

AI Japan Equity Fund



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| 213800DRNCHY9KH8QP26 | GBP 1,013m | 31/12/2023 |

TCFD Fund Disclosures

This Climate-related Disclosure report outlines the potential climate impact of this investment fund based on the climate metrics recommended by the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD).

Fund Objectives & Policy

Objective: The Sub-Fund aims to grow your investment over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in shares of Japanese companies.

Core investment: At least 80% of the Sub-Fund will be invested in shares of companies which are domiciled or listed in Japan or which have significant trading activities in Japan.

Other investments: The Sub-Fund may also invest in other shares, other funds (including funds managed by the Investment Manager), derivatives, cash and deposits.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes or to gain a particular market exposure which would otherwise be difficult or costly to achieve, or to manage the Sub-Fund's cash flows in a cost-effective manner. Derivatives may also be used to reduce risk, such as foreign currency risk within the Sub-Fund.

Strategy: The Sub-Fund is actively managed, and the Investment Manager aims to achieve the Sub-Fund's objective by constructing a diversified portfolio of Japanese equities. The Investment Manager focuses on undervalued companies whose long-term growth prospects are not fully reflected in their stock price and it prefers companies that can generate above average long-term returns on their capital.

The Sub-Fund has limited exclusions based on Aviva Investors' UK Responsible Investment policy. Further information on the Aviva Investors UK Responsible Investment policy is available on our website and in the Prospectus.

Climate Risk Strategy

Schroders Investment Management Limited, the Fund's investment manager, aims to engage with and encourage the companies it invests in to establish net zero targets and robust plans for delivery, in order to improve their durability and profitability.

The Fund has specific exclusions based on Aviva Investors' UK Responsible Investment policy including, unconventional fossil fuels and thermal coal and these form a key part of the climate mitigation strategy.

Climate Risk Management

Schroders Investment Management Limited, the fund's appointed Investment Manager, oversees the management of climate risks within its investment activities by embedding climate change into its second line oversight processes. Dashboards are used by both fund managers and oversight functions to provide users with access to the metrics, along with measures from external third-party ESG rating providers, to enable effective oversight and reporting.

Climate Risk Governance

Aviva Investors UK Fund Service Limited appoints third parties as asset managers for a number of products. Third party managers are required to demonstrate that effective Climate, ESG and responsible investment policies are in place and climate risk management is embedded into the investment process.

Aviva Investors UK Fund Service Limited, the funds Authorised Corporate Director, has an independent governance structure which allows the Board, management committee and senior management to integrate climate related risks and opportunities into its strategy, decision making and business processes.

When Aviva Investors UK Fund Service Limited appoints an investment manager to manage a product they are required to demonstrate that effective Climate, ESG and responsible investment policies are in place and climate risk management is embedded into the investment process.

For further information on how we integrate ESG please refer to the Aviva Investors UK Fund Service Limited's Responsible Investment policy which is available on our website and in the prospectus. Please see our Responsible Investment Policy available here. [Responsible Investment Policy](#).

Please see page 90 of [Aviva's Climate-related Financial Disclosure](#).

Please see page 55 of [Schroders plc Climate Report](#).

Fund Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The table below show the key measures used to evaluate the Greenhouse Gas emissions impact of the fund.

| Climate Metrics | Unit of measurement | 31 Dec 2022 | | 31 Dec 2023 | | Trend |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|------------|
| | | Data Coverage % | Amount | Data Coverage % | Amount | |
| Total scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions | tCO2e - shown in thousands | 99% | 29.16 | 98% | 59.87 | ▲ +105.30% |
| Total carbon emissions | tCO2e - shown in thousands | 99% | 29.16 | 98% | 59.87 | ▲ +105.30% |
| Total carbon footprint | tCO2e / £million invested | 99% | 33.44 | 98% | 60.57 | ▲ +81.10% |
| Weighted average carbon intensity | tCO2e / \$million Revenue | 99% | 40.57 | 98% | 57.15 | ▲ +40.88% |

Trend analysis may not always be available, meaningful or relevant depending on the basis of the data and the comparison. There are various factors that could influence trends and direction including macro-economic factors.

* In 2023 we have updated our methodology for Total carbon footprint and Sovereign intensity to be reported in pounds sterling (£) rather than US dollars (\$). This reflects the functional and presentational currency of our Product reporting. The comparatives have been re-presented on a consistent basis.

PCAF score for scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions is 2 for Equities and Bonds.

Data sources - please see information on data sources shown later in this document. **Note** - Zero balances may be a result of rounding.

Carbon Emissions Metrics Explained: We use the following metrics to measure the collective carbon impact of the fund's holdings, calculated according to TCFD standards, which in turn are based on the internationally accepted [GHG Protocol](#):

| Metric | TCFD Definition, based on GHG Protocol |
|--|--|
| Scope 1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Metric Tonnes) | Direct GHG emissions that occur from sources that are owned or controlled by the company. |
| Scope 2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Metric Tonnes) | GHG emissions from the generation of purchased electricity consumed by the company. |
| Scope 3 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Metric Tonnes) | GHG emissions that are a consequence of the activities of the company, but occur from sources not owned or controlled by the company. For Scope 3 see below. |
| Total Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Metric Tonnes) | Total of Scopes 1 and 2. For Scope 3 see below. |
| Total Carbon Footprint (Metric Tonnes per £1M AUM Contribution) | Total carbon emissions for a fund, expressed in in tCO ₂ e / £million invested. |
| Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Metric Tonnes per \$1M Revenue) | Volume of carbon emissions per million dollars of revenue (carbon efficiency of a portfolio), expressed in tonnes CO ₂ e/\$M revenue. |

Top 3 Carbon Emitting GICS sectors

For Equities and Corporate Bonds, we can break emissions down by sector. We use the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) system, and measure all greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, not just carbon.

Metrics have been prepared for £1,010m of the Equity and Corporate Bonds.

The 3 largest (scope 1 & 2) carbon emitting Global Industry Sectors of the fund in Equities and Corporate Bonds are:

| GICS Sector | WACI tCO ₂ e / \$m Revenue* | Contribution to Portfolio WACI% | Assets holding £m | Assets exposure %** |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Industrials | 103 | 43 | 237 | 24 |
| Materials | 257 | 25 | 54 | 5 |
| Information Technology | 44 | 12 | 150 | 15 |

Data sources – please see information on data sources shown later in this document. **Note** – Zero balances may be a result of rounding.

*Carbon Intensity data is available for scope 1 & 2 emissions only.

**Sector information is unavailable for 3% of the fund's Equity & Corporate Bonds Assets.

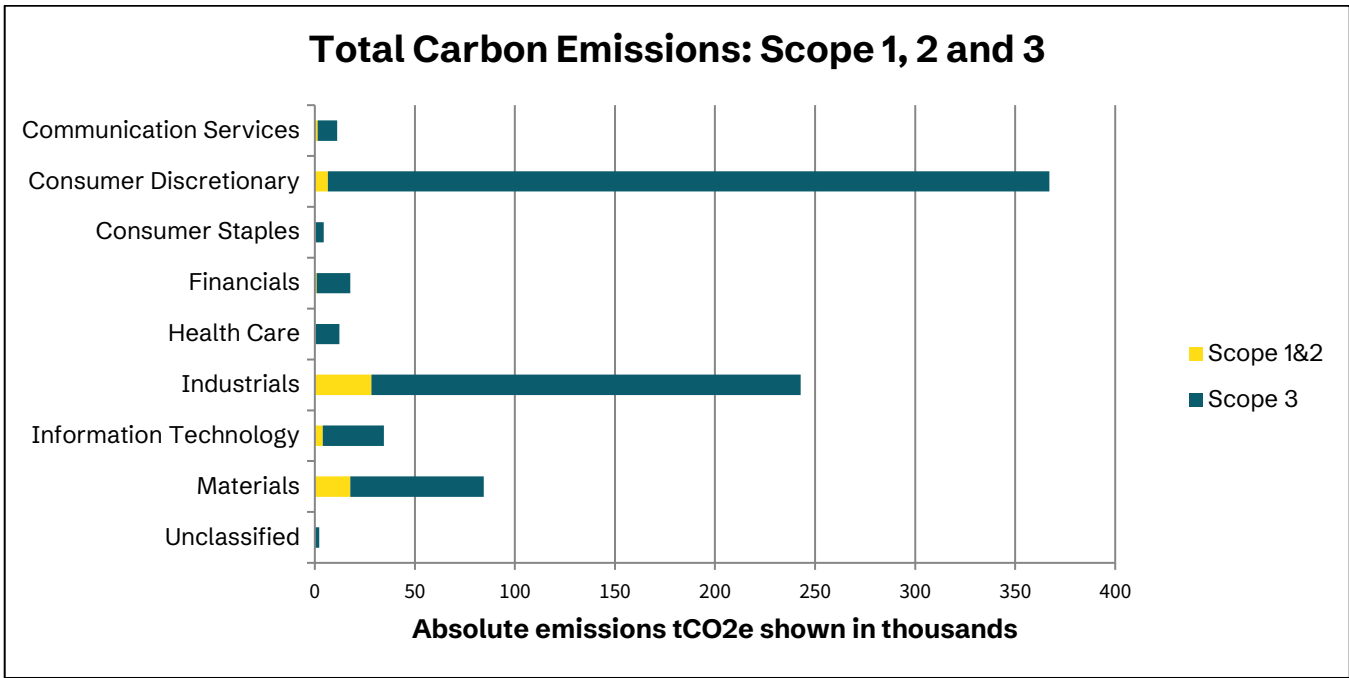
Total Carbon Emissions: Scope 3

Scope 3 Disclaimer

Estimating Scope 3 emissions of an investment fund is subject to a significant degree of measurement uncertainty. Scope 1 & 2, and Scope 3 metrics are calculated within the limits of available data. All the Scope 3 emissions data is estimated by MSCI, our market data provider. The majority of Scope 1 & 2 data is gathered from reported company data. The two metrics are reported separately to minimise the effects of double counting associated with Scope 3 emissions. Double counting occurs due to underlying investments being held in companies who may share value chains.

Total Carbon Emissions: Scope 1, 2 and 3

This sector analysis of the Scope 1 & 2, and Scope 3 emissions data illustrates that the largest proportion of carbon emissions are Scope 3 emissions. Scope 3 emissions are outside of a single company's direct control. Addressing Scope 3 emissions will need collective action from industry, governments and global organisation, as well as individual company action.



If all Scope 3 emissions associated with the Equities and Corporate Bonds held in this investment fund are added, they would amount to 716.94 tCO₂e (shown in thousands), including double counting emissions across company value chains. The data coverage is 98%. The data quality score is 4, as all Scope 3 emissions are estimated.

Product Scenario Alignment

Indicating the likely implied temperature rise associated with a fund's investments is inherently complex, it is a rapidly evolving metric which has to include a host of assumptions by its very nature, guidance on how best to calculate this forward looking indicator is improving all the time, but currently we do not feel it appropriate to publish this data as it risks being potentially misleading and in any event would be heavily caveated and only indicative of a range of potential temperature rises and subsequent associated scenario's given the uncertainty of forecasts for the global economy to decarbonise. We intend to publish the implied temperature rise (ITR) of our investment products in subsequent years once we have designed a suitably robust methodology to represent the most likely possible future decarbonisation pathway of a representative basket of assets for a fund based on its sector, asset class and/or investee company specific projected decarbonisation pathways and other relevant carbon intensity data such as the likes of progress against the Science Based Target Initiative.

In the meantime the most decision useful information to enable comparison between funds based on their implied temperature rise is to use independent research that compares funds using the same methodology, this is freely available from climate data providers such as MSCI as per their ESG fund ratings and climate search tool <https://www.msci.com/our-solutions/esg-investing/esg-fund-ratings-climate-search-tool>. Comparing funds ITR scores from different firms which may be using proprietary models and differing assumptions could produce misleading results in that near identical funds could show very different numbers based on the method and bullishness of the model used and assumptive inputs.

Climate Value-at-Risk

Climate Value at Risk (Climate VaR) has emerged as a measure to estimate the potential financial losses that a company or portfolio of assets could incur as a result of climate change, we are currently evaluating the robustness of this measure and intend to publish it for future iterations of our fund level TCFD reports once we are comfortable the data has sufficient coverage and quality and once we have fully understood the potential limitations and weaknesses of the metric so we can present it in a suitable way. This includes ensuring the appropriate time horizon of the indicator and the appropriate scenarios are reflected in the output in a way that ensures it is not potentially misleading.

Other Metrics

There are countless options rapidly developing that are designed to convey climate risks and opportunities, we will keep this metrics under review and where they are deemed to be decision useful we will endeavour to incorporate them into our future reporting suite in conjunction with formal adoption of additional data by TCFD and other disclosure standards boards and regulations.

Climate Metrics

Our key climate figures show the carbon emissions for each investment fund. Metrics are disclosed for Equities and Corporate Bonds and Sovereigns. There are three types of emissions we consider: Scope 1 (direct), Scope 2 (indirect) and Scope 3 (from a company's value chain).

Climate metrics include estimates of emissions and climate change, for more details, our reporting approach and cautionary statements are provided in the Aviva plc Climate-related Financial Disclosure 2023 report available at <https://www.aviva.com/sustainability/reporting/>.

Useful Link

[Aviva's Climate-related Financial Disclosure](#)

Please see page 55 of [Schroders plc Climate Report](#).

Data sources

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