

**RATHBONES**

**RATHBONE  
GREENBANK GLOBAL  
SUSTAINABILITY FUND**

**Task Force on Climate-Related  
Financial Disclosures Product  
Report**

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# FUND OBJECTIVES AND COMMENTARY

## Fund investment objective

We aim to deliver a greater total return than the FTSE World Index, 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 FTSE World Index as a target for our fund's return because we want to offer you higher returns than global stock markets. We also compare our fund against the Investment Association (IA) Global sector to give you an indication of how we perform against other funds in our peer group. Like us, the funds in this sector invest globally, although most of them don't invest using a sustainability framework.



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Fund Manager

## Fund manager's commentary

The Rathbone Greenbank Global Sustainability 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 global equity (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.

The fund applies ethical and sustainability criteria where companies are assessed against positive and negative social and environmental criteria. For us to invest in a company, it must satisfy at least one of the following: strong employment practices, sustainable environmental practices or community engagement and commitment to human rights. This criteria helps keep the funds climate value-at-risk at a lower level.

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 fund's sustainability criteria which avoids investing in sectors such as Oil and Gas which have higher climate transition risks.

In terms of the equity allocation due to the sustainability criteria the fund has a lower exposure to the energy sector than FTSE World benchmark. The fund also invests in companies that have exposure to low carbon technologies, products and services that form part of the climate transition. 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. For the purposes of comparison, we calculate the same metrics for the fund's benchmark using MSCI data. Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. Calculation date 31<sup>st</sup> 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<sub>2</sub>e divided by £M sales.

**126.1**

Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/£M sales

Data coverage: 95 %

**145.7**

Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/£M sales

Benchmark name: FTSE World Index

Benchmark Data coverage: 99%

## 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<sub>2</sub>e.

**1,852**

Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e

Data coverage: 95 %

**4,113**

Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e

Benchmark name: FTSE World Index\*

Benchmark Data coverage: 99%

\* Benchmark data scaled to match AUM of fund

## TOTAL CARBON FOOTPRINT

The total carbon emissions of the fund divided by the total value of the fund. This is calculated in tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e divided per £M invested.

**28.2**

Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/£M invested

Data coverage: 95 %

**62.7**

Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/£M invested

Benchmark name: FTSE World Index

Benchmark Data coverage: 99%

## 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.

**9,441**

Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e

Data coverage: 95 %

**27,826**

Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e

Benchmark name: FTSE World Index\*

Benchmark Data coverage: 99%

# 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.



**1.6°C**

**Global Sustainability Fund**

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 your 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
<b>Global Sustainability Fund</b> Climate value-at-risk (Data coverage: 97 %)	-2.8%	-3.3%	-2.3%
<b>Benchmark (FTSE World Index)</b> Climate value-at-risk (Data coverage: 100%)	-8.4%	-11.1%	-4.8%
<b>Climate scenarios</b> Climate scenario analysis helps us understand the implications of possible climate scenarios on our investment fund, 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

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