

# LIONTRUST SUSTAINABLE FUTURE CORPORATE BOND FUND

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Marketing communication





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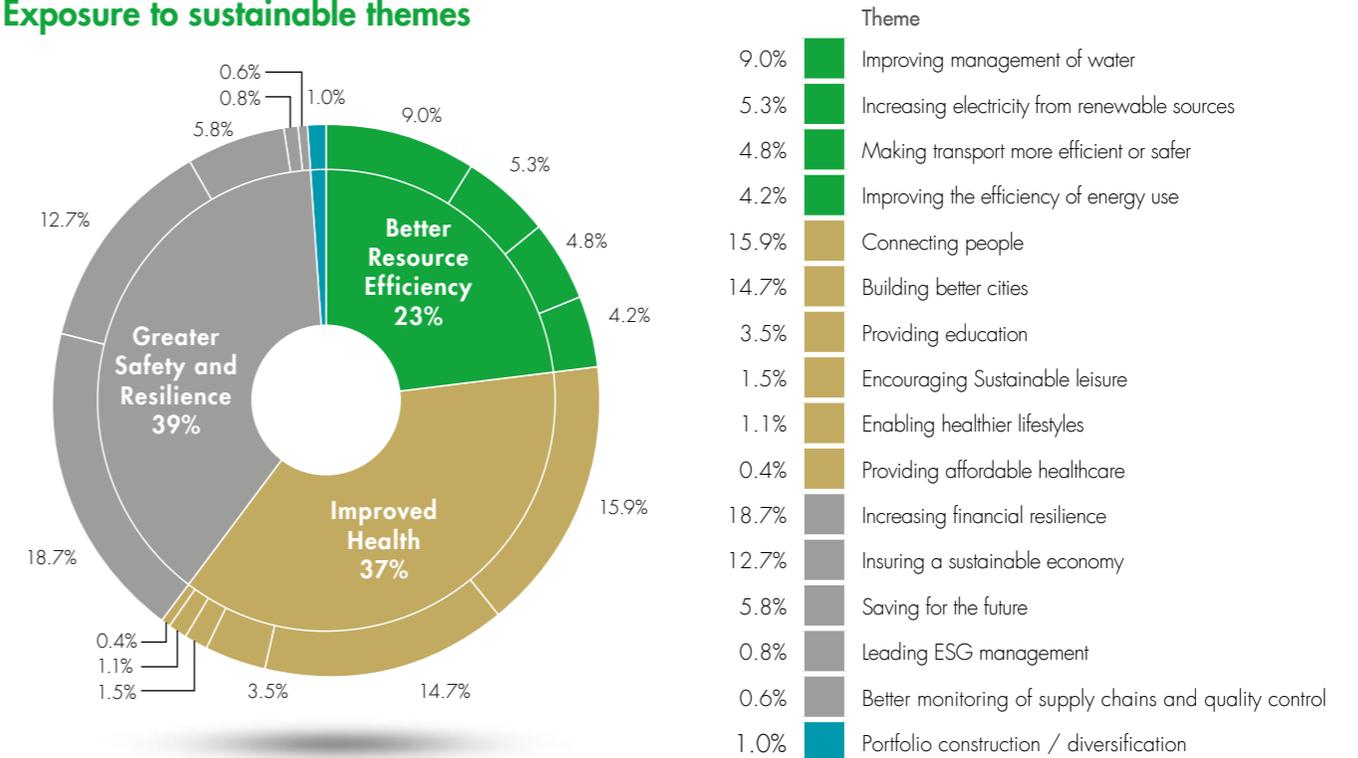
## Exposure to positive sustainability investment trends

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. For more detail on the sustainable themes, see [liontrust.co.uk/sustainable](http://liontrust.co.uk/sustainable)

Within this trend, the two sub themes with the greatest exposure are *Increasing financial resilience* and *Insuring a sustainable economy*. The fund's exposure to both Banks and Insurance generally sits within these themes and is a significant component. Typically, the exposure within the *Increasing financial resilience* theme is to banks that are well capitalised and have a focus on retail and small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) lending coupled with resilient and

prudent lending practices. We believe that high quality lending and banking activities is 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



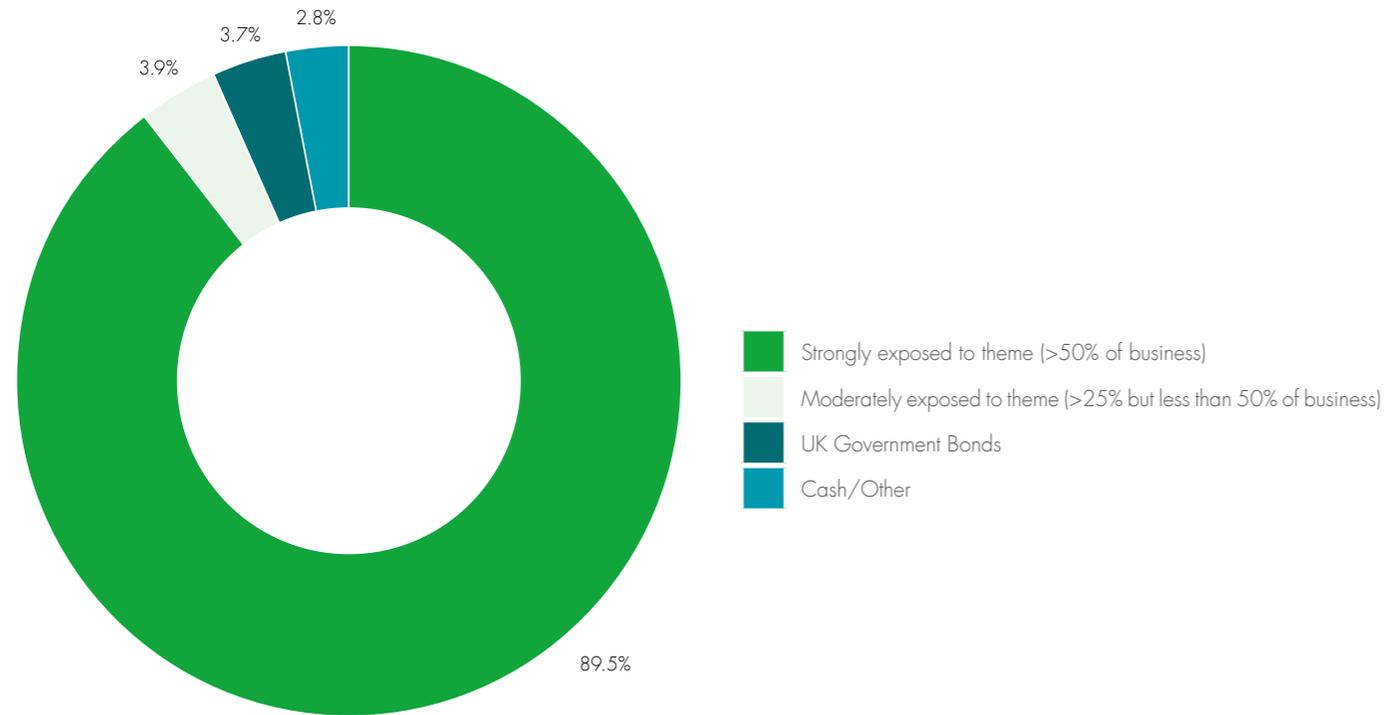
Data as at 31 December 2021. Chart is thematic exposure to corporate bonds only, Government bonds and cash excluded

## 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: 89.5% of the fund is invested in companies that are strongly exposed to our themes

(which means more than 50% of the business's revenues); 3.9% of the fund is invested in companies that are moderately exposed 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 (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.

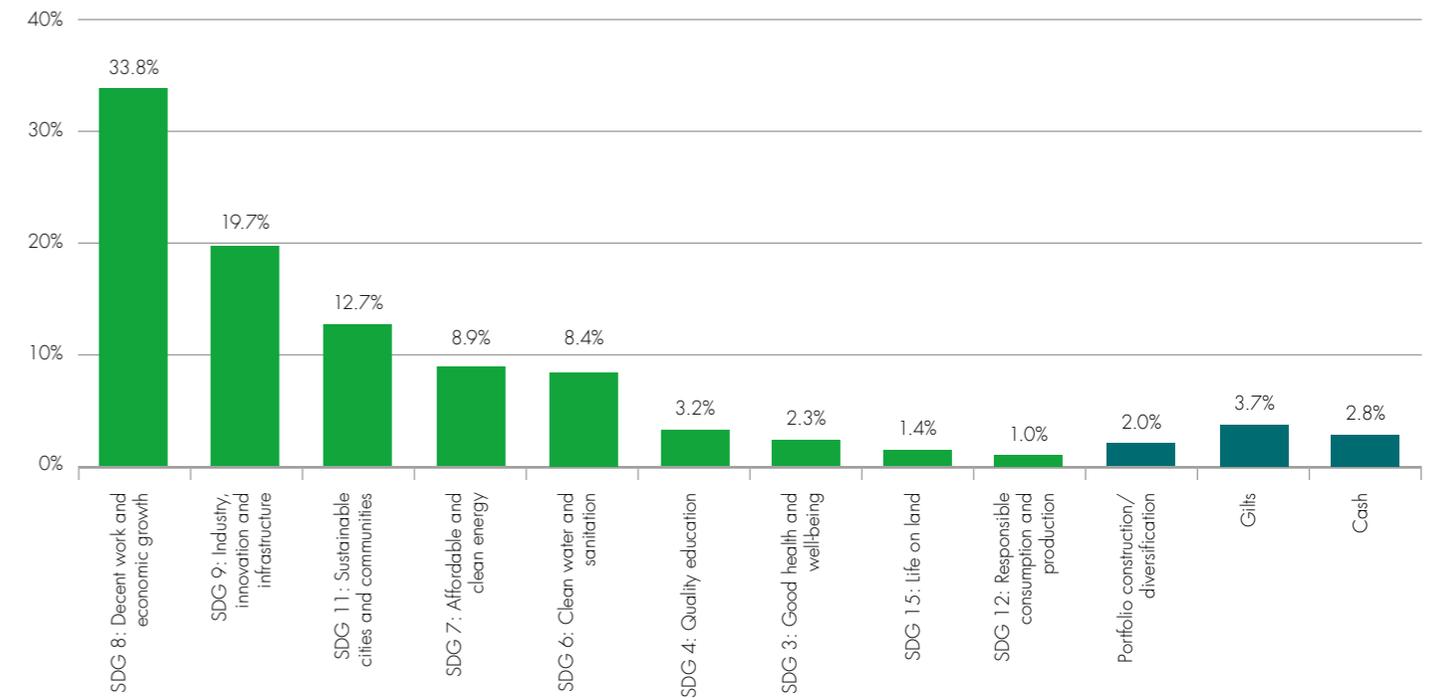
The fund has most exposure to SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth (33.8%); SDG 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure (19.7%); and SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities (12.7%).

Whilst our methodology is to assign what we believe to be the most prevalent SDG or the SDG that the company has the most impact on, 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 therefore be classified or have 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)

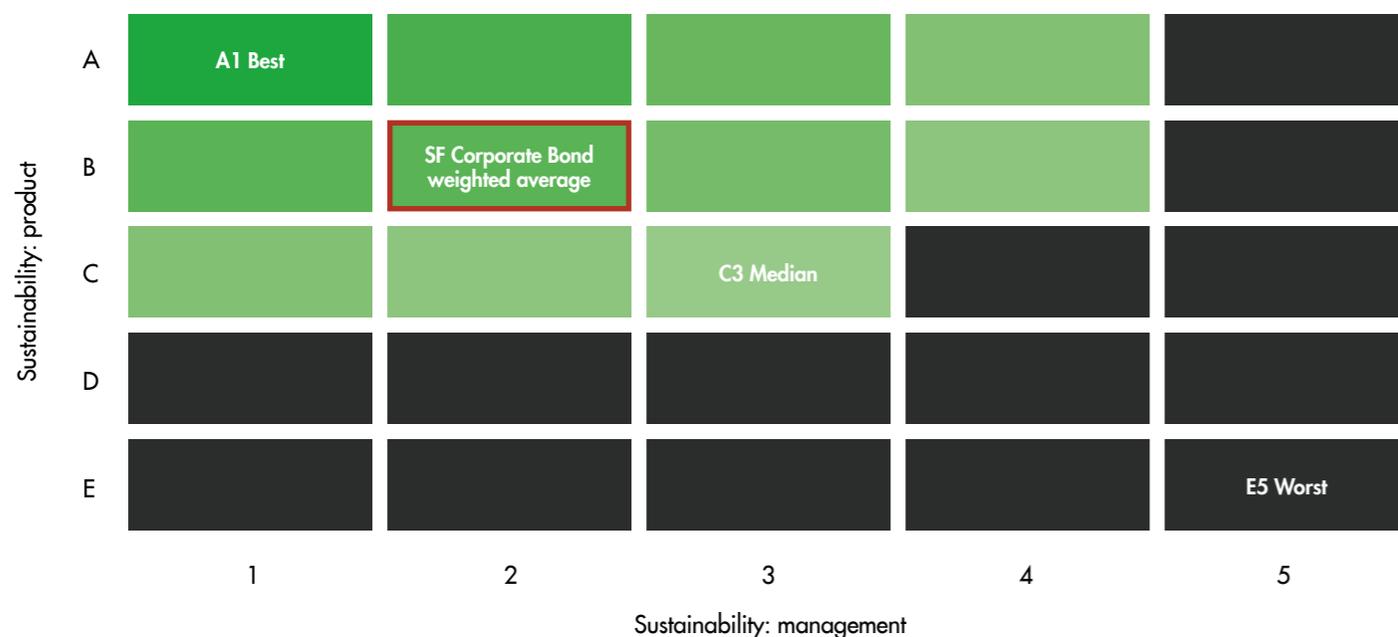


Source: Liontrust / Facstet as at 31 December 2021

## 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 below). 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.

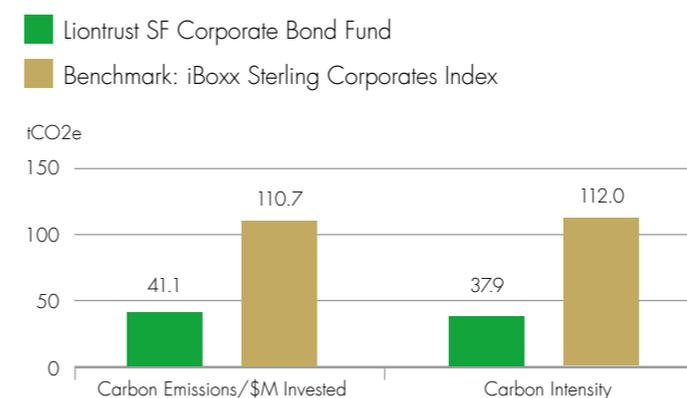


Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021

## 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 62.9% less carbon (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) than the market it invests in. This independent analysis includes direct emissions forming scope 1 and scope 2 emissions only\*.



Source: MSCI Carbon Analytics and Liontrust 31 December 2021. The iBoxx Sterling Corporates Index is one of two comparator benchmarks for this fund. Carbon emissions data available for 86.4% of the fund and 95.8% 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.

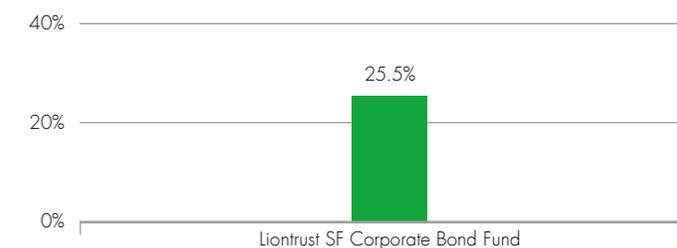
	Carbon Footprint (tCO <sub>2</sub> e / \$m invested)	Carbon Intensity (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$m sales)	Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/\$m sales)	Carbon Emissions Data Availability (Market value)
Liontrust SF Corporate Bond Fund	41.1	37.9	99.9	86.4%
Benchmark	110.7	112.0	133.3	95.8%
Fund relative to benchmark	-62.9%	-66.2%	-25.1%	-9.8%

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.

### Companies offering clean technology solutions

This analysis shows that the fund holds 25.5% 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, it is difficult to obtain material exposure to companies overly exposed to cleantech. Usually our exposure to cleantech solutions will be as a result of investment within a larger more developed utility.



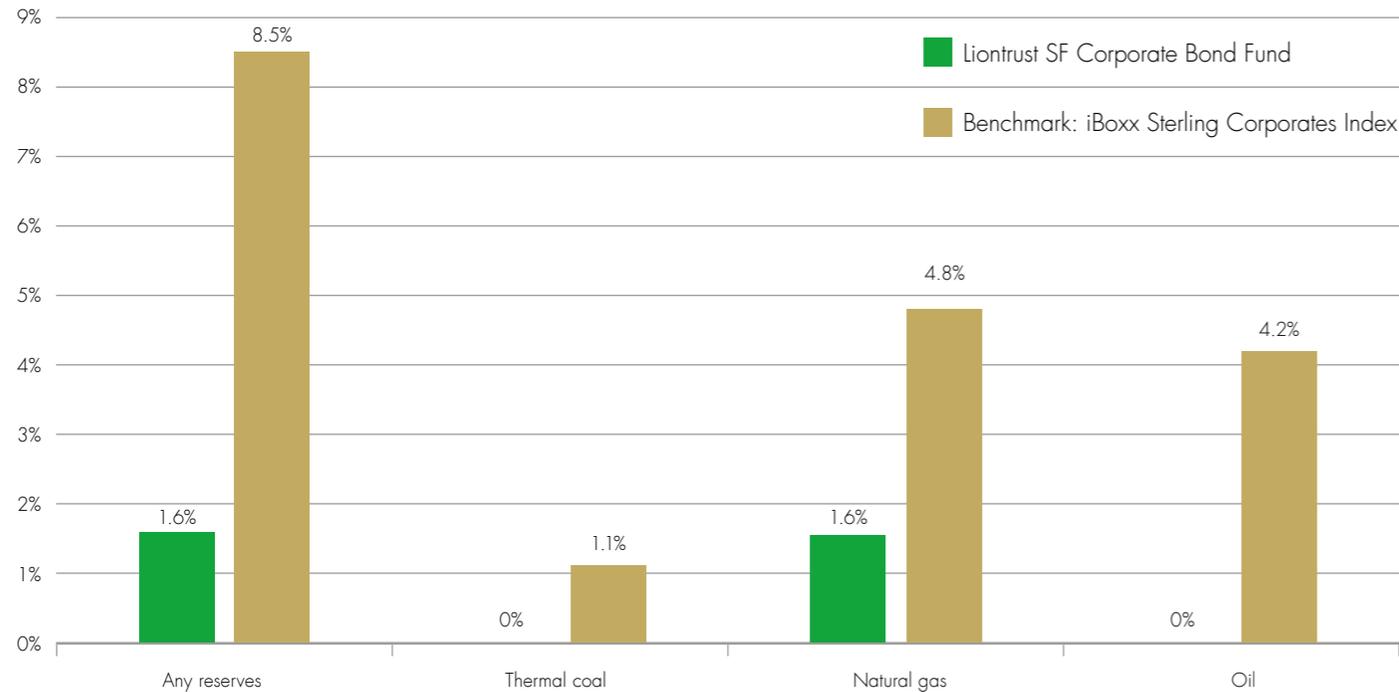
Source: MSCI Carbon Analytics and Liontrust 31 December 2021

# Weight of holdings owning fossil fuels

## Weight of companies owning fossil fuel reserves

This analysis shows the fund holds one company, SSE Plc, that has some natural gas reserves. The fund holds no companies with thermal coal or oil reserves. SSE is a big investor in renewable energy, and also has a very small legacy oil and gas business.

The latter is well below the threshold we deem significant enough (5% of group sales) to exclude a company because it extracts or produces fossil fuels (natural gas, coal or oil).

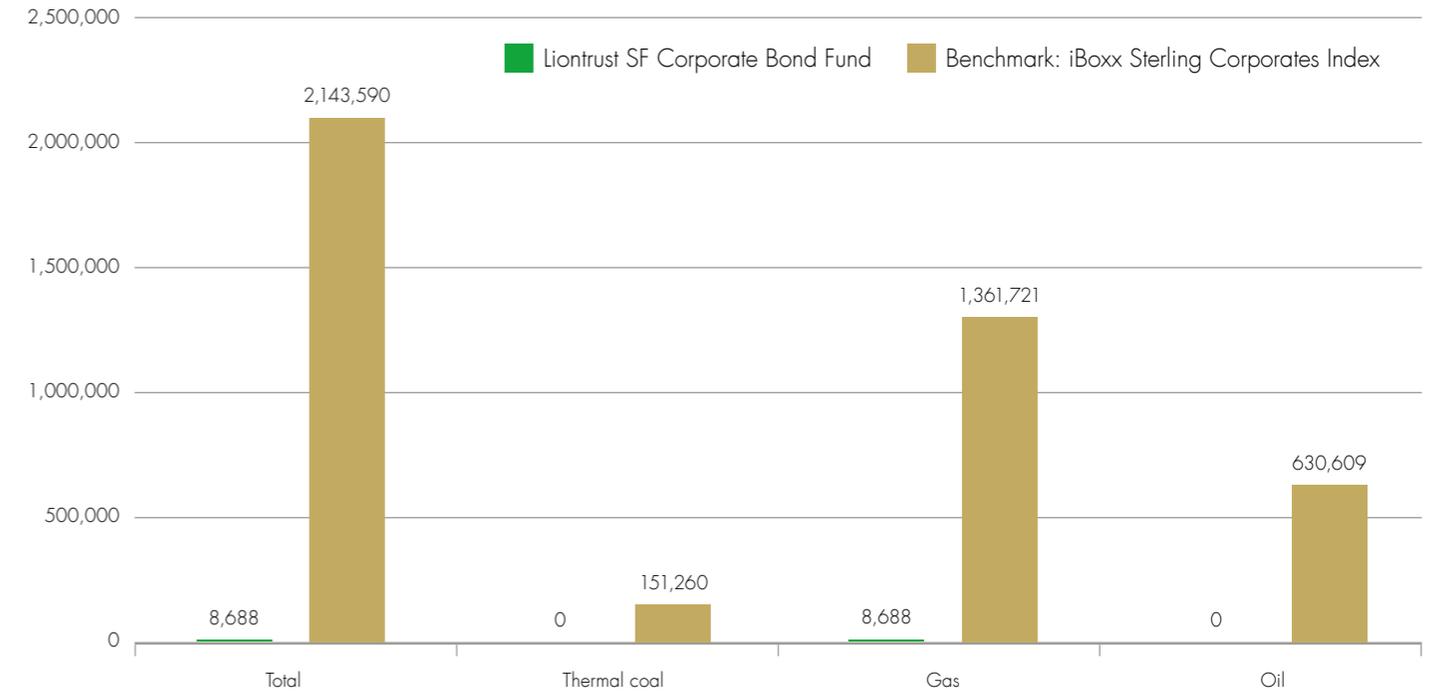


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The chart below puts things in context: SSE's reserves are materially less than 3% of its business. It is also in the process of selling down the part of the business with exposure to the fossil fuel reserves.

## Potential emissions from fossil fuel reserves

Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e



Source: MSCI Carbon Analytics and Liontrust 31 December 2021. The iBoxx Sterling Corporates Index is one of two comparator benchmarks for this fund.

## All Fund holdings

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
3i Group Plc	Financial Services	C1	Increasing financial resilience	3i is a private equity company that invests predominantly in retail, infrastructure, healthcare, technology and industrial. They have strong responsible investment policies and firm exclusion on no-go areas.
Amicushorizon Finance Plc	Housing Associations	A1	Building better cities	One of the largest housing providers in the UK and a member of the G15 group of London's largest housing associations. It has over 45,000 homes across London, the South East and the Midlands, giving 90,000 people somewhere affordable to call their own.
Anglian Water Group Ltd	Utilities	A2	Improving management of water	Anglian Water is the fourth-largest water and sewerage companies in England & Wales by regulatory capital value. It provides water and wastewater services to around 6.3 million customers in the south east of England. Anglian Water invests significant amounts of capital expenditure to maintain and improve its network infrastructure, reducing the risk of leakage from the network, which is vitally important given the impact of climate change.
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.

Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021

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Assicurazioni Generali Spa	Insurance	B3	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.
AT&T Inc	Telecommunications	B3	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	B3	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 its geographical diversification, along with flexibility to allocate capital throughout its subsidiaries.

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Blend Funding Plc	Housing Associations	A3	Building better cities	Throughout its history, the Housing Finance Corporation (THFC) has demonstrated its commitment to the social purpose of housing associations by innovating new products to achieve the best possible terms of funding, allowing its borrowers to grow and meet the demand for affordable housing. As a not-for-profit, the Group's surpluses are retained and reinvested to ensure THFC can continue to provide competitively priced funding long into the future. BLEND Funding Plc and Affordable Housing Finance Plc are both wholly own subsidiaries of THFC and are issuing entities in their own right.
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.
Bunzl Plc	Industrial Goods & Services	C3	Portfolio construction/diversification	Bunzl provides outsourcing and distribution/logistics solutions, essentially acting as a one-stop-shop supplier for non-food consumables, sourcing and procuring products, consolidating/storing in their warehouses before delivering to customers.
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.
Cardiff University	Retail	A3	Providing education	Cardiff University was founded in 1883 and is a member of the Russell Group of UK research led universities. It has a diverse profile of staff and students and is committed to advancing educational equality on the grounds of age, disability and gender.

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Cellnex Telecom SAU	Telecommunications	B3	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.
Clarion Housing Group Ltd	Housing Associations	A1	Building better cities	The mission of Clarion Housing Group is to provide good-quality, affordable homes and neighbourhoods to people failed by the market. It is a developer as well as a landlord, building thousands of affordable homes every year and invest in residents and their communities through Clarion Futures and their charitable foundation.
Center Parcs	Whole Business Securitized	B1	Encouraging Sustainable leisure	Center Parcs (UK) Group is a leading short break holiday business in the UK and Ireland, operating through six holidays villages. The concept of Center Parcs is to bring families/friends together in a relaxed holiday environment at its UK villages. This has a positive impact due to the reduction in carbon footprint of holidaying domestically as opposed to abroad.
Deutsche Telekom AG	Telecommunications	B3	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.
Direct Line Insurance Group Plc	Insurance	B2	Insuring a sustainable economy	Direct Line Insurance Group provides personal and commercial insurance and services. The company offers a range of insurance products including automobile, home, travel, pet, property, and accident insurance.
Eversholt Funding Plc	ABS	A4	Making transportation more efficient or safer	Eversholt owns UK passenger and freight rolling stock, leasing its fleet to Train Operating Companies (TOCs), with a 24% market share of UK rolling stock. The rail industry plays a pivotal role in reducing road congestion and harmful emissions, with Eversholt playing an integral role in the growth and modernisation of the UK rail sector by introducing new products, technologies and manufacturers into the market.

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Welsh Water	Utilities	A1	Improving management of water	Welsh Water is the sixth-largest water and sewerage company in England & Wales, providing high-quality drinking water and environmental services to 3.1 million customers and 110,000 business customers. Welsh Water invests significant amounts of capital expenditure to maintain and improve its network infrastructure, reducing the risk of leakage from the network, which is vitally important given the impact of climate change.
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.
Greater Gabbard Ofco Plc	Other Collateralized	A2	Increasing electricity from renewable sources	Greater Gabbard's principal activity is to provide electricity transmission services that connect the offshore windfarm to the UK's onshore National Grid, with the windfarm's 140 turbines powering around 500,000 homes each year. The company is a key contributor to a more sustainable economy, given its pivotal role in increasing the proportion of electricity generated from renewable sources.
HSBCHoldings Plc	Banks	C1	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	B3	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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Intercontinental Hotels	Travel & Leisure	C1	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.
Investec Plc	Banks	B2	Increasing financial resilience	Investec is an international specialist bank and asset manager, providing corporate and investment banking, private banking, securities trading, asset management, property trading and management and trade finance services. Investec has significant exposures to the segments of financial services we deem to be positive, namely SME/mortgage lending and asset & wealth management.
Yorkshire Water Finance Plc	Utilities	A2	Improving management of water	Kelda Group provides water and sewerage services to domestic and business customers across Yorkshire. Its main subsidiary is Yorkshire Water, which invests significant amounts of capital expenditure in its network to continue to supply safe drinking water to a growing population, whilst minimising their impact on the environment.
Legal & General Grp Plc	Insurance	B2	Saving for the future	Legal and General manages capital and associated risks in order to provide customers with pension income and long-term savings. It benefits from the rise in defined contribution pensions and the de-risking of workplace institutional pensions. They are a beneficiary of the Saving for the future theme, helping individuals to provide for their retirement in an efficient and cost-effective way.
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.
London & Quadrant Housing Trust	Housing Associations	A3	Building better cities	London & Quadrant Housing Trust provides housing facilities. The company offers affordable homes, moving home, rent, supported housing, advice, repairs, and maintenance services.

Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021

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Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
Medical Properties Trust Inc	Health Care	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.
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.
National Express Group Plc	Travel & Leisure	A1	Making transportation more efficient or safer	The company operates bus, coach and rail services, with an exceptional record on safety and progressive on environmental improvements. It helps to make cities less congested and air cleaner.
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.
Next Plc	Retail	C2	Portfolio construction/diversification	Next owns and operates retail stores offering fashionable accessories for men, women and children along with homeware items. Next is committed to reducing its environmental impact in operations and supply chain. The company has a strong focus on responsible sourcing, ensuring materials are responsibly sourced through good working conditions with respect for the environment.

Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021

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Ørsted 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.
Pension Insurance Corp Plc	Insurance	B2	Saving for the future	Pension Insurance Corp provides risk management solutions and insurance products. The firm offers pension insurance buyouts, buy-ins, and longevity insurance solutions and it is contributing to a sustainable economy by de-risking clients' pension portfolio and assisting them in saving for their future.
Phoenix Group Holdings Plc	Insurance	B3	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.
Places For People Homes Ltd	Housing Associations	A2	Building better cities	Places for People provides housing facilities. The Company owns and manages over 209,000 properties, with an average discount to market rent of 40-50%.
Porterbrook Rail Finance Ltd	ABS	A3	Making transportation more efficient or safer	Porterbrook specialises in leasing of all types of railway rolling stock and associated equipment to Train Operating Companies (TOCs), ensuring a high standard of reliability and performance from their fleets. It has a 31% market share of UK rolling stock, including 25% of national passenger fleets. The rail industry plays a pivotal role in reducing road congestion and harmful emissions, with the company's fleet supporting around 1.5 million passenger journeys each day, whilst the rail freight industry carries £30 billion worth of goods across the country per annum.
M&G	Financial Services	C3	Insuring a sustainable economy	Prudential has finally restructured itself to be just the Asian life insurer we have long wanted to see. It is focused on providing Health and Protection products to the as yet largely underpenetrated region.

Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021

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Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
Cadent Finance Plc	Utilities	C2	Improving the efficiency of energy use	Cadent Finance engages in provision of natural gas distribution services. Cadent Gas (formally National Grid Gas Distribution having fully divested from the business in 2019) is the largest regulated gas distributor in the UK, owning four of the eight regulated gas distribution networks (North West England, West Midlands, East of England and North London). Cadent is responsible for the safe and efficient transportation of gas to the customer through pipelines and equipment.
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.
Royal London Mutual Insurance Society Ltd	Insurance	B3	Saving for the future	Royal London Mutual Insurance Society offers life assurance, existing policies details, funeral planning, pensions, wealth management, home, and car insurance. It is contributing to a sustainable economy through the reduction of risk and the mitigation of financial impact for the policy holder, producing a safety net for people and business in times of catastrophe.
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.
Severn Trent Plc	Utilities	A1	Improving management of water	Severn Trent engages in the provision of clean water and waste water treatment services and develops renewable energy solutions. It aims to provide clean and safe drinking water to its customers and is committed to invest £6.6bn over the next AMP, on new and existing pipes, treatment works and reservoirs.

Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021

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Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
South Eastern Power Networks Plc	Utilities	B2	Improving the efficiency of energy use	UK Power Networks is the UK's largest electricity distribution network (DNO), delivering power to 8.3 million homes and businesses via its network in London, the east and south east of England. The business invests significant capital in maintaining and improving its network, to ensure reliability and delivery of electricity in a safe and efficient manner.
Southern Gas Networks Plc	Utilities	C2	Improving the efficiency of energy use	Scotia Gas Networks is one of the UK's largest gas distribution networks, providing natural gas services to 5.9 million customers, operating across Scotland, Southern England and Northern Ireland. It owns and operates two of the eight UK gas distribution networks, Southern Gas Networks and Scotland Gas Networks. They continue to make significant investments in their network to maintain reliability and safety, and to ensure network compatibility for developments in green gas (hydrogen).
Southern Housing Group Ltd	Housing Associations	A4	Building better cities	Southern Housing Group operates as a non-profit housing authority, providing housing facilities with a housing portfolio of c.30,000 properties. Its primary offering is affordable homes at significant discounts to the market to those need them most.
Stagecoach Holdings Plc	Travel & Leisure	A2	Making transportation more efficient or safer	Stagecoach Group is a leading multi-modal public transport provider, operating in Scotland, England and Wales. Stagecoach also operates the low-cost coach service, Megabus, in the UK and Scottish Citylink as a joint venture. The company is increasing its use of electric buses and, as a public transport operator, offers a far more efficient and safer mode of travel than by individual car journeys.
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.

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Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
Student Finance Plc	Financial Services	A4	Providing education	Student Finance is part of the wider Student Roost Group, the third-largest owner/operator of Purpose Built Student Accommodation in the UK. Its role is critical in enabling the provision of higher education to a broader spectrum of prospective students, which in turn fuels higher levels of socioeconomic mobility, as well as fostering research & development and innovation.
Swiss Reinsurance Co Ltd	Insurance	B1	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	B3	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.
Telefonica Sa	Telecommunications	B3	Connecting people	Telefonica is the Spanish incumbent telecommunications operator but also has a broader global footprint with over 345 million customers worldwide, across Spain, Hispanoamerica, Germany, Brazil and the UK. Its presence in emerging markets provides crucial digital infrastructure in countries where reliable physical infrastructure is absent, enabling economic growth and reducing the digital divide.
Thames Water Ltd	Utilities	A2	Improving management of water	Thames Water is the largest water and sewerage companies in England and Wales by both RCV and number of customers served. It provides drinking water to around 9 million customers and sewerage services to around 15 million.

Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021

## All Fund holdings

Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
Transport For London	Non-Financials	A2	Making transportation more efficient or safer	TFL is a local government authority, responsible for the day-to-day operation of London's public transport network and managing main roads. Its safe, integrated, efficient and economic public transport facilities and services play a pivotal role in making transport more efficient, improving air quality and reducing congestion throughout the city, enabling around 31 million journeys across its network every day.
Travis Perkins Plc	Construction & Materials	C2	Building better cities	Travis Perkins is the UK's largest building products supplier and also owns Toolstation. The company is strong on its responsible sourcing policies, with 97% of timber certified as responsibly sourced. Our investment thesis is based on the strong long-term demand for refurbishing the thermally inefficient building stock in the UK.
Unite Group Plc	Real Estate	A2	Providing education	Unite is the UK's largest owner, manager and developer of affordable, safe and secure student accommodation. Through the provision of affordable accommodation, it is enabling the provision of higher education, which in turn drives greater levels of socioeconomic mobility as well as fostering research & development and innovation.
United Utilities Water Plc	Utilities	A2	Improving management of water	United Utilities Group covers the North West of England, providing water and sewerage services to domestic and business customers. UU invests significant amounts of capital expenditure to maintain and improve its network infrastructure, reducing the risk of leakage from the network, which is vitally important given the impact of climate change.
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.

Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021

## All Fund holdings

Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
Vodafone Plc	Telecommunications	B1	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.
Whitbread Plc	Travel & Leisure	C2	Encouraging Sustainable leisure	Whitbread engages in the operation of a chain of hotels, restaurants, and coffee shops. It operates through the Premier Inn segment, which provides services in relation to accommodation and food. Its brands include Premier Inn, Beefeater, Table Table, Brewers Fayre, Cookhouse & Pub, and Thyme.
Yorkshire Building Society	Banks	B2	Building better cities	Yorkshire Building Society provides banking services, offering offering saving accounts, mortgages, savings, insurance, life plans, credit cards, loans, and travel products. Its financial resilience is supported by its not for profit mutual structure that incentivises management to follow a lower-risk culture and de-emphasises profitability measures. The company and has developed products specifically accommodate first time buyers, new build mortgages and Help to Buy mortgages.
Zurich Finance	Insurance	B1	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.
United Kingdom	Gilts	C3	Portfolio construction/diversification	

Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021

## 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.

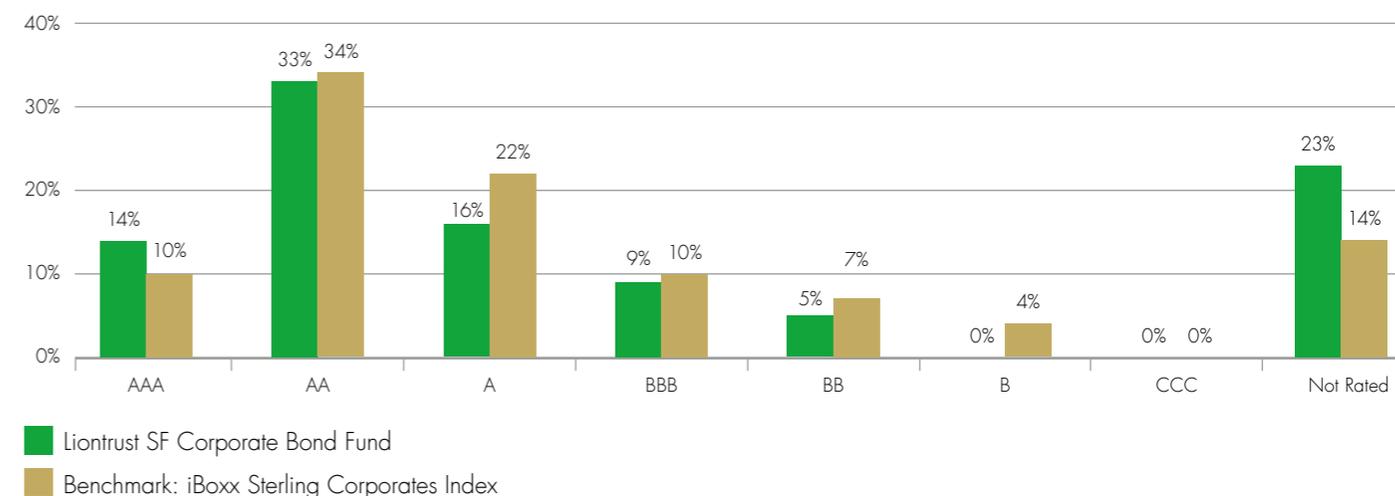
When the portfolio is independently analysed by MSCI, we can see the ESG scoring matches the iBoxx Sterling Corporates benchmark with an AA rating but when we decompose the portfolio score into its constituent E, S and G scores, the fund outperforms on all fronts.

### ESG risk exposure

ESG quality scorecard			
	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
ESG Quality Score (0-10)	9.0	8.9	1.5%
Environmental Score	7.1	7.2	-2.0%
Social Score	5.5	5.0	10.3%
Governance Score	6.0	5.4	11.9%

### MSCI rating distribution

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



Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021. The iBoxx Sterling Corporates Index is one of two comparator benchmarks for this fund.

## Other third party ESG measures

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)	100	133	<b>-25.1%</b>
Fossil fuel reserves (%)	1.6%	8.5%	<b>-6.8%</b>
High impact fossil fuel reserves (%)	0.0%	3.2%	<b>-3.2%</b>
Exposure to high water risk (%)	3.9%	5.0%	<b>-1.1%</b>

### Reputational risk

**Very severe controversy exposure**

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
Overall reputation risk	0.0%	2.5%	<b>-2.5%</b>
Environmental (%)	0.0%	1.1%	<b>-1.1%</b>
Customer (%)	0.0%	0.0%	<b>0.0%</b>
Human rights (%)	0.0%	0.4%	<b>-0.4%</b>
Labor (%)	0.0%	0.0%	<b>0.0%</b>
Governance (%)	0.0%	1.4%	<b>-1.4%</b>

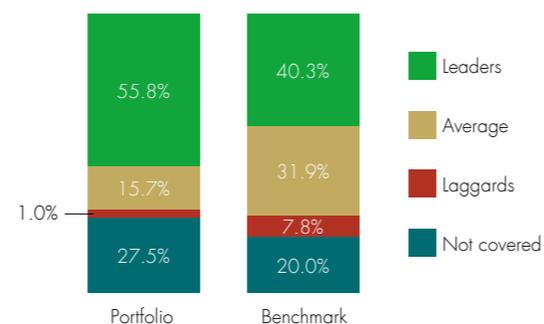
Reputational risk represents the percentage of a portfolio's market value coming from holdings involved in very severe controversial events. It is based on MSCI ESG Controversies. Portfolio level Reputational risk is categorised as Very Low (0%), Low (>0% to <1%), Moderate (1% to <5%), High (5% to <10%),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

Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021. The iBoxx Sterling Corporates Index is one of two comparator benchmarks for this fund.

### Governance risk

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
Governance leaders (%)	55.8%	40.3%	<b>15.5%</b>
Governance laggards (%)	1.0%	7.8%	<b>-6.8%</b>
Board flag (%)	4.9%	5.9%	<b>-1.0%</b>
Lack of independent board (%)	3.1%	3.3%	<b>-0.2%</b>
No female directors (%)	1.0%	2.0%	<b>-1.0%</b>
Female rep. 30% of directors (%)	61.9%	65.4%	<b>-3.5%</b>
Accounting flag (%)	17.7%	21.6%	<b>-3.9%</b>
Pay flag (%)	0.0%	1.7%	<b>-1.7%</b>
Ownership and control flag (%)	1.4%	9.7%	<b>-8.3%</b>

### Governance risk: global percentile



Laggards: 6.8% less than the benchmark  
Leaders: 15.5% greater than the benchmark

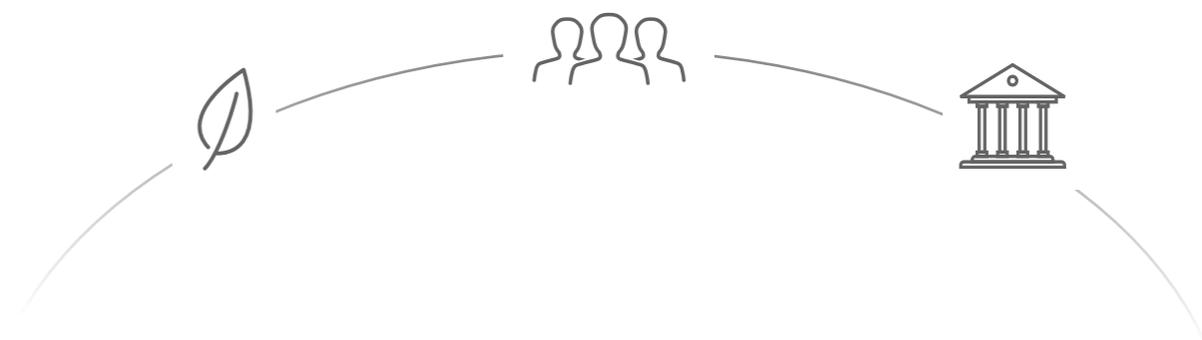
## Additional ESG metrics

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 policies 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.



## Additional ESG metrics

### Social: staff turnover

	Social: staff turnover	Data coverage	
		% weight	Number of companies
Liontrust Sustainable Future Corporate Bond Fund	2.7%	30.3%	27.0%
iBoxx Sterling Corps	2.7%	31.9%	27.0%
Relative to Benchmark	0.0%		

### Governance: % women on board

	% women on board	Data coverage	
		% weight	By number
Liontrust Sustainable Future Corporate Bond Fund	28.0%	75.3%	73.0%
iBoxx Sterling Corps	30.6%	84.8%	81.0%

### Governance: <30% women on board

	<30% women on board (by number)	Data coverage	
		% weight	By number
Liontrust Sustainable Future Corporate Bond Fund	10.8%	75.3%	73.0%
iBoxx Sterling Corps	14.6%	85.8%	82.2%

### Governance: number of women on board

	Number of women on board	Data coverage	
		% weight	By number
Liontrust Sustainable Future Corporate Bond Fund	3.36	75.3%	73.0%
iBoxx Sterling Corps	3.87	84.8%	81.0%

Source: MSCI ESG Manager as 31 December 2021

## Additional ESG metrics

### Governance: board independence

	% Independent board	Data coverage		
		% weight	By number	Proportion with <50% independent board (by weight)
Liontrust Sustainable Future Corporate Bond Fund	59.5%	74.6%	71.9%	3.5%
iBoxx Sterling Corps	67.1%	84.8%	81.0%	4.6%
Relative to Benchmark	-7.6%			-1.2%

### Governance: Joint CEO & Chairman

	Joint CEO & Chairman (by weight)	Data coverage	
		% weight	By number
Liontrust Sustainable Future Corporate Bond Fund	5.4%	75.3%	73.0%
iBoxx Sterling Corps	14.4%	85.8%	82.2%
Relative to Benchmark	-9.0%		

### Human Rights: UN Global Compact Signatory

	% Signatories to UN Global Compact (by weight)	Data coverage	
		% weight	By number
Liontrust Sustainable Future Corporate Bond Fund	49.3%	61.7%	57.3%
iBoxx Sterling Corps	53.8%	74.8%	68.8%
Relative to Benchmark	-4.5%		

### Human Rights: UN Global Compact Status

				Data coverage	
	Pass	Watch List	Fail	% weight	By number
Liontrust Sustainable Future Corporate Bond Fund	99.0%	1.0%	0.0%	75.3%	73.0%
iBoxx Sterling Corps	89.2%	9.5%	1.3%	85.8%	82.2%
Fund relative to benchmark	9.8%	-8.5%	-1.3%		

Source: MSCI ESG Manager as 31 December 2021

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## Key risks

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