

Liontrust Sustainable Investment



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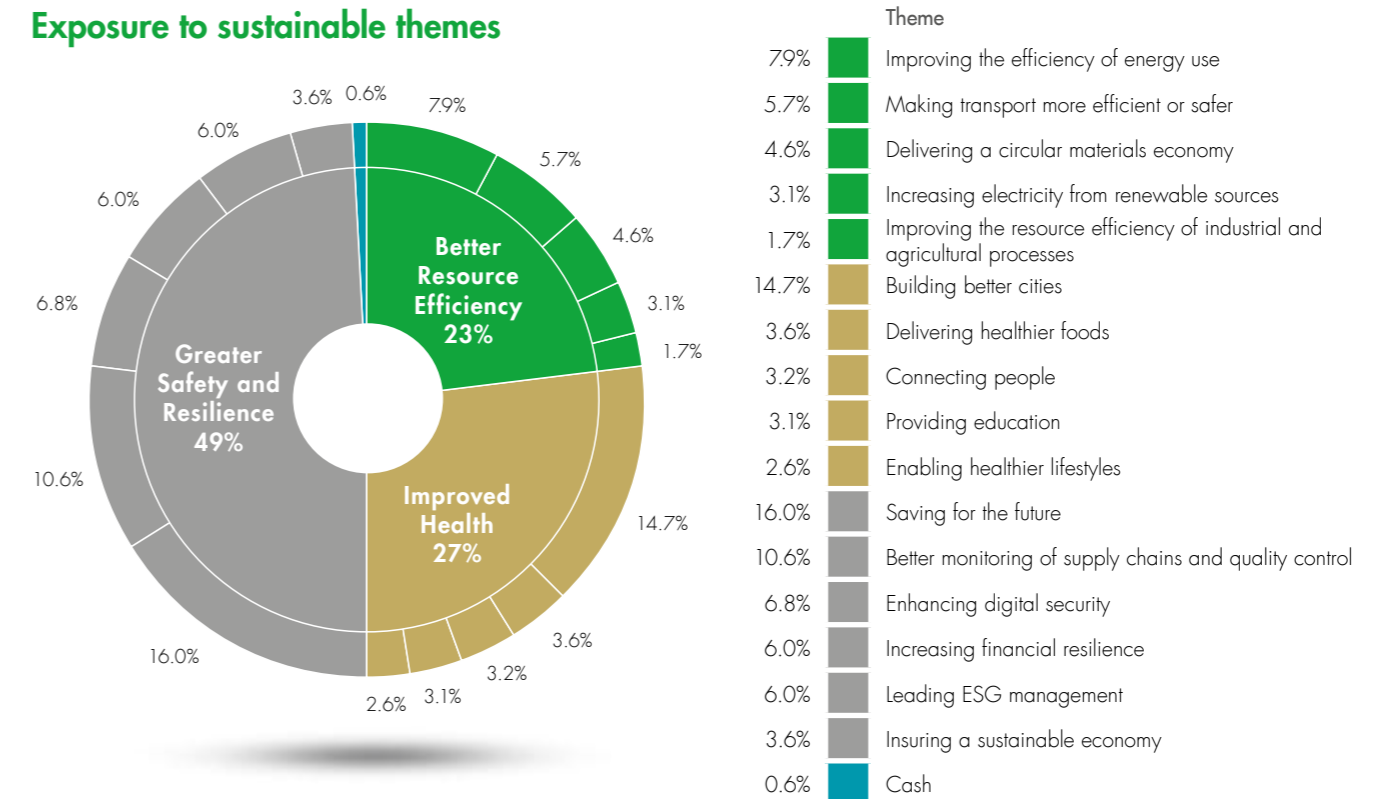
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Exposure to positive sustainability investment trends

We look to invest in companies having a positive impact on our economy by making it cleaner, healthier or safer. Exposure to 16 of our 20 sustainable investment themes is shown below. For more detail on the sustainable themes, see liontrust.co.uk/sustainable

Exposure to sustainable themes



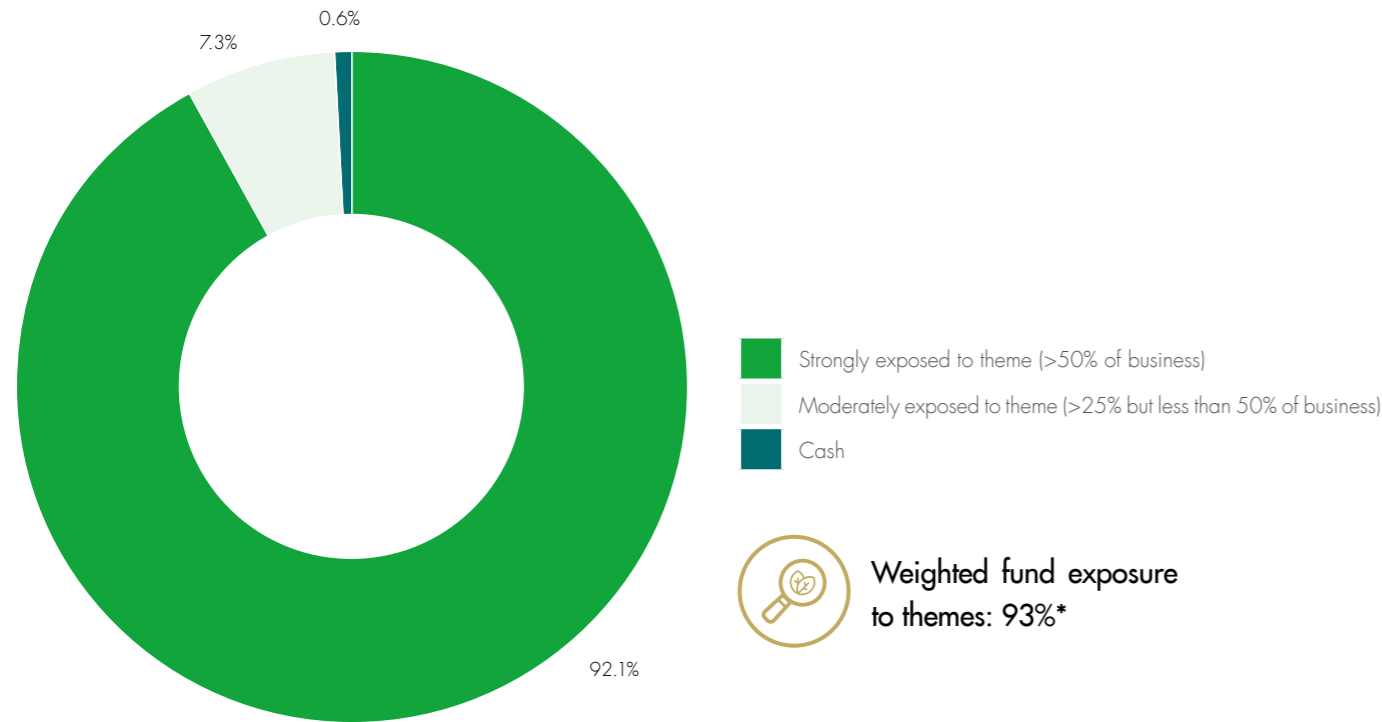
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Exposure to positive sustainability investment trends

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: 92.1% 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 7.3% of the fund is invested in companies that are moderately exposed to our themes, which means between 25% and 50% of revenues.



Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021. *Sales weighted exposure to themes from companies held in the fund

Alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals

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

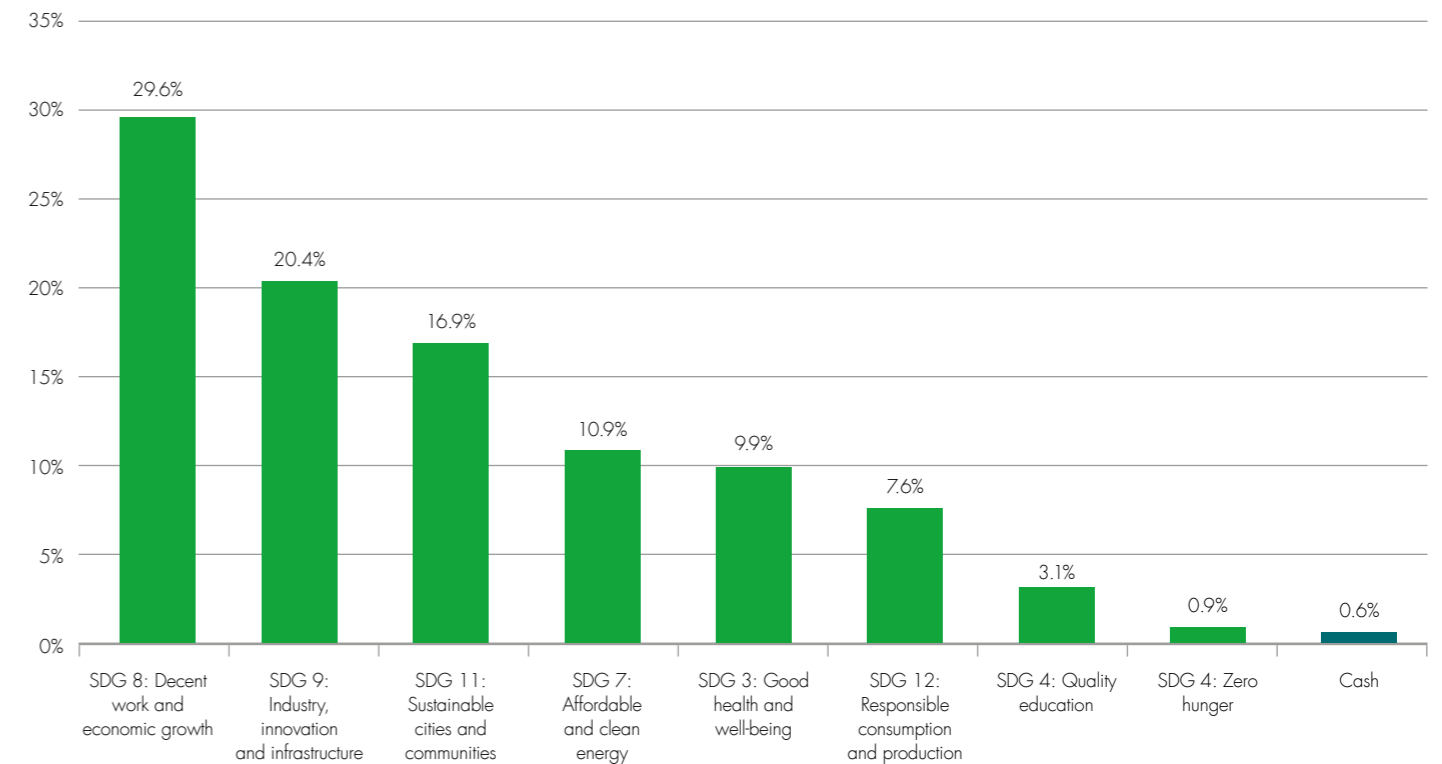
All of the Sustainable investment themes are linked to SDGs and the underlying Key Performance Indicator they relate to have been identified in the SDG text. A more detailed discussion on impact and how the Sustainable themes are aligned with the SDGs is

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 & economic growth (29.6%); SDG 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure (20.4%); SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities (16.9%); SDG 7: Affordable and clean energy (10.9%); SDG 3: Good health and well-being (9.9%); SDG 12: Responsible consumption and production (7.6%); SDG 4: Quality education (3.1%); SDG 4: Zero hunger (0.9%); Cash (0.6%).

The fund is exposed to eight of the 17 UN SDGs.

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

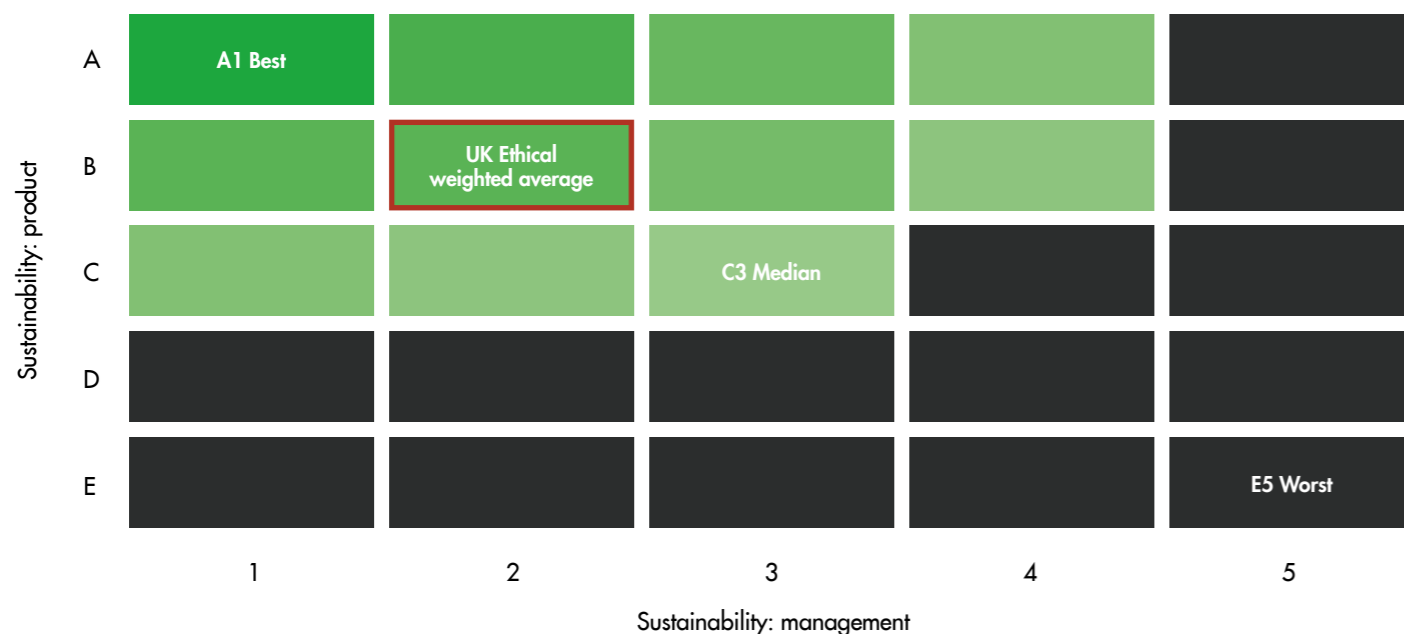


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Assessment of how sustainable companies are: Sustainability Matrix Rating

We assess every company using our proprietary Sustainability Matrix Rating, which measures how sustainable the 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.

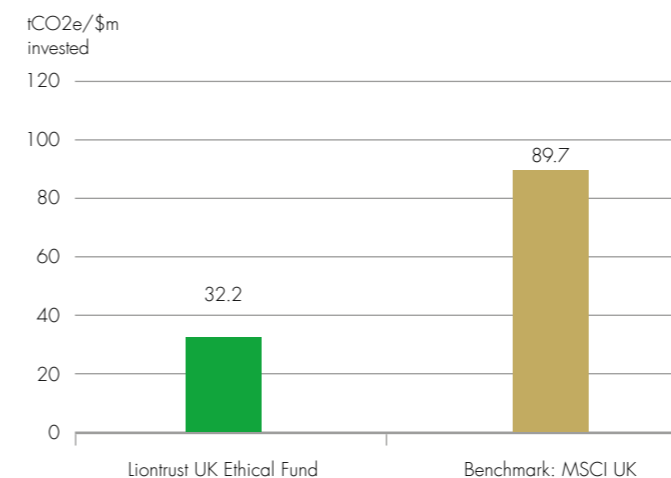


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Climate change: portfolio data on carbon, solutions and fossil fuels

Carbon emissions of fund compared to conventional benchmark

This analysis shows the investments in the fund emit 64.1% less carbon (tCO₂e) than the market it invests in. This independent analysis includes direct emissions forming scope 1 and scope 2 emissions only*.



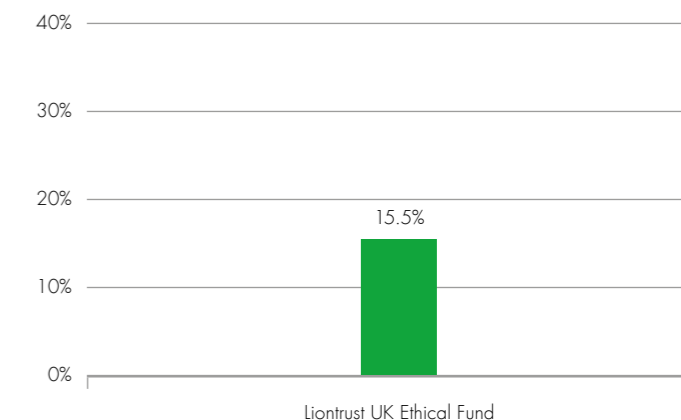
Source: MSCI Carbon analytics as at 31 December 2021. The MSCI UK Index is one of two comparator benchmarks for this fund. Carbon emissions data available for 72.6% of the fund and 100% of the benchmark. *Scope 1 emissions are direct greenhouse (GHG) emissions that occur from sources controlled or owned 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 ₂ e / \$m invested)	Carbon Intensity (tCO ₂ e/\$m sales)	Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tCO ₂ e/\$m sales)	Carbon Emissions Data Availability (Market value)
Liontrust UK Ethical Fund	32.2	47.1	49.7	72.6%
Benchmark: MSCI UK	89.7	128.7	119.9	100.0%
Fund relative to benchmark	-64%	-63%	-59%	

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 15.5% of companies that MSCI has determined are providing clean technology solutions.

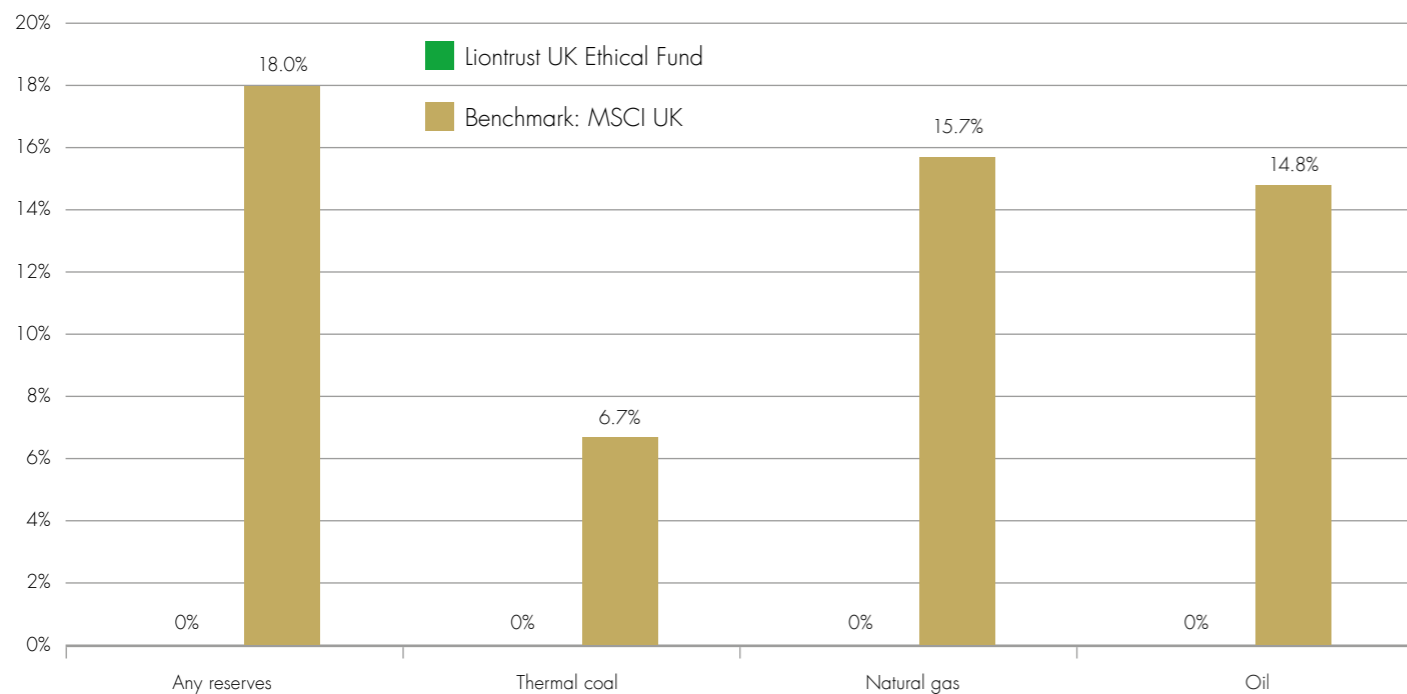


Source: MSCI Carbon Analytics as at 31 December 2021

Weight of holdings owning fossil fuels

Weight of companies owning fossil fuel reserves Liontrust UK Ethical Fund = zero exposure

This analysis shows the fund holds no companies that have fossil fuel reserves: 0% exposure to any fossil fuel reserves; 0% exposure to thermal coal reserves; 0% exposure to natural gas reserves; and 0% exposure to oil reserves.



Source: MSCI Carbon Analytics as at 31 December 2021. The MSCI UK Index is one of two comparator benchmarks for this fund. Carbon emissions data available for 72.6% of the fund and 100% of the benchmark and our zero exposure in the chart above should be seen in that context.

All Fund holdings

Alphabetical list showing all holdings in the fund along with their sector, our Sustainability Matrix Rating and Sustainable investment theme. The fund is invested in 42 companies.

Company name	Sector	Sustainability Matrix	Sustainable investment theme	What this company does and how it contributes to a more sustainable economy
AJ Bell Plc	Financials	B3	Saving for the future	AJ Bell provides a low cost, easy to use investment platform for individuals and financial advisers to manage their investments and savings. Investment platforms such as AJ Bell have democratised the industry, which previously was only accessible for the wealthy.
Capital For Colleagues Plc	Financials	A3	Increasing financial resilience	Capital for Colleagues advises, invests and supports businesses that are either already employee-owned, or would like to become so. This provides clear benefits to society through two main ways. The first is by supporting the economy by providing capital and support to SMEs, driving sustainable job creation and innovation. The second is helping to address the issue of inequality. Profits in employee-owned businesses tend to be more evenly distributed than those where ownership is concentrated in the hands of a few.
Ceres Power Holdings Plc	Industrials	A3	Improving the efficiency of energy use	Ceres Power is a fuel cell technology company. Over the past 20 years, it has refined the science and developed a commercially viable fuel cell ready to be produced by manufacturing partners at scale. The company's SteelCell fuel cell has applications in energy storage for buildings, data centres and as range extenders for vehicles such as buses, lorries and ships. Fuel cells help to store energy and enable the transition to cleaner energy and transportation.
Compass Group Plc	Consumer Discretionary	C1	Leading ESG management	Compass Group provides catering services globally; it serves 5.5 billion meals a year and employs 600k people across 55k client locations. We are holding the company for the way it manages its key Environmental, Social and Governance issues, which we believe are best in class and leads to superior growth and margin progression over the long run.
Countryside Properties Plc	Consumer Discretionary	B1	Building better cities	A UK housebuilder that is distinctive in its focus on mixed communities of affordable, rental and open market. It also leads in modern methods of construction, reducing the time of construction and disruption during building. The company has generated strong returns on capital and growth from persistent shortfall in supply versus demand for quality housing in the UK.

Source: Liontrust / Factset, 31 December 2021

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Crest Nicholson Holdings Plc	Consumer Discretionary	B3	Building better cities	Crest Nicholson builds high-quality homes in the South East of England. These help to meet the deficit in supply and improve the overall energy efficiency and quality of housing in the UK. The company slightly lost its way in 2018-2020 but has a very focused new management, which we believe will align superior financial performance to strong performance on sustainability factors.
DFS Furniture Plc	Consumer Discretionary	C1	Leading ESG management	DFS is the UK's largest sofa retailer with around 35% market share; it is the biggest in both online and in-store sales with an omni-channel experience. DFS is different from other furniture retailers in that it manufactures around a third of its own product and owns a delivery fleet. This enables a higher-quality product and customer experience, with a faster and more consistent delivery service.
Distribution Finance Capital Holdings Plc	Financials	B2	Increasing financial resilience	DFC provides inventory finance to dealers through partnerships with manufacturers. These dealers are small and medium-sized in nature and lack the working capital to hold inventory in their showrooms. Lending to SMEs is a B rated activity due to the positive effect it has on the economy and job creation.
Ethical Property Co	Real Estate	A2	Building better cities	The company provides affordable workspace, conference and educational facilities in 24 buildings in UK cities to 296 charities and social change organisations.
FD Technologies Public Limited Company	Information Technology	B3	Improving the resource efficiency of industrial and agricultural processes	The online world and the proliferation of sensors in all areas of economic and social activity is driving an explosion in data generation but this data is only useful if it is captured and managed, so that it can be analysed effectively. First Derivatives has the leading database software for time-series databases, information where the time of the event is critical. First Derivatives' architecture can deliver a 10-20x reduction in the number of servers needed for a task and 100x improvement in speed.
GB Group Plc	Information Technology	B3	Enhancing digital security	GB Group focuses on solutions helping to reduce fraud and companies to meet their compliance obligations.
Genuit Group Plc	Industrials	B1	Building better cities	Genuit, formerly Polypipe, produces and distributes building products for the management of water and air. As weather events become more extreme, and urbanisation increases, surface water management becomes more important.

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Greencoat UK Wind Plc	Utilities	A2	Increasing electricity from renewable sources	Greencoat UK Wind is a sustainable infrastructure fund that owns and operates renewable energy electricity generation assets. These assets are split across 38 different projects, which are wind generation assets (70% onshore and 30% offshore) in the UK. This fund plays a crucial role in owning renewable assets which are displacing higher carbon alternatives off the electricity grid, helping us move towards an ultra-low carbon economy.
Halma Plc	Information Technology	A1	Better monitoring of supply chains and quality control	Halma is a holding company for 46 distinct businesses in process safety, infrastructure safety, environmental analysis, and medical sectors. The Halma model is to acquire these niche businesses and enable them to grow through support around digital transformation, talent and culture, finance legal and risk, marketing and comms, or international expansion.
Hargreaves Lansdown Plc	Financials	B3	Saving for the future	Hargreaves provides a low-cost way for individuals to manage their investments and savings. There is a huge savings gap in the UK and investment platforms help democratise investments by giving individuals access to funds and shares, for which they would otherwise require a financial adviser.
Helios Towers Plc	Communication Services	A2	Connecting people	Helios Towers owns and operates telecommunications towers and related passive infrastructure. The firm provides tower site space to large mobile network operators (MNOs) and other fixed wireless operators, who in turn provide wireless voice and data services to end-user subscribers.
Home REIT Plc	Real Estate	A1	Building better cities	The company acquires and creates new high-quality homes for homeless people. There is a critical shortage of secure, long-term accommodation for this vulnerable group. The funding is there from central government and local authorities have an obligation to provide it. Home REIT fills the gap by using capital to offer 25-year leases to charities and housing associations at much lower cost than the comparative private or B&B provision.
Intertek Group Plc	Industrials	B2	Better monitoring of supply chains and quality control	Intertek provides services from auditing and inspection, training, advisory, quality assurance and certification to a broad range of global companies.

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Learning Technologies Group Plc	Information Technology	A2	Providing education	Learning Technology Group is a software and consulting business operating in the professional education market. Its e-learning products operate via the Software-as-a-service model, serving a broad range of industries including the public sector, finance, media, and manufacturing.
Legal & General Group Plc	Financials	B1	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.
London Stock Exchange Group Plc	Financials	B2	Increasing financial resilience	LSE is a great example of a company that makes our financial system more resilient and more efficient. Over 80% of sales come from providing data analytics to market participants and a further 13% from its post-trade division, which makes trading and settlement more resilient and efficient.
Mortgage Advice Bureau (Holdings) Plc	Financials	B2	Saving for the future	Mortgage Advice Bureau provides a platform for mortgage advisers to help individuals get mortgages and insurance products. These products provide clear benefits to society and Mortgage Advice Bureau is instrumental in professionalising the industry.
National Express Group Plc	Industrials	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.
Oxford Instruments Plc	Information Technology	A2	Better monitoring of supply chains and quality control	It provides high technology products and services to the world's leading industrial companies and scientific research communities, with world-class ability to image, analyse and manipulate materials down to the atomic and molecular level.

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Oxford Nanopore Technologies Plc	Health Care	A2	Enabling innovation in healthcare	Oxford Nanopore's mission is to enable the analysis of anything, by anyone, anywhere. It focuses on designing, developing, manufacturing and commercialising innovative nanopore-based sensing technologies.
Paragon Banking Group Plc	Financials	B1	Building better cities	Paragon is a specialist lender in the UK, providing finance for professional landlords and SMEs, with a long history of low impairments and high service levels. Its lending helps to support the sizeable private rental market and the development of new houses.
Prudential Plc	Financials	B3	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.
Rotork Plc	Industrials	B2	Better monitoring of supply chains and quality control	Rotork makes actuators and other flow control devices for use in oil and gas, chemical and industrial and water applications. These devices are critical to the safe operations of these critical industries.
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust Plc	Renewable Energy Infrastructure	A2	Improving the efficiency of energy use	The company's role in reducing emissions and bills while increasing security of energy supply, coupled with lack of power price exposure, makes it unique within the listed renewable/sustainable-infrastructure space.
Smart Metering Systems Plc	Industrials	B2	Improving the efficiency of energy use	SMS installs and manages smart meters as well as investing in battery storage projects to improve the resilience of the electricity grid so it can take on more renewables.
Smurfit Kappa Group Plc	Materials	B1	Delivering a circular materials economy	Smurfit Kappa is the #1 card box manufacturer in Europe. It benefits from the move away from plastic to recyclable and biodegradable cardboard packaging. As a leader in recycling, forest sustainability and efficiency in operations, we forecast the company will deliver strong returns through the cycle.
Softcat Plc	Information Technology	B1	Enhancing digital security	Softcat is the UK's leading value-added reseller of IT software and equipment serving the fragmented SME market. The company's competitive advantage is based on the unique culture, which emphasises professionalism, meritocracy, competition and fun. This employee satisfaction drives best-in-class customer experience, high recurring revenues and fast increasing market share.

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St. James'S Place Plc	Financials	C2	Saving for the future	St James's Place provides a platform for a network of financial advisers to service their clients. The demand for financial advice is greater than ever yet the pool of advisers is shrinking due to complex regulatory requirements. SJP's addressable market is individuals with £50k-£5million in investable assets, of which there are 11 million such people in the UK.
The Gym Group Plc	Consumer Discretionary	A1	Enabling healthier lifestyles	Gym Group is the UK's second largest gym group targeting the low-cost end of the market. Its gyms have an average membership of around 5000, typically situated in less wealthy areas of the UK with a monthly rolling membership at just over £20 on average.
The PRS Reit Plc	Real Estate	B2	Building better cities	PRS REIT develops and provides new houses for private rental in major UK towns and cities. They offer quality accommodation to people that cannot afford, or do not want to own, property directly. The emphasis is on developing communities sitting within other types of tenure (owner occupier and affordable) and to regenerate and invest in under-served urban areas.
The Renewables Infrastructure Group Limited	Utilities	A2	Increasing electricity from renewable sources	The Renewable Infrastructure Group is a sustainable infrastructure fund that owns and operates renewable energy electricity generation assets. These are mainly wind generation assets (on- and offshore) with 9% in solar and 1% in battery storage. This fund plays a crucial role in owning renewable assets ,which are displacing higher carbon alternatives off the electricity grid helping us move towards an ultra-low carbon economy.
Thrive Renewables Beochlich	Utilities	A2	Increasing electricity from renewable sources	Thrive Renewables (formerly Triodos Renewables) is a pioneering private company that develops renewable energy projects in the UK with a focus on community involvement. It is currently exploring ways to install renewable energy in the very low subsidy environment and being proactive through involvement in technologies such as heat networks (including geothermal).
Trainline Plc	Consumer Discretionary	B1	Making transportation more efficient or safer	Trainline is a platform that operates a website and a mobile application allowing consumers to book rail and coach tickets digitally. Trainline helps train operators manage capacity utilisation and makes it easier for consumers to buy train tickets and manage their travel plans. By increasing the utilisation of trains Trainline is helping to manage the shift away from air and car travel.

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Treatt Plc	Materials	B2	Delivering healthier foods	Treatt is focused on natural flavours and fragrances for the beverage, food and HPC markets. The company is benefitting from the consumer move towards healthier and more natural food, drink & HPC products. Treatt continues to pursue a strategy of moving up the value chain to higher value-add products, evidenced in its natural sugar reduction technology.
Trustpilot Group Plc	Communication Services	B3	Increasing financial resilience	TrustPilot is an independent review platform that connects consumers and businesses. It was founded in Denmark in 2007 to address the 'trust gap' on the internet. They take a neutral stance towards reviews; businesses cannot pay to have reviews delayed or removed and everyone has to follow the same rules.
US Solar Fund Plc	Utilities	A3	Increasing electricity from renewable sources	US Solar is a sustainable infrastructure fund invested in solar farms in the US. It generates income from selling the electricity from solar farms to utilities and corporates through long-term power price purchase agreements to reduce the volatility from power prices.
Cash				

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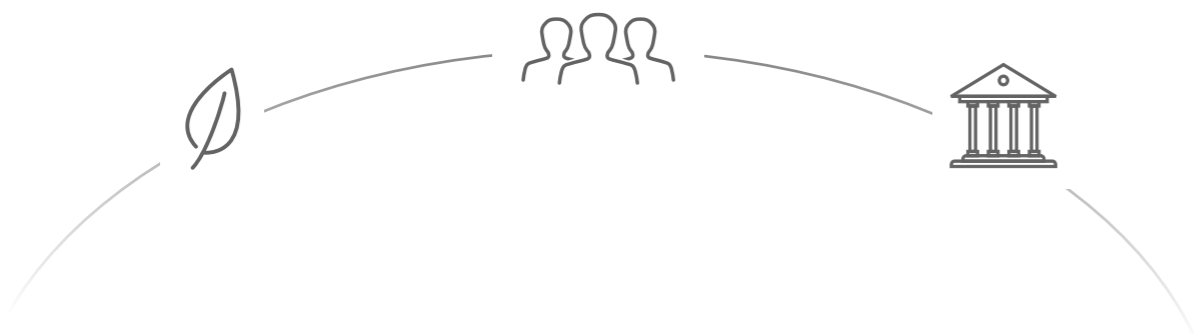
Additional ESG metrics

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 UK Ethical Fund	3.9%	34.9%	23.8%
Benchmark: MSCI UK	5.9%	56.8%	51.2%
Fund relative to benchmark	-2.0%		

Governance: % women on board

	% women on board	Data coverage	
		% weight	By number
Liontrust UK Ethical Fund	26.2%	73.1%	59.5%
Benchmark: MSCI UK	38.7%	93.9%	97.6%

Governance: <30% women on board

	<30% women on board	Data coverage	
		% weight	By number
Liontrust UK Ethical Fund	13.7%	79.0%	66.7%
Benchmark: MSCI UK	1.5%	93.9%	97.6%

Governance: number of women on board

	Number of women on board	Data coverage	
		% weight	By number
Liontrust UK Ethical Fund	2.46	73.1%	59.5%
Benchmark: MSCI UK	4.37	93.9%	97.6%

Source: MSCI ESG Manager as 31 December 2021

Additional ESG metrics

Governance: board independence

	% Independent board	Data coverage		Proportion with <50% independent board (by weight)
		% weight	By number	
Liontrust UK Ethical Fund	51.2%	73.1%	59.5%	3.1%
Benchmark: MSCI UK	74.5%	93.9%	97.6%	0.0%
Fund relative to benchmark	-23.3%			3.1%

Governance: Joint CEO & Chairman

	Joint CEO & Chairman	Data coverage	
		% weight	By number
Liontrust UK Ethical Fund	0.0%	79.0%	66.7%
Benchmark: MSCI UK	0.3%	93.9%	97.6%

Human Rights: UN Global Compact Signatory

	% Signatories to UN Global Compact	Data coverage	
		% weight	By number
Liontrust UK Ethical Fund	16.2%	40.8%	33.3%
Benchmark: MSCI UK	61.9%	93.9%	97.6%

Human Rights: UN Global Compact Status

				Data coverage	
	Pass	Watch List	Fail	% weight	By number
Liontrust UK Ethical Fund	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	73.1%	59.5%
Benchmark: MSCI UK	79.8%	16.8%	3.4%	93.9%	97.6%
Fund relative to benchmark	20.2%	-16.8%	-3.4%		

Source: MSCI ESG Manager as 31 December 2021

Key risks

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the income generated from it can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed. You may get back less than you originally invested.

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