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# ESG Report

## Global Targeted Value Lower Carbon ESG Screened Fund

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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 ESG investing 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 ESG 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.

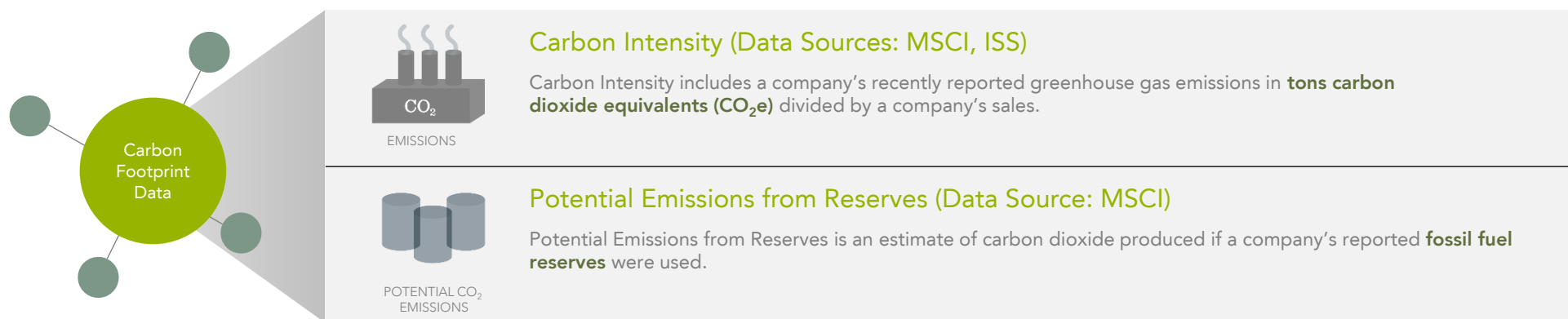
## Comparability

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 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 **427** litres 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>

1. Source: EPA.gov.

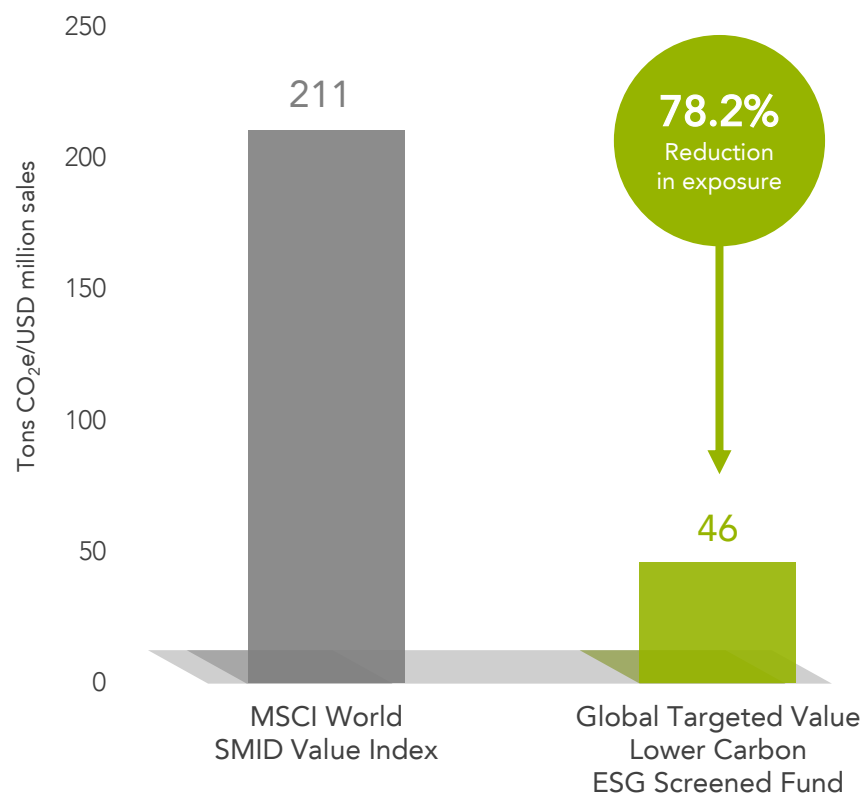
2. Source: MSCI.

**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) normalised 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 (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulphur 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.

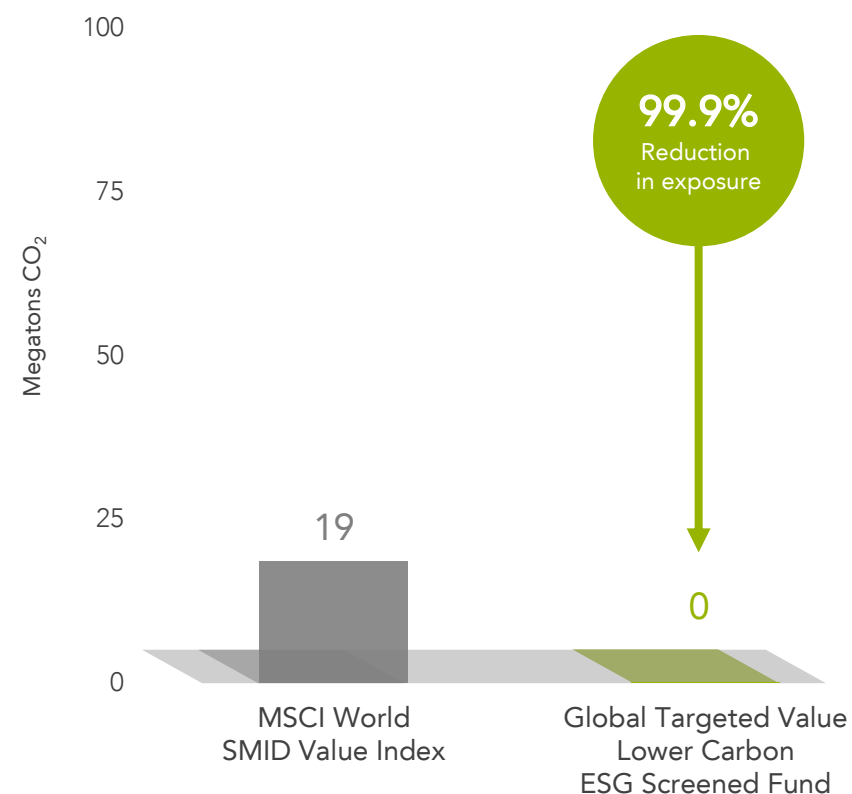
# Carbon Footprint

Emissions exposure as of March 31, 2025

## 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 "ESG Data Description and Disclosures" for additional information. MSCI data © MSCI 2025, all rights reserved.

# Carbon Footprint by Sector

As of March 31, 2025



Sector	Sector Weight (%)		Wtd Avg Carbon Intensity (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/USD millions sales)		Wtd Avg Potential Emissions from Reserves (MtCO <sub>2</sub> )	
	Global Targeted Value Lower Carbon ESG Screened Fund	MSCI World SMID Value Index	Global Targeted Value Lower Carbon ESG Screened Fund	MSCI World SMID Value Index	Global Targeted Value Lower Carbon ESG Screened Fund	MSCI World SMID Value Index
Communication Services	4.0	3.2	17.2	14.2	—	—
Consumer Discretionary	13.2	8.8	27.7	36.9	—	—
Consumer Staples	6.4	5.0	64.3	67.4	—	—
Energy	1.9	4.3	129.9	363.2	—	349.5
Financials	25.6	22.3	4.0	4.6	—	0.8
Health Care	10.9	6.8	24.5	24.4	—	—
Industrials	17.4	15.8	45.0	75.2	—	4.0
Information Technology	8.1	6.1	45.8	53.5	—	—
Materials	9.8	8.4	183.7	501.0	—	2.1
Real Estate	1.7	11.1	35.0	48.9	—	—
Utilities	0.7	8.2	143.0	1,495.8	1.3	30.1
<b>Total</b>			<b>46</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>

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# Details on ESG Considerations

## Targeted Value ESG Funds

### EMPHASISE LOWER CARBON COMPANIES

Goal	Methodology	Policy	Measurement
Avoid highest carbon companies in the market	 <p>Excludes from purchase companies that are within at least the worst 5% of free-float market capitalisation when ranked by an emissions-based score relative to peers. The emissions-based score of each company is determined by its carbon intensity rank and potential emissions from reserves rank. The exclusion may be higher than 5% to ensure that the binding elements are attained.</p>	The fund reduces its weighted average carbon intensity exposure relative to the market <sup>1</sup> by at least 50%.	The weighted average carbon intensity is measured by using the carbon intensity (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/USD millions sales) of each company in the fund or in the market and calculating the weighted average by fund or market weight.
	 <p>Excludes from purchase companies that are within at least the worst 5% of free-float market capitalisation when ranked by an emissions-based score relative to peers. The emissions-based score of each company is determined by its carbon intensity rank and potential emissions from reserves rank. The exclusion may be higher than 5% to ensure that the binding elements are attained.</p>	The fund reduces its weighted average potential emissions from reserves exposure relative to the market by at least 75%.	The weighted average potential emissions from reserves are measured by using the total potential emissions from reserves (MtCO <sub>2</sub> ) of each company in the fund or in the market and calculating the weighted average by fund or market weight.

The fund generally seeks to invest in direct holdings and a minimum of 90% of its investments will be aligned with the E/S characteristics promoted by the fund. See "Disclosures" to learn how to obtain the fund's Prospectus which includes complete information on the fund's ESG considerations. Additionally, please refer to the fund's Sustainability-Related Disclosures at [www.dimensional.com/SFDR](http://www.dimensional.com/SFDR).

1. The market represents the fund's eligible market universe, which is a list of securities eligible for the fund prior to the application of the fund's investment strategy, weighted according to their market capitalisation. The list generally consists of a broad and diverse group of securities traded in approved countries as defined in the Prospectus of the fund.

# Dimensions of Expected Returns

Illustrative index performance: annualised compound returns (%) in US dollars



**Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Actual returns may be lower.**

In USD. The Dimensional and Fama/French Indices reflected above are not “financial indices” for the purpose of the EU Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID). Rather, they represent academic concepts that may be relevant or informative about portfolio construction and are not available for direct investment or for use as a benchmark. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Index returns are not representative of actual portfolios and do not reflect costs and fees associated with an actual investment. Actual returns may be lower. See the appendix for descriptions of the Dimensional and Fama/French indexes and for standardised 5-year performance of financial indices. MSCI indices are gross dividends. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortisation minus interest expense scaled by book. S&P data © 2025 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved. MSCI data © MSCI 2025, all rights reserved. Bars are represented by the following indices, in order: Dimensional US Small Cap Index, S&P 500 Index, Dimensional International Small Cap Index, MSCI World ex USA Index, Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Index, MSCI Emerging Markets Index, Fama/French US Value Research Index, Fama/French US Growth Research Index, Fama/French International Value Index, Fama/French International Growth Index, Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index, Fama/French Emerging Markets Growth Index, Fama/French US High Profitability Index, Fama/French US Low Profitability Index, Fama/French International High Profitability Index, Fama/French International Low Profitability Index, Fama/French Emerging Markets High Profitability Index, Fama/French Emerging Markets Low Profitability Index.



# Testing the Valuation Equation

Average monthly returns

## US Large: 1963–2024

		PROFITABILITY			Profitability Premium
		LOW		HIGH	
PRICE/BOOK	GROWTH	0.80	1.04	1.00	0.20
		0.85	0.92	1.01	0.17
	VALUE	0.93	1.10	1.14	0.21
	Value Premium	0.13	0.06	0.14	

## US Small: 1963–2024

		PROFITABILITY			Profitability Premium
		LOW		HIGH	
PRICE/BOOK	GROWTH	0.40	0.90	1.07	0.67
		0.89	1.13	1.34	0.45
	VALUE	1.21	1.33	1.52	0.31
		Value Premium	0.81	0.43	0.45

## Non-US Developed: 1975–2024

		PROFITABILITY			Profitability Premium
		LOW		HIGH	
PRICE/BOOK	GROWTH	0.44	0.76	0.81	0.38
		0.78	0.87	0.96	0.18
	VALUE	1.00	1.08	1.11	0.11
	Value Premium	0.57	0.33	0.30	

## Emerging Markets: 1989–2024

		PROFITABILITY			Profitability Premium
		LOW		HIGH	
PRICE/BOOK	GROWTH	0.39	0.59	1.11	0.72
		0.48	0.89	0.74	0.26
	VALUE	0.94	1.04	1.32	0.38
	Value Premium	0.54	0.45	0.21	

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In USD. US Large and US Small computed from Fama/French Total US Market Research Index published security weights. Non-US Developed computed from Fama/French International Market Index prior to 1990 and the Fama/French Developed ex US Market Index thereafter. Emerging Markets computed from Fama/French Emerging Markets Index. Dimensional computed security returns and Dimensional classification of securities based on size, value, and profitability parameters. The Fama/French Indices represent academic concepts that may be used in portfolio construction and are not available for direct investment or for use as a benchmark. Index returns are not representative of actual portfolios and do not reflect costs and fees associated with an actual investment. See Appendix "Testing the Valuation Equation: Descriptions and Important Information".

# Designing Robust Portfolios

## GOALS

Increase Expected Returns

Manage Risks

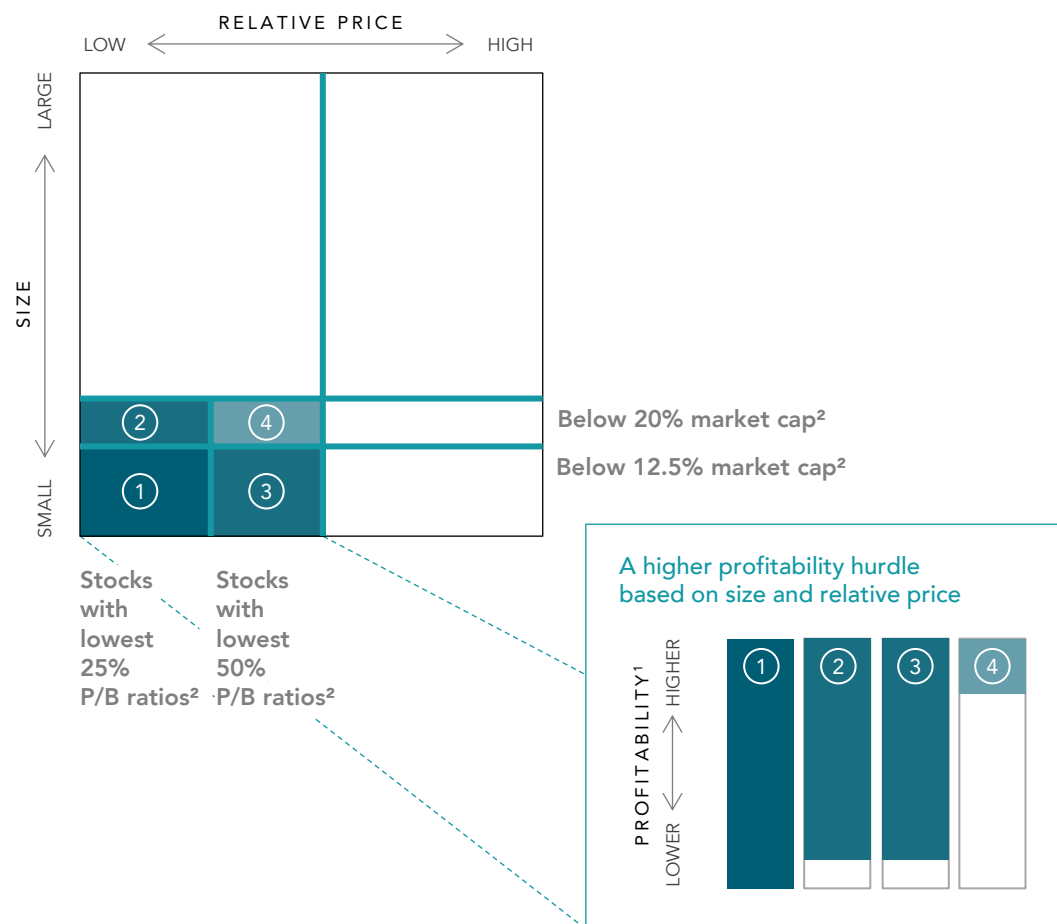
Control Costs

## CONSIDERATIONS

- Sorting variables
- Breakpoint definitions
- Integration of premiums
- Weighting schema
- Degree of emphasis on premiums
- Diversification across names, sectors, and countries
- Level of turnover
- Liquidity and expected trading costs

# What the Portfolio Can Buy

Global Targeted Value Lower Carbon ESG Screened Fund as of March 31, 2025



1. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortisation minus interest expense scaled by book.

2. Actual size and relative price breaks are determined at the country or region level.

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ELIGIBILITY AND WEIGHTING GUIDELINES	
Eligible Markets	Developed markets
Security Selection	Small and mid cap value stocks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– smallest 20% of stocks by market cap down to \$50 million</li> <li>– lowest 50% of stocks by price-to-book</li> </ul>
	Within small and mid cap value, exclude stocks with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– low profitability<sup>1</sup> and higher relative prices</li> </ul>
	Within small cap value, exclude stocks with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– high asset growth</li> </ul>
	Exclude stocks based on ESG considerations
Refinements	Exclude REIT and highly-regulated utility securities
Concentration Controls	Target broad coverage of eligible securities to achieve diversification across names and sectors
	Maximum 10% sector overweight relative to the style-neutral, size-eligible universe

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# Testing the Valuation Equation: Descriptions and Important Information

## US Large and US Small: 1963–2024

Source: CRSP and Compustat. At the end of each June from 1963 to 2023, stocks are sorted on price-to-book into three portfolios, each representing one-third of the market. Similarly, stocks are sorted on profitability into three portfolios, each representing one-third of the market. Utilities are excluded. The monthly returns reported above are for the intersections of the three portfolios formed on price-to-book and the three portfolios formed on profitability.

## Non-US Developed: 1975–2024

Source: Bloomberg. Eligible stocks in each non-US developed market country are sorted on price-to-book into three portfolios, each representing one-third of the aggregate market capitalisation of that country. Similarly, stocks are sorted on profitability into three portfolios, each representing one-third of the aggregate market capitalisation of that country. Stocks with negative or missing price-to-book or missing profitability are excluded. From the intersections of the three portfolios formed on price-to-book and the three portfolios formed on profitability, we form nine profitability/price-to-book portfolios. Portfolios are rebalanced annually in June.

Non-US Developed countries (as of December 31, 2024) include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK.

## Emerging Markets: 1989–2024

Source: Bloomberg. Eligible stocks in each emerging market country are sorted on price-to-book into three portfolios, each representing one-third of the aggregate market capitalisation of that country. Similarly, stocks are sorted on profitability into three portfolios, each representing one-third of the aggregate market capitalisation of that country. Stocks with negative or missing price-to-book or missing profitability are excluded. From the intersections of the three portfolios formed on price-to-book and the three portfolios formed on profitability, we form nine profitability/price-to-book portfolios. Portfolios are rebalanced annually in June.

Emerging markets countries (as of December 31, 2024) include: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and the UAE.

## Index Descriptions:

**Fama/French Total US Market Research Index:** July 1926–present: Fama/French Total US Market Research Factor + One-Month US Treasury Bills. Source: Ken French website. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

**Fama/French International Market Index:** January 1975–present: Fama/French International Market Index. Source: Ken French website. Simulated from MSCI and Bloomberg data. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

**Fama/French Developed ex US Market Index:** July 1990–present: Fama/French Developed ex US Market Index. Rebalanced annually in June. Includes all stocks with market equity data as of the rebalance date. Source: Ken French website.

**Fama/French Emerging Markets Index:** July 1989–present: Fama/French Emerging Markets Index. Courtesy of Fama/French from Bloomberg and IFC securities data. Companies weighted by float-adjusted market cap; rebalanced annually in June. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

**Results shown during periods prior to each index's inception date do not represent actual returns of the respective index. Other periods selected may have different results, including losses.** Backtested index performance is hypothetical and is provided for informational purposes only to indicate historical performance had the index been calculated over the relevant time periods. Backtested performance results assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. The indices reflected above are not "financial indices" for the purpose of the EU Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID). Rather, they represent academic concepts that may be relevant or informative about portfolio construction and are not available for direct investment or for use as a benchmark. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortisation minus interest expense scaled by book. Eugene Fama and Ken French are members of the Board of Directors of the general partner of, and provide consulting services to, Dimensional Fund Advisors LP.



# Index Descriptions

**Dimensional US Small Cap Index** was created by Dimensional in March 2007 and is compiled by Dimensional. January 1975–present: Market-capitalization-weighted index of securities of the smallest US companies whose market capitalization falls in the lowest 8% of the total market capitalization of the Eligible Market. The Eligible Market is composed of securities of US companies traded on the NYSE, NYSE MKT (formerly AMEX), and Nasdaq Global Market. Exclusions: Non-US companies, REITs, UITs, and Investment Companies and companies with the lowest profitability and highest relative price within the small cap universe. The index also excludes those companies with the highest asset growth within the small cap universe. Source: CRSP and Compustat. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of 12 sub-indices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of each month of the year. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional US Small Cap Index was amended in January 2014 to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional US Small Cap Index was amended in December 2019 to include asset growth as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index. June 1927–December 1974: Market-capitalization-weighted index of securities of the smallest US companies whose market capitalization falls in the lowest 8% of the total market capitalization of the Eligible Market. The Eligible Market is composed of securities of US companies traded on the NYSE, NYSE MKT (formerly AMEX), and Nasdaq Global Market. Exclusions: Non-US companies, REITs, UITs, and Investment Companies. Source: CRSP and Compustat.

**Dimensional International Small Cap Index** was created by Dimensional in April 2008 and is compiled by Dimensional. January 1990–present: Market-capitalization-weighted index of small company securities in the eligible markets, excluding those with the lowest profitability and highest relative price within their country's small cap universe. The index also excludes those companies with the highest asset growth within their country's small cap universe. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of four sub-indices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of each quarter of the year. Maximum index weight of any one company is capped at 5%. Countries currently included are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong

Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom. Exclusions: REITs and Investment Companies. Source: Bloomberg. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional International Small Cap Index was amended in January 2014 to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional International Small Cap Index was amended in November 2019 to include asset growth as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index. July 1981–December 1989: Created by Dimensional. Includes securities of MSCI EAFE countries in the bottom 10% of market capitalization, excluding the bottom 1%. All securities are market capitalization weighted. Each country is capped at 50%. Rebalanced semiannually. January 1970–June 1981: 50% Hoare Govett Small Companies Index (hgsmall.ind), 50% Nomura Small Companies Index (nomura.ind).

**Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Index** was created by Dimensional in April 2008 and is compiled by Dimensional. January 1990–present: Market-capitalization-weighted index of small company securities in the eligible markets, excluding those with the lowest profitability and highest relative price within their country's small cap universe. The index also excludes those companies with the highest asset growth within their country's small cap universe. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of four sub-indices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of each quarter of the year. Maximum index weight of any one company is capped at 5%. Countries currently included are Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey. Exclusions: REITs and Investment Companies. Source: Bloomberg. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Index was amended in January 2014 to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Index was amended in November 2019 to include asset growth as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index. January 1989–December 1989: Fama/French Emerging Markets Small Cap Index.

**The Dimensional Indices have been retrospectively calculated by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP and did not exist prior to their index inception dates. Accordingly, results shown during the periods prior to each index's inception date do not represent actual returns of the index. Other periods selected may have different results, including losses.**

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Profitability is defined as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense divided by book equity. Asset growth is defined as change in total assets from the prior fiscal year to current fiscal year.

# Index Descriptions

**Fama/French Total US Market Research Index:** Fama/French Total US Market Research Factor + One-Month US Treasury Bills. Source: Ken French Website.

**Fama/French US Value Research Index:** Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes the lower 30% in price-to-book of NYSE securities (plus NYSE Amex equivalents since July 1962 and Nasdaq equivalents since 1973).

**Fama/French US Growth Research Index:** Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes the higher 30% in price-to-book of NYSE securities (plus NYSE Amex equivalents since July 1962 and Nasdaq equivalents since 1973).

**Fama/French US Small Value Research Index:** Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes the lower 30% in price-to-book of NYSE securities (plus NYSE Amex equivalents since July 1962 and Nasdaq equivalents since 1973) that have smaller market capitalization than the median NYSE company.

**Fama/French US Large Growth Research Index:** Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes the higher 30% in price-to-book of NYSE securities (plus NYSE Amex equivalents since July 1962 and Nasdaq equivalents since 1973) that have larger market capitalization than the median NYSE company.

**Fama/French US High Profitability Index:** Courtesy of Fama/French from CRSP and Compustat securities data. Includes all stocks in the upper 30% operating profitability (OP) range of NYSE eligible firms. Rebalanced annually in June. OP for June of year t is annual revenues minus cost of goods sold, interest expense, and selling, general, and administrative expenses divided by book equity for the last fiscal year end in t-1.

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**Fama/French International Market Index:** Source: Ken French website. Simulated from MSCI and Bloomberg data.

**Fama/French International Value Index:** Consists of companies whose relative price is in the bottom 30% for the region. The index is reconstituted once a year at the end of December. Source: Ken French website. Simulated from MSCI and Bloomberg data.

**Fama/French International Growth Index:** Consists of companies whose relative price is in the top 30% for the region. The index is reconstituted once a year at the end of December. Source: Ken French website. Simulated from MSCI and Bloomberg data.

**Fama/French International High Profitability Index:** Courtesy of Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Includes stocks in the upper 30% operating profitability (OP) range in each region; companies weighted by float-adjusted market cap. Rebalanced annually in June. OP for June of year t is annual revenues minus cost of goods sold, interest expense, and selling, general, and administrative expenses divided by book equity for the last fiscal year end in t-1.

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**Fama/French Emerging Markets Growth Index:** Courtesy of Fama/French from Bloomberg and IFC securities data. Includes stocks in the bottom 30% book-to-market range in each country; companies weighted by float-adjusted market cap; rebalanced annually in June.

**Fama/French Emerging Markets High Profitability Index:** Courtesy of Fama/French from Bloomberg and IFC securities data. Includes stocks in the upper 30% operating profitability (OP) range in each region; companies weighted by float-adjusted market cap. Rebalanced annually in June. OP for June of year t is annual revenues minus cost of goods sold, interest expense, selling, general and administrative expenses divided by book equity for the last fiscal year end in t-1.

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# Five-Year Performance of Financial Indices

As of December 31, 2024

	Currency	ANNUALISED RETURNS (%)				
		1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
Bloomberg France Government EMU HICP Linked Bond Index	EUR	-3.27	0.94	-3.46	-1.29	-0.45
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (hedged to USD)	USD	3.40	5.25	-0.55	-0.76	0.48
Bloomberg Sterling Aggregate Bond Index (hedged to GBP)	GBP	-2.46	1.18	-7.68	-6.94	-4.07
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	USD	1.25	3.37	-2.41	-2.19	-0.33
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Intermediate Bond Index	USD	2.47	3.82	-0.83	-0.95	0.33
Bloomberg U.S. Credit Bond Index	USD	2.03	5.06	-2.20	-1.92	0.23
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index	USD	0.62	2.34	-2.80	-2.67	-0.63
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index 1-3 Years	USD	4.04	4.18	1.44	0.93	1.37
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Intermediate	USD	2.44	3.37	-0.47	-0.78	0.49
Bloomberg U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index 1-5 Years	USD	3.76	4.32	0.94	0.46	1.29
Bloomberg U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index Intermediate	USD	3.00	4.12	-0.18	-0.49	0.86
Bloomberg UK Government Inflation Linked Bond Index	GBP	-8.59	-4.10	-15.53	-11.02	-6.95
Euro Short Term Rate (EUR)	EUR	3.76	3.46	2.26	1.55	1.13
FTSE Non-USD World Government Bond Index (hedged to USD)	USD	3.61	5.79	-0.92	-1.28	-0.12
FTSE World Government Bond Index	USD	-2.87	1.08	-5.83	-6.12	-3.08
FTSE World Government Bond Index (hedged to USD)	USD	2.38	4.38	-1.72	-1.86	-0.32
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-3 Years	USD	0.61	2.50	-0.73	-1.53	-0.18
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-3 Years (hedged to USD)	USD	4.69	4.78	2.19	1.54	1.70
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-3 Years (hedged to GBP)	GBP	4.44	4.36	1.70	1.13	1.28
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to GBP)	GBP	4.03	4.32	1.06	0.55	0.98
MSCI All Country World IMI Index (net div.)	USD	16.37	18.95	4.90	8.09	9.67
MSCI All Country World Index (gross div.)	USD	18.02	20.39	5.94	9.07	10.58
MSCI All Country World Index (net div.)	USD	17.49	19.82	5.44	8.57	10.06
MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index (net div.)	GBP	9.01	7.17	1.21	1.07	3.67
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (gross div.)	USD	8.05	9.15	-1.48	-1.67	2.10
MSCI Europe Index (gross div., EUR)	EUR	9.27	12.86	5.08	9.92	7.25
MSCI Japan Index (gross div.)	USD	8.68	14.57	3.18	2.89	5.19
MSCI United Kingdom Index (gross div.)	USD	7.55	10.78	5.31	8.47	4.40
MSCI World ex UK Index IMI (net div.)	GBP	20.05	18.17	8.58	11.86	12.24
MSCI World ex USA Index (gross div.)	USD	5.26	11.73	2.46	5.04	5.64
MSCI World IMI Index (net div.)	USD	17.52	20.17	5.70	9.34	10.62
MSCI World Index (gross div.)	USD	19.19	21.78	6.85	10.53	11.70
One-Month US Treasury Bills	USD	5.37	5.16	3.90	2.92	2.42
S&P 500 Index	USD	25.02	25.65	8.94	13.58	14.53
UK One-Month Treasury Bills	GBP	5.16	4.92	3.69	2.76	2.24

**Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Performance may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.**

Indices are not available for direct investment; therefore, their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio.

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