# BORDER TO COAST UK LISTED EQUITY ALPHA FUND

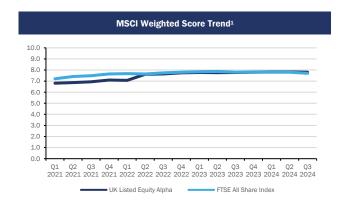
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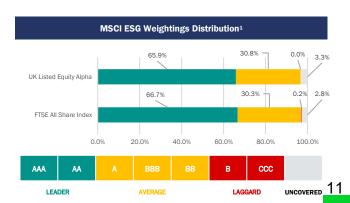






	End of Quarter Position <sup>1</sup>			Кеу		
	MSCI ESG Rating	Weighted ESG Score	vs. Benchmark		Fund has an equal or better Weighted ESG Score than the benchmark.	
UK Listed Equity Alpha	AA ¹	7.8 1			Fund has a Weighted ESG Score within 0.5 of the benchmark.	
FTSE All Share Index	AA ¹	7.8 1			Fund has a Weighted ESG Score more than 0.5 below the benchmark.	





Highest ESG Rated Issuers <sup>1</sup>			Lowest ESG Rated Issuers <sup>1</sup>				
	% Portfolio Weight	% Relative Weight	MSCI Rating		% Portfolio Weight	% Relative Weight	MSCI Rating
Diageo	3.5%	+1.0%	AAA ¹	Young & Cos Brewery	0.1%	+0.1%	<b>B</b> <sup>1</sup>
Unilever	2.6%	-2.4%	AAA ¹	FeverTree Drinks	2.5%	+2.5%	BB <sup>1</sup>
Relx	2.5%	-0.2%	AAA ¹	Learning Technologies Group	0.1%	+0.1%	BB <sup>1</sup>
Sage Group	2.5%	+2.1%	AAA ¹	CLS Holdings	0.1%	+0.1%	BB <sup>1</sup>
Kingfisher	1.5%	+1.2%	AAA ¹	FD Technologies	0.6%	+0.6%	BBB <sup>1</sup>

## Quarterly ESG Commentary

- The Fund's ESG score has been consistent at 7.8 since Q4 2022 and is now marginally above the benchmark.
- The Fund saw FD Technologies enter the bottom 5 ESG lowest rated issuers this quarter. FD Technologies has an ESG rating of BBB. The fact the company is one of the Fund's lowest 5 rated entities is reflective of the high scoring nature of the Fund's holdings.

## Feature Stock: FD Technologies

FD Technologies is a software and consulting company, headquartered in Northern Ireland. It has built a long-standing and successful IT consulting practice where it implements and supports a range of systems for front, middle and back-end office operations for major global financial institutions. In addition, it owns a promising software business called KX, an ultra-high-performance database and analytics solution which helps clients interpret large volumes of data and discover richer, actionable insights for faster decision-making. It has become the gold standard in big data applications in capital markets and is starting to successfully expand into new end markets. These factors highlight FD Technologies long-term growth potential which remains unappreciated by the market.

FD Technologies is mostly a software-related business therefore there is little environmental risk in the business model. Positively, the space, hardware and cooling requirements for devices using KX technology is significantly less than competitors. This could be a key source of edge for KX, for example for use in data centres which currently account for around 1% of the world's electricity consumption.

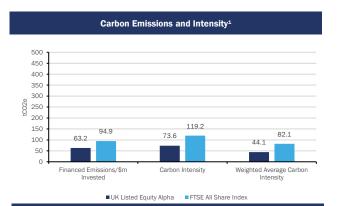
MSCI rated FD Technologies as BBB, or "average". The company is viewed as having quality data security measures, with board-level oversight. Despite these measures MSCI sees the company less favorably to peers as the company appears to lack external security certifications. MSCI also identifies that FD Technologies lags industry peers in efforts to monetize the demand for clean technology, although we would note that this is less relevant to an IT consulting and software company.

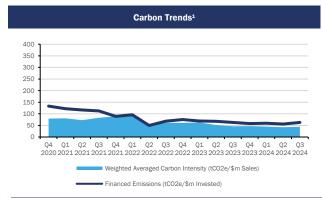
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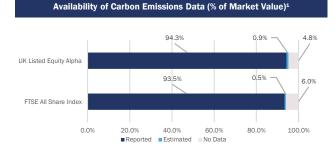


#### 20% 16.3% Percent of Market Value 15% 12 4% 12 4% 10% 6.3% 4.2% 4.2% 3.6% 5% 1.0% 0% Any Reserves Oil

FTSE All Share Index

■UK Listed Equity Alpha

Weight of Holdings Owning Fossil Fuel Reserves<sup>1</sup>



Largest Contributors to Financed Emissions <sup>1</sup>							
	% Portfolio Weight	% Relative Weight	Contribution	CA100+	TPI Level		
International Consolidated Airlines Group	0.7%	+0.3%	17.9% <sup>1</sup>	No	4		
easyJet	0.6%	+0.5%	16.2% <sup>1</sup>	No	3		
Shell	2.1%	-4.7%	15.6% <sup>1</sup>	Yes	4		
ВР	1.9%	-1.3%	12.3% 1	Yes	4*		
Wizz Air	0.2%	+0.1%	9.4% 1	No	3		

## **Quarterly Carbon Commentary**

- Over the quarter the Fund saw material increases in financed emissions and carbon intensity metrics but remains significantly below benchmark across all metrics.
- A new active position in International Airlines Group saw it become the Fund's highest emitter causing the increase in Fund emissions. A
  reduction in the Fund's position in easyJet and underweight positions in Shell and BP, the Funds' top emitters, has offset that effect to
  some extent. These factors similarly impacted the Fund's carbon intensity measure.

### Feature Stock: International Consolidated Airlines Group (IAG)

IAG is one of the largest airline groups in the world and has a particularly strong foothold in the highly profitable transatlantic market. Given the quality of the management team, the reinforced balance sheet, and formidable market share on its most profitable routes, the company's valuation is highly attractive. Furthermore, the Company has shown a willingness and capacity to return capital to shareholders, paying out almost 40% of today's market value in dividends and buybacks in the five years prior to the pandemic.

The company has a clear transition plan, with new aircraft and sustainable aviation fuel accounting for over 80% of emission reductions by 2050. The company has secured one-third of the SAF required to meet their 2030 goal of 10%. Other levers being explored by IAG include carbon removals and supply chain engagement. As with all airlines the company is exposed to climate transition risks that include changing and uncertain regulations and changing customer travel behaviours.

Since the initiation of the position, our external manager has had good access to management having met with the company's CEO and CFO and discussed elements of the transition plan.

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Issuers Not Covered 4						
Reason	ESG (%) <sup>1</sup>	Carbon (%)1				
Company not covered	2.3%	1.9%				
Investment Trust/ Funds	1.0%	2.9%				

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