# EQ Sustainable World Cautious

Model Portfolio Factsheet | FOR FINANCIAL ADVISERS & CLIENTS | Jan 2025

*Invest to achieve positive outcomes for the environment and society.*

## 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

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| Factsheet Date | 31/01/2025 |
| Launch Date | 31/12/2024 |
| Portfolio Yield (indicative) | 1.46% |
| EQ Management Charge | 0.32% |
| Underlying fund MiFID II Charges[2] | |
| Ongoing | 0.29% |
| Transactional | 0.07% |
| Incidental | 0.00% |
| Total | 0.36% |

Source: EQ, Morningstar

## Investment Team

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## Awards

IFA mps Awards Winner – Best Sustainable/Responsible investing MPS – 2022 Winner

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Investment Week Sustainable Investment Awards 2022 – WINNER – Best Sustainable Portfolio Range

WealthForGood Awards 2023 – Best Sustainability and ESG Thought Leadership (Europe) – Winner – EQ Investors

Citywire Wealth Manager – Best Availability of Sustainable Investment Strategies – WINNER

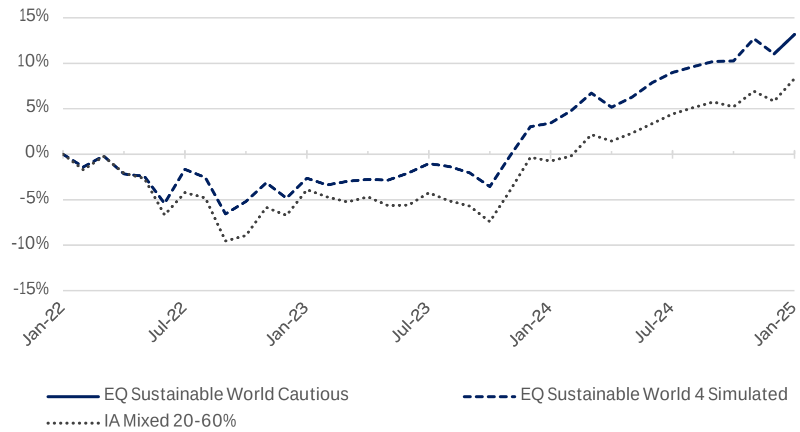
## Platform Availability

7IM, abrdn, AJ Bell, Aviva, Fundment, Nucleus, P1, Parmenion, Quilter, Scottish Widows, SS&C Hubwise, Transact and Wealthtime.

## Portfolio Objective

The Sustainable World portfolios are managed to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in active & passive funds aligned with one or more of EQ's three sustainable pillars; Impact Leaders – Core products & services contributing towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals, ESG Leaders – Best at managing environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks & Climate Focus – Show leadership addressing climate change. Engagement supports companies on this path. This Cautious portfolio is diversified across a mix of equities, fixed income, infrastructure and cash.

## Portfolio Performance[1]




| Cumulative Performance (%) | 3M | 6M | 1Y | 3Y | Since Inception 12/2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EQ Sustainable World Cautious | 2.64 | 3.85 | 9.43 | 13.17 | 1.92 |
| IA Mixed 20-60% | 2.93 | 3.73 | 9.11 | 8.31 | 2.36 |

| Discrete Performance (%) | Feb 24 Jan 25 | Feb 23 Jan 24 | Feb 22 Jan 23 | Feb 21 Jan 22 | Feb 20 Jan 21 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EQ Sustainable World Cautious | - | - | - | - | - |
| IA Mixed 20-60% | 9.11 | 3.31 | -3.91 | 3.33 | 3.13 |

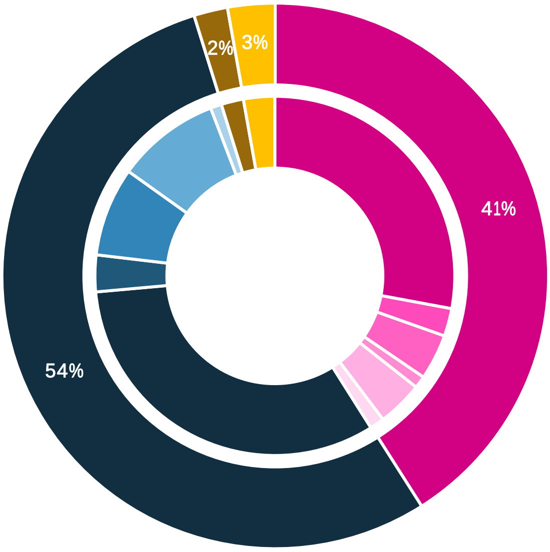
| Volatility (%) | 1Y | 3Y | Since Inception 12/2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| EQ Sustainable World Cautious | 4.20 | 6.20 | - |
| IA Mixed 20-60% | 3.77 | 6.79 | - |

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.

| Outer Ring | Inner Ring |
|---|---|
| Equities | North America (28%) |
| | UK (3%) |
| | Europe (4%) |
| | Japan (1%) |
| | Asia Pacific (4%) |
| | Emerging Markets (1%) |
| Bonds | Short Duration (33%) |
| | Government Bonds (3%) |
| | Inflation Linked Bonds (8%) |
| | Investment Grade (9%) |
| | High Yield (1%) |
| Infrastructure | Infrastructure (2%) |
| Cash | Cash (3%) |




| Top 5 fund holdings | Description | Weighting |
|---|---|---|
| HSBC Sustainable Development Bank Bonds ETF | High quality international bank bonds, funding projects to improve society. | 11.8% |
| TwentyFour Sustainable S-T Bond Income | Invests in primarily short dated bonds with a sustainable screen. | 9.5% |
| AXA ACT Green Bond Short Duration | Financing the energy & ecology transition, witha positive environmental impact. | 9.5% |
| Royal London Short Duration Gbl Index Linked | Geographically diversified short duration exposure to government index linked bonds. | 8.0% |
| AB Global Low Carbon Equity | Significantly lower carbon exposure than global equity markets. | 6.0% |

| | Top 10 underlying companies | | | Description | Weighting |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Microsoft | | 9 | Provider of cloud infrastructure, enabling decarbonisation of its clients | 1.8% |
| 2 | NVIDIA | | 9 | Leader in GPU design and chip systems, primarily for data centre servers | 1.3% |
| 3 | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufactur | | 9 | Leader in semiconductors manufacturing, key enabler to climate transition | 0.7% |
| 4 | Alphabet | | | Provides cloud computing and software, and is a low carbon leader | 0.6% |
| 5 | Schneider Electric | | 9 | Provider of sustainable energy and efficiency technology | 0.5% |
| 6 | eBay | | 9 | Leading online marketplace for small vendors and pre-owned products | 0.5% |
| 7 | Unilever | | | Global consumer goods company with leading climate targets verified by SBTI | 0.5% |
| 8 | Linde | | 12 | Supplier of industrial gasses including hydrogen for clean fuel | 0.5% |
| 9 | Novo Nordisk | | 3 | Pharmaceutical breakthroughs against diabetes and chronic diseases | 0.5% |
| 10 | Trane Technologies | | 9 | Manufacturer of energy-efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning | 0.4% |

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 (left) and to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (right). To produce this data, we use a snapshot of the funds held at the last rebalance.

## UN Sustainable Development Goals: A framework for impact

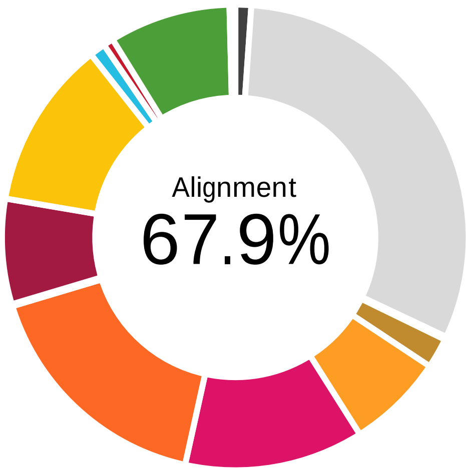
The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals ("Global Goals") describe the world's greatest social and environmental challenges. These have been agreed as the global call to action by over 190 countries around the world. We use the Global Goals as our framework for impact, positively selecting investments 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 | 0.4% |
| 3 | GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING | 8.4% |
| 4 | QUALITY EDUCATION | 0.7% |
| 5 | GENDER EQUALITY | |
| 6 | CLEAN WATER & SANITATION | 1.1% |
| 7 | AFFORDABLE & CLEAN ENERGY | 11.7% |
| 8 | DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH | 7.3% |
| 9 | INDUSTRY, INNOVATION & INFRASTRUCTURE | 16.9% |

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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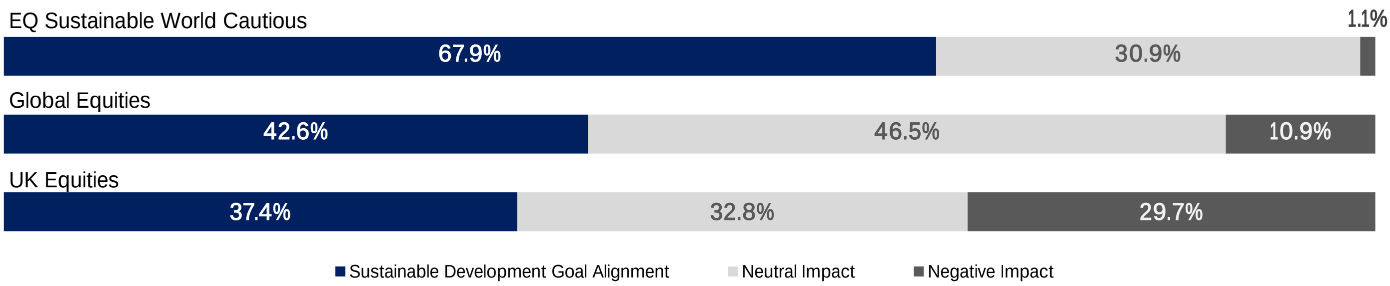
|---|---|---|
| 10 | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | 12.4% |
| 11 | SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES | 6.7% |
| 12 | RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION | 2.1% |
| 13 | CLIMATE ACTION* | |
| 14 | LIFE BELOW WATER | |
| 15 | LIFE ON LAND | 0.2% |
| 16 | PEACE, JUSTICE & STRONG INSTITUTIONS | |
| 17 | PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS | |
| | NEUTRAL | 30.9% |
| | NEGATIVE | 1.1% |

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 Sustainable World 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




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.

## 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.

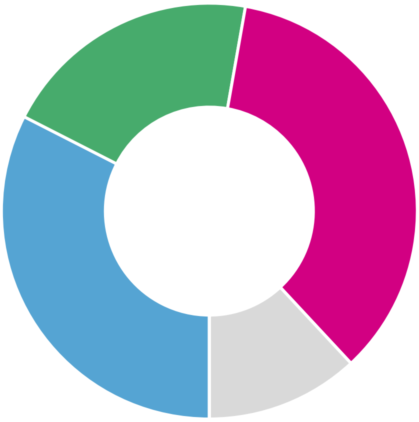
### Climate Exposures

**Low Carbon 20%**

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

**Transition 33%**

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



**Climate Solutions 35%**

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

**Laggards 12%**

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.

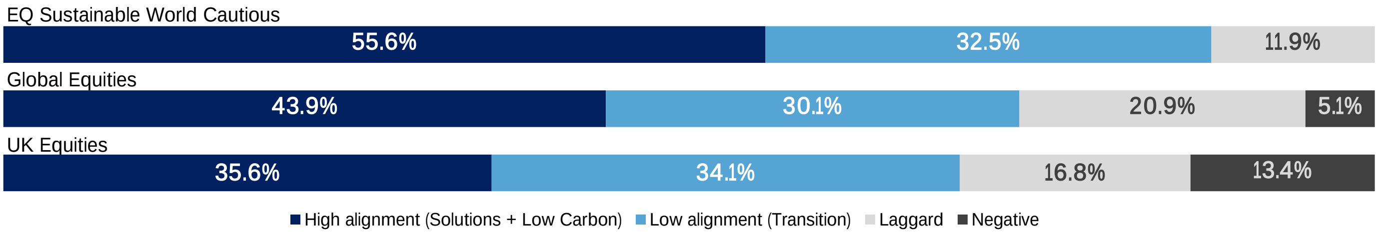
**Negative 0%**

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

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

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

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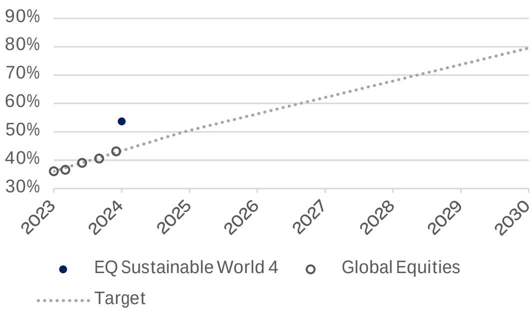
## Science Based Targets (SBTs)

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.[3]

The initiative intends to increase corporate ambition on Sustainable World 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 1.5ºC / 2ºC compared to preindustrial temperatures.

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




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

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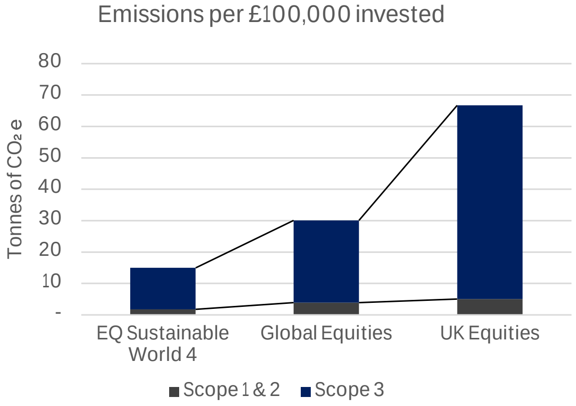
## What's the carbon footprint of your portfolio?

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




### % difference in carbon emissions vs UK Equities

# -77.6%

£100,000 GBP investment in the EQ Sustainable World Cautious portfolio has 52 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:

- **11** average passenger cars driven within one year;
- **13** UK household's energy use within one year; or
- **5.8** thousand gallons of gasoline burned.

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

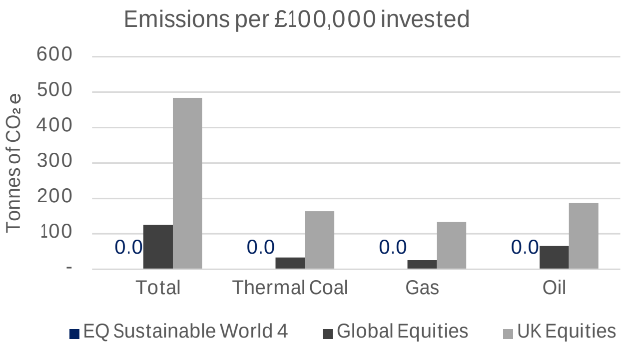
Please note that switching your investments does not directly save emissions in the real world and does not offset your personal carbon footprint.

We use an industry standard methodology, which lets us associate the tonnes of $CO_2$ equivalent ($CO_2e$) 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.[4]

## 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 $CO_2$.

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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[1] 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. All performance prior to the portfolio inception date (31 Dec 2024) is simulated. Simulated performance uses the same funds and weights held in the portfolio since inception. If a fund does not have sufficient track record, a proxy index is used to calculate performance. The proxy index is representative of the fund's benchmark with underlying fund fees deducted on a monthly basis. Simulated performance is not actual performance and is made for informational purposes only, where there is insufficient live data to display.

[2] 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.

[4] 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