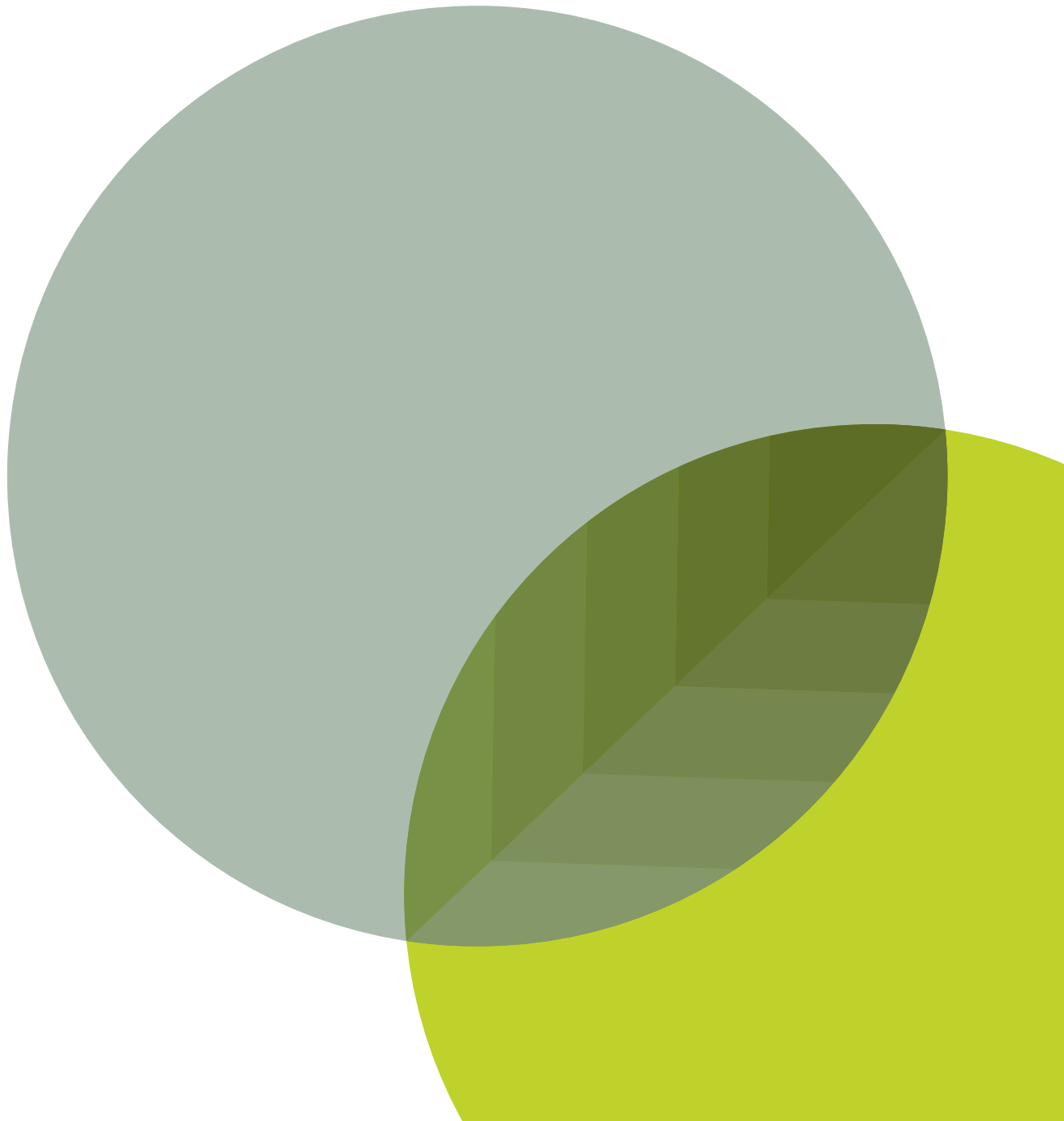


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SUSTAINABILITY TRUSTS



# A Science-Based Approach to Sustainability Investing

Many people want to align their environmental views with their portfolio objectives. But can you support your values while maintaining sound investment principles and pursuing higher expected returns?

Dimensional's sustainability strategies offer a patented approach to applying environmental and other sustainability criteria within a robust investment framework. Drawing upon our close work with leading scientists and experience integrating research and data within investment processes, our sustainability strategies are designed to target measurable sustainability goals while seeking broad diversification, efficient cost management, and higher expected returns.

## GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Dimensional offers a comprehensive suite of sustainability solutions across global equity and fixed income markets. These strategies enable investors to customise their global allocation while consistently applying sustainability criteria across a total portfolio.

Australian Sustainability Trust	DFA2068AU
Global Sustainability Trust – Unhedged	DFA0041AU
Global Sustainability Trust – AUD hedged	DFA0042AU
Global Sustainability Trust – NZD hedged	DFA0043AU
Emerging Markets Sustainability Trust	DFA8887AU
Global Bond Sustainability Trust – AUD hedged	DFA0642AU
Global Bond Sustainability Trust – NZD hedged	DFA6872AU
Sustainability World Allocation 70/30 Trust	DFA7518AU

## SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS<sup>1</sup>

Our patented process incorporates research-informed sustainability criteria into each portfolio through security exclusions and/or weighting to emphasise companies with better sustainability profiles.

### Emissions Variables<sup>2</sup>

- Greenhouse gas emissions intensity
- Potential emissions from reserves

### Other Environmental and Social Variables

- Land use and biodiversity
- Toxic spills and releases
- Operational waste
- Water management
- Factory farming
- Cluster munitions and Landmines
- Nuclear weapon systems
- Tobacco
- Child labour
- Alcohol
- Gambling
- Adult entertainment
- Personal firearms
- Palm oil

## Guided by Environmental Science

Dimensional works with leading climate scientists to understand current research, with an emphasis on the primary drivers of climate change—greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and fossil fuel reserves that enable future emissions. Informed by a large body of research, our sustainability solutions are designed to address these and other variables.

## Focused on Higher Expected Returns

Our strategies are designed to pursue sustainability goals while maintaining broad diversification and systematically emphasising securities with higher

expected returns. We apply this approach across both equity and fixed income solutions. By understanding research and balancing tradeoffs, we can improve the environmental profile of the solutions while maintaining a focus on higher expected returns.

## Targeting Measurable Sustainability Goals

Dimensional targets specific sustainability characteristics that investors can understand and compare to industry standards. We believe this approach enables more transparent reporting on investment and sustainability metrics relative to benchmarks.

REDUCED EMISSIONS EXPOSURE As of 31 December 2020

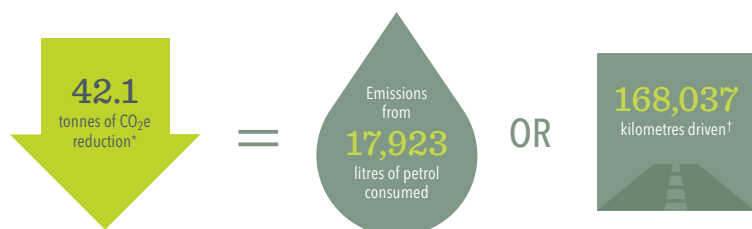
Dimensional’s sustainability Trusts have achieved significant reductions in emissions exposure based on the collective emissions profiles of companies held in the Trusts. The reductions are measured by both GHG emissions intensity exposure in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) per million of USD sales and potential emissions from reserves in megatonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

### Dimensional Sustainability Portfolios vs. Benchmarks

Portfolio	Reduction in Exposure to GHG Emissions Intensity <sup>2</sup>	Reduction in Exposure to Potential Emissions from Reserves <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark Index <sup>3</sup>
Australian Sustainability Trust	54.6%	100%	S&P/ASX 300
Global Sustainability Trust	74.2%	100%	MSCI World ex Australia
Global Bond Sustainability Trust	92.6%	100%	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond
Sustainability World Allocation 70/30 Trust	69.9%	100%	Dimensional Sustainability World Allocation 70/30 Custom

### Understanding Reduced Emissions Exposure<sup>2</sup>

A \$1 million (AUD) investment in the Global Sustainability Trust is exposed to 42.1 fewer tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions per year than the same investment in the MSCI World ex Australia Index.\*



\* Emissions exposure is based on the representative share of total emissions of the underlying holdings in the trust and index given a \$1 million (AUD) investment.  
 † Kilometres driven in an average passenger car. Source: Calculated by Dimensional using data from [EPA.gov](http://EPA.gov). See endnote 2 for further information.

## Applying the Principles of Dimensional Investing

Decades of academic research inform Dimensional's investment philosophy and approach. Like all of our strategies, the sustainability strategies reflect core principles that define Dimensional's way of investing. These include:

### Harnessing the Power of Market Prices

The market is an effective pricing machine. Millions of participants buy and sell securities in the world markets each day, and their collective knowledge helps set prices. Rather than trying to outguess market prices, Dimensional embraces market pricing and implements strategies to capture what the capital markets offer.



### Targeting Higher Expected Returns

Expected returns depend on current market prices and expected future cash flows. Dimensional uses information in current prices and other data to pursue higher expected returns.

#### EQUITIES

- COMPANY SIZE  
Market Capitalisation
- RELATIVE PRICE<sup>6</sup>  
Price/Book Equity
- PROFITABILITY<sup>7</sup>  
Operating Profits/  
Book Equity

#### FIXED INCOME

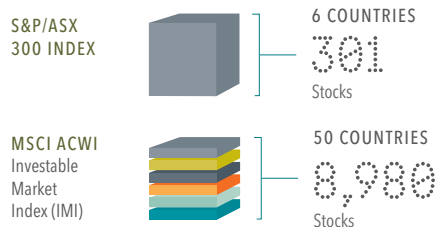
- TERM  
Sensitivity to Interest Rates
- CREDIT  
Credit Quality of Issuer
- CURRENCY  
Currency of Issuance

### Diversifying Broadly

Diversification involves spreading investments across many securities and asset groups to help manage overall risk in a fund. By diversifying broadly, Dimensional can structure a fund to pursue a more consistent outcome by increasing the investment universe and reducing risks not associated with higher expected returns.

#### HOME AND GLOBAL MARKET INDICES<sup>5</sup>

As of 31 December 2020



### Focusing on Efficient Execution

Costs can detract from investment returns. Some costs, like management fees, are easily observed, while others, like trading costs, are more difficult to assess. Dimensional carefully manages these and other costs to help minimise their impact on investor returns.

#### COST MANAGEMENT



Indices are not available for direct investment. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Diversification does not eliminate the risk of market loss. There is no guarantee investment strategies will be successful. This information is for illustrative purposes only. See back page for additional exhibit information and important disclosures.

## DIMENSIONAL AT A GLANCE<sup>8</sup>

1981

YEAR  
FOUNDED

\$781B

ASSETS UNDER  
MANAGEMENT

1,400+

EMPLOYEES IN 13  
GLOBAL OFFICES

One

INVESTMENT  
PHILOSOPHY

**Dimensional<sup>9</sup> is a global investment manager dedicated to implementing the great ideas in finance.** We have a long history of applying academic research to practical investing. Today, we offer a full suite of equity and fixed income strategies designed to target higher expected returns.

Dimensional's investment approach is grounded in economic theory and backed by decades of research. By integrating our investment process with a flexible trading strategy, we work to manage the tradeoffs that arise when implementing portfolios. We consistently apply this process in all of our global and regional equity and fixed income strategies, with an aim to add value beyond what traditional managers and benchmarks can achieve.

We regard the assets we manage as more than just shares in a portfolio. The money represents the savings, sacrifice, and dreams that investors have entrusted to us. We take this responsibility seriously.

Dimensional is headquartered in Austin, Texas, and has trading offices across North America, Europe, and Asia, which enables us to cover global markets and manage strategies continuously.

1. Sustainability considerations may vary between trusts. Please consult each Trust's PDS. Sustainability scores are based on criteria created by Dimensional. The weighting of companies in each category (e.g., Most Sustainable, Above Average, Average, Below Average, and Least Sustainable) is determined by computing breakpoints based on each company's sustainability score within its respective target market.
2. As of 31 December 2020. Greenhouse Gas Emissions 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) and normalized by sales in USD (metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e per USD million sales). Greenhouse gases included are the seven gases mandated by the Kyoto Protocol: 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>). Potential Emissions from Reserves is a theoretical estimate 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. Both methodologies are subject to change with data developments or other findings or events. For information on emissions exposure for Dimensional's sustainability portfolios, please visit [dimensional.com](http://dimensional.com). Source: Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Definitions of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalencies are available at: [epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gases-equivalencies-calculator-calculations-and-references](http://epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gases-equivalencies-calculator-calculations-and-references).
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7. Profitability is a measure of current profitability, based on information from individual companies' income statements.
8. As of 31 December 2020.
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