

DIMENSIONAL SUSTAINABILITY MODEL PORTFOLIOS

Systematic Investment Solutions Powered by Financial Science



Dimensional's Sustainability Model Portfolios^{*} embody four decades[†] of expertise in applying the great ideas in finance to global portfolio construction and close to 15 years of experience in managing sustainability focused strategies in pursuit of a wide range of investment goals.

Systematic and transparent approach

You can follow one market philosophy and a proven investment process implemented consistently across all Dimensional funds and Model Portfolios.

Powered by financial science

Dimensional is a pioneer in applying academic research to factor-based investing. You have access to our most advanced thinking on the integration of financial theory, leading research and portfolio implementation.

Guided by ESG considerations

Drawing on our close work with leading scientists, Dimensional's sustainability strategies offer a patented approach to applying environmental, social and governance considerations within a robust investment framework.

Targeting higher expected returns

The models are designed to effectively combine Dimensional funds in global allocations that pursue higher expected returns and sustainability goals while achieving broad diversification and managing costs. By understanding research and balancing tradeoffs, we can improve the environmental profile of the solutions while maintaining a focus on higher expected returns.

^{*} Dimensional's Sustainability Trusts have been certified by the Responsible Investment Association Australasia according to the strict operational and disclosure practices required under the Responsible Investment Certification Program. See endnote 1 and <u>www.responsiblereturns.com.au</u> for details.

Dimensional's beliefs, process and strategies applied to global investing

Our Sustainability Model Portfolios follow a consistent approach to global asset allocation using a range of Dimensional funds to pursue specific investment goals.

Sustainability Model Portfolios

- The models pursue higher expected returns across global equity and fixed interest markets while maintaining broad diversification and managing costs.
- Equity: Model strategies deviate from market capitalisation weights by emphasising small cap, value and relatively high profitability companies* to target securities with higher expected returns.
- Fixed interest: Strategies feature global portfolios that pursue higher expected returns along term, credit and currency of issuance dimensions.
- Sustainability: Dimensional integrates ESG considerations throughout its investment process[†], targets measureable outcomes and provides transparency through meaningful reporting.

* Profitability is defined as operating income before depreciation and amortisation minus interest expense divided by book equity.
† Sustainability scores are based on criteria created by Dimensional. Sustainability criteria reflect both sustainability scoring variables, which are applied at the industry level, and emissions and other criteria, which are used to exclude or underweight securities at the portfolio level. Further details regarding a portfolio's sustainability considerations can be found in the portfolio's prospectus.

Built upon a systematic approach to portfolio design

Dimensional Sustainability Model Portfolios are based on decades of academic research and our experience in portfolio design and practical implementation. Our approach to model construction involves these steps:

Start with the market

The entire global equity and fixed interest markets represent a broad and diverse universe of securities from which to assemble a marketwide portfolio.

Target higher expected returns

We determine how much to deviate from a market portfolio toward securities with higher expected returns. In equity markets, these are related to the size, value and profitability dimensions.

Integrate sustainability criteria

We incorporate research-informed sustainability criteria into each portfolio through security exclusions and/or weighting to emphasise compainies with better sustainability profiles.

Build allocations for different wealth goals

We vary the equity and fixed interest portfolio allocations to address different investment needs.

All Dimensional trusts used in the models are broadly diversified and designed to pursue higher expected returns while managing risks and costs.

Offering a range of asset allocations

Investors can choose from three equity/fixed interest allocations. The higher equity allocations are intended for investors focusing on growth of wealth; the higher fixed interest allocations emphasise volatility reduction for more conservative investors.

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS* RANGE FROM 60% TO 100% EQUITY, IN INCREMENTS OF 20%



For illustrative purposes only. The risk and expected return shown in this illustration are not reliable indicators of the funds' actual or future risk profiles. There is no guarantee strategies will be successful.

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?

Drawing upon our close work with leading scientists and experience integrating research

and data within investment processes, our sustainability models are designed to target measurable sustainability goals while seeking broad diversification, efficient cost management and higher expected returns.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS²

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 Variables³

- 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
- Coal
- Factory farming
- Palm oil
- Controversial weapons

- Nuclear weapons, systems and support services
- Tobacco
- Child labour
- Alcohol
- Gambling
- Adult entertainment
- Personal firearms

Targeting measurable sustainability goals

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. 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

Dimensional's sustainability strategies have achieved significant reductions in emissions exposure based on the collective emissions profiles of companies held in the strategies. The reductions are measured by both GHG emissions intensity exposure in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) per million of USD sales and potential emissions from reserves in megatonnes of CO₂.

Dimensional Sustainability Model Portfolios vs. Benchmarks³

Portfolio	Reduction in Exposure to GHG Emissions Intensity ⁵	Reduction in Exposure to Potential Emissions from Reserves ⁵	
Sustainability Balanced Model Portfolio	75.1%	100%	
Sustainability Growth Model Portfolio	71.2%	100%	
Sustainability High Growth Model Portfolio	68.2%	100%	

Understanding Reduced Emissions Exposure^{4, 5}

A \$1 million (AUD) investment in the Global Sustainability Trust is exposed to 42.1 fewer tonnes of CO₂e 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. See endnote 2 for further information.

Harnessing the strength of Dimensional Investing

Focused on investor goals

Each set offers a thoughtful, research-based framework for pursuing long-term investment and sustainability goals in a robust and transparent manner.

One philosophy and approach

Dimensional has a deep belief in the power of market prices and uses information embedded in market prices throughout its investment process. The models offer an efficient avenue to apply this belief system and investment approach.

Informed by financial science

The models reflect basic principles of asset allocation theory and seek to add value through efficient implementation that combines the benefits of indexing (broad diversification, low cost) with those of active investing (pursuit of higher expected returns, robust portfolio management, flexible trading).

Offering a consistent and transparent framework

Some industry models may reflect multiple funds with an inconsistent mix of characteristics, expected outcomes or investment and sustainability objectives. We believe that our Model Portfolios can offer a higher degree of confidence to financial advisors and individual investors when making asset allocation decisions.

Targeting higher expected returns

Across both equities and fixed interest, the model allocations emphasise reliable drivers of higher expected returns and integrate useful information about interactions among premiums. In contrast, many other models either may not target sources of higher expected returns or may target them separately. Contact your financial advisor to learn more about Dimensional Investing and using Dimensional Sustainability Model Portfolios to pursue your long-term investment goals.

Glossary

Factor-Based Investing: Refers to investment strategies constructed by sorting companies on quantitative variables to identify securities with higher expected returns.

Size Premium or Small Cap Premium: The return difference between small capitalisation stocks and large capitalisation stocks.

Value Premium: The return difference between stocks with low relative prices (value) and stocks with high relative prices (growth). **Profitability Premium:** The return difference between stocks of companies with high profitability and those with low profitability.

Term Premium: The return difference between bonds with different maturities but similar credit quality.

Credit Premium: The return difference between bonds of similar maturity but different credit quality.

Currency of Issuance: The currency in which an asset is issued, such as a USD- vs. AUD-denominated bond.

Marketwide Portfolio: A portfolio designed to provide exposure to a broad market universe, generally covering all market capitalisations.



Dimensional⁷ 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 interest 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 interest 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, Australia and Asia, which enables us to cover global markets and manage strategies continuously.

APPENDIX

Underlying Dimensional Wholesale Trust Allocations ⁸				
	Dimensional Sustainability Balanced Model Portfolio	Dimensional Sustainability Growth Model Portfolio	Dimensional Sustainability High Growth Model Portfolio	
Equity	59%	79%	99%	
Australian Sustainability Trust	15%	20%	25%	
Global Sustainability Trust (Unhedged)	20%	27%	34%	
Global Sustainability Trust (AUD Hedged)	20%	27%	34%	
Emerging Markets Sustainability Trust	4%	5%	7%	
Cash and Fixed Income	41%	21%	1%	
Cash	1%	1%	1%	
Two-Year Sustainability Fixed Interest Trust	5%	_	_	
Global Bond Sustainability Trust	35%	20%	_	

Indicative asset allocations only.



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- Sustainability considerations may vary between trusts. Please consult each trust's PDS. More details about the sustainability considerations can 2. be found in the Sustainability Impact Considerations document for each underlying Trust which can be found at au.dimensional.com/funds 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.
- As at 30 June 2022. The benchmark is constructed from the following indices representative of each trust, at the weight of the trust in the model: Morningstar Australia Index (gross div.), Morningstar Developed Markets ex-Australia Large-Mid Cap Index (net div.), Morningstar Developed Markets ex-Australia Large-Mid Cap Index (net div., hedged to AUD), Morningstar Emerging Markets Large-Mid Cap Index (net div.), Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (hedged to AUD).
- 4. As at 31 December 2020.
- 5. 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 (CO2e) and normalised 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 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. Source: Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Definitions of CO₂ equivalencies are available at: epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gases-equivalencies-calculator-calculations-and-references. Assets under management as at 30 June 2022, in AUD (billions). Number of employees and offices as at 30 June 2022.
- "Dimensional" refers to the Dimensional separate but affiliated entities generally, rather than to one particular entity. These entities are Dimensional Fund Advisors LP, Dimensional Fund Advisors Ltd., Dimensional Ireland Limited, DFA Australia Limited, Dimensional Fund Advisors Canada ULC, Dimensional Fund Advisors Pte. Ltd., Dimensional Japan Ltd. and Dimensional Hong Kong Limited. Dimensional Hong Kong Limited is licensed by the Securities and Futures Commission to conduct Type 1 (dealing in securities) regulated activities only and does not provide asset management service
- As at 30 June 2022. Allocations may not sum to 100% due to rounding. DFA Australia Limited acts as a sub-adviser to Macquarie Investment Service Limited (MISL) in relation to the Dimensional Sustainability Model Portfolios. The Model Portfolio asset allocations may vary from the target allocations due to trading, portfolio management or market considerations. MISL may modify asset allocations within the Model Portfolios at its discretion

There is no guarantee an investment strategy will be successful. Diversification neither assures a profit nor guarantees against loss in a declining market.

Sustainability funds use environmental and social screens that may limit investment opportunities for the funds.

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