

Taskforce for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Product Report

Covering 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

### Purpose of this report

Under the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), Liontrust is required to publish information annually on product level (fund) TCFD disclosures so that investors may have a better understanding of the climate-related risks and opportunities associated with this fund and its underlying holdings. This report is published in line with the requirements of the FCA and TCFD. To understand the governance, strategy and risk management that Liontrust has in place to manage the risks and opportunities related to climate change, please refer to the Liontrust Entity TCFD report found at: www.liontrust.com/TCFD/entity-report. Where there are any material deviations in this report from the TCFD recommendations, they shall be clearly explained in the entity report.

The following report has been prepared using data from MSCI. In order to ensure that the data provided is representative of the Fund, Liontrust has only reported on data points where there is a minimum data coverage of 60%. Liontrust will review this minimum threshold and will look to increase its disclosures as MSCI data coverage levels improve.

Key Information								
Fund Name	Fund Management Team	ISIN	Fund Size*	Fund Base Currency	Benchmark			
Liontrust Sustainable Future Corporate Bond Fund	Sustainable Investment ("the Team")	GB0030029069	578,604,701	GBP	iBoxx GBP Corporate All Maturities			

<sup>\*</sup>as at 31 December 2024

#### **Objective & Policy**

- To deliver income with capital growth over the long term (5 years or more).
- The Fund invests in investment grade corporate bonds that are sterling denominated or hedged back to sterling. The Fund may also invest in other eligible asset classes as detailed within the prospectus.
- All investments will be expected to conform to our social and environmental criteria.
- The Fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the benchmark(s) detailed above 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 not constituents of the benchmark.
- The Fund will invest in derivatives but it is not intended that their use will materially affect volatility. Derivatives are used to protect against currencies, credit and interest rate moves or for investment purposes. The use of derivatives may create leverage or gearing resulting in potentially greater volatility or fluctuations in the net asset value of the Fund. A relatively small movement in the value of a derivative's underlying investment may have a larger impact, positive or negative, on the value of a fund than if the underlying investment was held instead.

#### **Investment Process**

Macroeconomic analysis is used to determine the team's top-down view of the world and this helps shape all aspects of portfolio construction and appetite for risk. After this the managers aim to focus on high quality issuers and believe this can reduce bond specific risk.

The fund managers' assessment of quality is a distinctive part of the process, in which they combine traditional credit analysis with a detailed sustainability assessment based on the proprietary model. The managers assess individual bonds for whether they believe they offer attractive long-term returns and for absolute and relative valuations.

The managers seek the best value bonds issued by the high-quality issuers identified, looking at bonds issued across the capital structure, along the maturity curve, or issued into the primary credit markets (UK, US and Europe).

Sustainability analysis is fully integrated into the investment process helping to identify high-quality companies that the managers believe will both enhance returns and reduce issuer specific tail-risk.

With effect from 1 April 2025 the Objective & Policy were updated and the fund commenced use of the Sustainability Focus label under the FCA's Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR) and investment labels regime. For the latest Key Investor Information Document (KIID), please refer to the website:

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#### **Fund Information**

### Climate-related commitments

The Fund is positioned for an aggressive shift towards an ultra-low carbon economy (as the Team believes the companies it invests in will gain a competitive advantage by adopting a progressive strategy and will be more successful as a result). The Team has committed to:

- 1. avoid investing in high emitting businesses where there are lower carbon alternatives [\*], while
- 2. seeking to invest in solutions providers who reduce emissions for their customers (within the Team's greater resource efficiency sustainable investment themes [\*\*]) as well as
- 3. engaging with businesses it is invested in to decarbonise in line with the science as it believes this will give them a competitive advantage. This engagement prioritises investments that contribute the most to the fund's direct emissions.

The Fund is part of Liontrust's initial commitment to the Net Zero Asset Managers' (NZAM) Initiative which aims to achieve:

- By 2025: a 25% reduction in the fund's weighted average carbon intensity (WACI) compared to the fund's benchmark WACI as at end December 2019
- By 2030: a 50% reduction in the fund's WACI compared to the fund's benchmark WACI as at end December 2019.

[\*] see p7, [\*\*] see p5, p17 of Liontrust Sustainable Investment - How we invest https://www.liontrust.com/fund-managers/sustainable-investment/sustainable-documents

#### Governance of climate-related risks and opportunities

- Stewardship, engagement and governance activities are overseen by a stewardship and governance team. This includes funds' net zero commitments (where applicable), stewardship and engagement activities, and ESG-related regulatory reporting. For more information, please refer to the dedicated TCFD section on Liontrust's website (www.liontrust.com/TCFD).
- A Board Committee, the Sustainability Committee, leads Liontrust's approach to meeting its wider corporate ESG responsibilities and reporting.
- Each of Liontrust's investment teams follows its own, well-documented investment process; each is overseen by the Portfolio Risk Committee (PRC) and is required to demonstrate how it is adhering to its processes. The PRC is responsible for monitoring portfolio risk for each of Liontrust's funds.
- Liontrust's Risk team monitors the fund holdings to ensure they meet with the negative screens which ensure the fund avoids investing in business activities with meaningful negative externalities (including climate change) and conforms to the eligibility for the fund based on the sustainability matrix.
- Liontrust Sustainable Future funds make use of their Advisory Committee to guide their knowledge on sustainable trends, including the risks and opportunities arising from the climate crisis. (Liontrust Sustainable Investment How we invest p12) https://www.liontrust.com/fund-managers/sustainable-investment/sustainable-documents

### Strategy for managing climate-related risks and opportunities

In its thematic analysis, the Team works to better understand the big sustainable trends that are happening and analyse these themes to check which companies will be potential winners or losers from major multi-decade changes in different parts of the economy. The Team looks at the world through the prism of three megatrends, one of which is 'better resource efficiency'. This relates to using resources more efficiently (water, recycling of waste, lower-carbon energy sources and energy efficiency), all of which can result in reduced emissions.

### Management of climate-related risks and opportunities

For each business, the Team determines the key ESG factors that are important indicators of future success and assesses how well these are managed via the Team's proprietary Sustainability Matrix. Each company held in the portfolio is given a matrix rating, which analyses product sustainability and management quality. This includes the risks and opportunities for the business in relation to the climate crisis. Only businesses which score better than the market median are eligible for investment in the Fund.



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Climate Metrics							
Metric	2024 Data coverage (%)	2023	2024	2025			
Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions (tCO2e)	86.2%	-	10,954.4				
Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions (tCO2e)	86.2%	-	58,509.5				
Total carbon emissions (1+2+3) (tCO2e)		-	69,463.9				
Total carbon footprint (tCO2e/\$m invested)	86.2%	-	14.3				
Weighted average carbon intensity ("WACI") (tCO2e/\$m sales)*	88.4%	70.1	60.0				

Where MSCI data coverage is less than 60%, metrics have not been reported in line with Liontrust's minimum data coverage threshold.

Data for the climate-related information in this table is from MSCI.

For further information on these metrics, including how they are defined and associated limitations, please refer to the Glossary at the end of this report.

The greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and carbon metrics represent an aggregation of issuer level data across the Fund that should not be considered as performance indicators within the Fund and may not be taken into account in the management of the portfolio.

<sup>\*</sup> WACI figure provided does not include sovereigns



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Climate Metrics (continued)

**Exposure to carbon intensive sectors** 

The Fund is not determined to have high exposure to carbon intensive sectors.

Liontrust defines having 'high exposures to carbon intensive sectors' as those funds which have greater than 60% of investments, by portfolio weight, in the following sectors\*: Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying; Manufacturing; Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply; Water Supply: Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities; Construction; Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles; Transportation and Storage; and Real Estate Activities.

#### **Climate Scenarios**

Data coverage from MSCI for the required data points is below Liontrust's 60% minimum threshold. Climate scenario data has therefore not been disclosed for this fund.

#### Implied Temperature Rise ("ITR")



The ITR for the fund is 1.7°C. It can therefore be categorised as 2°C aligned with regard to the Paris Agreement. Data coverage for the Fund is 86.2%

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\*NACE codes are one of the commonly used classification systems to categorise the economic activities of firms and have been used to determine whether a holding within the portfolio falls within one of the 'carbon intensive' sectors noted above.

MSCI ITR metrics provided in this report may not fully reflect future economic reality and are subject to measurement uncertainties resulting from limitations inherent in nature and should not be construed to represent any belief regarding materiality or financial impact. ITR is being provided in this report for the purposes of complying with applicable ESG reporting requirements

This document provides you with climate-related information for the Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law.



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Term used	Definition	Interpretation	Limitations
Scope 1 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions*	Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions from owned or controlled sources. Emissions are measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)	The higher the emissions of the fund, the greater the extent of the fund's underlying holdings' contribution to GHG emissions.	Data used may include estimates.
Scope 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions*	Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy. Emissions are measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)	The higher the emissions of the fund, the greater the extent of the fund's underlying holdings' contribution to GHG emissions.	Data used may include estimates.
Scope 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions*	Scope 3 emissions are all indirect emissions (not included in scope 2) that occur in the value chain of the reporting company, including both upstream and downstream emissions. Emissions are measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)	The higher the emissions of the fund, the greater the extent of the fund's underlying holdings' indirect contribution to GHG emissions.	Data used may be modelled.
Total carbon emissions	Total carbon emissions are the sum of Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions	The higher the emissions of the fund, the greater the extent of the fund's underlying holdings' contribution to GHG emissions.	Data used may include estimates or may be modelled.
Total carbon footprint	Total carbon footprint is total Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions for a portfolio normalized by the market value of the portfolio. Total carbon footprint is measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per million USD invested (tCO2e/\$m invested)	The higher the carbon footprint, the greater the extent of the fund's underlying holdings' contribution to GHG emissions. Total carbon footprint allows for comparison across funds.	Data used may include estimates or may be modelled. Total carbon footprint does not include Scope 3 GHG emissions.
Weighted average carbon intensity (WACI)	WACI is a measurement of a fund's exposure to the carbon intensity of its holdings. WACI is calculated by multiplying the carbon intensity of each holding by the weight of each holding in a portfolio. It is measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per million USD of sales (tCO2e/\$m sales) WACI figures provided do not include sovereigns	The larger the WACI, the higher the fund's exposure to the carbon intensity of its holdings. WACI allows for comparison across funds.	Data used may include estimates or may be modelled. WACI does not include Scope 3 GHG emissions.
Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)	ITR estimates the global temperature increase contribution from a fund's current GHG trajectory. It can show the estimated temperature alignment of funds with global climate targets.	The ambitions of the Paris Agreement are to keep a global temperature rise this century well below 2°C above preindustrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature even further to 1.5°C. In this context, the ITR of the fund can be interpreted according to the following Parisalignment categories:	Underlying GHG emissions data used may include estimates.
		<b>1.5°C</b> aligned- ITR of <= 1.5°C	
		2°C aligned- ITR of >1.5°C- 2°C  Misaligned- ITR of >2.0-3.2°C	
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<sup>\*</sup>The allocation base is Enterprise Value Including Cash (EVIC).

All of the metrics listed above are sourced from MSCI.



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