

# Sustainability Report

**Emerging Markets Sustainability Core 1 Portfolio** 

Data as of December 31, 2024

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### Focused Approach Guided by Science

#### **Data Driven**

We use environmental data to identify issues we believe have the potential to impose significant external costs on future generations.

#### **Climate Focused**

Our approach to sustainability focuses on the emissions that cause climate change.

#### **Transparent Reporting**

Our strategies are designed to provide a meaningful reduction in carbon footprint exposure.

Dimensional's sustainability strategies pursue reduced carbon footprint exposure.



### **Emissions Data**

Focusing on greenhouse gas emissions data enables a climate-focused investment approach

### Relevancy

Greenhouse gas emissions are the primary driver of climate change.

### Accessibility

Companies around the world report greenhouse gas emissions annually.

### Comparability

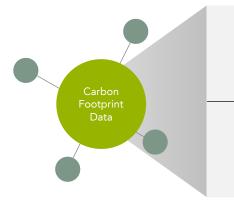
Comparing companies' emissions data allows investors to compare companies' environmental characteristics.



# Understanding Carbon Footprint Data

Evaluating company emissions by considering what's in the air and in the ground

#### **Carbon Footprint Components:**





#### Carbon Intensity (Data Sources: MSCI, ISS)

Carbon Intensity includes a company's recently reported greenhouse gas emissions in tons carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e) divided by a company's sales.

# POTENTIAL CO<sub>2</sub>

#### Potential Emissions from Reserves (Data Source: MSCI)

Potential Emissions from Reserves is an estimate of carbon dioxide produced if a company's reported **fossil fuel reserves** were used.

#### Carbon Concepts at a Glance

### What are carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e)?

CO<sub>2</sub>e is a unit used to compare emissions of the seven greenhouse gases by converting each gas to an equivalent amount of CO<sub>2</sub> based on their global warming potential.<sup>1</sup>

#### What is 1 Ton CO<sub>2</sub>e?



Equivalent to emissions from 113 gallons of gasoline consumed<sup>1</sup>



Equivalent to carbon sequestered by **1.2** acres of US forests in one year <sup>1</sup>

#### What are fossil fuel reserves?

Companies may have physical assets that include coal, oil, and natural gas, which can lead to high emissions in the future.<sup>2</sup>

Carbon Intensity represents a company's recently reported or estimated Scope 1 (direct) + Scope 2 (indirect) greenhouse gas emissions in carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e) normalized by sales in USD (metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e per USD million sales). Greenhouse gases included are carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), hydrofluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF<sub>3</sub>). **Potential Emissions from**Reserves is a theoretical estimate calculated by MSCI of carbon dioxide produced if a company's reported reserves of oil, gas, and coal were converted to energy, given estimated carbon and energy densities of the respective reserves.

<sup>1.</sup> Source: EPA.gov.

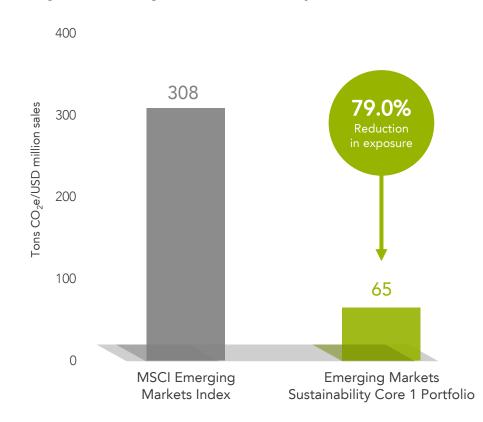
<sup>2.</sup> Source: MSCI.



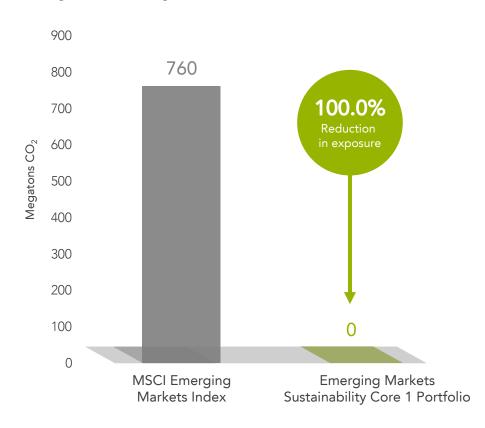
### Carbon Footprint

Emissions exposure as of December 31, 2024

#### Weighted Average Carbon Intensity



#### Weighted Average Potential Emissions from Reserves



Weighted Average Carbon Intensity is found by calculating the recently reported or estimated Scope 1 (direct) + Scope 2 (indirect) greenhouse gas emissions in carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e) normalized by sales in USD (metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e per USD million sales) for each portfolio or index company and calculating the weighted average by portfolio or index weight. Greenhouse gases included are carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF<sub>3</sub>). Weighted Average Potential Emissions from Reserves is found using a theoretical estimate calculated by MSCI of carbon dioxide produced if a company's reported reserves of oil, gas, and coal were converted to energy, given estimated carbon and energy densities of the respective reserves, for each portfolio or index company and calculating the weighted average by portfolio or index weight. Please see "Sustainability Data Description and Disclosures" for additional information. MSCI data © MSCI 2025, all rights reserved.



### Carbon Footprint by Sector

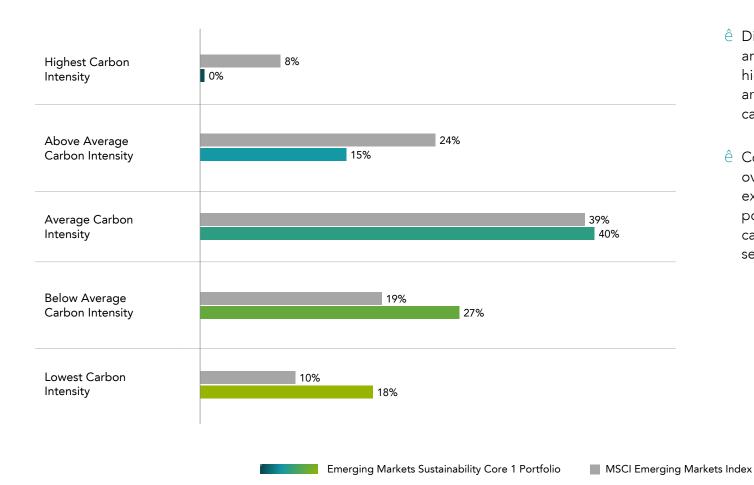
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	Sector Weight (%)		Wtd Avg Carbon Intensity (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/USD millions sales)		Wtd Avg Potential Emissions from Reserves (MtCO <sub>2</sub> )	
Sector	Emerging Markets Sustainability Core 1	MSCI Emerging Markets Index	Emerging Markets Sustainability Core 1	MSCI Emerging Markets Index	Emerging Markets Sustainability Core 1	MSCI Emerging Markets Index
Communication Services	7.9	9.4	32.0	60.8	_	_
Consumer Discretionary	13.9	13.1	31.3	49.4	_	_
Consumer Staples	5.9	4.8	56.5	100.0	_	_
Energy	1.2	4.6	183.4	657.9	_	16,057.0
Financials	20.1	23.7	5.1	13.0	_	_
Health Care	5.4	3.4	62.7	96.5	_	_
Industrials	11.8	6.6	69.6	211.0	_	6.1
Information Technology	22.7	24.3	65.7	111.8	_	_
Materials	6.0	5.7	325.4	1,522.1	_	92.0
Real Estate	2.9	1.7	43.3	85.3	_	_
Utilities	2.2	2.7	172.5	4,597.3	_	797.6
Total			65	308	0	760

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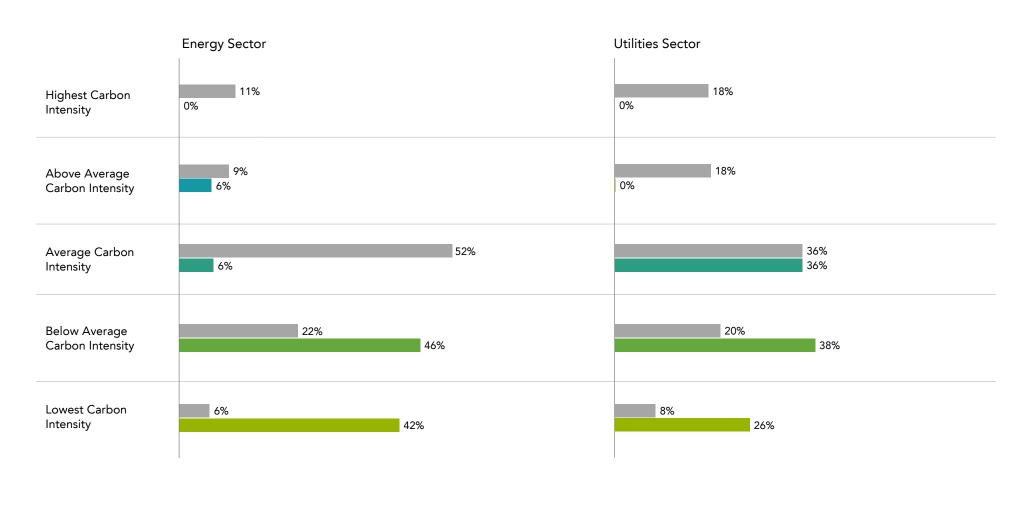


- Dimensional's sustainability strategies are designed to reduce exposure to higher carbon intensity companies and increase exposure to lower carbon intensity companies.
- Companies with high carbon intensity overall or relative to sector peers are excluded or underweighted in the portfolio, while companies with lower carbon intensity overall or relative to sector peers may be overweighted.

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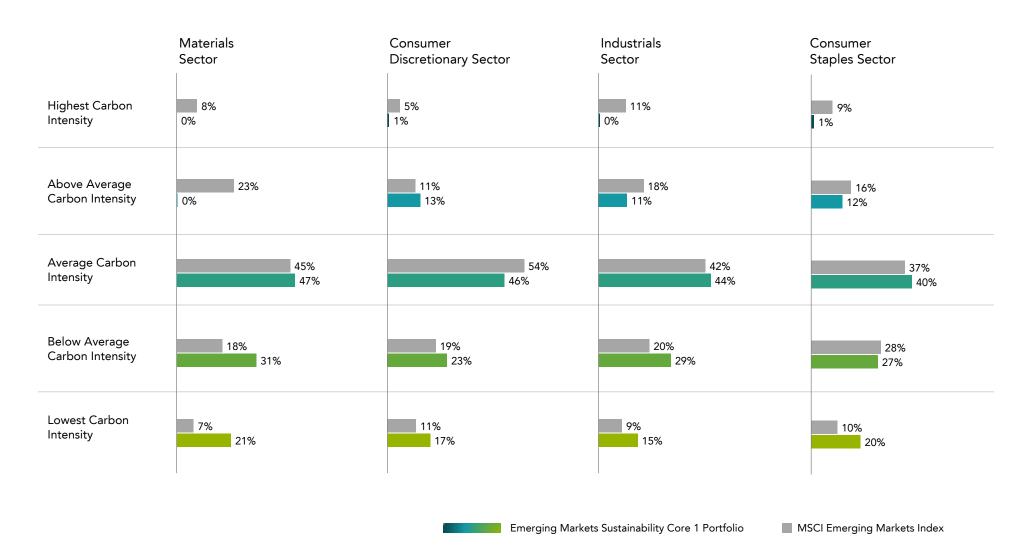
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MSCI Emerging Markets Index



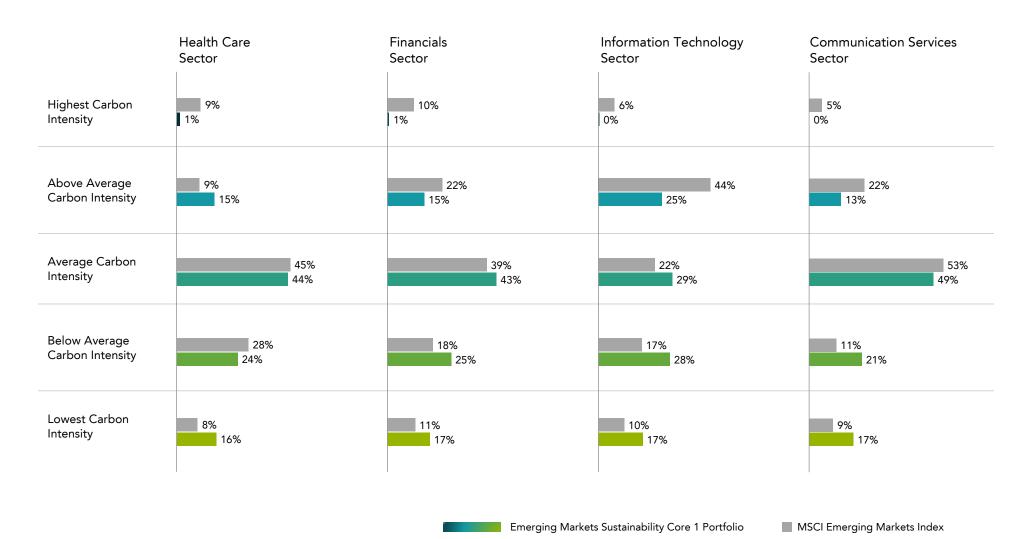
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