

# Sustainability Report

Australian Sustainability PIE Fund

As at 31 March 2025

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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 sustainability focuses on the emissions that cause climate change.

### **Transparent Reporting**

Our strategies are designed to provide a meaningful reduction in carbon footprint exposure.

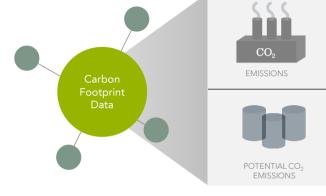
Dimensional's sustainability strategies pursue reduced carbon footprint exposure.



# Understanding Carbon Footprint Data

Evaluating company emissions by considering what's in the air and in the ground

#### **Carbon Footprint Components:**



### Carbon Intensity (Data Sources: MSCI, ISS)

Carbon Intensity includes a company's recently reported greenhouse gas emissions in **tons carbon dioxide equivalents (CO<sub>2</sub>e)** divided by a company's sales.

### Potential Emissions from Reserves (Data Source: MSCI)

Potential Emissions from Reserves is an estimate of carbon dioxide produced if a company's reported **fossil fuel** 

### 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 petrol 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>

Carbon Intensity represents a company's recently reported or estimated Scope 1 (direct) + Scope 2 (indirect) greenhouse gas emissions in carbon dioxide equivalents (CO2e) normalized by sales in USD (metric tons CO2e per USD million sales). Greenhouse gases included are carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), nitrous oxide (N2O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride (SF6), and nitrogen trifluoride (NF3). Potential Emissions from Reserves is a theoretical estimate calculated by MSCI of carbon dioxide produced if a company's reported reserves.

<sup>1.</sup> Source: EPA.gov.

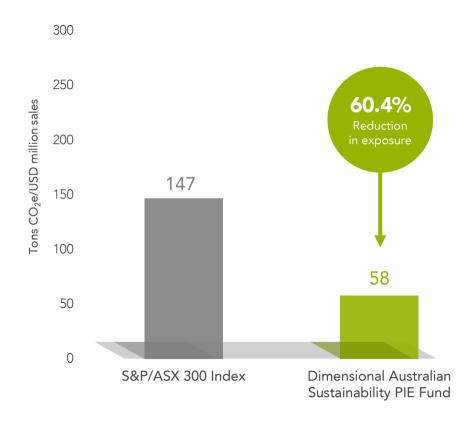
<sup>2.</sup> Source: MSCI



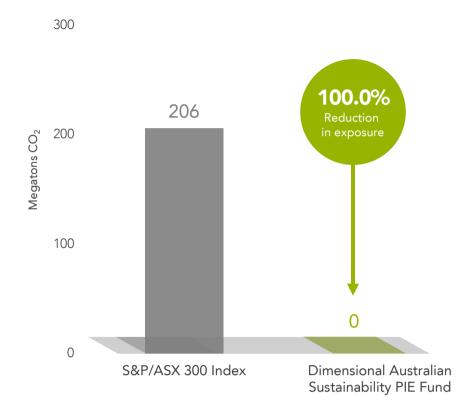
# Carbon Footprint

Emissions exposure as at 31 March 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 ( $CO_2e$ ) normalized by sales in USD (metric tons  $CO_2e$  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 ( $CO_2e$ ), methane ( $CH_4e$ ), nitrous oxide ( $N_2e$ ), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride ( $N_3e$ ). 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 "Sustainability Data Description and Disclosures" for additional information. S&P/ASX data © 2025 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved.



# Carbon Footprint by Sector

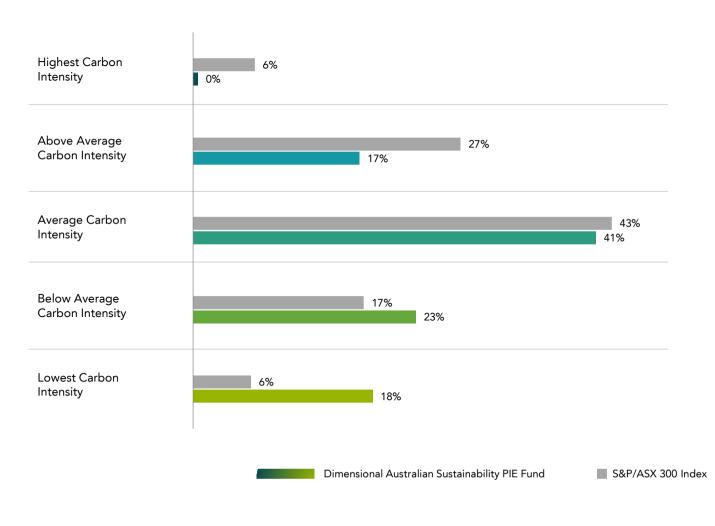
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	Sector \		Wtd Avg Carbon Intensity (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/USD millions sales)		Wtd Avg Potential Emissions from Reserves (MtCO <sub>2</sub> )	
Sector	Dimensional Australian Sustainability PIE Fund	S&P/ASX 300 Index	Dimensional Australian Sustainability PIE Fund		Dimensional Australian Sustainability PIE Fund	S&P/ASX 300 Index
Communication Services	5.2	3.9	27.7	34.9	_	_
Consumer Discretionary	9.6	7.9	23.1	31.8	_	<del>_</del>
Consumer Staples	3.5	3.8	42.5	47.4	_	_
Energy	1.8	3.8	44.8	449.1	_	669.8
Financials	30.4	32.9	1.5	8.2	_	4.3
Health Care	8.2	9.8	18.2	27.4	_	_
Industrials	12.2	7.6	41.2	117.6	_	_
Information Technology	4.1	3.0	4.9	150.7	_	_
Materials	16.7	19.2	248.8	403.1	_	863.5
Real Estate	8.2	6.7	40.5	64.0	_	_
Utilities	_	1.4	_	1,621.6	_	890.1
Total			58	147	0	206

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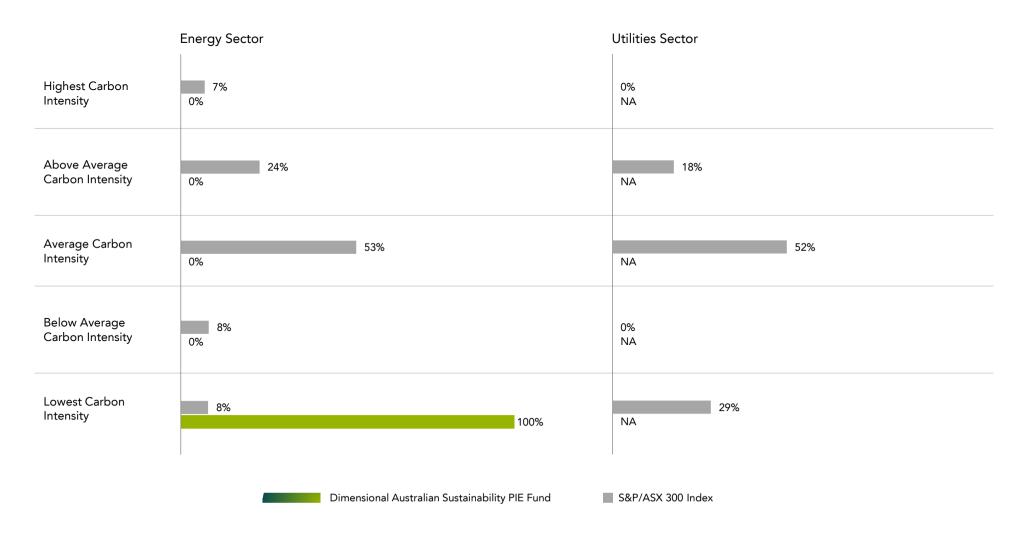


- Dimensional's sustainability strategies are designed to reduce exposure to higher carbon intensity companies and increase exposure to lower carbon intensity companies.
- Companies with high carbon intensity overall or relative to sector peers are excluded or underweighted in the portfolio, while companies with lower carbon intensity overall or relative to sector peers may be overweighted.

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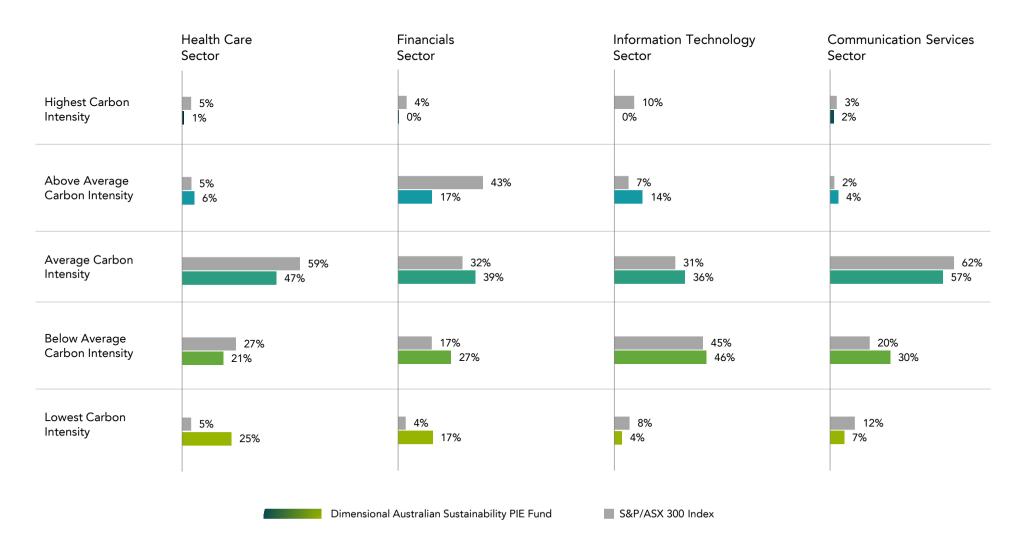
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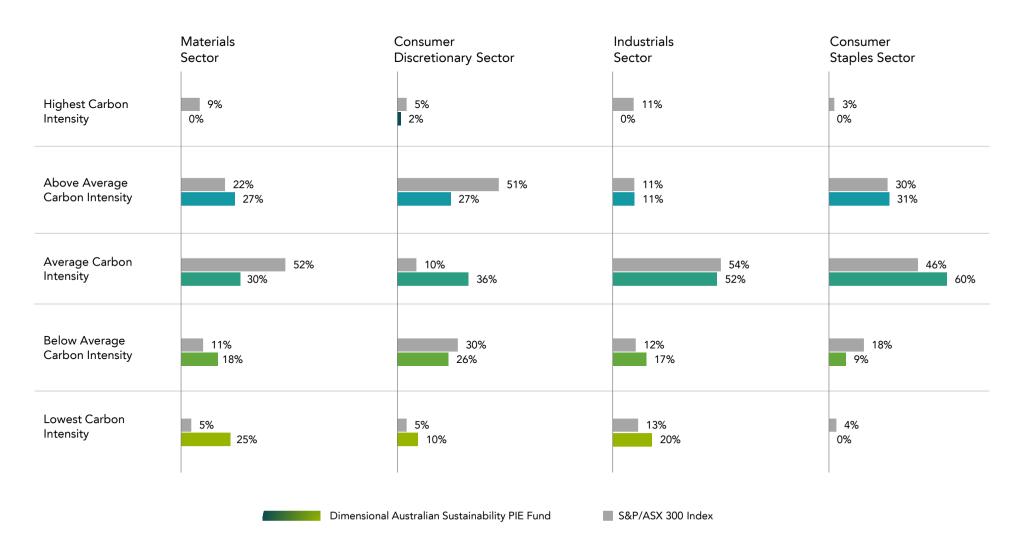
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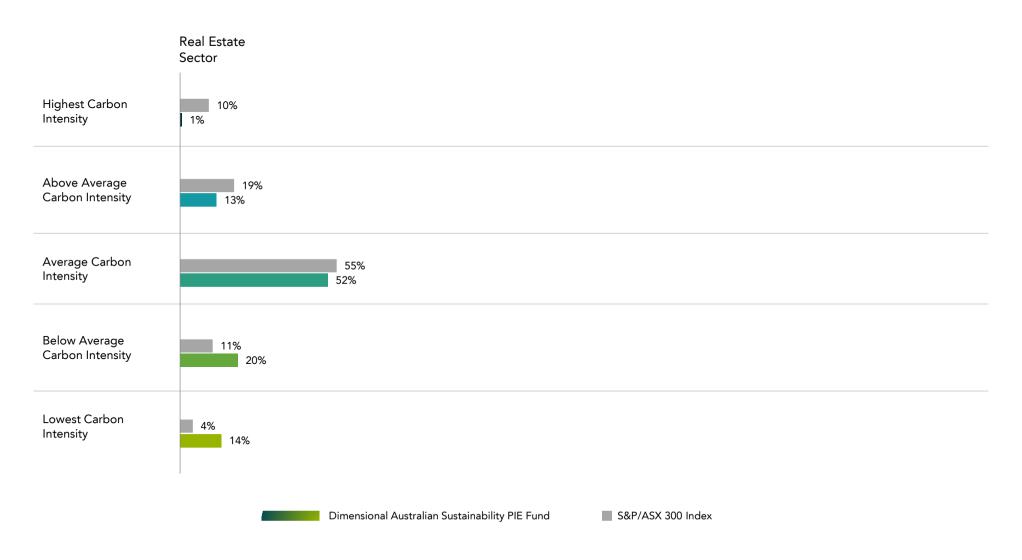
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# Appendix



# Dimensional's Australian Sustainability Equity Solutions

Key fund details for New Zealand investors

FUND NAME	DIMENSIONAL AUSTRALIAN SUSTAINABILITY PIE FUND	DIMENSIONAL AUSTRALIAN SUSTAINABILITY TRUST		
Inception Date	3 October 2023	4 December 2018		
Benchmarks	S&P/ASX 300 Index (Total Return)	S&P/ASX 300 Index (Total Return)		
Fund Charges <sup>1</sup>	0.35%	0.282%		
Buy/Sell Spreads	Buy/Sell Spreads: 0.08%	Buy/Sell Spreads: 0.08%		
Fund Structure	Foreign investment variable-rate PIE	Australian-domiciled managed investment scheme/unit trust		
Manager and Issuer	FundRock NZ Limited	DFA Australia Limited		
Investment Manager	DFA Australia Limited	DFA Australia Limited		
Eligible Securities and Markets	All-cap securities in Australia	All-cap securities in Australia		
Distributions The fund does not currently make distributions.		Amount determined by Dimensional in line with Australian tax laws. Distributions are generally made four times per year in March, June, September and December.		



### Considerations between PIEs and Australian Trusts

### Australian Equity Strategies

### PIEs pay tax on behalf of investors

- No need to submit tax return for PIE investor, thus reduced tax administration burden for investors.
- More convenient than having to file a tax return.

### NZ investors are taxed differently for investing in PIEs vs Australian Trusts

- PIEs tend to receive a concessional tax rate (PIR) compared to income tax rates applicable on Australian Trusts.
- In some instances, different basis for calculating taxable income for PIEs and Australian Trusts.
- Tax outcomes for PIE and Australian Trust investors will vary based on realised returns and investor's individual situations. Investors should consult tax advisors in making decisions based on tax outcomes.

### Historically limited PIE product market, higher costs

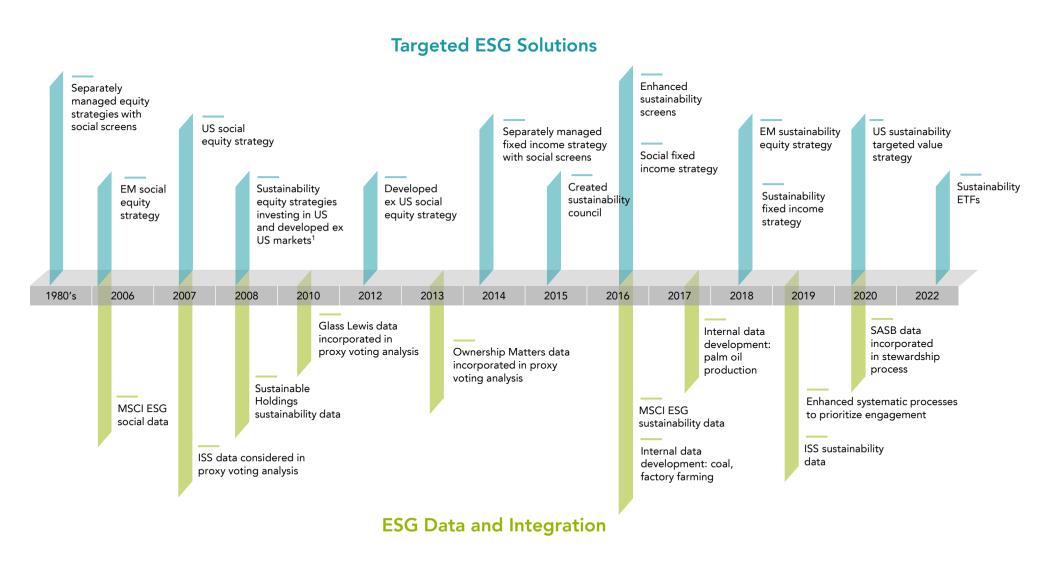
- Historically, the PIE product market has been more limited than Australian Trusts accessible to NZ investors.
- Historically, PIEs have tended to be more expensive than Australian Trusts for similar offerings.

### Products designed for NZ investors

- Dimensional's PIEs are designed with NZ investors in mind.



# Dimensional's History with ESG Data and Solutions





# Details on Sustainability Considerations

### Sustainability PIEs

APPLY FOCU	SED ESG EXCLU	SIONS <sup>1,2</sup>			
Туре	Topic	Criteria			
Environmental	Coal	Ownership of thermal or metallurgical coal reserves or revenue from the mining of thermal coal and its sale to third- parties.			
	Factory Farming	Commercial animal husbandry for the purpose of food production. This criteria does not cover organic or free-range farms or fish and other aquaculture animals.			
	Palm Oil	>10% of revenue from the production or distribution of palm oil. This criteria does not cover products that use palm oil as an ingredient or component, pal derivatives, or fractionated products nor the transportation of palm oil from mill and supply base to refineries.			
Social	Controversial Weapons	Production of controversial weapons, such as cluster munitions, landmines, biological weapons, chemical weapons, or depleted uranium weapons, or key intended components of such controversial weapons.			
	Nuclear Weapons	Production of nuclear weapons, key intended components of nuclear weapons or delivery platforms capable of deploying nuclear weapons, or providing support services related to nuclear weapons, such as the repair and maintenance of nuclear weapons.			
	Tobacco	Production of tobacco products or nicotine-containing products or, >10% of revenue from the distribution or retail of key tobacco products and services. This criteri does not cover products designed as an aid to quit smoking.			
	Child Labour	Involvement in severe child labour controversies. Factors that may be considered for determining severity include but are not limited to, a history of involvement child labour-related legal cases, widespread or egregious instances of child labour, resistance to improved practices, and criticism by NGOs and/or other third-pobservers.			
	Alcohol	>10% of revenue from the production, distribution, or retail of alcoholic beverages as an intoxicating agent. This criteria does not cover packaging such as bottle cans, corks or caps.			
	Gambling	>10% of revenue from the ownership or operation of gambling facilities.			
	Adult Entertainment	>10% of revenue from the production, distribution or retail of pornographic products. This criteria does not cover companies that offer content sharing platforms are not pornography focused but allow third-party users to upload pornographic content.			
	Personal Firearms	Production of firearms (i.e. using an explosive charge as a propellant) intended for civilian use and ammunition for such products, or >20% of revenue from the retail of such firearms and ammunition.			
	Private Prisons	Operation or management of, or provision of staffing services to, for-profit correctional and/or detention facilities. This criteria does not cover provision of maintenance of non-management services (including staffing for such services).			

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<sup>1.</sup> To implement these exclusions, the Sustainability PIEs seek to (a) avoid purchasing and (b) divest from companies which are directly involved in the above business practices. Indirect involvement, for example through ownership structures or franchising, may not lead to exclusion. Where Dimensional has no indication of involvement, Dimensional will deem there to be no involvement. Should existing holdings, eligible at the time of purchase, subsequently become ineligible, they will be divested within a reasonable period of time considering turnover, liquidity and associated trading costs. In most circumstances, Dimensional normally expects to divest within three months. However, there may be circumstances, such as suspension, delisting or low liquidity, that may cause divesting to take longer.

<sup>2.</sup> Dimensional may exclude, underweight or overweight specific companies for other reasons, including factors believed to be important to investors interested in sustainability such as excluding companies associated with significant environmental controversies (for example a company involved in a severe fraud relating to environmental standards).



# Details on Sustainability Considerations

### Sustainability Equity PIEs

EMPHASISE MORE SUSTAINABLE COMPANIES								
Goal	Methodology	Portfolio Carbon Footprint Reduction Goal <sup>1</sup>	Measurement					
Overweight lower carbon companies relative to peers	Overweight sector leaders to emphasise best-in-class companies in the fund's eligible investment universe primarily based on carbon intensity. <sup>2</sup>	The funds aim to reduce their weighted average carbon intensity exposure relative to their relevant benchmark index by at least 50% for global funds,	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.					
	Underweight sector laggards and exclude from purchase worst-in-class companies in the fund's eligible investment universe ranking in the worst 10% of their sector primarily based on carbon intensity. <sup>2</sup>	and 25% for Australian market funds.						
Avoid highest carbon companies in the market	Exclude from purchase the worst 5% of companies in the fund's eligible investment universe based on carbon intensity.							
	Exclude from purchase the worst 5% of companies in the investable universe with the largest fossil fuel reserves based on potential emissions from reserves.	The funds aim to reduce their weighted average potential emissions from reserves relative to their relevant benchmark index 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.					

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<sup>1.</sup> The Sustainability PİEs assess corporate issuers by considering several factors, including carbon intensity, land use and biodiversity, toxic spills and releases, operational waste, and water management, with the vast majority of weight placed on carbon intensity ('Sustainability Factors'). Companies are then ranked based on the Sustainability Factors relative to their sector peers and then excluded, underweighted, overweighted or neutral weighted to seek to achieve or contribute to the Portfolio Carbon Footprint Reduction Goal.



### Dimensional's Australian Sustainability Strategy Track Record

Dimensional Australia All Cap Core Sustainability Equity Strategy vs. S&P/ASX 300 (as at 31 March 2025)



#### Growth of \$1 Annualized Return

**\$2.07** Dimensional Australia All Cap Core Sustainability Equity Strategy

Since 1/19: 12.35% p.a.

**\$1.85** S&P/ASX 300

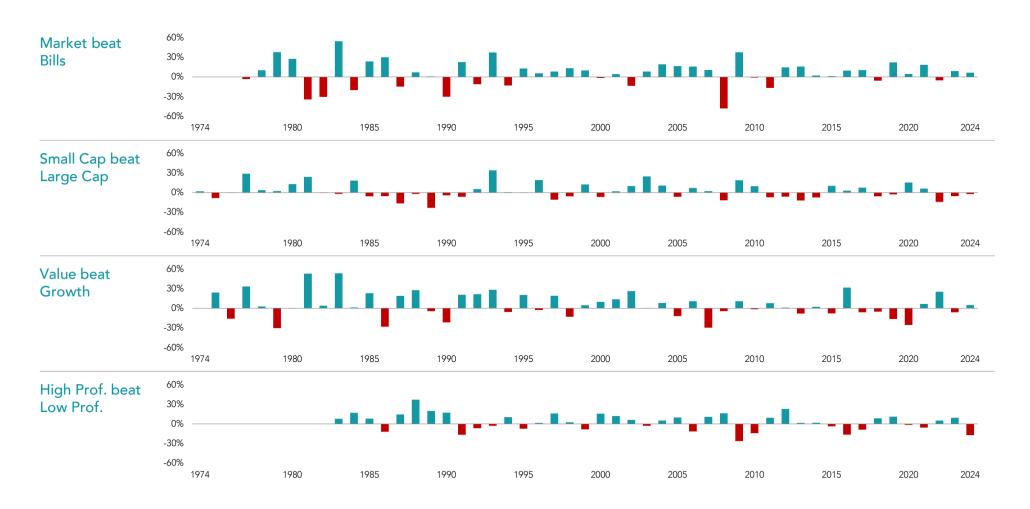
Since 1/19: 10.33% p.a.

In NZD. Dimensional's Australian Sustainability Strategy is represented by the Dimensional Australia All Cap Core Sustainability Equity Strategy. Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Composite performance is presented gross of management fees and costs and transaction costs. Gross composite returns include the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings, and include the deduction of all transaction costs, but do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees or any other expenses that will be incurred in the management of the account. A client's investment return will be reduced by the advisory fees and other expenses it will incur in the management of its advisory account. Performance may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Returns for periods shorter than one year are not annualised. S&P/ASX data © 2025 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved.



# Yearly Observations of Premiums

Equity, size, relative price, and profitability: Australian Markets

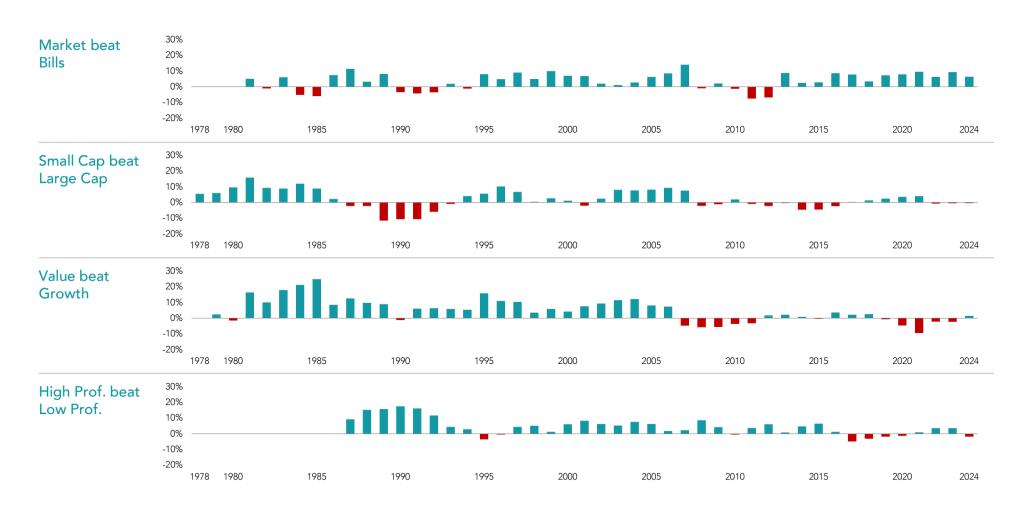


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### Historical Observations of Five-Year Premiums

Equity, size, relative price, and profitability: Australian Markets



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## Index Descriptions

Dimensional Australia Small Cap Index was created by Dimensional in April 2008 and is compiled by Dimensional. January 1974–December 1981: Market-capitalisation-weighted index of Australian small company securities. January 1982–present: Market-capitalisation-weighted index of Australian small company securities excluding those with the lowest profitability and highest relative price within the small cap universe. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortisation minus interest expense scaled by book. Exclusions: REITs and Investment Companies. 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 a different quarter of the year. The calculation for the Dimensional Australian Small Cap Index was amended in January 2014. Source: Bloomberg. ARC and CRIF.

Dimensional US Small Cap Index was created by Dimensional in March 2007 and is compiled by Dimensional. It represents a market-capitalisation-weighted index of securities of the smallest US companies whose market capitalisation falls in the lowest 8% of the total market capitalisation of the eligible market. The eligible market is composed of securities of US companies traded on the NYSE, NYSE MKT (formerly AMEX), and Nasdag Global Market. Exclusions: non-US companies, REITs, UITs, and investment companies. From January 1975 to the present, the index excludes 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. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Asset growth is defined as change in total assets from the prior fiscal year to current fiscal year. Source: CRSP and Compustat. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of 12 subindices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of a different month of the year. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional US Small Cap Index was amended on January 1, 2014, to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index.

Dimensional International Small Cap Index was created by Dimensional in April 2008 and is compiled by Dimensional. July 1981–December 1993: It Includes non-US developed securities in the bottom 10% of market capitalisation in each eligible country. All securities are market capitalisation weighted. Each country is capped at 50%. Rebalanced semiannually. January 1994–present: Market-capitalisation-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. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Asset growth is defined as change in total assets from the prior fiscal year to current fiscal year. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of four subindices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of a different quarter of the year. Prior to July 1981, the index is 50% UK and 50% Japan. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional International Small Cap Index was amended on January 1, 2014, to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index.

Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Index was created by Dimensional in April 2008 and is compiled by Dimensional. January 1989–December 1993: Fama/French Emerging Markets Small Cap Index. January 1994–present: Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Cap Index composition: Market-capitalisation-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. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Asset growth is defined as change in total assets from the prior fiscal year to current fiscal year. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of four subindices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of a different quarter of the year. Source: Bloomberg. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Cap Index was amended on January 1, 2014, to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index



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Fama/French Australia Low Profitability Index: July 1982–present: Fama/French Australia Low Profitability Index. Courtesy of Fama/French from Bloomberg and CRIF/ARC securities data. Includes stocks in the lower 30% operating profitability range in the country; 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. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

Fama/French Australia High Profitability Index: July 1982–present: Fama/French Australia High Profitability Index. Courtesy of Fama/French from Bloomberg and CRIF/ARC securities data. Includes stocks in the upper 30% operating profitability range in the country; 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. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

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 Low Profitability Index: July 1963–present: Fama/French US Low Profitability Index. Courtesy of Fama/French from CRSP and Compustat securities data. Includes all stocks in the lower 30% operating profitability 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. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

Fama/French US High Profitability Index: July 1963–present: 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 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. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

Fama/French International Value Index: January 1975—present: Fama/French International Value Index. Simulated strategy of international developed countries with securities in the lower 30% price-to-book range. Source: Ken French website. Simulated from MSCI and Bloomberg data.

Fama/French International Growth Index: January 1975–present: Fama/French International Growth Index. Simulated strategy of international developed countries with securities in the higher 30% price-to-book range. Source: Ken French website. Simulated from MSCI and Bloomberg data.

Fama/French International Low Profitability Index: July 1990–present: Fama/French International Low Profitability Index. Courtesy of Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Includes stocks in the lower 30% operating profitability 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. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

Fama/French International High Profitability Index: July 1990–present: Fama/French International High Profitability Index. Courtesy of Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Includes stocks in the upper 30% operating profitability 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. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.



# Index Descriptions

Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index: July 1989–present: Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index. Courtesy of Fama/French from Bloomberg and IFC securities data. Includes stocks in the upper 30% book-to-market range in each country; companies weighted by float-adjusted market cap; rebalanced annually in June. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

Fama/French Emerging Markets Growth Index: July 1989–present: 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 and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

Fama/French Emerging Markets Low Profitability Index: July 1991–present: Fama/French Emerging Markets Low Profitability Index. Courtesy of Fama/French from Bloomberg and IFC securities data. Includes stocks in the lower 30% operating profitability range in each country; 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. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.

Fama/French Emerging High Profitability Index: July 1991–present: 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 range in each country; 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. Fama/French and multifactor data provided by Fama/French.



# Methodology and Disclosures

#### **GLOSSARY**

US market data from CRSP and Compustat. Developed ex US and emerging markets data from Bloomberg. All hypothetical portfolios presented include equity securities across all market capitalisations as listed in the sources stated above and exclude REITs. Hypothetical US portfolios are capitalisation-weighted and rebalanced annually at the end of December. Hypothetical developed ex US and emerging market portfolios are capitalisation-weighted, and each country is weighted according to its size eligible capitalisation. Hypothetical developed ex US and emerging market portfolios are rebalanced semiannually at the end of June and December. The hypothetical portfolios utilise Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes for the US market and Bloomberg classification codes in the developed ex US and emerging markets to identify securities in the REIT, Utilities, and Energy sectors. CRSP data provided by the Center for Research in Security Prices, University of Chicago. Past performance, including hypothetical performance, is no guarantee of future results.

Filters were applied to data retroactively and with the benefit of hindsight. Returns are not representative of indices or actual strategies managed by Dimensional and do not reflect costs and fees associated with an actual investment. Actual returns may be lower. Performance is hypothetical, doesn't reflect trading in actual accounts, and is for information purposes only.

Annualised Compound Return: The rate of return at which capital has compounded over time, expressed in annual terms. For example, a portfolio that increased in value from \$100 to \$120 over the course of two years would have an average annual return of 10% (20% divided by the two years of the holding period) but an annualised compound return of about 9.54%. A 9.54% return on \$100 after one year would increase the portfolio value to \$109.54, and a 9.54% return on the \$109.54 in year two would increase the portfolio value to \$120.

Monthly Average Return: The average percentage change in capital without considering the effects of compounding, expressed in monthly terms. For example, the average monthly return over a two-month period that included a 2% return in month one and a 1% return in month two would be 1.5%.

**Standard Deviation:** A measure of variation or dispersion of a set of data points. Standard deviation is often used to quantify the historical return volatility of a security or portfolio.

**Tracking Error:** A measure used to quantify how closely a portfolio follows an index or benchmark, often defined as the standard deviation of the difference between the portfolio and index returns. For example, an annualised tracking error of 1% would indicate that annual returns were within plus-or-minus 1% of the market portfolio return roughly two-thirds of the time.

Market Capitalization: The total market value of a company's outstanding shares, computed as price times shares outstanding.



# 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 2024, 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.

#### Australia: 1982-2024

Source: Bloomberg data calculated by Dimensional. Fama/French data provided by Fama/French. Includes stocks in the Fama/French Australia Market Index. 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. 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: 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 capitalization of that country. Similarly, stocks are sorted on profitability into three portfolios, each representing one-third of the aggregate market capitalization 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 capitalization of that country. Similarly, stocks are sorted on profitability into three portfolios, each representing one-third of the aggregate market capitalization 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/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 Australia Market Index: January 1975–present: Fama/French Australia Market Index. Source: Ken French website. Simulated from MSCI and Bloomberg data.

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 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. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization 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 I.P.



# Sustainability Data Description and Disclosures

#### Derivatives

The Sustainability Funds are permitted to invest in derivative instruments, which may include futures. These instruments may cause indirect exposure to securities that would typically be excluded or underweighted through the processes described above. These instruments are generally only used on a temporary basis for managing large cashflows. These instruments are not included when calculating progress against each Sustainability Fund's Portfolio Carbon Footprint Reduction Goal.

#### Use of Sustainability Data

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