

Q4 2023



PIMCO ESG Global Bond Fund – Wholesale Class

POSITIONING

- Rates:** We are overweight beta-adjusted duration, focusing on countries where yields are at attractive levels. In the Dollar Bloc, we are overweight, mainly from Australia with a modest underweight in the US following the rally in rates. We are overweight duration in the Euro Bloc, which consists of Eurozone and Non-EMU European countries (namely Denmark and Switzerland), with a preference for the belly of the curve. The Fund added an overweight to UK duration near the end of the quarter. The Fund maintained its underweight duration in Japan, sourced primarily from the belly and long end. We are underweight EM local rates, mainly attributable to an underweight in China. Additionally within EM local, we have a modest underweight to Malaysia while expressing a preference for Korean rates.
- Spread:** We maintain a cautious position in overall spread exposure. We maintained our underweight investment grade corporate credit. We prefer high quality securitized credits, mainly consisting of U.S. non-Agency mortgages. We are also overweight Agency MBS. Further, we hold exposure to Danish callable mortgages as an attractive source of yield. Finally, the Fund is neutral Eurozone peripheral countries.
- FX:** Currency strategies continue to act as a diversifying strategy in the portfolio and positioning remains tactical.
- ESG Bonds:** We continuously seek to identify attractively priced ESG bonds to support leading environmental and social practices, with a total exposure to this sector of ~16%.

PERFORMANCE

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Performance: Wholesale class	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	SI
Net of Fees (%)	5.86%	3.70%	5.48%	-4.07%	-3.31%	0.68%	1.10%
Benchmark (%)	5.43%	3.17%	5.31%	-3.89%	-3.11%	0.49%	1.18%
Outperformance (%)	0.43%	0.53%	0.17%	-0.18%	-0.21%	0.19%	-0.08%

Performance for the PIMCO ESG Global Bond Fund – Wholesale class

SI is the performance since inception. Inception date is 09/03/2017

The benchmark is Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index hedged into AUD

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KEY STATISTICS

Fund Size MM AUD	\$491
Portfolio Duration (yrs)	5.86
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	6.70
Yield to Maturity (%)	4.04
Average Quality	AA

ATTRIBUTION Q4 2023

Contributors

- Overweight exposure to Dollar bloc duration, particularly from Australia, as yields fell
- Overweight exposure to UK duration, as yields fell
- Duration and swap spread positioning within Euro Bloc rates strategies

Detractors

- Short exposure to a basket of select Asian currencies as well as EUR and CAD, as these currencies appreciated against USD
- Modest underweight exposure to US duration, as yields fell
- Underweight exposure to Japanese duration, as yields fell

Share value can go up as well as down and any capital invested in the Fund may be at risk. Changes in interest rates and exchange rates may affect returns. For more details on the Fund's potential risks, please read the Key Investor Information Document / Key Information Document.

SOURCE FOR ALL GRAPHS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED): PIMCO.

As of 31 December 2023 unless otherwise stated

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Spread compares U.S. treasuries with a given security type, such as mortgages, corporate credit, swaps, etc.

The fund is actively managed in reference to the Bloomberg Global Aggregate (AUD Hedged) Index as further outlined in the prospectus and key investor information document / key information document.

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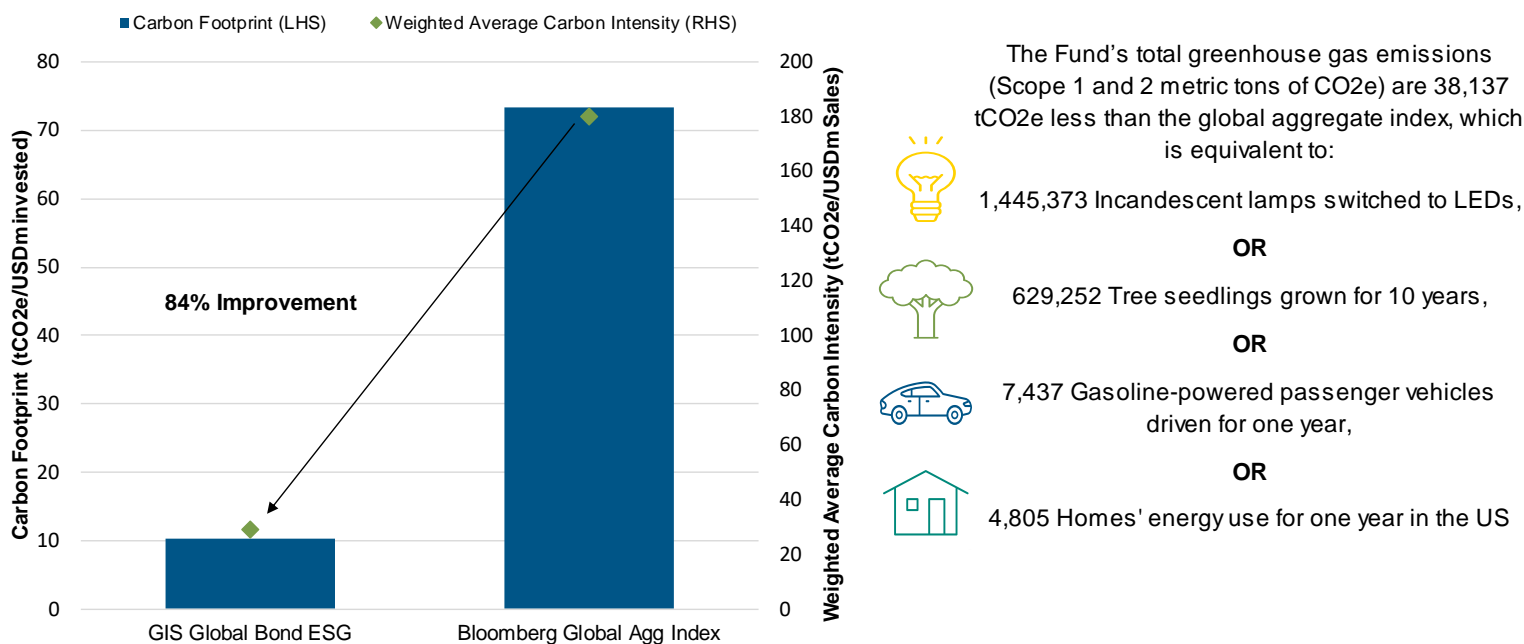
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KEY ESG STATISTICS

	Global Bond ESG Fund	Index*	Global Bond ESG's Improvement Relative to Index
Number of corporate issuers	76	3,332	-
Average MSCI ESG score (corporates)	7.4	6.5	14%
Green/Social/Sustainability/Sustainability-linked Bond Exposure (%MV)	15.8	3.7	+4.3x
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity ((Scope 1, 2 tCO ₂ e)/Revenues in USD m) (Corp Only)	29	180	-84%
Carbon Footprint (tCO ₂ e/USDm invested)(Corp Only)	10	73	-86%

CARBON INTENSITY

Significant reduction in CO₂ emissions



Source: MSCI, PIMCO. Reported by companies or estimated. As of 31 December 2023.

*Index is the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index. Corporate metrics calculated based on corporate cash bonds. MSCI ESG scores are based on a 0-10 scale with 1 being poor and 10 being excellent. PIMCO ESG scores are based on a 1-5 scale with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent. Average MSCI ESG Score is calculated as the weighted average of all the rated corporate securities in the Fund, using MSCI rating data. This number may differ from ESG scores calculated by other providers.

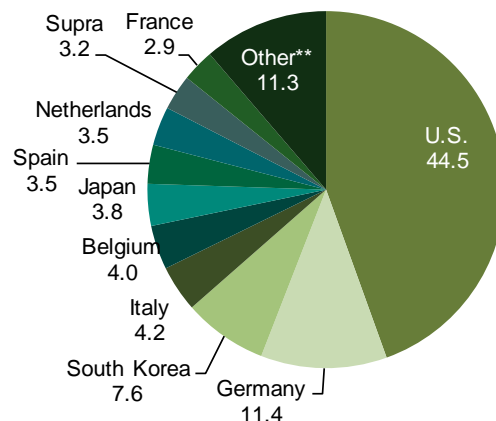
Carbon intensity is intended to reflect how an issuer's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (expressed as tonnes of CO₂ equivalent (tCO₂e)) compares to its overall revenues. The carbon intensity of the securities portfolio is defined as the weighted average carbon emissions (Scope 1 + Scope 2 emissions (tCO₂e))/Revenues in USD of corporate bond holdings only in the portfolio (for issuers with available data). PIMCO applies emissions values of the parent to subsidiaries where MSCI data is not available. As defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), **Scope 1 emissions** are direct GHG emissions that occur from sources owned or controlled by a company (for example, company vehicles and facilities), and **Scope 2 emissions** are indirect GHG emissions from the purchase of electricity, steam, heating or cooling. Data used by PIMCO to calculate carbon intensity is (i) sourced from MSCI based on data reported by companies, a company specific model, or an industry specific model (MSCI's methodology is available here: <https://www.msci.com/index-carbon-footprint-metrics>), or (ii) estimated by PIMCO for "use of proceeds" bonds not covered by MSCI (green and sustainability bonds). PIMCO's estimates generally apply absolute emissions of the issuer's parent company/companies to its subsidiaries. **Carbon discounting methodology:** In its calculation of carbon metrics for ESG labeled bonds, PIMCO applies a proprietary carbon discounting methodology which generally can include the consideration of: i) publicly available information disclosed by an issuer/ company, ii) third-party data sources, and/ or iii) internal proprietary assessments, as applicable. For green bonds and sustainability bonds issued by certain electric utility companies, PIMCO adjusts a company's carbon metrics by subtracting at a proportion equal to the contribution of eligible renewable energy projects. For green or sustainability bonds where proceeds are allocated to eligible green or social projects other than renewable energy or are issued by companies in non-electric utility sectors, carbon metrics are directly taken from the company level to these bonds with no adjustments. PIMCO climate and carbon metrics and methodologies may change over time and may not be comparable to prior period metrics reported. The firm's proprietary methodologies are not verified by a third-party and may vary from other independent carbon methodologies. **Total Carbon Emissions** is defined as the absolute greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) (scope 1 and scope 2) associated with the corporate holdings in a portfolio, taking into account % ownership. **Carbon Footprint** refers to the calculation of the total GHG emissions (scope 1 and scope 2) of corporates in the portfolio normalized by the market value of corporates in the portfolio and expressed as a carbon dioxide equivalent.

ESG (GREEN/SOCIAL/SUSTAINABILITY/SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED) BOND EXPOSURE

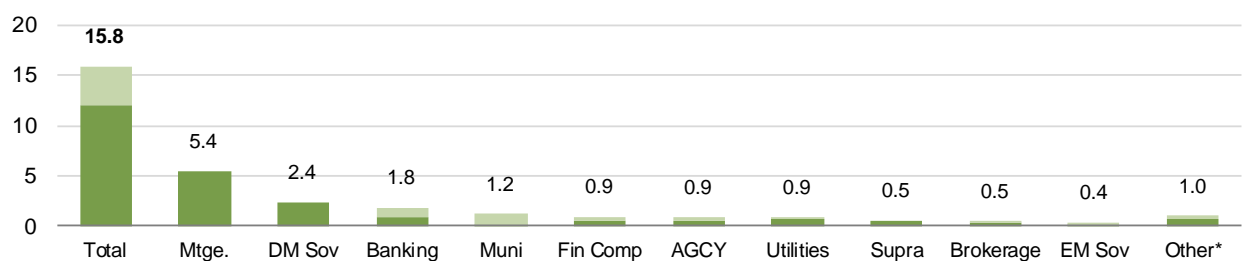
Key Themes:

- Within corporate credit, the portfolio continues to favor **banking** names including best-in-class issuers from an ESG perspective. Positioning is mainly focused on national champion banks and systemic global banks with ample capital buffers and leading ESG practices.
- Within **utilities**, we seek to emphasize issuers with strategies to capture the rise of renewables and carbon regulations. We are focused on investing in attractively priced green bonds for which use of proceeds are linked to renewable energy as well as energy efficient projects, while also investing in sustainability bonds issued by high quality utilities.
- Within **developed market treasuries**, the Fund emphasizes green bonds from European sovereigns with best-in-class ESG bond frameworks.
- We also look to allocate towards **mortgage-backed securities** with underlying mortgages issued to high-grade resource efficient buildings.

ESG Bond Breakdown by region* (% ESG Bonds)



Breakdown by sector (%MV)



As of 31 December 2023. Source: PIMCO

*Breakdown is rebased to include only ESG bonds. **Other includes Sweden and United Kingdom, among other nations.

*Other includes REITS and Telecom, among other sectors. ESG bonds refers to green, social, sustainability and sustainability-linked bonds.

SECTOR EXPOSURE

	Fund		Benchmark*		Variance	
	MV %	DUR yrs	MV %	DUR yrs	MV %	DUR yrs
Government Related**	49.3	3.2	44.8	3.4	4.6	-0.2
Inflation Linked	4.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.2
Agencies & Supranationals	1.9	0.1	2.6	0.1	-0.7	0.0
Local Authorities	1.2	0.1	4.9	0.3	-3.7	-0.2
Securitized	31.3	1.1	11.7	0.7	19.6	0.4
Covered Bonds and Pfandbriefe	2.0	0.2	2.2	0.1	-0.2	0.1
Investment Grade Credit	13.3	0.6	18.3	1.1	-4.9	-0.5
High Yield Credit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Municipals	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0
EM External	3.6	0.2	2.6	0.2	1.0	0.0
EM Local	-0.7	0.0	12.8	0.8	-13.5	-0.7
Net Other Short Duration Instruments***	-6.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-6.2	0.1
Other	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0

As of 31 December 2023. SOURCE: PIMCO. Benchmark is shown for performance comparison purposes only. Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results. All periods longer than one year are annualized.

* Benchmark: Bloomberg Global Aggregate (USD Hedged) Index

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** Government Related includes securities such as government bonds, derivatives, and other sovereign related securities.

*** Net Other Short Duration Instruments includes securities and other instruments (except those instruments tied to emerging markets by country of risk) with an effective duration less than one year and rated investment grade or higher or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality, commingled liquidity funds, un-invested cash, interest receivables, net unsettled trades, broker money, short duration derivatives and derivatives offsets. With respect to certain categories of short duration securities, the Advisor reserves the discretion to require a minimum credit rating higher than investment grade for inclusion in this category. Derivatives Offsets includes offsets associated with investments in futures, swaps and other derivatives. Such offsets may be taken at the notional value of the derivative position.

Refer to Appendix and the relevant sections of the Fund prospectus for additional performance and fee, chart, GIS funds, index, and risk information.

ESG Engagement Examples



ESG Bond Issuance and ESG Integration

Issuer	German Investment Company
Sector	Investment Companies
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up conversation with the issuer on their sustainability-linked bond (SLB) issuance, ESG integration in investments, and progress on TCFD and sustainability strategy.
Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PIMCO recommended enhancing disclosure on criteria and recommendations for portfolio companies regarding best practices across sustainability topics, using an SDG lens. They are exploring the possibility of issuing a 30-year SLB. PIMCO encouraged the adoption of the most ambitious pathways for targets where possible and the alignment with emerging frameworks for Net Zero Transition Plan Disclosure. The issuer hopes to invest in companies with verified SBTi targets aligned with 1.5 degrees over the medium to long term. Further, PIMCO recommended the issuer encourages portfolio companies to have a clear deforestation plan and disclosure, disclose physical risk exposure aligned with TCFD recommendations, and develop a plan to promote access to healthy, nutritious products.



Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Engagement Frameworks

Issuer	US Utility
Sector	Utilities
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Though having a higher fossil-fuel concentration than its peers, the issuer is proactively working to reduce its carbon footprint, and has consistently demonstrated track record of transitioning away from coal to more renewables. They are also a repeat green bond issuer. There is room to improve in its sustainable financing practice to align with market practices.
Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PIMCO engaged the issuer on its decarbonization strategy and targets. PIMCO recommended that the company consider setting a science-based target and strengthen the quality of their carbon disclosure. PIMCO further engaged with them on their sustainable financing practices. PIMCO recommended considering impact reporting such as avoided emissions and explicitly stating the lookback and capital allocation period for future issuances.

For illustrative purposes only. Examples as of 30 September 2023. SOURCE: PIMCO, company filings.

The above is presented for illustrative purposes only, as a general example of PIMCO's ESG research capability and/or engagement capability and is not intended to represent any specific portfolio's performance or how a portfolio will be invested or allocated at any particular time. PIMCO's ESG processes may yield different results than other investment managers and a company's ESG rankings and factors may change over time. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Refer to Appendix for additional case study, ESG investing, investment strategy, issuer and risk information.

PIMCO SUSTAINABILITY PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

For PIMCO, sustainable investing represents an approach that seeks to appropriately consider material issues in investment decision making and portfolio construction. Sustainable investing includes issuers' impact on the environment and society, as well as how environmental, social and governance factors may impact the issuer more broadly. We analyze the extent to which environmental, social and governance factors could impact valuations. This approach can be achieved through a process of integrating these factors into investment research and decision making where relevant and material, to ultimately help manage portfolio risks and identify opportunities.

We have developed a suite of sustainable investment solutions for clients seeking risk-adjusted returns and the inclusion of sustainable factors in the investment selection process which may include considering the portfolio's carbon profile, active engagement with issuers, green, social, sustainable or sustainability linked (GSS) bond allocations and/or a tilt toward issuers with higher quality or improving ESG characteristics. These investment solutions build on PIMCO's over 50-year core investment processes, while actively incorporating our clients' sustainability objectives.



Exclude

Restrict investment in issuers fundamentally misaligned with sustainability practices – by prospectus and in practice

Exclusions

- Military weapons
- Coal manufacturing
- Oil-related industry
- Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Gambling
- Adult content
- UN Global Compact Violation



Evaluate

Emphasize best-in-class ESG issuers and prime ESG engagement candidates in portfolio construction

Attributes of best-in-class issuers

- Formal, ambitious climate strategy
- Measurable progress in reducing resource intensity and physical risks
- Ability to attract/retain the right employees
- Strong record on product safety and customer suitability
- Diverse, independent board oversight



Engage

Engage collaboratively with issuers to change ESG-related business practices

Engagement

- Have you set a science-based and net zero emissions targets? By when? If not, why?
- How are sustainability outcomes embedded in executive compensation?
- Have you analyzed your firm's gender pay gap? What changes have resulted?
- Is your customer data certified to ISO 27001 security standards?



*ESG Fixed Income Securities from issuers involved in oil and coal related sectors, may be permitted. Refer to page 6 and the relevant sections of the Fund Prospectus for additional performance and fee, GIS funds, chart, index and risk information and refer to page 8 for ESG risk information.

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Risks: There are risks involved in making investments into collective investment schemes, the following risks are relevant to an investment into Funds:

- Investing in the **bond market** is subject to risks, including market, interest rate, issuer, credit, inflation risk, and liquidity risk. The value of most bonds and bond strategies are impacted by changes in interest rates. Bonds and bond strategies with longer durations tend to be more sensitive and volatile than those with shorter durations; bond prices generally fall as interest rates rise, and low interest rate environment increases this risk. Reductions in bond counterparty capacity may contribute to decreased market liquidity and increased price volatility. Bond investments may be worth more or less than the original cost when redeemed.
- Credit and Default Risk** A decline in the financial health of an issuer of a fixed income security can lead to an inability or unwillingness to repay a loan or meet a contractual obligation. This could cause the value of its bonds to fall or become worthless. Funds with high exposures to non-investment grade securities have a higher exposure to this risk.
- Currency Risk** changes in exchange rates may cause the value of the investments to decrease or increase.
- Derivatives and Counterparty Risk** The use of certain derivatives could result in the fund having a greater or more volatile exposure to the underlying assets and an increased exposure to counterparty risk. This may expose the fund to larger gains or losses associated with market movements or in relation to a trade counterparty being unable to meet its obligations.
- Emerging Markets Risk** Emerging markets, and especially frontier markets, generally carry greater political, legal, counterparty and operational risk. Investments in these markets may expose the fund to larger gains or losses.
- Liquidity Risk** Difficult market conditions could result in certain securities becoming hard to sell at a desired time and price.
- Interest Rate Risk** Changes in interest rates will usually result in the values of bond and other debt instruments moving in the opposite direction (e.g. a rise in interest rates likely leads to fall in bond prices).
- Mortgage Related and Other Asset Backed Securities Risks** Mortgage or asset backed securities are subject to similar risks as other fixed income securities, and may also be subject to prepayment risk and higher levels of credit and liquidity risk.
- China InterBank Bond Market ("CIBM")** The fund may be exposed to liquidity risks, settlement risks, default of counterparties and market volatility associated with CIBM. In addition, the CIBM rules are new and still subject to further clarification and/or changes, which may adversely affect the fund's capability to invest in the CIBM.

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ESG Investment Risk

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- We recognize that ESG factors are increasingly essential inputs when evaluating global economies, markets, industries and business models. Material ESG factors are important considerations when evaluating long-term investment opportunities and risks for all asset classes in both public and private markets.
- Integrating ESG factors into the evaluation process does not mean that ESG information is the sole or primary consideration for an investment decision; instead, PIMCO's portfolio managers and analyst teams evaluate and weigh a variety of financial and non-financial factors, which can include ESG considerations, to make investment decisions. The relevance of ESG considerations to investment decisions varies across asset classes and strategies.
- The Fund's ESG investing strategy may select or exclude securities of certain issuers for reasons other than financial performance. Such strategy carries the risk that the Fund's performance will differ from similar funds that do not utilize an ESG investing strategy. For example, the application of this strategy could affect the Fund's exposure to certain sectors or types of investments, which could negatively impact the Fund's performance.
- There is no guarantee that the factors utilized by the Investment Advisor will reflect the opinions of any particular investor, and the factors utilized by the Investment Advisor may differ from the factors that any particular investor considers relevant in evaluating an issuer's ESG practices.
- Future ESG development and regulation may impact the Fund's implementation of its investment strategy. In addition, there may be cost implications arising from ESG related due diligence, increased reporting and use of third-party ESG data providers.

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SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REGULATION (SFDR) CATEGORISATION: ARTICLE 9

SFDR Categorization sets out how the fund is categorized for the Purposes of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on Sustainability-related Disclosures in the Financial Services Sector (SFDR). Article 9 funds have sustainable investment as their objective. Further details are set out in the Prospectus and relevant Fund Supplement.

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