

# WealthSelect Responsible Blend 4 TCFD Report 2023

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This report provides you with information on the impact of the portfolio on climate change and the exposure of the portfolio to climate-related risks consistent with the recommendations of the [Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures \(TCFD\)](#).

For the purpose of comparison we show the same metrics for the MSCI All Country World Index (MSCI ACWI) as we do for the portfolio. The MSCI ACWI is a market index that includes a wide range of global companies, so is an appropriate comparator.



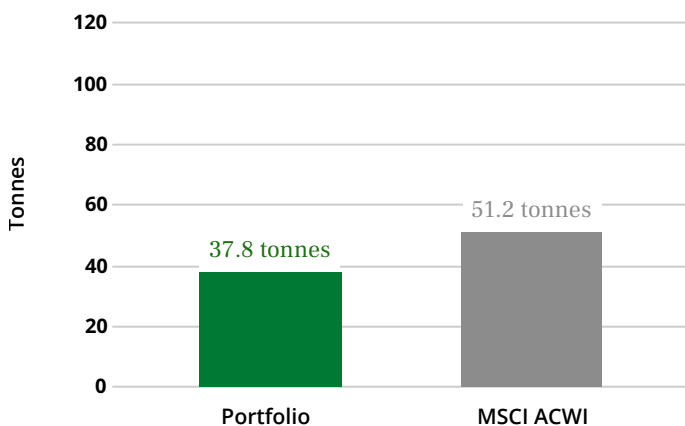
The climate data used in this report is only available for companies, so we can only look at equities (company shares) and corporate bonds (issued by companies). Also, the portion of the portfolio and the MSCI ACWI that we have data for varies from one metric to another, so we show a 'data coverage' percentage under each metric.

The information in this report is based on the available data and then scaled for the rest of the portfolio. If the portfolio has a lower level of data coverage (below 50%) then the validity of the information can become stretched.

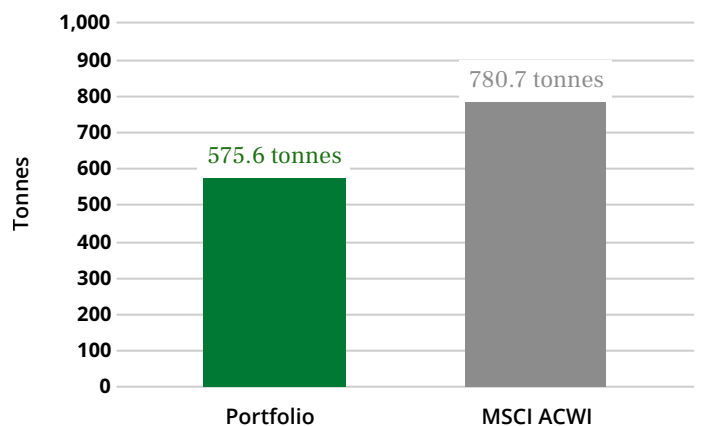
## Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions

The amount of [scope 1](#) and [scope 2](#) emissions that the portfolio is responsible for, measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) emissions. 'Carbon dioxide equivalent' is a methodology to convert the emissions of other greenhouse gases, such as methane, into the equivalent carbon dioxide emissions to allow for easier comparisons.

Scope 1 and 2 emissions per \$1 million invested



Scope 1 and 2 emissions of the entire portfolio



The portfolio has scope 1 and 2 emissions

**26%**

lower than the MSCI ACWI.

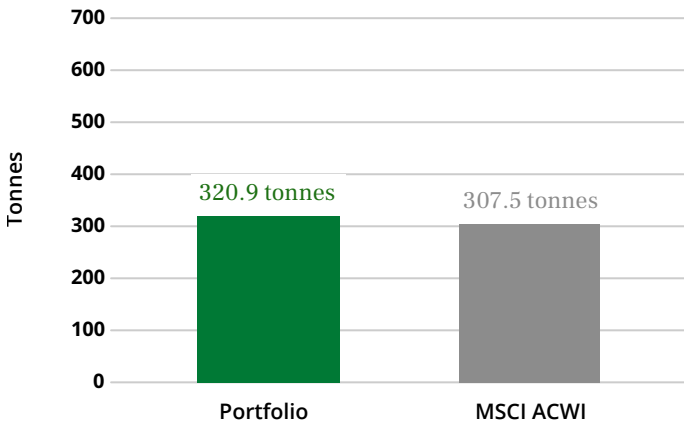
Portfolio data coverage: 53.6%

MSCI ACWI data coverage: 99.8%

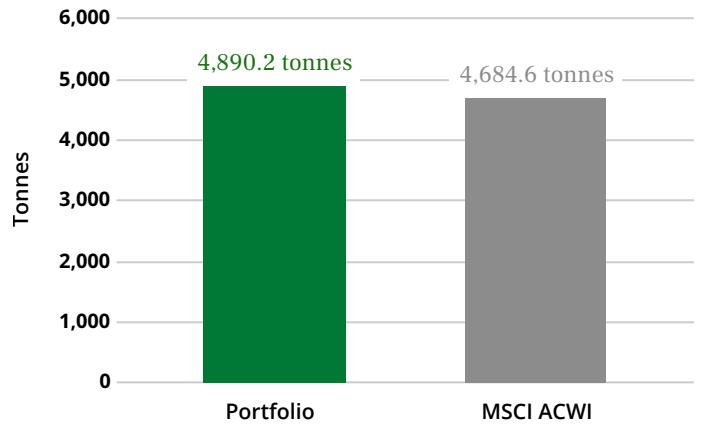
## Scope 3 carbon emissions

The amount of [scope 3](#) emissions that the portfolio is responsible for, measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e) emissions.

Scope 3 emissions per \$1 million invested



Scope 3 emissions of the entire portfolio

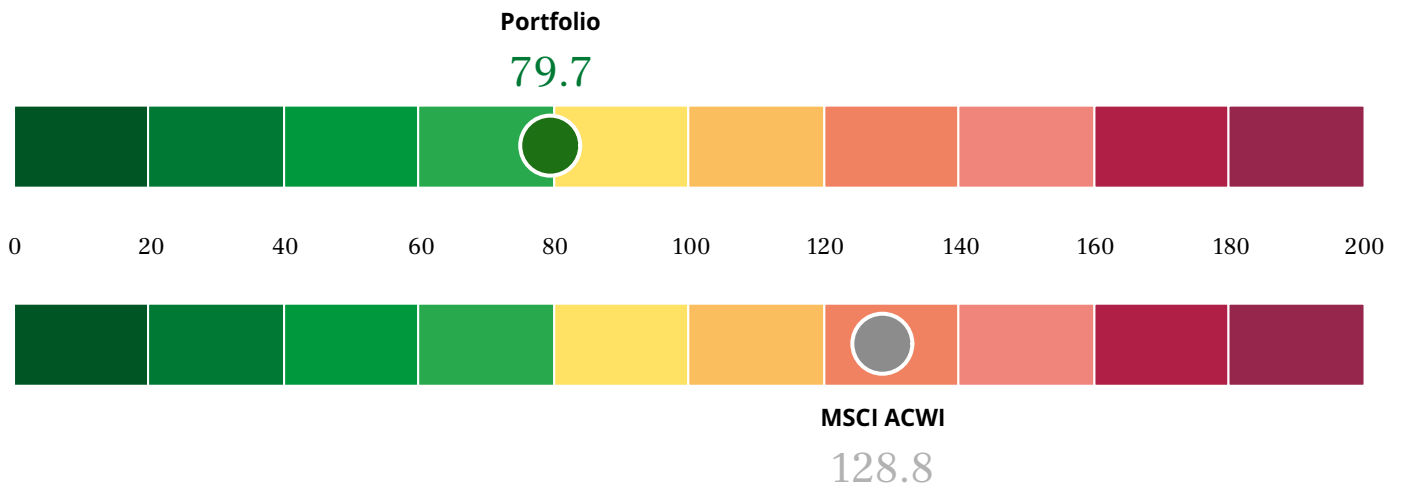


Portfolio data coverage: 43.2%

MSCI ACWI data coverage: 79.2%

## Weighted average carbon intensity (WACI)

The carbon intensity (tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions produced for every \$1m of revenue) of each company multiplied by their weight in the portfolio, i.e. on a weighted basis, the average company in the portfolio is responsible for 79.7 tonnes of carbon emissions for each \$1m it receives in revenue.



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## Climate value at risk

Climate value at risk tries to estimate the potential financial loss or gain to the portfolio as a result of climate change. It measures the potential impact of **climate policy** (new regulations at national and international level impacting carbon activities); **technology opportunities** (increased demand for energy-efficient, lower-carbon products and services that disrupt markets); and **physical risks** (such as temperature increases, sea level rise, business interruption, and damage across operations and supply chains).

The portfolio is assessed under four different scenarios:

- 1. Orderly transition** - assumes climate policies are introduced early and become gradually more stringent limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5°C by 2100
- 2. Disorderly transition** - assumes higher transition risks due to policies being delayed or divergent across countries and sectors but still limits the increase to 1.5°C
- 3. Orderly transition** - assumes climate policies limits the global temperature increase to 2.0°C
- 4. 'Hot house world'** - assumes some climate policies are implemented in some jurisdictions, but global efforts are insufficient to halt significant global warming and the global temperature increases to 3.0°C

For example, based on an orderly transition limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5°C, the portfolio is expected to change in value by -9.0%, compared to a change of -13.0% to the MSCI ACWI.

	Orderly transition (1.5°C)		Disorderly transition (1.5°C)		Orderly transition (2.0°C)		'Hot house world' (3.0°C)	
	Portfolio	MSCI ACWI	Portfolio	MSCI ACWI	Portfolio	MSCI ACWI	Portfolio	MSCI ACWI
<b>Climate policy</b>	-9.1%	-12.0%	-10.6%	-13.9%	-2.1%	-3.0%	-2.1%	-2.9%
<b>Technology opportunities</b>	2.6%	2.2%	3.4%	3.0%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%
<b>Physical risks</b>	-2.4%	-3.2%	-2.4%	-3.2%	-3.5%	-4.5%	-4.3%	-5.5%
<b>Total</b>	-9.0%	-13.0%	-9.6%	-14.1%	-4.9%	-7.0%	-5.9%	-8.0%

**Portfolio data coverage:** 47.2%

**MSCI ACWI data coverage:** 97.1%

## Commentary

The WealthSelect Responsible Blend 4 Portfolio sits at the lower end of the risk spectrum, so has a greater exposure to cash, fixed income, and alternatives than the MSCI ACWI. The climate value at risk is typically lower for fixed income than equities and this is reflected in the climate value at risk of the portfolio. The comments below are in relation to the carbon footprint, weighted average carbon intensity (WACI), and climate value at risk of the portion of the portfolio that can be measured. Where the portfolio coverage is less than 100%, this means there is a portion of the portfolio that cannot be measured.

The portfolio has an objective to manage the overall carbon footprint of the portfolio in relation to the reference index, therefore the carbon footprint and related metrics are considered in the investment decision making process. However, please note the calculation methodology used to calculate the carbon footprint of the portfolio as part of the portfolio objective and within the investment process is different to the calculation methodology used within this report.

The portfolio has a carbon footprint which is significantly lower than the MSCI ACWI, on a scope 1 and scope 2 basis. The portfolio has a lower allocation to emerging markets and a lower allocation to energy and utilities, all parts of the market that have a significantly higher carbon footprint than the MSCI ACWI.

The WACI is significantly lower than the MSCI ACWI, on a scope 1 and scope 2 basis, supported by a lower allocation to emerging markets and higher allocation to the UK, the latter of which has a lower WACI than the MSCI ACWI. In addition, where the portfolio has exposure to sectors that have a materially higher WACI than the MSCI ACWI, namely utilities and materials, our underlying managers, in aggregate, are investing in companies that have a lower WACI than their sector.

Based on the different transition scenarios, the portfolio has lower potential climate value at risk compared to the MSCI ACWI in all four scenarios. The greatest potential for loss is under a 1.5°C disorderly scenario, driven by climate policy risk alongside a smaller impact from physical risk partially offset by technology opportunities. The lowest potential for loss is under a 2°C orderly transition, driven by physical risk and climate policy risk, partially offset by technology opportunities.

Across all scenarios, the allocation to the UK, Europe and US by region, and financials and materials by sector, are key contributors to climate value at risk.

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