# BORDER TO COAST GLOBAL EQUITY ALPHA FUND

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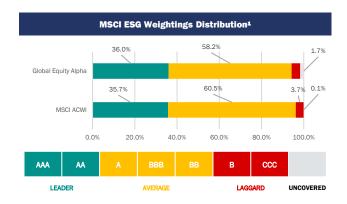






	Q2 2022 Position <sup>1</sup>			Кеу		
	MSCI ESG Rating	Weighted ESG Score	vs. Benchmark		Fund has an equal or better Weighted ESG Score than the benchmark.	
Global Equity Alpha	AA ¹	6.5 1			Fund has a Weighted ESG Score within 0.5 of the benchmark.	
MSCI ACWI	AA ¹	6.5 <sup>1</sup>			Fund has a Weighted 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
ASML Holding	2.0%	+1.7%	AAA 1	Vitesco Technologies Group	0.9%	+0.9%	<b>B</b> 1
Microsoft Corporation	1.1%	-2.2%	AAA 1	Airbnb	0.7%	+0.7%	<b>B</b> 1
Allianz SE	0.9%	+0.7%	AAA 1	Adient	0.7%	+0.7%	<b>B</b> 1
Nvidia Corporation	0.6%	-0.1%	AAA 1	META Platforms	0.5%	-0.1%	B 1
Diageo	0.8%	+0.6%	AAA 1	Helmerich & Payne	0.2%	+0.2%	<b>B</b> 1

# Quarterly ESG Commentary

- Marginal increases in the Weighted ESG score in both the Fund and benchmark saw both increase their rating to 'AA' over the quarter.
- The Fund saw several upgrades over the period, including Fisery, Danaher, Charter Communications and EasyJet. Automotive
  components company. BorgWarner, was the sole downgrade due to increasing risks associated with warranty payments.

# Feature Stock: Vitesco Technologies Group

Vitesco Technologies Group ('Vitesco') is a company that was spun-out of Continental and focuses on the systematic shift to hybrid and electric vehicles via its Electrification Technologies division. Following its spin-off, Vitesco's shares were trading at attractive levels, given a multi-year order backlog, solid recent customer wins, and competitive positioning in the market for electronic control units.

While the company is still in the early stages of operating as a standalone entity (having only received its initial MSCI rating in Q1 2022), its commitment to cutting its own emissions, and its role powering the electrification of an increasing share of the global automotive market, positions it favourably to both assist with and benefit the transition to a lower carbon economy.

Engagement has been carried out with the company due to the current chairman's historical ties to Russian corporations, most recently serving on the board of the European subsidiary of Russian Bank, Sberbank, from which he resigned in February 2022. Despite constructive dialogue held with Vitesco's supervisory board on this topic, Border to Coast took the decision to vote against his appointment as chairman at this year's AGM.

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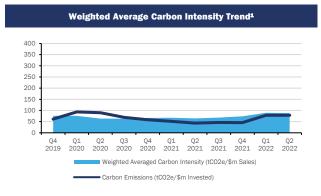
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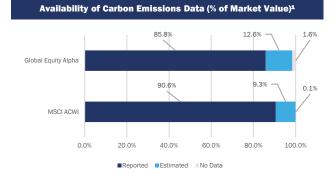




### Carbon Emissions and Intensity<sup>1</sup> 500 450 350 300 250 177.5 163.8 200 110.3 150 88.1 78.1 82.6 100 50 Carbon Emissions/\$m Carbon Intensity Weighted Average Carbon Invested Intensity ■ Global Equity Alpha ■ MSCI ACWI



# Weight of Holdings Owning Fossil Fuel Reserves 20% 15% 15% 4.7% 4.7% 4.7% Any Reserves Thermal Coal Gas Oil



Largest Contributors to Weighted Average Carbon Intensity <sup>1</sup>							
	% Portfolio Weight	% Relative Weight	Contribution	CA100+	TPI Level		
Holcim	0.6%	+0.5%	26.9% 1	Yes	4		
HeidelbergCement	0.4%	+0.4%	16.7% 1	Yes	3		
Linde	1.0%	+0.7%	15.8% 1	No	4		
EasyJet	0.5%	+0.5%	6.4% 1	No	3		
Berkshire Hathaway	0.8%	+0.1%	2.8% 1	Yes	1		

# **Quarterly Carbon Commentary**

- . The Fund's carbon intensity metrics were broadly stable over the quarter and remain materially below the benchmark.
- Exposure to fossil fuel reserves comes primarily from the Fund's allocation to diversified minding company, Glencore, which represents c.0.8% of the overall Fund.

# Feature Stock: Berkshire Hathaway

Berkshire Hathaway is a holding company that operates through a variety of subsidiaries, spanning insurance, energy, rail transport, and consumer products.

The company's underlying businesses enjoy unique strengths in areas such as cost, scale, and market share, and the board and management team have a track record of creating value for shareholders. The climate risk profile of Berkshire Hathaway's operating companies is extremely varied, but by far the most carbon-intensive subsidiary is Berkshire Hathaway Energy (BHE), an electric utility that has exposure to coal-fired generation. However, BHE is moving away from fossil fuels: the share of coal in its generating portfolio halved between 2005 and 2020, and as of last year, non-carbon generating assets represented over 70% of installed capacity. BHE has invested over \$34 billion in renewable generation to date and aims to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050.



Issuers Not Covered <sup>1</sup>						
Reason	ESG (%)	Carbon (%)				
Company not covered	1.1%	1.0%				
Investment Trust/ Funds	0.6%	0.6%				

<sup>1</sup>Source: MSCI ESG Research 30/06/2022

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