

Why sustainability still matters for investors, the planet and society

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#### Key risks

#### Past performance does not predict future returns. You may get back less than you originally invested.

We recommend this fund is held long term (minimum period of 5 years). We recommend that you hold this fund as part of a diversified portfolio of investments.

The issue of units/shares in Liontrust Funds may be subject to an initial charge, which will have an impact on the realisable value of the investment, particularly in the short term. Investments should always be considered as long term.

The Funds managed by the Sustainable Future Team:

- Are expected to conform to our social and environmental criteria.
- May hold overseas investments that may carry a higher currency risk. They are valued by reference to their local currency which may move up or down when compared to the currency of a Fund.
- May hold Bonds. Bonds are affected by changes in interest rates and their value and the income they generate can rise or fall as a result; The creditworthiness of a bond issuer may also affect that bond's value.
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- May encounter liquidity constraints from time to time. The spread between the price you buy and sell shares will reflect the less liquid nature of the underlying holdings.
- May invest in companies listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) which is primarily for emerging or smaller companies. The rules are less demanding than those of the official List of the London Stock Exchange and therefore companies listed on AIM may carry a greater risk than a company with a full listing.
- May invest in smaller companies and may invest a small proportion (less than 10%) of the Fund in unlisted securities. There may be liquidity constraints in these securities from time to time, i.e. in certain circumstances, the fund may not be able to sell a position for full value or at all in the short term. This may affect performance and could cause the fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.
- May, under certain circumstances, invest in derivatives, but it is not intended that their use will materially affect volatility. Derivatives are used to protect against currencies, credit and interest rate moves or for investment purposes. There is a risk that losses could be made on derivative positions or that the counterparties could fail to complete on transactions. The use of derivatives may create leverage or gearing resulting in potentially greater volatility or fluctuations in the net asset value of the Fund. A relatively small movement in the value of a derivative's underlying investment may have a larger impact, positive or negative, on the value of a fund than if the underlying investment was held instead. The use of derivative contracts may help us to control Fund volatility in both up and down markets by hedging against the general market.
- The use of derivative instruments that may result in higher cash levels. Cash may be deposited with several credit counterparties (e.g. international banks) or in short-dated bonds. A credit risk arises should one or more of these counterparties be unable to return the deposited cash.
- Outside of normal conditions, may hold higher levels of cash which may be deposited with several credit counterparties (e.g. international banks). A credit risk arises should one or more of these counterparties be unable to return the deposited cash.
- May be exposed to Counterparty Risk: any derivative contract, including FX hedging, may be at risk if the counterparty fails.
- Do not guarantee a level of income.

The risks detailed above are reflective of the full range of Funds managed by the Sustainable Future Team and not all of the risks listed are applicable to each individual Fund. For the risks associated with an individual Fund, please refer to its Key Investor Information Document (KIID)/PRIIP KID.





#### Introduction

Leaving the planet in a good state

Improving health and quality of life

Increasing resilience to natural events

Management quality driving investment returns

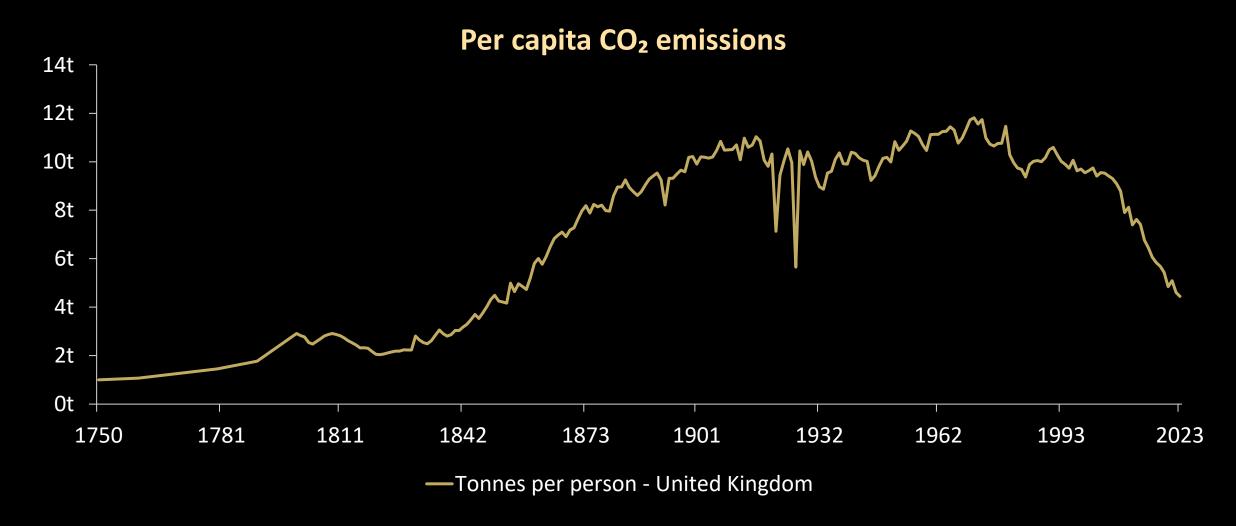
**Corporate Bonds & SI** 

**BREAK** 

SDR & Clients – Q&A session

**Outlook and prospects for SI** 

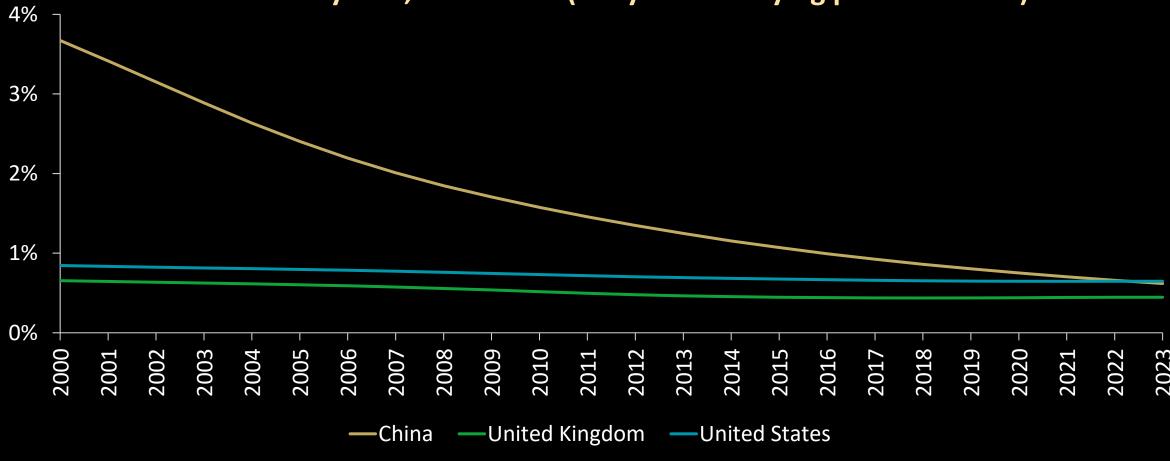
#### Cleaner



Source: Carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from fossil fuels and industry. Land use change is not included. Global Carbon Budget (2024); Population based on various sources (2024); <a href="https://www.ourworldindata.org/co2-and-greenhouse-gas-emissions">www.ourworldindata.org/co2-and-greenhouse-gas-emissions</a>

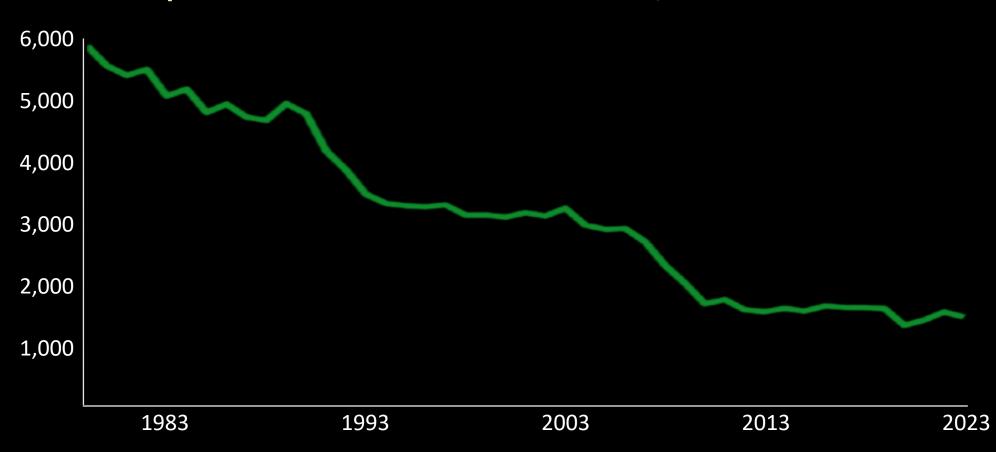
#### Healthier

Child mortality rate, 2000-2023 (0-5 year olds dying per 1000 born)



Safer

#### Reported road fatalities in Great Britain, 1979 to 2023



	5 years	10 years	15 years	20 years
SF Managed Fund	3	1	1	1

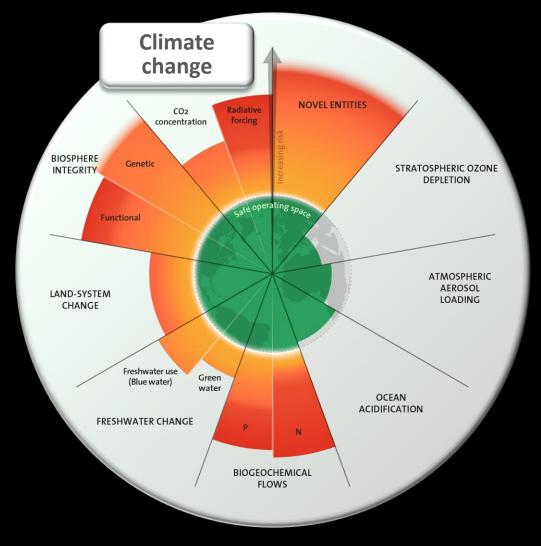


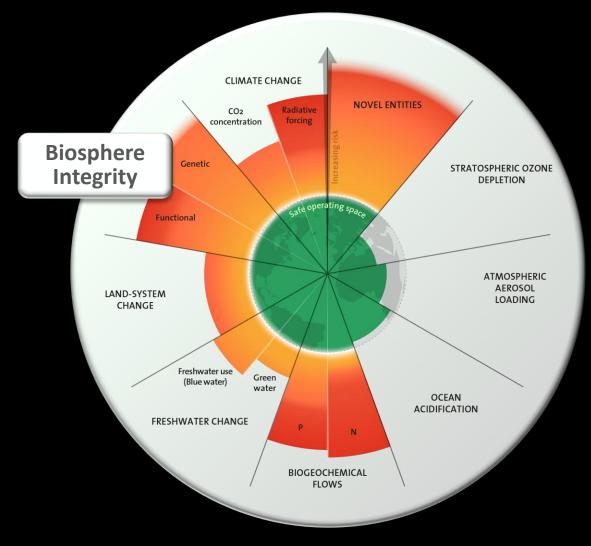
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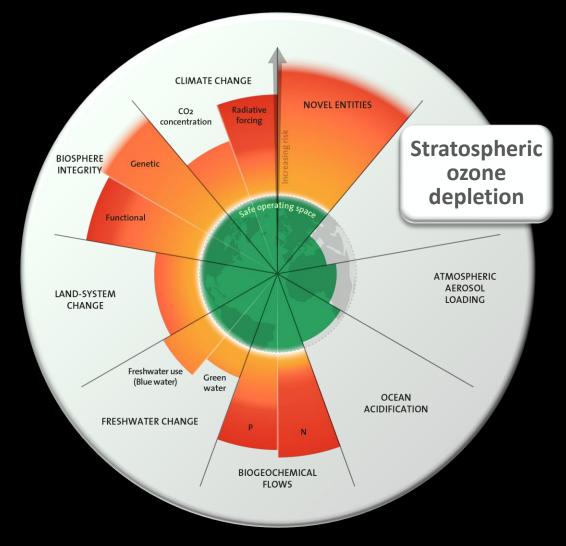
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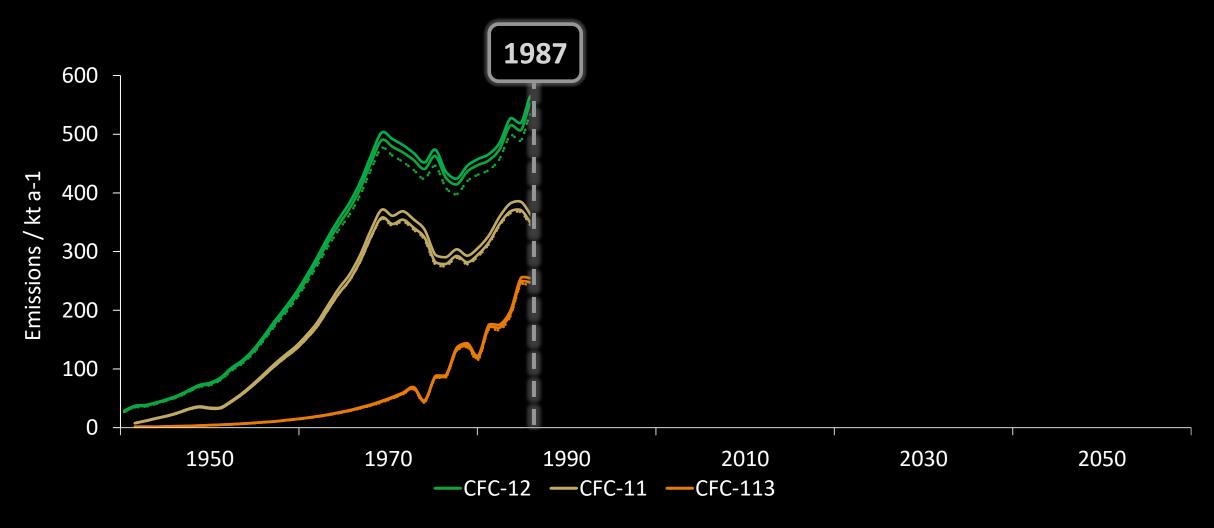






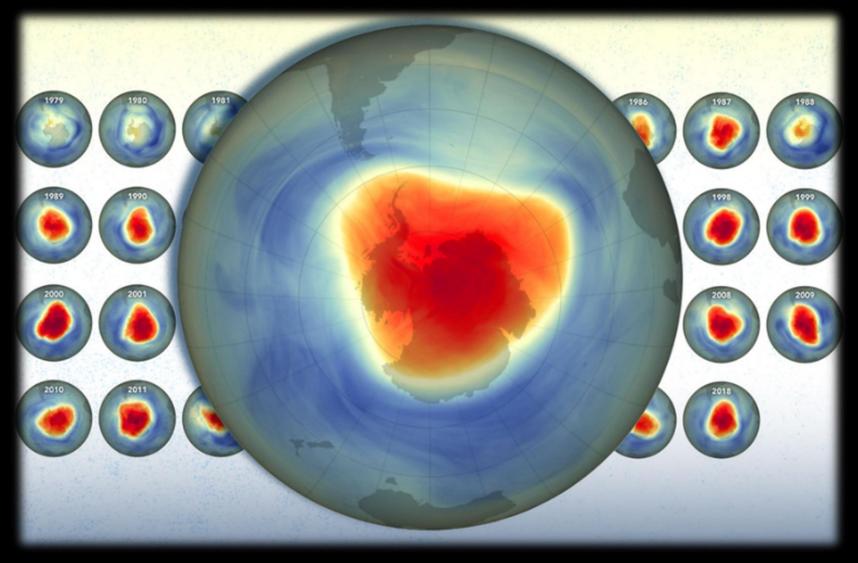


#### CFC Concentrations in the atmosphere



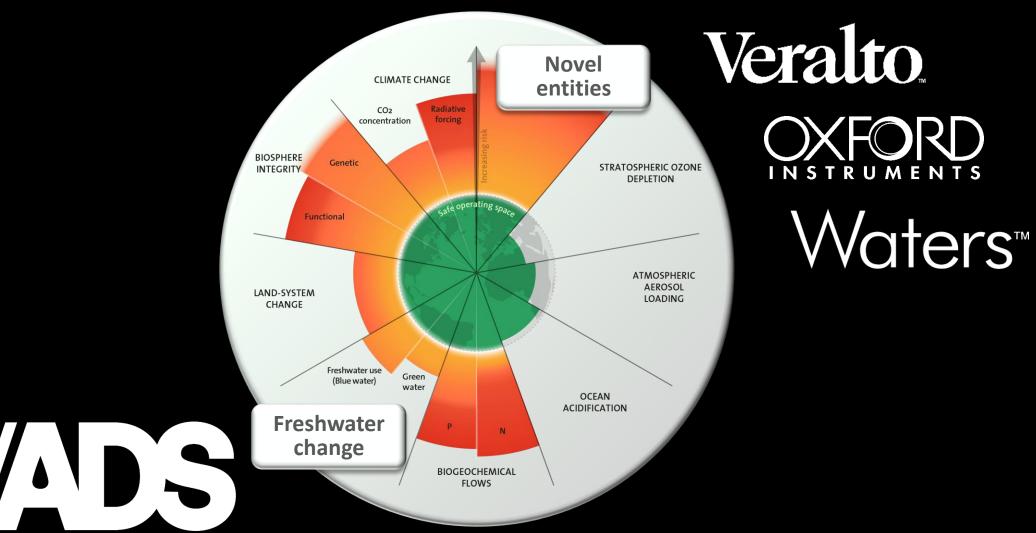
Source: S. J. Allin et al.: Chlorine isotope composition in atmospheric, CFC-11, CFC-12 and CFC-113. Emissions estimates for CFC-11 (gold), CFC-12 (green) and CFC-113 (orange), based on global tropospheric mole fractions (SPARC, 2013). Each species is represented by three lines. The two emissions estimates from this study (solid lines) are produced using the stratosphere—troposphere exchange flux calculations of Holton (1990) and Appenzeller et al. (1996), with the latter giving slightly higher emissions. These are compared to values from Velders and Daniel (2014) (dashed lines). CFC = Chlorofluorocarbons

## Anthropogenic healing



## How progress happens





Source: The 2023 update to the Planetary boundaries (licensed under CC BY-NC-ND 3.0). Credit: Azote for Stockholm Resilience Centre, based on analysis in Richardson et al 2023. All use of company logos, images or trademarks in this presentation are for reference purposes only



Market Capitalisation\*

\$8.6bn

**US NYSE Listing** 

#1

Market share (US)

Improving the management of water

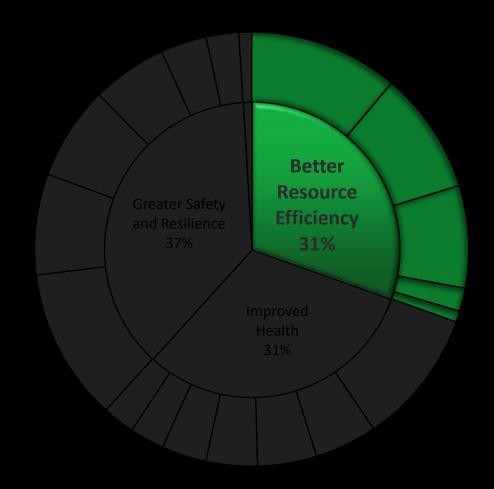
100%

revenues

Largest plastic recycler in North America



#### Thematic exposure: SF Global Growth



# Better Resource Efficiency



- Improving the efficiency of energy use
- Improving the management of water
- Increasing electricity generation from renewable resources
- Improving the resource efficiency of industrial and agricultural processes
- Delivering a circular materials economy
- Making transport more efficient or safer

31% of SF Global Growth fund exposed to companies within Better Resource Efficiency themes



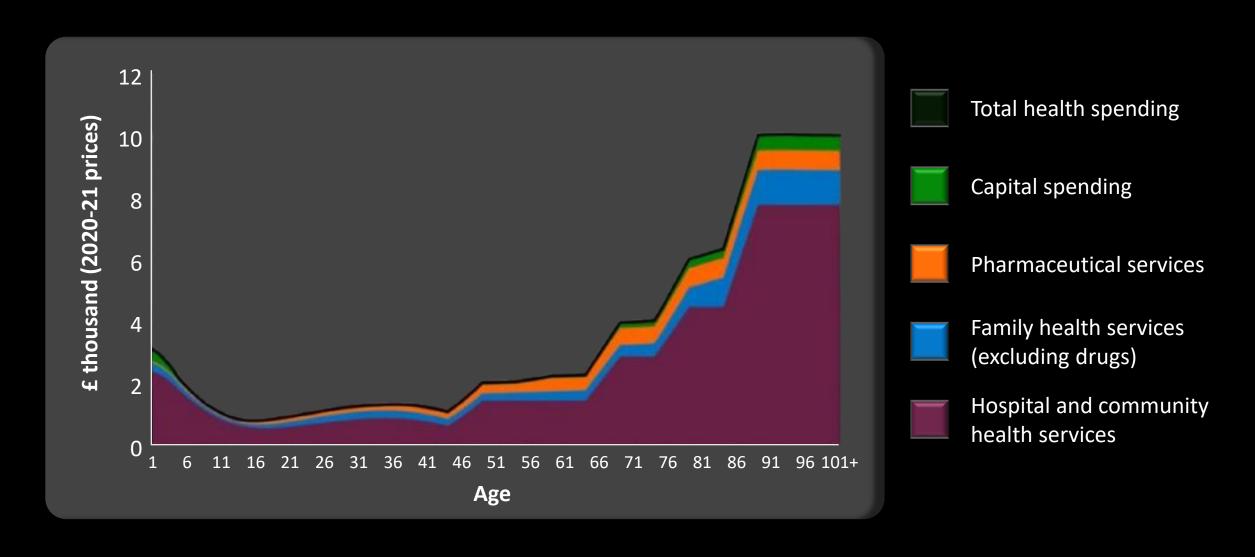


Improving health and quality of life

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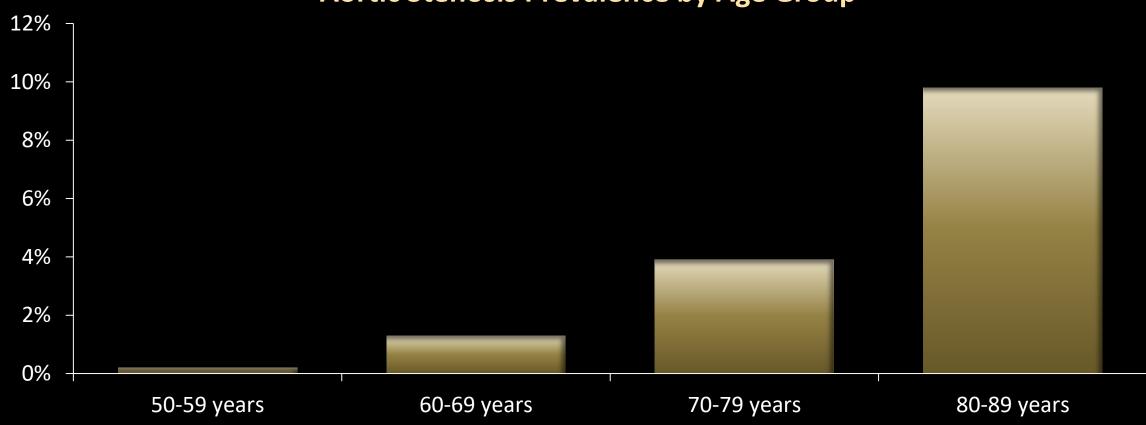


#### Ageing demographics and rising burdens





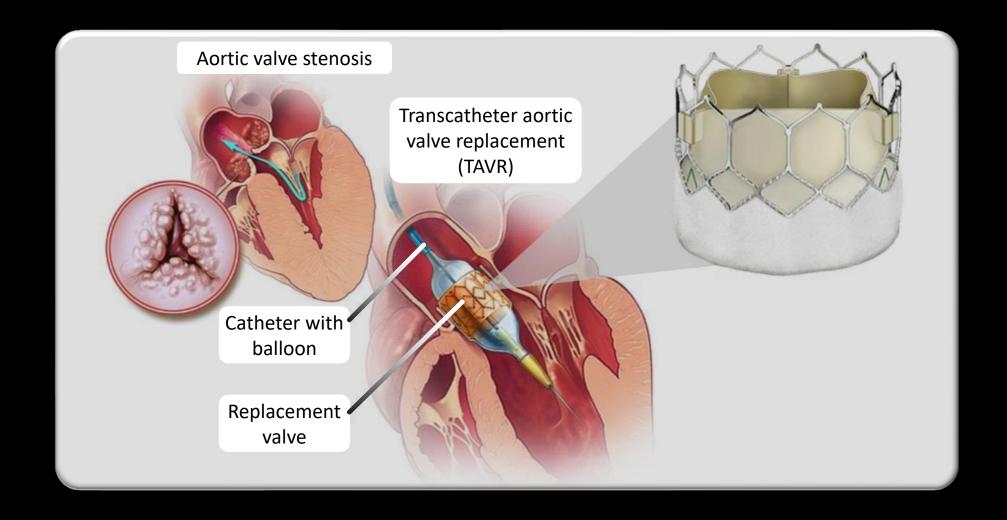
#### **Aortic Stenosis Prevalence by Age Group**



Source: Epidemiology of aortic valve stenosis (AS) and of aortic valve incompetence (AI): is the prevalence of AS/AI similar in different parts of the world? Acona R, Pinto, S 2020, 'Epidemiology of aortic valve stenosis (AS) and of aortic valve incompetence (AI): is the prevalence of AS/AI similar in different parts of the world?', European Society of Cardiology. All use of company logos, images or trademarks in this presentation are for reference purposes only

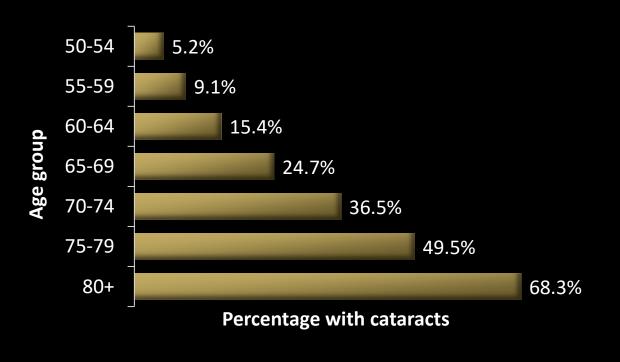


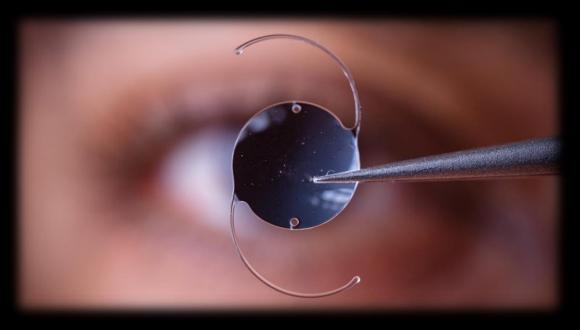
#### Edwards | Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR)



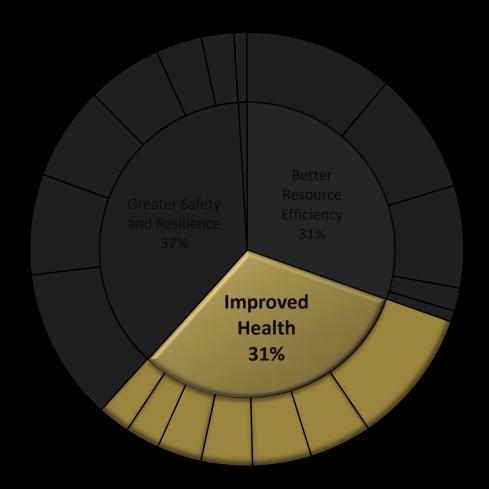
## Alcon | Enabling sight

#### Cataract prevalence after age 50 (U.S.)





#### Thematic exposure: SF Global Growth



## Improved Health



- Enabling innovation in healthcare
- Building better cities
- Connecting people
- Providing affordable healthcare
- Providing education
- Enabling healthier lifestyles
- Delivering healthier foods
- Encouraging sustainable leisure

31% of SF Global Growth fund exposed to companies Improving Health and quality of life



Improving resilience to natural events

Mike Appleby



#### More extreme weather and disruptive natural events



## Infrastructure | Ageing and in need of upgrades (investment)



## nationalgrid

Market Capitalisation

£53bn

**Electricity grids** 

66%

of business

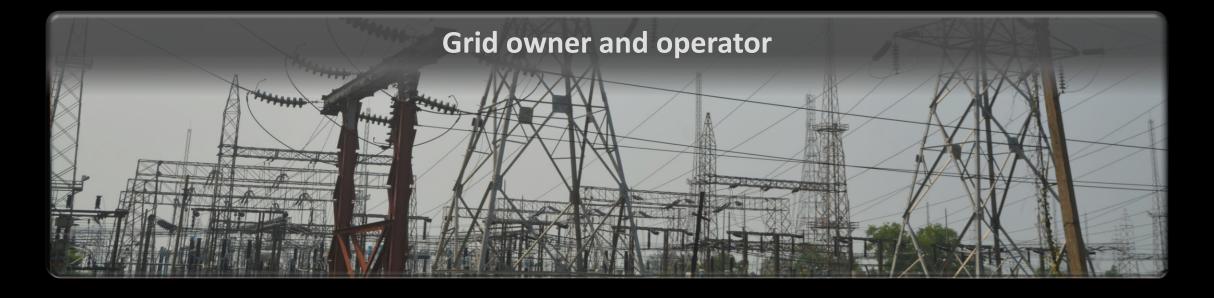
**CAPEX:** 

£19bn

Capex into UK grids 2024-28

5-year upside to price target:

66%



## Built environment





Market Capitalisation

£91bn

Energy efficient building controls and chilled transport:

100% of business

80% of costs

from in use

5-year upside:

**50**%

#### Specialist in energy efficient building controls Heating & cooling

#### Insurance







#### Improving resilience to natural events

Critical infrastructure

Monitoring and control

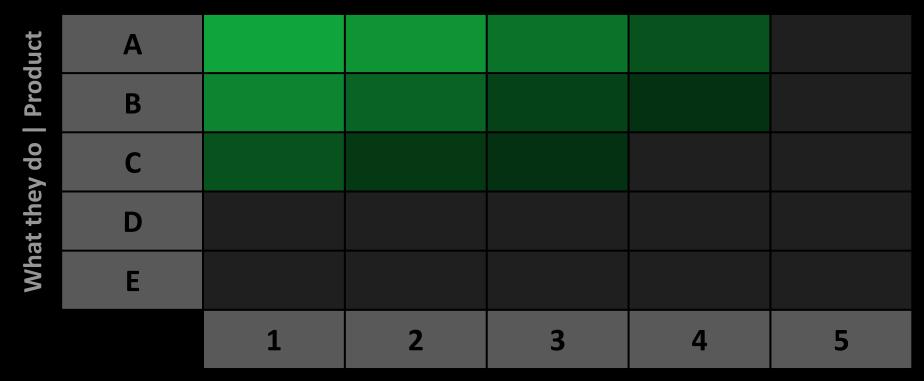
**Good insurance** 



Management quality driving investment returns

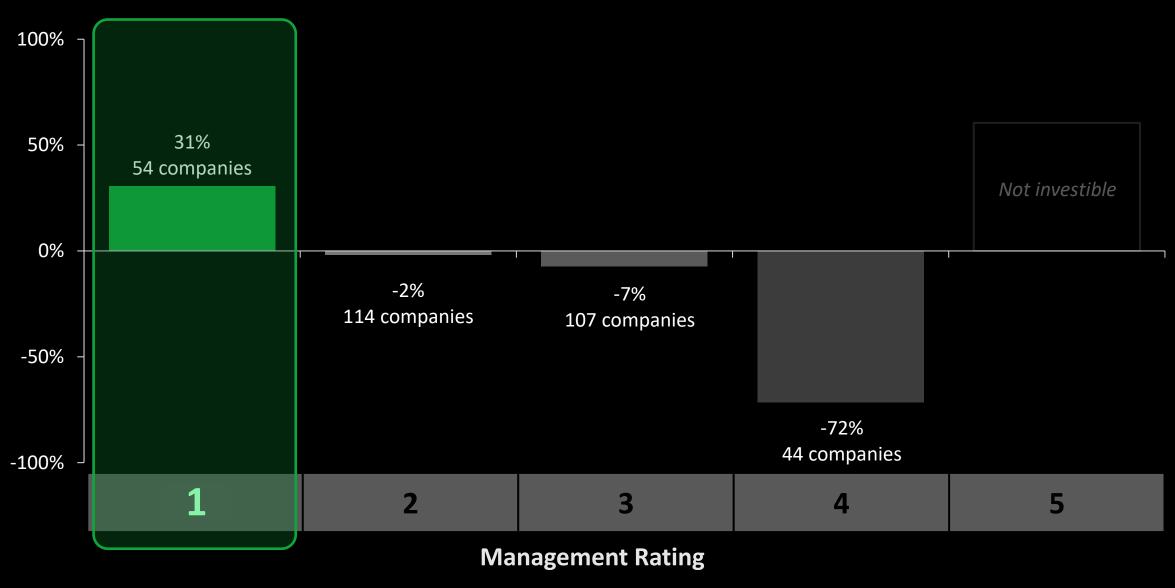
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### Our proprietary Sustainability Matrix



**How they do it | Management** 

#### Relative total shareholder return



Source: Liontrust, Factset as at 31.03.25

# Management rating: Business fundamentals

#### **Management Sustainability Rating**

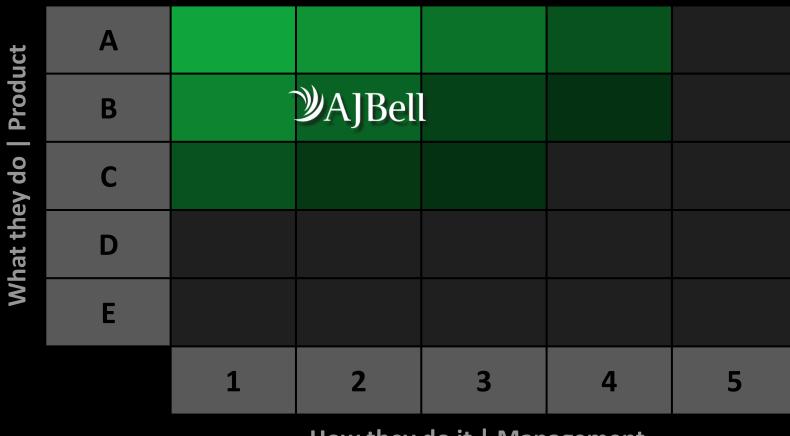
Sales and Margins	1	2	3	4
Operating margin	17%	16%	14%	16%
Returns	1	2	3	4
ROE	21%	15%	16%	14%
Balance Sheet	1	2	3	4
Net debt / EBITDA	1.0x	2.4x	1.7x	1.4x

Source: Liontrust, Factset, 2013-15 cohort, outliers or companies without data have been removed from the sample. ROE = Return on equity; EBITDA = Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation



2019

**How they do it | Management** 



2022

How they do it | Management



2024

How they do it | Management





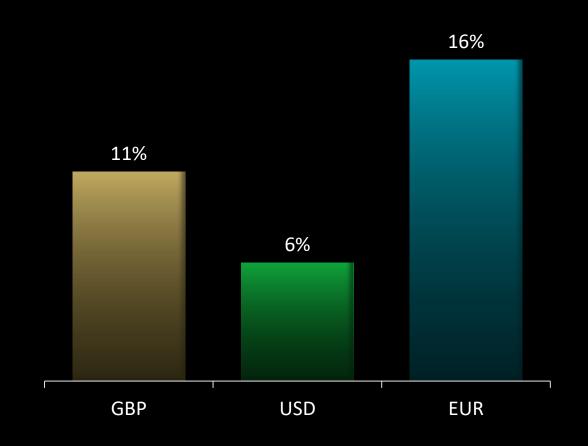
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# Bond Market Developments | Types of labelled bonds

#### Labelled bond issuance has grown strongly... ...and now makes up a sizable proportion

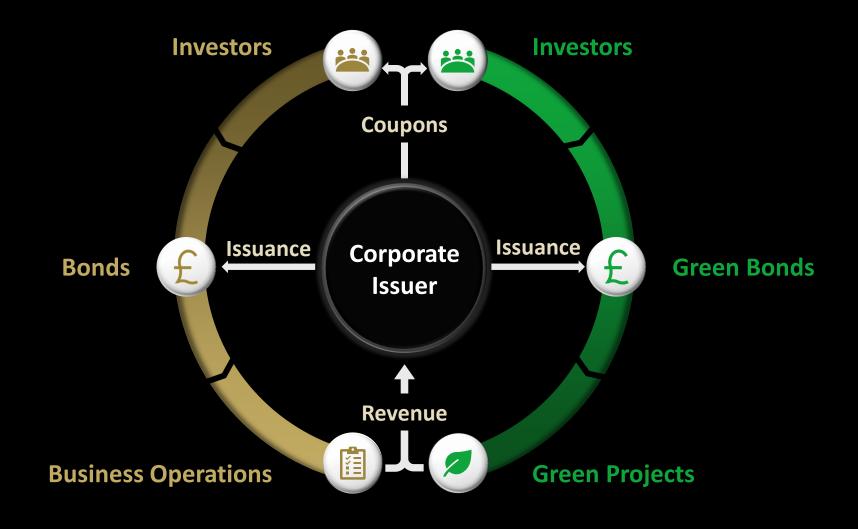
# 2020 ■ Green ■ Social ■ Sustainability ■ Sustainability-linked ■ Transition

# ...and now makes up a sizable proportion of IG markets



Source: Liontrust and Bloomberg as at 01.05.25

#### Sustainability | Green Bonds – a holistic view



# Annual Water Company Engagement

Better Resource Efficiency: Improving the management of water

#### **Sector challenges**

**Underinvestment** 

Victorian-era dated assets

**Operational performance** 

Remuneration packages

Pollution incidents, affordability and water resilience

**Public scrutiny** 

#### Our engagement





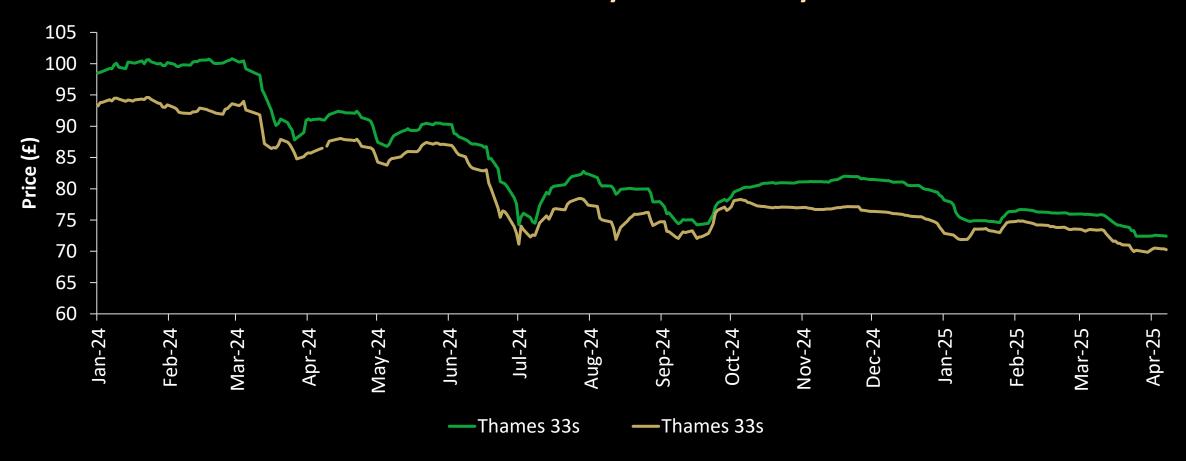






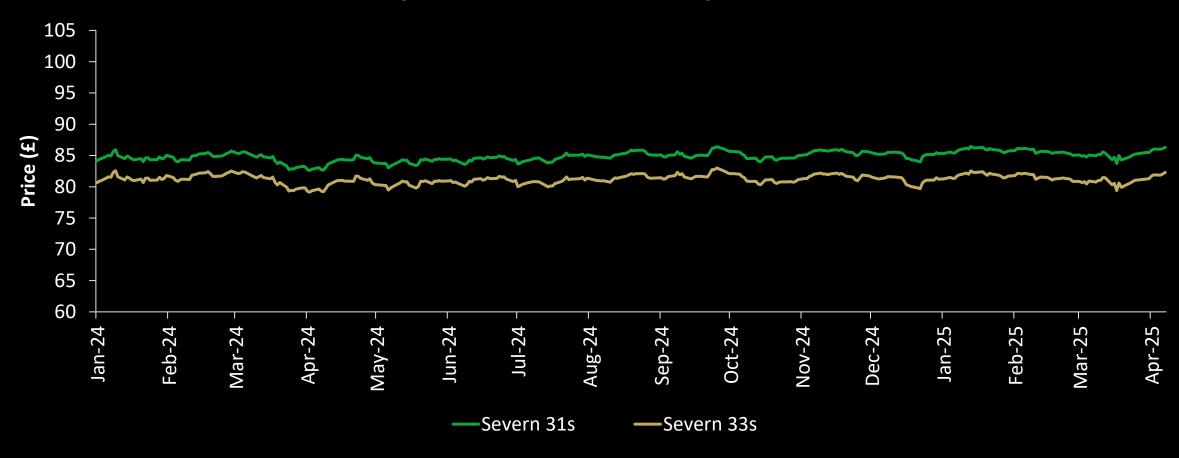
# Green bonds | Issuers are judged on their individual merits

#### Green bonds don't isolate you from idiosyncratic risk...



# Green bonds | Issuers are judged on their individual merits

#### ...and they don't result in better performance either



#### Selection in action | What we focus on instead

#### **Sustainability Themes**

















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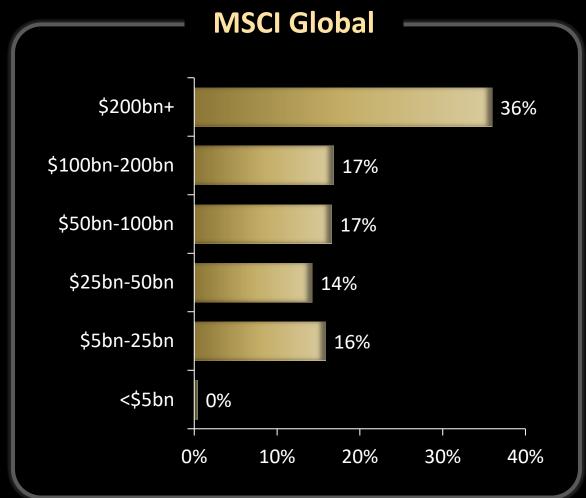


Outlook and prospects for sustainable investing

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#### SF Global Growth Fund | Market cap split



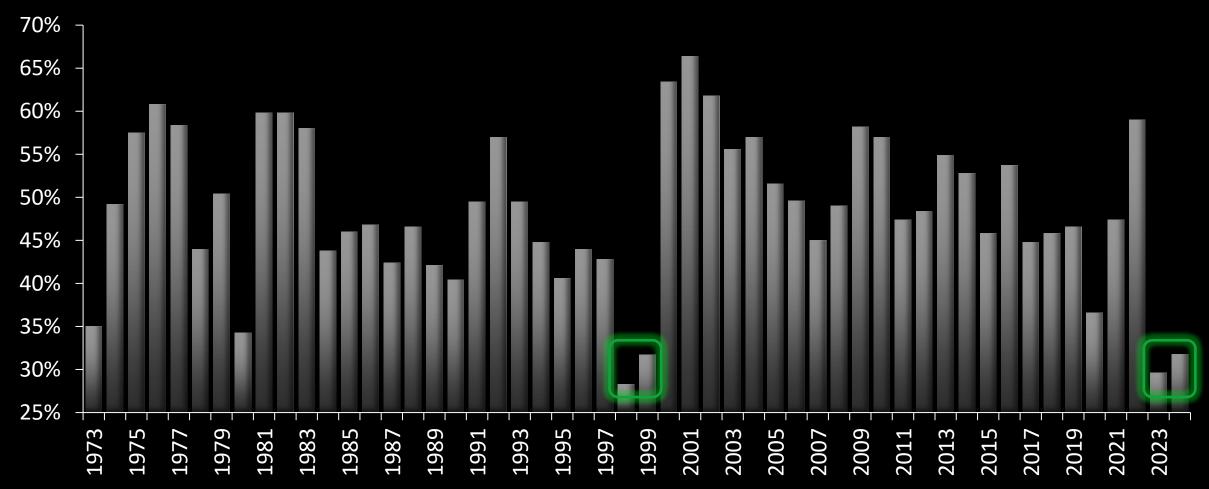


#### Total Shareholder Return

Small, Mid and Large Caps (MSCI World)



# Record-low percentage of stocks outperforming the S&P 500 index



# Opportunity in Small and Mid caps



#### Discount to 5-year average



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	Discount to 5-year average	Revenue Growth FY1	EPS Growth FY1	Return on Common Equity
MSCI World	2%	3%	7%	15%
SF Global Growth Fund	-24%	8%	15%	25%

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