# LIONTRUST GF SUSTAINABLE **FUTURE** EUROPEAN CORPORATE BOND FUND



Fund sustainability and impact report: Q4, 2021





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### Exposure to positive sustainability investment trends

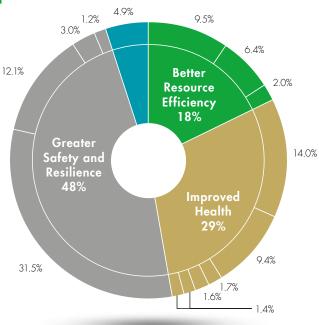
We look to invest in companies that are having a positive impact on our economy by making it either cleaner, healthier or safer. Exposure to 13 of our 20 Sustainable investment themes is shown below. For more detail on the sustainable themes, see liontrust.co.uk/sustainable

Consistent with the available opportunities in investment grade corporate bonds and our approach that seeks to invest in resilient companies, our fixed income funds typically have a high allocation to the Greater safety and resilience mega trend.

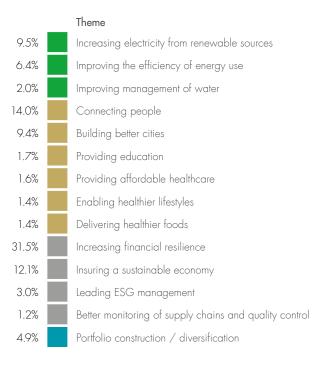
Within this mega trend, the two sub themes with the greatest exposure are *Increasing financial resilience* and *Insuring a sustainable economy*. The fund's exposure to Banks and Insurance generally sits within these themes and is a significant component of the Fund. Typically, the exposure

within the *Increasing financial resilience* theme is to banks that are well capitalised and have a focus on retail and SME lending coupled with resilient and prudent lending practices. We believe that high quality lending and banking activities are important to a resilient economy. Typically, the exposure within the *Insuring a sustainable economy* theme is to insurance companies. Insurance facilitates economic growth by giving people the confidence to invest in themselves, their lives or their businesses. The leading insurance companies expend time and resources researching the issues such as climate change in order to make them more efficient when it comes to pricing risk. Through this research they become better underwriters with a greater ability to advise their clients on potential risks, while also fully integrating their analysis in order to make better investments. We believe that these leading companies again create more resilient, sustainable economies.

### Exposure to sustainable themes



Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021. Chart is thematic exposure to corporate bonds only, Government bonds and cash excluded

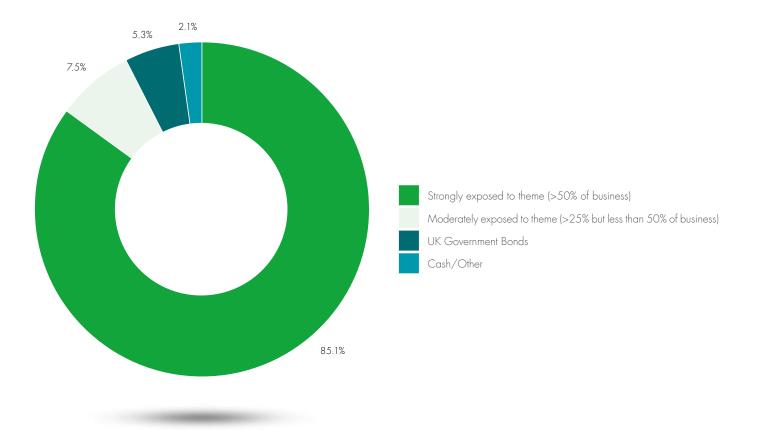


### Exposure to positive sustainability investment trends

### Sustainable investment themes: how much of business is exposed

This analysis shows what proportion of companies held in the fund is exposed to the Sustainable investment themes: 85.1% of the fund is invested in companies that are strongly exposed to our themes (which means more than 50% of the business's revenues); a further

7.5% of the fund is invested in companies that are moderately exposed to to our themes, which means between 25% and 50% of revenues.



Source: Liontrust / Facstet as at 31 December 2021

### Alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals

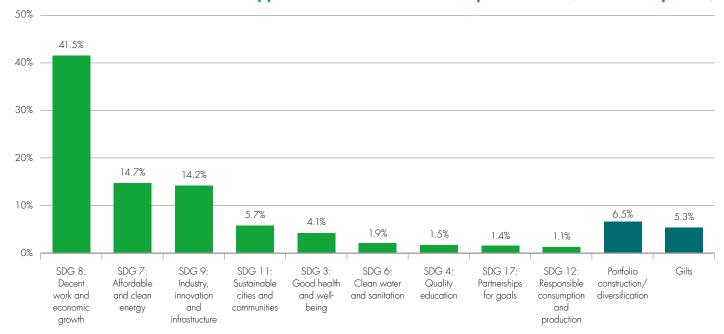
This analysis shows how the Sustainable investment themes are linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

All of the Sustainable investment themes are linked to SDGs and the underlying Key Performance Indicator they relate to have been identified in the SDG text. A more detailed discussion on impact and how the Sustainable investment themes are aligned with the SDGs is available in the SF Annual Review 2020 on pages 27-33: www.liontrust.co.uk/sustainable

The fund has most exposure to SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth (41.5%); SDG 7: Affordable and clean energy (14.7%) and SDG 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure (14.2%).

While our methodology is to assign what we believe to be the most prevalent SDG or the one on which the company has the most impact, we believe that the companies we have exposure to can have an impact on multiple SDGs. For example many holdings in the Banking industry come under SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth as we believe that through the banks' lending practices, they facilitate economic growth. However, given several of the banks we own have exposure to retail (mortgage), they could also be classified as, or have a positive impact, on SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities. The fund has exposure to nine of the 17 UN SDGs.

### Sustainable investment themes mapped to UN Sustainable Development Goals (% of fund exposure)

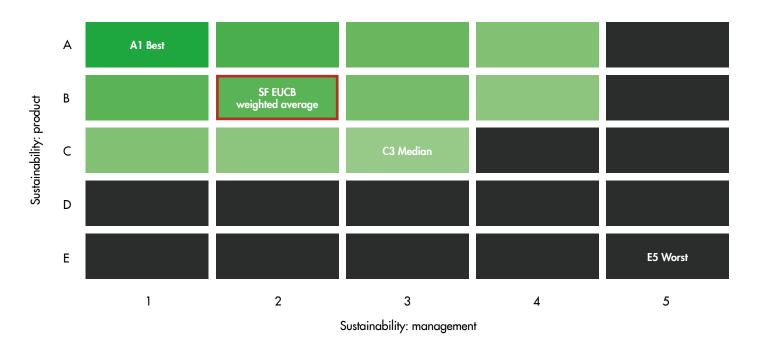


Source: Liontrust / Facstet as at 31 December 2021

# Assessment of how sustainable companies are: Sustainability Matrix Rating

We assess every company using our proprietary Sustainability Matrix Rating, which measures how sustainable its products and services are as well as how well they manage the material environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters related to their business.

The weighted average Sustainability Matrix rating for the fund is B2 (marked in red in the figure above). This shows the fund is invested in companies whose products and services are more sustainable and whose management of ESG aspects of their business is better than the market it invests in. There are no companies in the fund which are rated in the ineligible grey area of the Sustainability matrix.



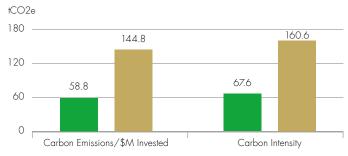
### Climate change: portfolio data on carbon, solutions and fossil fuels

# Carbon emissions of fund compared to conventional benchmark

We can see from the chart below that the investments in the fund emit 59.4% less carbon (tCO2e) than the market it invests in. When looking at the carbon intensity of the investments, the fund has a carbon intensity (tCO2e / \$M sales) that is 57.9% lower than the benchmark. This independent analysis includes direct emissions forming scope 1 and scope 2 emissions only\*.

Liontrust GF Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund

Benchmark: Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates Index

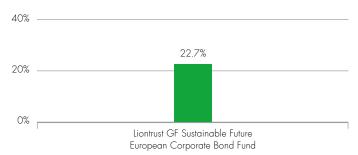


Source: MSCI Carbon Analytics and Liontrust as at 31 December 2021. The Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates Index is the comparator benchmark for this fund. Carbon emissions (tCO2e/\$million invested), carbon intensity (tCO2e/\$M sales) data available for 90.9% of the fund and 96.1% of the benchmark. \*Scope 1 emissions are direct greenhouse (GHG) emissions that occur from sources controlled or owned by an organisation (associated with fuel combustion in boilers, furnaces, vehicles and so on). Scope 2 emissions are indirect GHG emissions associated with the purchase of electricity, steam, heat, or cooling. Scope 3 (all indirect emissions, not included in scope 2, that occur in the value chain of the reporting company) is important but not currently available in a consistent data set with enough coverage to be included in this independent analysis.

### Companies offering clean technology solutions

This analysis shows that the fund holds 22.7% of companies that MSCI has determined are providing clean technology solutions.

Owing to the nature of the fixed income asset class, many investments are to more developed stable companies. Therefore, is it difficult to obtain material exposure to companies overly exposed to cleantech solutions. Usually our exposure to cleantech will be as a result of investment within a larger more developed utility.



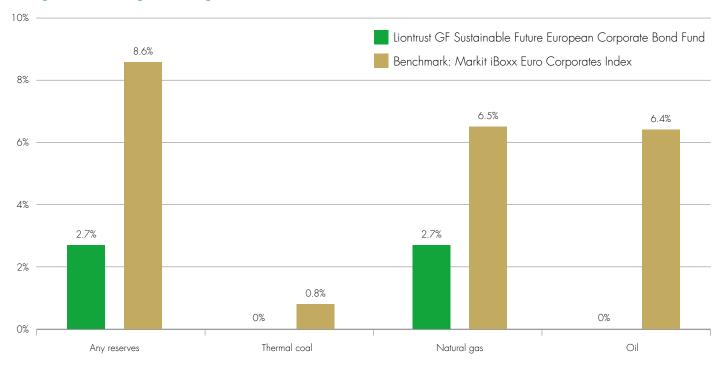
Source: MSCI Carbon Analytics and Liontrust as at 31 December 2021.

	Carbon Footprint (tCO2e / \$m invested)	Carbon Intensity (tCO2e/\$m sales)	Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tCO2e/\$m sales)	Carbon Emissions Data Avaliability (Market value)
Liontrust GF Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund	58.8	67.6	117.5	90.9%
Benchmark	144.8	160.6	158.3	96.1%
Fund relative to benchmark	-59.4%	-57.9%	-25.8%	-5.4%

Source: MSCI Carbon Analytics as at 31 December 2021. At the issuer level, Carbon Intensity is the ratio of annual scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions to annual revenue.

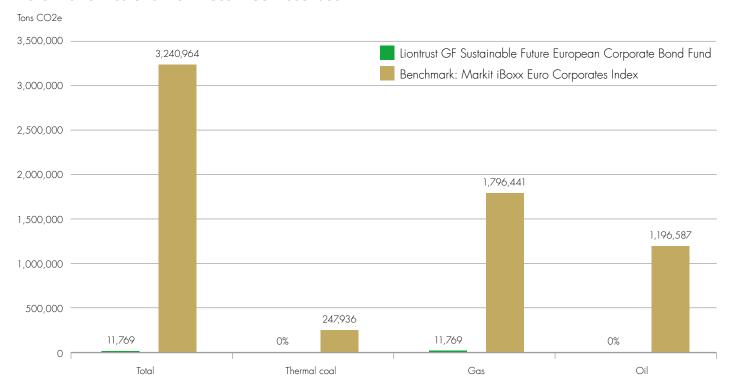
## Weight of holdings owning fossil fuels and potential emissions

### Weight of holdings owning fossil fuels



Source: MSCI Carbon Analytics and Liontrust as at 31 December 2021. The Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates Index is the comparator benchmark for this fund. Carbon emissions data available for 98.5% of the fund and 99.5% of the benchmark and our exposure in the chart above should be seen in that context.

### Potential emissions from fossil fuel reserves



Source: MSCI Carbon Analytics and Liontrust as at 31 December 2021. The Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates Index is the comparator benchmark for this fund.

Alphabetical list showing all holdings in the fund along with their sector, our Sustainability Matrix Rating and Sustainable investment theme.

Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
AMB Property L.P.	Real Estate	C2	Portfolio construction/ diversification	Prologis is the world's leading owner, operator and developer of logistics real estate. Logistics real estate plays a crucial role in global supply chains, particularly given the recent acceleration in the shift to e-commerce, which requires three times more warehouse and logistics space than traditional brick-and-mortar business models.
Annington Funding Plc	Real Estate	A3	Building better cities	Annington is one of the UK's largest private residential landlords, with more than 40,000 homes across the country. The company is holding to address the UK's housing crisis through the provision of affordable housing at a significant discount to market rents, while also refurbishing and redeveloping around 500 properties per annum for sale or rent at competitive prices.
Aroundtown Property Holdings Plc	Real Estate	C3	Building better cities	Aroundtown is the third-largest listed real estate company in Europe, with a well diversified property portfolio predominantly focused on commercial property including offices, hotels and logistics space, while also having some residential exposure through its sizeable holding in Grand City Properties. It invests in existing mid-life-cycle assets which have often been neglected, adding value through operational and redevelopment activities, these include sustainability initiatives to improve the environmental footprint of its portfolio.
Assicurazioni Generali Spa	Insurance	В3	Insuring a sustainable economy	Assicurazioni Generali offers life and non-life insurance and reinsurance throughout the world. The company offers life, health, accident, automobile, marine, aviation, transport, fire, general liability, and credit insurance and reinsurance. It is contributing to a sustainable economy through the reduction of risk and the mitigation of financial impact for the policyholder, thereby producing a safety net for people and business in times of catastrophe.

Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
AT&T Inc	Telecommunications	В3	Connecting people	AT&T engages in the provision of telecommunications, media and technology services, primarily to consumers and businesses in the US, while its Latin America arm provides entertainment and wireless as well. It also operates Warner Media, which produces and distributes films, television and gaming. The company is currently in the process of refocussing its primarily on communications services, which play a pivotal role in the transition to digital infrastructure, promoting digital inclusion and reducing the digital divide across underserved segments of the population.
Aviva Plc	Insurance	B1	Insuring a sustainable economy	Aviva is an international insurance company that provides all classes of general and life assurance, including fire, motor, marine, aviation, and transport insurance. The company also supplies a variety of financial services, including unit trusts, stockbroking, long-term savings, and fund management.
AXA Sa Paris	Insurance	B1	Insuring a sustainable economy	AXA is an insurance company focusing on the key areas of health, property and casualty insurance. It is reducing its exposure to financial markets in favour of purer insurance products and its stated purpose is 'to act for human progress by protecting what matters'.
Banco Santander SA	Banks	В3	Increasing financial resilience	Banco Santander attracts deposits and offers retail, commercial and private banking, and asset management services, offering consumer credit, mortgage loans, lease financing, factoring, mutual funds, pension funds, insurance, commercial credit and investment banking services. The group's financial resilience is supported by it's geographical diversification (Spain / UK / US / LATAM), along with flexibility to allocate capital throughout its subsidiaries.
BNP Paribas	Banks	B2	Increasing financial resilience	BNP Paribas attracts deposits and offers commercial, retail, investment, and private and corporate banking services. The Bank also provides asset management and investment advisory services to institutions and individuals in Europe, the United States, Asia, and the emerging markets. This is a well-diversified financial institution by product, with over 60% of revenues generated from higher-rated revenue streams.

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British Telecom Plc	Telecommunications	B2	Connecting people	BT is the UK's incumbent telecommunications operator, offering consumers mobile, broadband, home phone and television services, while its enterprise segment sells communications and information technology services to businesses. Its Openreach segment builds and manages the UK's fixed network digital infrastructure, connecting homes and businesses. Digital infrastructure is a critical part of a sustainable economy, promoting digital inclusion and reducing the digital divide across underserved segments of the population, improving quality of life for people in developed and emerging countries, enabling other sectors of the economy to function effectively (e.g. healthcare, education etc.) and helping people stay connected.
Caisse Nationale De Credit Agricole	Banks	C2	Increasing financial resilience	Credit Agricole, through its subsidiaries, designs and manages specialised financial products and specialised financial services including management and securities, insurance, consumer finance, private banking, and leasing and factoring. Its financial resilience is supported by strong management, with very low levels of controversies over the years, helped by strong and a commitment to maintaining extremely strong levels of both capital and liquidity and managing risk prudently over the cycle.
Canary Wharf Finance Plc	Real Estate	C2	Building better cities	Canary Wharf Group is the owner and operator of London's largest REIT portfolio, which predominantly comprises office space, owning around 45% of the Canary Wharf Estate as well as most of the development potential. The company manages its key ESG exposures well compared to peers and plays a key role in modernising and improving the environmental footprint of London's office market.
Cellnex Telecom Sau	Telecommunications	В3	Connecting people	Cellnex is a leader in telco and broadcasting infrastructure in Europe and enables MNOs to use its infrastructure rather than have its own footprint of passive infrastructure, which can free up MNO balance sheets and increase investment in active investments. 5G will further boost network capacity and density, necessary for the continued exponential growth in data and our reliance on the digital economy.

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Deutsche Telekom AG	Telecommunications	В3	Connecting people	DT is the German incumbent telecommunications operator, providing services in Germany, the United States and Europe through its fixed and mobile networks for consumers and businesses. The company plays a pivotal role in the transition to digital infrastructure, with the leading fiberoptic network in nearly all of its markets, which forms a critical part of a sustainable economy.
Experian Finance Plc	Industrial Goods & Services	В3	Increasing financial resilience	Experian is a market leading global information services company, with credit information on 1.3 billion consumers and 163 million businesses across 45 countries. Its business-to-business division helps lenders and borrowers to access and distribute debt responsibly. Its consumer services division helps individuals to access the financial services they need and better understand their credit profile and financial position, supporting social and economic development and reducing financial exclusion.
Glaxo Smithkline Corp	Health Care	A2	Providing affordable healthcare	GlaxoSmithKline is a large UK pharmaceutical conglomerate. It manufactures and markets branded pharmaceutical and vaccine therapeutics. It also has a Consumer Healthcare business, which is readying for a spin off in 2022.
HSBCHoldings Plc	Banks	Cl	Increasing financial resilience	HSBC is a global bank that provides a variety of international banking and financial services, including retail and corporate banking, trade, trusteeship, securities, custody, capital markets, treasury, private and investment banking, and insurance. Its diverse business model and high levels of capital and liquidity make this one of most financially resilient banks in the UK.
Iberdrola	Utilities	C2	Increasing electricity from renewable sources	Iberdrola is a leading global utility, engaging in the generation, distribution, trading, and marketing of electricity. A further investment of euro75bn over the next five years will see a doubling of Iberdrola's renewable energy capacity, accelerating the move towards a low carbon economy.
Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane Spa	Telecommunications	В3	Connecting people	INWIT is Italy's leading towers operator, providing passive infrastructure transmission equipment for telecommunications operators. It invests in new technologies to improve network coverage and density, in order to meet the greater capacity requirements from rising demand for mobile data services and ensure stable and reliable connections. The company plays a crucial role in accelerating the transition towards digital infrastructure, which forms a critical part of a sustainable economy.

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ING Groep NV	Banks	B2	Increasing financial resilience	ING Groep is a global financial institution, providing retail and wholesale banking services to private clients, small businesses, large corporations, financial institutions, and governments. Its product rating is supported by its strong emphasis on retail banking, with circa 80% of revenues derived from retail banking and SME lending that is consistent with our financial resilience theme.
Intercontinental Hotels	Travel & Leisure	Cl	Leading ESG management	Intercontinental Hotels Group is one of the world's leading hotels companies. The company operates a diverse portfolio of hotel brands from high end luxury to affordable functional. IHG is committed to create a safe, inclusive environment for guests, while taking positive actions to help hotel owners in managing their impact on the environment.
Kerry Group Plc	Food & Beverage	B2	Delivering healthier foods	Kerry is one of the largest and most technologically advanced ingredients and flavours technology companies. The company is an integral part of food manufacturing value chain, covering a broad range of expertise including flavour, texture and nutrition in a complete solution. The company is able to reformulate recipes to improve the nutritional content (reducing salt, sugar and fat) while maintaining taste and texture.
Koninklijke Ahold NV	Retail	C2	Better monitoring of supply chains and quality control	Ahold Delhaize is one of the world's largest food retail groups, leading in both supermarkets and e-commerce. It is working to reformulate own brand products to reduce salt, sugar and fat while increasing vitamins, whole grains and fibre. Origin and nutritional value is being made more transparent on packaging enabling customers to make better choices in terms of health and sustainability.
lloyds Banking Group Plc	Banks	B1	Increasing financial resilience	Lloyds Banking Group, through subsidiaries and associated companies, offers a range of banking and financial services in the UK, including mortgages, pensions, asset management, insurance services, corporate banking, and treasury services. As well as being the leading lender to SME/start-ups in the UK, which is a key driver of long term economic growth, Lloyds also is one of the largest mortgage providers, thus enabling home ownership.

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Logicor Financing Sarl	Real Estate	C3	Portfolio construction/ diversification	Logicor operates one of the largest portfolios of logistics real estate in Europe, offering 13.6 million square metres of lettable logistics space across 17 countries. Logistics real estate landlords play an increasingly pivotal role in global supply chains, particularly given the recent acceleration in the shift to e-commerce, which requires three times more warehouse and logistics space than traditional brick-and-mortar business models.
Motability Operations Group Plc	Financial Services	B3	Enabling healthier lifestyles	Motability Operations Group provides transit services, offering finance for the acquisition of vehicles under hire purchase agreement for disabled people.
Medical Properties Trust Inc	Real Estate	B4	Building better cities	Medical Properties Trust is the second-largest owner of hospital beds in the US, owning and managing a portfolio of hospitals, rehabilitation, surgical and other medical facilities, providing over 44,000 licensed beds. It provides pivotal infrastructure for the provision of healthcare, particularly in the context of aging population demographics.
National Grid Plc	Utilities	B2	Improving the efficiency of energy use	National Grid engages in the transmission and distribution of electricity and gas to millions of customers and communities. As operator of the UK electricity grid, it plays an important role in investing to upgrade the grid to be fit for the energy transition towards an ultra-low carbon economy by enabling more renewables as well as upgrading infrastructure for electric vehicle charging points and heat pumps.
National Westminster Bank Plc	Banks	B2	Increasing financial resilience	NatWest is a UK-focused bank that operates retail and commercial operations, providing consumer loans, asset and invoice finances, commercial and residential mortgages, credit cards, and financial planning services, as well as life insurance. NatWest's corporate lending is focused on the areas we view as being most beneficial to sustained economic growth, namely SME lending, leasing and factoring and traditional retail banking.

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Nationwide Building Soc	Banks	B1	Building better cities	Nationwide Building Society is a UK-based mutual that provides financial services, offering saving accounts, investment and financial advice, loans, credit cards, retirement, mortgage, and insurance services. Almost all of Nationwide's loan book (94%) relates to mortgages, which we view as a positive to society. Risk management has been robust over time, with extremely low levels of loan losses and a commitment to working with clients that experience financial difficulties.
Orsted A/S	Utilities	B1	Increasing electricity from renewable sources	Ørsted engages in the provision of renewable energy solutions and is the world's largest developer and operator of offshore wind. Ørsted has firmly embraced the energy transition, transforming its business over the last decade to become the global leader in offshore wind.
Phoenix Group Holdings	Insurance	В3	Insuring a sustainable economy	Phoenix Group Holdings operates as a holding company. The company, through its subsidiaries, provides life insurance and pension funds services and is contributing to a sustainable economy by de-risking clients' pension portfolio and assisting them saving for their future.
Rabobank Nederland	Banks	B1	Increasing financial resilience	Cooperatieve Rabobank operates as a bank, offering personal, wholesale, international, and retail banking services. The organisation has a stated mission of making a significant contribution to welfare and prosperity in the Netherlands, as well as aiming to make a substantial contribution to feeding the world sustainably. Moreover, the majority of their corporate lending is to SME, consistent with aim of supporting economic growth in the Netherlands.
Relx Finance BV	Media	B1	Providing education	RELX provides information and analytics solutions for professional and business across industries mainly in the US, while also operating an exhibitions business. It is the world's largest publisher of scientific, technical and medical academic research, providing educational content to help institutions and professionals progress science, advance healthcare and improve performance.
Scottish & Southern Energy Plc	Utilities	B2	Increasing electricity from renewable sources	SSE engages in the generation, transmission, distribution, and supply of electricity. It operates through the following segments: Networks, Retail, and Wholesale.

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SNAM Spa	Utilities	C1	Improving the efficiency of energy use	SNAM is one of the world's leading energy infrastructure operators, heating millions of homes and contributing to energy security. It is investing heavily in supporting the energy transition in areas such as biomethane, energy efficiency, sustainable mobility and hydrogen.
Societe Generale SA	Banks	C2	Increasing financial resilience	Societe Generale attracts deposits and offers commercial, retail, investment, and private banking services, while offering consumer credit, vehicle lease financing, information technology equipment leasing, life and non-life insurance, custodian services, trade and project financing, currency exchange and treasury services. There is a strong focus on lending to SME & micro businesses in its domestic and international markets, with an established track record of operating in Africa.
Standard Chartered Plc	Banks	C2	Increasing financial resilience	Standard Chartered is an international banking group operating principally in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East offering products and services in the personal, consumer, corporate, institutional and treasury areas. It specialises in facilitating domestic and international trade in over 60 countries, including a number of under-banked emerging market countries, thus contributing to the economic growth profile across the globe.
Suez Environnement SA	Utilities	A2	Improving management of water	Suez engages in the provision of water and waste management services through its subsidiaries.
Swiss Reinsurance Co Ltd	Insurance	В1	Insuring a sustainable economy	Swiss Re offers reinsurance, insurance, and insurance-linked financial market products. The company offers automobile, liability, accident, engineering, marine, aviation, life, and health insurance. Swiss Re also manages fixed-income and equity investments for itself and other insurance companies, contributing to a sustainable economy through the reduction of risk and the mitigation of financial impact for policyholders.
Telecom Italia Spa	Telecommunications	В3	Connecting people	Telecom Italia is the Italian incumbent telecommunications operator, providing communications and ICT solutions across its resilient mobile and fixed networks for retail and wholesale customers in Italy and Brazil. The company plays a crucial role in accelerating the transition towards digital infrastructure, which forms a critical part of a sustainable economy.

Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
Tennet Holding BV	Utilities	В3	Improving the efficiency of energy use	TenneT engages in the provision of electricity and is a leading transmission system operator (TSO) services through its subsidiaries. It provides services and performs duties aimed at developing the electricity market, ensuring it functions properly.
Unilever Nv	Food & Beverage	C1	Leading ESG management	Unilever is one of the world's largest consumer goods products. The company has three divisions, (i) Personal Care, (ii) Home Care and (iii) and (iii) Food and Refreshments. The company has focused on ESG leadership and recognition as developing sustainability and purpose led-brands.
Verizon Communications Inc	Telecommunications	B2	Connecting people	Verizon is one of the world's largest providers of communications products and services to consumers and businesses, providing consumer wireless and wireline communications services, video and data services, and security and managed network services, helping people to stay connected and conduct businesses across the globe. The company plays a pivotal role in the transition towards digital infrastructure, with the leading 5G network in the US, which forms a critical part of a sustainable economy.
Vodafone Plc	Telecommunications	В1	Connecting people	Vodafone is one of the largest telecommunications operators globally. It serves consumers and businesses, providing mobile, fixed line, voice and converged services as well as ICT solutions. The company plays a crucial role in facilitating the transition towards digital infrastructure, an essential component of a more sustainable economy.
Vonovia SE	Real Estate	B4	Portfolio construction/ diversification	Vonovia is a large European private residential landlord and the leading housing service provider in Germany, Austria and Sweden, managing around 490,000 properties in total, helping to solve the housing shortages in the countries in which it operates.
Zurich Finance	Insurance	В1	Insuring a sustainable economy	Zurich Insurance Group provides insurance-based financial services.  The company offers general and life insurance products and services for individuals, small businesses, commercial enterprises, mid-sized and large corporations, and multinational companies, contributing to a sustainable economy through the reduction of risk and the mitigation of financial impact for policyholders.

Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
Bundesrepublik Deutschland	Government Bond	C3	Portfolio construction/ diversification	

### Other third party ESG measures

We are often asked to provide data on how our Sustainable Future funds are ranked by third party ESG data providers.

 Fund
 Benchmark

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 (AAA rating)
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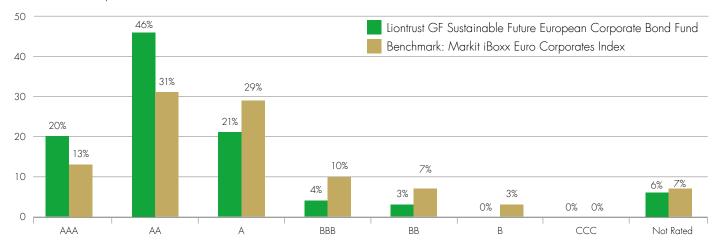
When the portfolio is independently analysed by MSCI, we can see the ESG scoring is strong and better than the benchmark, achieving a rating of AAA versus the Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates Index's average of AA. When we decompose the portfolio score into its constituent E, S and G parts, we can see that the fund outperforms on all fronts.

### ESG risk exposure

ESG quality scorecard					
	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active		
ESG Quality Score (0–10)	10.0	8.8	13.0%		
Environmental Score	7.6	6.9	8.9%		
Social Score	5.7	5.2	9.4%		
Governance Score	6.1	5.2	18.3%		

### MSCI rating distribution

Below is the rating breakout. We can see that the fund has a significantly higher weight towards higher-rated companies and is underweight the lower-rated companies



Source: MSCI Analytics and Liontrust as at 31 December 2021. The Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates Index is the comparator benchmark for this fund

As can be seen from the data below, the fund scores very well across a broad range of criteria:

#### **Environmental risk**

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
Carbon risk (T CO2E/\$M SALES)	126	158	-20.4%
Fossil fuel reserves (%)	2.7%	8.4%	-5.7%
High impact fossil fuel reserves (%)	0.0%	5.3%	-5.3%
Exposure to high water risk (%)	4.6%	7.3%	-2.7%

### Reputational risk

#### Very severe controversy exposure

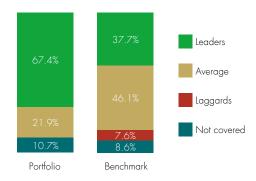
	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
Overall reputation risk	0.0%	1.9%	-1.9%
Environmental (%)	0.0%	1.3%	-1.3%
Customer (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Human rights (%)	0.0%	0.1%	-0.1%
Labor (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Governance (%)	0.0%	0.6%	-0.6%

Reputational risk represents the percentage of a portfolio's market value coming from holdings involved in very severe controversial events. It is based on MSCI ESG Controversies. Portfolio level Reputational risk is categorised as Very Low (0%), Low (>0% to <1%), Moderate (1% to <5%), High (5% to<10%), and Very High (>= 10%).

#### Governance risk

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
Governance leaders (%)	67.4%	37.7%	29.8%
Governance laggards (%)	0.0%	7.6%	-7.6%
Board flag (%)	4.8%	8.4%	-3.6%
Lack of independent board (%)	3.0%	3.3%	-0.3%
No female directors (%)	0.0%	1.1%	-1.1%
Female rep. 30% of directors (%)	78.2%	73.8%	4.4%
Accounting flag (%)	27.7%	26.9%	0.8%
Pay flag (%)	0.0%	1.2%	-1.2%
Ownership and control flag (%)	0.7%	12.4%	-11.7%

### Governance risk: global percentile



Laggards: 7.6% less than the benchmark Leaders: 29.8% greater than the benchmark

Source: MSCI Analytics and Liontrust as at 31 December 2021. The Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates Index is the comparator benchmark for this fund.

### Additional ESG metrics

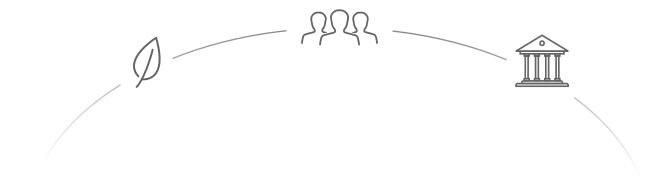
We have committed to disclose additional ESG data for investors in the SF Funds. The following data relating to social, governance and human rights metrics has been requested by investors or sustainability labels. We have engagement and voting polices designed to improve the social, governance, environmental and human rights aspects for the companies in which the fund invests.

Data availability is improving. For example, in the case of staff turnover, where data availability was as low as 20-25% when we first started disclosing this in 2019, it has now nearly doubled. Our engagement priority is to encourage companies to participate in the Workforce Disclosure Initiative, which aims to target companies to report more information on how they manage staff and we believe is contributing to this increased disclosure on social metrics.

For human rights, we use data on the United Nations Global Compact as a proxy. The UN Global Compact is a set of principles to minimise unintended negative impacts in terms of harm to the environment and society and includes a significant amount relating to labour rights and human rights.

We have committed to disclose additional data related to the sustainability aspects of the fund, which we will disclose as part of our reporting cycle every six months.

In terms of environmental impacts, the fund emits considerably less CO2e per unit invested than the benchmarks (see page 7) and data availability is high (typically in excess of 90%). As for human rights, while the fund has less signatories to the UN Global Compact (principally due to the smaller companies in the fund as compared to the benchmark), the status of the companies is more favourable, with a much lower proportion under 'watch' or 'fail' status as compared to the benchmark (as determined by MSCI ESG Manager).



### Additional ESG metrics

Social: staff turnover				
		overage		
	Social: staff turnover	% weight	Number of companies	
Liontrust Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund	3.7%	43.6%	43.1%	
iBoxx European Corps	3.6%	41.6%	40.4%	

#### Governance: % women on board

		Data coverage	
	% women on board	% weight	By number
Liontrust Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund	35.1%	90.5%	93.1%
iBoxx European Corps	33.5%	92.4%	90.9%

#### Governance: <30% women on board

		Data coverage	
	<30% women on board (by weight)	% weight	By number
Liontrust Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund	11.3%	90.5%	93.1%
iBoxx European Corps	17.6%	93.6%	91.7%

#### Governance: number of women on board

		Data coverage	
	Number of women on board	% weight	By number
Liontrust Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund	4.27	90.5%	93.1%
iBoxx European Corps	4.50	92.4%	90.9%

Source: MSCI ESG Manager as 31 December 2021

### Additional ESG metrics

	Data coverage			
	% Independent board	% weight	by number	Proportion with <50% independent board
Liontrust Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund	75.3%	90.5%	93.1%	1.5%
iBoxx European Corps	75.9%	92.1%	90.5%	2.7%
Relative to Benchmark	-0.6%			-1.2%

#### Governance: Joint CEO & Chairman

		Data coverage	
	Joint CEO & Chairman (by weight)	% weight	by number
Liontrust Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund	8.3%	90.5%	93.1%
iBoxx European Corps	19.3%	93.6%	91.7%
Relative to Benchmark	-11.0%		

#### **Human Rights: UN Global Compact Signatory**

		Data coverage	
	% Signatories to UN Global Compact (by weight)	% weight	by number
Liontrust Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund	74.9%	81.8%	84.5%
iBoxx European Corps	66.1%	83.6%	80.0%
Relative to Benchmark	8.8%		

#### **Human Rights: UN Global Compact Status**

				Data coverage	
	Pass	Watch List	Fail	% weight	by number
Liontrust Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund	96.6%	3.4%	0.0%	90.5%	93.1%
iBoxx European Corps	85.2%	13.4%	1.4%	93.6%	91.8%
Relative to Benchmark	11.4%	-10.0%	-1.4%		

Source: MSCI ESG Manager as 31 December 2021

### **Environmental indicator**

This fund is 58% less carbon intensive than the benchmark, as measured by the tCO2e/\$m invested (scope 1+2). Data coverage 96%, source: MSCI Carbon Analytics. Fund positioning on climate change is detailed on pages 7-8 of this report.

#### Governance indicator

This fund has less joint CEO and Chairman roles than the benchmark (8.3% of fund versus 19.3% for the benchmark). Data coverage 99.6%, source: MSCI ESG Manager. More governance indicators are listed on pages 21-24 of this report.

### Social indicator

This fund has a better MSCI Social Quality scorecard than the benchmark (5.7 vs 5.2), source: MSCI ESG Manager. There is a lack of available data for social metrics currently but we are engaging with companies to partake in the Workplace Disclosure Initiative (WDI), which should enable us to disclose more meaningful indicators for the social aspects of the fund.

### **Human rights indicator**

For human rights, we use data on the United Nations Global Compact as a proxy. The UN Global Compact is a set of principles to minimise unintended negative impacts in terms of harm to the environment and society and includes a significant amount relating to labour rights and human rights.

The fund has more signatories to the UN Global Compact and the status of companies in the fund is more favourable, with a much lower proportion under 'watch' or 'fail' status compared to the benchmark (3.4% watch/ 0% fail for fund versus 13.4% watch and 1.4% fail for the benchmark) as determined by MSCI ESG Manager (data coverage 91.8%).

## Key features

	GF SF European Coroporate Bond		
Investment Objective & Policy <sup>1</sup> :	The Fund aims to maximise total returns (a combination of income and capital growth) over the long term (five years or more) through investment in sustainable securities, primarily consisting of European investment grade fixed income securities.		
	The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in bonds issued by companies which are denominated in Euro or non-Euro corporate bonds that are hedged back into Euros.		
	The focus is on investment grade corporate bonds (i.e. those which meet a specified level of creditworthiness).		
	The Fund invests in companies that provide or produce more sustainable products and services as well as having a more progressive approach to the management of environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues.		
	Although the focus is on investment grade corporate bonds, the Fund may also invest in government bonds, high yield bonds, cash or assets that can be turned into cash quickly.		
	Where the Fund invests in non-Euro assets, the currency exposure of these investments will generally be hedged back to Euro. Up to 10% of the Fund's currency exposure may not be hedged, i.e. the Fund may be exposed to the risks o investing in another currency for up to 10% of its assets.		
	The Fund may invest both directly, and through the use of derivatives. The use of derivatives may generate market leverage (i.e. where the Fund takes market exposure in excess of the value of its assets).		
	The Fund has both Hedged and Unhedged share classes available. The Hedged share classes use forward foreign exchange contracts to protect returns in the base currency of the Fund.		
Recommended Investment Horizon:	5 years or more		
SRRI <sup>2</sup> :	4		
Active / Passive Investment Style:	Active		
Benchmark:	The Fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to IBOXX Euro Corporate All Maturities (the "Benchmark by virtue of the fact that it uses the benchmark(s) for performance comparison purposes. The benchmark(s) are not used to define the portfolio composition of the Fund and the Fund may be wholly invested in securities which are no constituents of the benchmark.		
Sustainability Profile	The Fund is a financial product subject to Article 9 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR).		

Notes: <sup>1</sup> As specified in the KIID of the fund; <sup>2</sup>SRRI = Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator. Please refer to the KIID for further detail on how this is calculated.



### Key risks

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