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RATHBONE GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures Product Report

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Rathbones Asset Management

FUND OBJECTIVES AND COMMENTARY

Fund investment objective

We aim to deliver a greater total return than the Investment Association (IA) Global Sector, after fees, over any five-year period. Total return means the return we receive from the value of our investments increasing (capital growth) plus the income we receive from our investments (dividend payments). We use the IA Global sector as a target for our fund's return because we aim to achieve a better return than the average of funds that are similar to ours.

We compare our asset allocation to the FTSE World Index to give you an indication of how our fund is positioned against the global stock market.

JAMES THOMSON
Lead Fund manager
and executive director

SAMMY DOW
Fund manager

Fund manager’s commentary

The Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund invests at least 80% in global shares with the remainder in cash, short-term deposits and UK government debt. Due to the high weighting in equities (which as an asset class has a greater risk than either bonds or money market instruments) the fund sits at the high end of the risk spectrum.

Our investment process is driven by a qualitative assessment of the investment case that targets industry champions, overlooked and under-the-radar opportunities for growth. Risks are assessed around business resilience, financial and price risk, that we argue are inherent in any investment. While we stress that this fund is not an ESG fund, we do consider ESG risks, including the impact of climate change, as an ingredient that is part of a wider framework to understand the investment case and risks. We assess all of our investments, referencing data providers such as MSCI (who inform on relative risk within individual industry sectors) and Sustainalytics, who examine absolute risk.

For all three scenarios the climate value-at-risk is low as many of the companies the fund is invested in are well positioned to benefit from the climate transition given the products and services they sell. Companies held within the fund are also unlikely to be unduly impacted in the orderly and disorderly transition scenarios due to the funds low exposure in sectors such as Oil and Gas which have higher climate transition risks.

In terms of the equity allocation, the fund has a lower exposure to the energy sector than the FTSE World benchmark. The fund also invests in companies that have a low carbon footprint. All of this helps the fund manage its climate value-at-risk.

CARBON METRICS

The purpose of this report is to provide you with a summary of the possible impact of climate change, both the risks and opportunities, on the securities held within the fund. Reporting period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023. Calculation date 31st December 2023.

Rathbones' approach to governance, strategy, risk management and Group / Entity level metrics can be found in the Group / Entity TCFD report. A glossary of terms used in this document can be found here - https://www.rathbones.com/ri-glossary. The value of investments may increase or decrease due to the impact of climate change. Rathbones believes that there is sufficient data coverage to rely on these figures.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE CARBON INTENSITY (WACI)

The carbon intensity of the fund weighted by the amount invested in each company, which serve as a measurement of emissions performance of the fund (for Scope 1+ Scope 2).
This is calculated in tonnes CO_2e divided by £M sales.

112.1

Tonnes CO_2e/£M sales

Coverage 97%

TOTAL CARBON FOOTPRINT

The total carbon emissions of the fund divided by the total value of the fund. This is calculated in tonnes CO_2e divided per £M invested.

23.8

Tonnes CO_2e/£M invested

Coverage 97%

SCOPE 1 AND 2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The sum of the total operational emissions from securities within the fund. This is calculated in tonnes CO_2e.

82,158

Tonnes CO_2e

Coverage 97%

SCOPE 3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The total indirect emissions that the fund is responsible for, within its value chain, including: employee travel, waste disposal, leased assets and franchises.

438,691

Tonnes CO_2e

Coverage 97%

IMPLIED TEMPERATURE RISE

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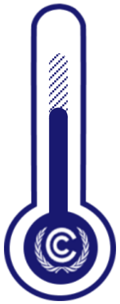
The Implied Temperature Rise (ITR) is a forward-looking metric which provides an indication of how well the fund aligns with the ambitions of the Paris Agreement calculated in degrees Celsius.



1.5°C

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1.5 - 2°C

Paris agreement target

HOW DO THESE SCENARIOS ALIGN TO PARIS AGREEMENT COMMITMENTS?

The Paris Agreement's central aim is to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping the global temperature rise this century to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

SCENARIO ANALYSIS

Climate value-at-risk attempts to assess the potential financial loss or gain from the fund as a result of climate change, including the impact of: climate policy; new technology opportunities; physical risks.

The 3 scenarios of climate change which we have assessed shows how a global temperature increase of between 1.5°C and 3°C by 2100 may impact the fund. We calculate these using the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) REMIND model, accessed through MSCI.

	ORDERLY TRANSITION	DISORDERLY TRANSITION	HOT HOUSE WORLD
Global temperature rise	+ 1.5°C	+ 1.5°C	+ 3.0°C
Application of climate policies	Climate policies are introduced and gradually become more stringent	Climate policies are delayed or inconsistent across countries	Global efforts are insufficient to halt significant global warming
Global Opportunities Fund Climate value-at-risk (Data coverage: 97%)	-2.5%	-3.7%	-1.8%
Climate scenarios Climate scenario analysis helps us understand the implications of possible climate scenarios on our investment portfolio, and the resilience of our investment strategies in the transition to a net zero economy. Our approach to scenario analysis involves assessing the exposure of our equity and corporate bonds holdings by applying MSCI's Climate Value-at-Risk methodology.	Orderly scenarios assume climate policies are introduced early and become gradually more stringent. Both physical and transition risks are relatively subdued.	Disorderly scenarios explore higher transition risk due to policies being delayed or divergent across countries and sectors. For example, carbon prices would have to increase abruptly after a period of delay.	Hot house world scenarios assume that some climate policies are implemented in some jurisdictions, but globally efforts are insufficient to halt significant global warming. The scenarios result in severe physical risk including irreversible impacts like sea-level rise.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is a financial promotion relating to a particular fund. Any views and opinions are those of the investment manager, and coverage of any assets held must be taken in the context of the constitution of the fund and in no way reflects an investment recommendation.

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment. Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

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