

# EDENTREE CARBON FOOTPRINT REPORT UK EQUITY GROWTH FUND 2020

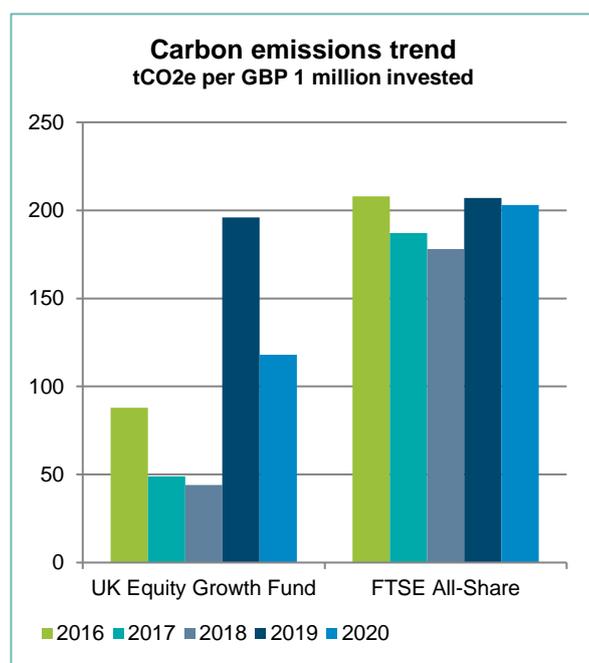
## KEY RESULTS

- The UK Equity Growth Fund is 42% less carbon intense than the Fund's benchmark, the FTSE All-Share Index
- The Fund's emissions intensity (per GBP 1million invested) has decreased by 40% compared to 2019
- The 10 largest positions in the Fund, accounting for 32.5% of the Fund's holdings are responsible for 46.9% of the emissions

	UK Equity Growth Fund	FTSE All-Share index
Total emissions scope 1 & 2 (tCO2e)	12,140	20,198
% of disclosing holdings <sup>1</sup>	36%	27%
Fund emissions (tCO2e) per GBP 1 million invested	118	203

AUM, and holdings as of 31.12.2019. Carbon data reported for FY2018.

Total investment (GBP): 172,519,461



Top 10 contributors to the UK Equity Growth Fund carbon impact	Company's Emissions Intensity (tCO2e/ £ 1mn invested)	Contribution to the Fund's financed emissions	Has the company set a target?
Applegreen PLC	1186.56	23.61%	No
BP PLC	1087.80	44.60%	Yes
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	401.13	14.08%	Yes, SBT
Rio Tinto PLC	309.54	11.46%	Yes
Johnson Matthey PLC	65.97	1.21%	Yes
Ashtead Group PLC	29.44	1.46%	No
4imprint Group PLC	19.58	0.65%	No
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	19.14	0.52%	Yes, SBT
BT Group PLC	12.34	0.27%	Yes, SBT
British American Tobacco PLC	8.46	0.19%	Yes, SBT

## SCIENCE BASED TARGETS

Science Based Targets (SBT) are emission reduction targets that are in line with limiting global warming to well below 2 degree scenario above pre-industrial levels as pledged by the Paris Agreement. At the time of the analysis, only 978 companies globally had committed to set Science Based Targets. 16% of companies in the portfolio are committed to SBTs. (compared to 13% last year)

## CDP SCORES

Based on company responses provided to the CDP, companies are assessed (from A to F) on the level of detail and comprehensiveness of the content, as well as the company's awareness of climate change issues, management methods and progress towards action taken on climate change as reported in the response. Globally only 182 companies scored A on climate change in 2019. Within the portfolio 7% of companies scored A and A- (compared to 8% last year)

<sup>1</sup> 36% of data has been reported by the companies, 14% of data is modelled by CDP, 50% of companies are excluded from the analysis.

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## CARBON FOOTPRINTING METHODOLOGY

As a shareholder we own the carbon emissions of the companies we invest in. A portfolio carbon footprint measures total carbon ownership as well as carbon intensity of a fund. In 2020 our carbon footprint has been conducted by CDP (data for previous years was conducted by ISS Ethix Climate Solutions, formerly Southpole).

Emissions per GBP invested: This metric displays how many tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e an investor would finance in relation to the respective ownership in a certain company or portfolio. The metric describes the carbon intensity of an invested amount. A company's share of emissions is determined by the value of shares held / the company's market cap.

The data covers scope 1 and 2 emissions for 2018 reported in 2019, these represent the direct emissions of the business (scope 1) and emissions from electricity sourced (scope 2). Data comes from a variety of sources including company annual reporting, company submissions to the CDP or CDP estimates where company data is not available.

The carbon footprint has been commissioned to measure risks and identify high emitters within the Fund. Engagement has been conducted with the outliers based on either incomplete carbon disclosure, where carbon intensity trend is not reducing and/or the company has not set emissions reduction targets.

## THE MONTRÉAL PLEDGE

EdenTree became a signatory to the Montréal Carbon Pledge in June 2016. This means we are voluntarily committed to measure and disclose the carbon footprint of part or all of our equity portfolios on an annual basis. We believe that it is the responsibility of all businesses to have a clear strategy to tackle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. We consider risk associated with climate change to have a material impact on our investments and therefore we monitor closely the emissions of our holdings.

## CLIMATE CHANGE AT EDENTREE

EdenTree's Amity process leans positively towards portfolios being carbon aware. Positive screens of Environmental Management, Human Rights and Business Practices exclude mining and oil majors as not suitable for the portfolios. The Amity process also avoids oil sands and Arctic drilling. We continue to collaborate with the Institutional Investor Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) on public policy, such as lobbying the G20, to encourage government leadership on climate change and to support the Paris Agreement.

## WHAT ELSE IS EDENTREE DOING?

Engagement with companies is a key part of our responsible investment strategy and helps us better to understand the carbon risks within the portfolio while encouraging companies to improve practices. In 2016 we started engaging on climate change with companies to encourage them to provide transparent carbon disclosure, to reduce their emissions and to set quantified reduction targets. This year we will also discuss with companies whether the targets they have set are in line with a two degree scenario, i.e. are they science based targets, and we will encourage companies to report their approach to climate change in line with the recommendations of the Taskforce on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

## EDENTREE'S CLIMATE CHANGE PARTNERS

