfolio Factsheet

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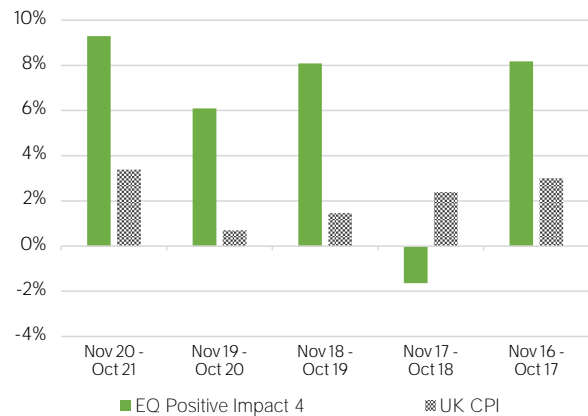
*This strategy selects funds that invest in companies helping to tackle social and environmental problems, while avoiding sectors such as tobacco, armaments, pornography or gambling.*

This portfolio maintains a bias towards lower volatility investments with equity holdings limited to 50%. It focuses on capital protection with a moderate participation in equity market growth, and aims to reduce investment risk by diversifying across regions and asset classes. We benchmark this portfolio against the UK Consumer Price Index (UK CPI).

### Past performance since inception: 30/09/2013 to 31/10/2021



### Discrete performance



Cumulative performance	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since incep.
EQ Positive Impact 4	0.26%	2.59%	9.29%	25.33%	33.35%	61.39%
UK CPI	1.30%	2.39%	3.39%	5.63%	11.40%	13.80%

Discrete performance	Nov 20 - Oct 21	Nov 19 - Oct 20	Nov 18 - Oct 19	Nov 17 - Oct 18	Nov 16 - Oct 17
EQ Positive Impact 4	9.29%	6.10%	8.09%	-1.64%	8.17%
UK CPI	3.39%	0.70%	1.46%	2.39%	3.00%

Volatility	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since incep.
EQ Positive Impact 4	5.69%	7.19%	6.17%	5.79%
UK CPI	1.04%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%

Underlying fund charges & yield	
Ongoing charges	0.53%
12 month indicative yield	1.07%

### Portfolio manager



**Damien Lardoux, CFA**

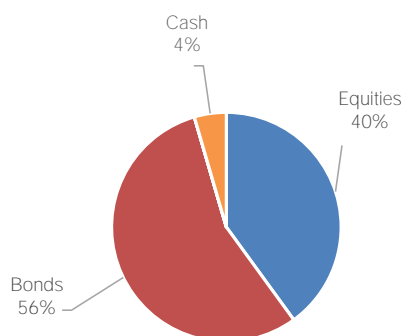
Damien manages our Positive Impact and Future Leaders portfolios, and is actively involved in our fund and asset allocation research. Before joining EQ, he was responsible for asset allocation, security selection and portfolio construction at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Damien has an MSc in Management from Reims Management School and an MSc in Wealth and Asset Management from ESCP-EAP Paris Business School. He is a CFA charter holder.

Model performance is shown in sterling, net of underlying fund charges and an EQ management fee of 0.59% (including VAT) per annum, but excludes platform and advice fees. Underlying fund charges may vary depending on platform. All income reinvested: actual returns may vary. UK Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the commonly accepted measure of domestic inflation, following average month on month changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by UK households. Due to significant lag on CPI valuation, the previous month's CPI figure is carried over to the latest month. Data sources: EQ, Morningstar.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The value of investments and income derived from them can go down as well as up and you may get back less than originally invested.



## Asset allocation



## Asset class outlook

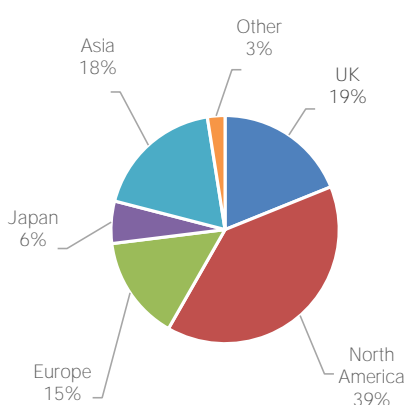
**Equities:** Our positive outlook is driven by the ongoing recovery in the major global economies of US, UK, and Europe, which means people and businesses are getting back to work. This is good for corporate earnings, for which various indicators point to continued earnings growth ahead. Tempering this positive outlook are three things. Uncertainty around the spread of the delta variant and the risk created for economic disruption; the risk of inflation; and uncertainty from the heavy-handed regulatory crackdown on Chinese internet companies.

**Bonds:** While holding ourselves back from an overtly bullish outlook, we maintain a neutral exposure to the defensive qualities of bonds. But given risks from higher inflation, we prefer inflation linked bonds and those with a shorter time left to maturity as a good store of value.

**Property:** We currently see limited value in this asset class and so have removed our exposure to listed real estate investment companies.

**Cash:** We maintain cash levels at neutral.

## Equities breakdown



## Equities outlook

**North America:** The US economy is re-opening and while weakening slightly, business sentiment is very strong. Supply chains to companies are stretched, with businesses reporting order backlogs and low inventories. Equity market valuations continue to be expensive, but earnings reports are strong. We take some profits and run a small underweight.

**UK:** The high rate of vaccination in the UK is helping to break the link between rising case numbers and hospitalisations. While falling, positive sentiment continues across manufacturing and services sectors and we are seeing rising orders for capital goods, which indicates businesses are starting to make long term plans with the uncertainty of Brexit behind us. We maintain a neutral stance.

**Europe:** The accelerating vaccination programme and robust global demand is improving confidence. Meanwhile, expertise in environmental equities should provide a tailwind to growth. We move from neutral to overweight.

**Japan:** The increase in corporate investment for the future should support Japan's manufacturing industry given its expertise in robotics & automation. Improved vaccination rates should also lead to an improvement in consumer sentiment. We moderately increase our overweight.

**Asia:** Asian equities are dominated by i) Chinese internet companies which are under increasing regulatory pressure and ii) the region's semiconductor companies which are enjoying strong global demand. The region's zero tolerance approach to COVID is creating disruption given the spread of the delta variant. We reduce our overweight.

## Top holdings

Top holdings	Asset class	Category	Weighting
EdenTree Short Dated Bond	Bonds	Short Dated	13.5%
Threadneedle UK Social Bond	Bonds	Investment Grade	12.5%
Wellington Global Impact Bond	Bonds	Corporate Investment Grade	11.5%
EdenTree Sterling Bond	Bonds	Corporate Investment Grade	9.0%
BMO Responsible Global Equity	Equities	Global	4.5%
Fidelity Sustainable Water & Waste	Equities	Thematic	4.5%
Baillie Gifford Positive Change	Equities	Global	4.0%
Janus Henderson Global Sustainability	Equities	Thematic	4.0%
Ninety One UK Sustainable Equity	Equities	UK	3.8%
Allianz Green Bond	Bonds	Investment Grade	3.5%

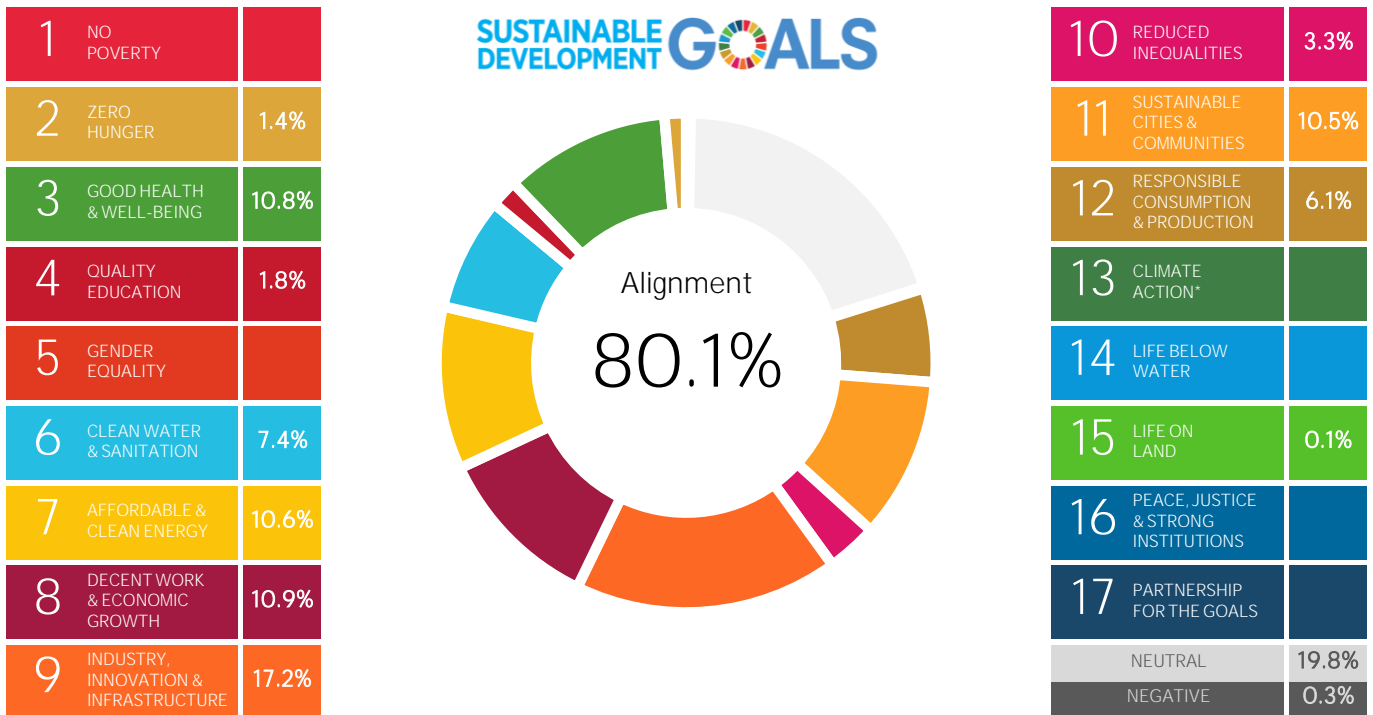
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## What are the UN Sustainable Development Goals?

Launched following the 2015 UN Summit in Paris, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals address the issues the UN sees as most challenging to our world. The UN Sustainable Development Goals are unique in that they call for action by all countries, poor, rich and middle-income to promote prosperity while protecting the planet.

Funds in the portfolio are screened using our proprietary scoring system, which focuses on companies providing solutions to a range of social and environmental problems while screening out companies responsible for creating these problems. Further detail is outlined in our annual Impact Report. To download a copy, please visit <https://eqinvestors.co.uk/blog/positive-impact-report-2020/>

## Portfolio alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals



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.

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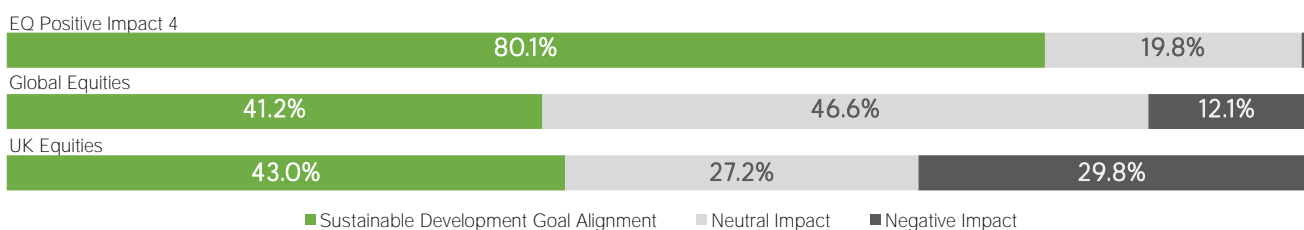
\*The Climate Action goal overlaps with some more specific goals, so we have instead mapped our exposure to these.

## A framework for impact

We have analysed the impact of each company's core products and services and actual alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In the case of a company aligning with multiple Goals, we have selected the most relevant based on contribution to revenues.

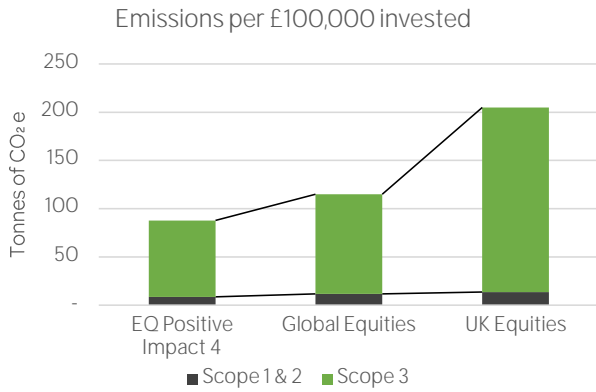
Negative impact relates to companies whose core products or services have a detrimental impact on society or the environment, such as alcohol, armaments, fossil fuels, gambling, mining or tobacco. Neutral impact relates to those companies whose core products or services do not have a clear positive or negative impact on society or the environment.

## Portfolio impact comparison to Global Equities & UK Equities



To produce this data we looked at all of the funds held within the portfolio with weightings as of the last rebalance. In regards to the fund's holding data, we are referring to the data used in the last annual Impact Report.

## Carbon Footprint






Data: Urgentem, Analysis: EQ Investors, data as at the last rebalance

% reduction in carbon emissions vs UK Equities

**-57.1%**

£100,000 GBP invested in the EQ Positive Impact 4 portfolio implied an annual emissions reduction of 117 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, compared to investing the same amount into UK Equities.

This difference in reduction is equivalent to the annual emissions of:

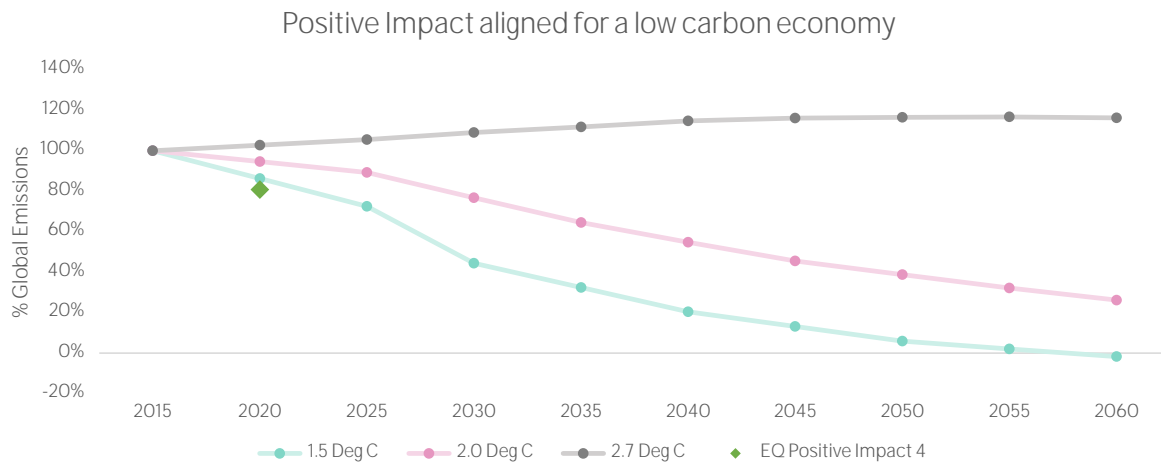
-  25 average passenger cars driven within one year;
-  29 UK household's energy use within one year; or
-  13.2 thousand gallons of gasoline burned.

## 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.

The chart below shows three different scenarios for carbon emissions, corresponding to a 1.5°C, 2.0°C and 2.7°C rise in global temperatures by 2060. Climate scientists and global leaders have agreed that limiting temperature rise to 1.5°C is the most desirable and yet realistic scenario. Our analysis shows that the Positive Impact portfolio is aligned to this scenario. Further details on methodology can be provided on request.

## Portfolio Scenario Analysis




Data and Analysis: Urgentem, February 2020

To produce this data we looked at all of the equity funds held within the portfolio with weightings as of the February 2020 rebalance. The above data may slightly differ depending on the platform being used.

We use an industry standard\* methodology, which lets us associate the tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emitted per 1m GBP invested, scaled down to 100,000 GBP invested. 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)\*\*


\*For more information, please visit <https://www.tcfhub.org/Downloads/pdfs/E09%20-%20Carbon%20footprinting%20-%20metrics.pdf>

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

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