

# IAPF Investment Week

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# RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN FIXED INCOME – WHAT IT MEANS FOR TRUSTEES

# Agenda

- ▶ Know your carbon measures – it's important!
- ▶ Is a net-zero carbon portfolio achievable whilst maintaining market-type returns?
- ▶ How can we measure Paris-Alignment of portfolios?

# What carbon measures are you looking at?



Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI): expressed in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per \$1m sales

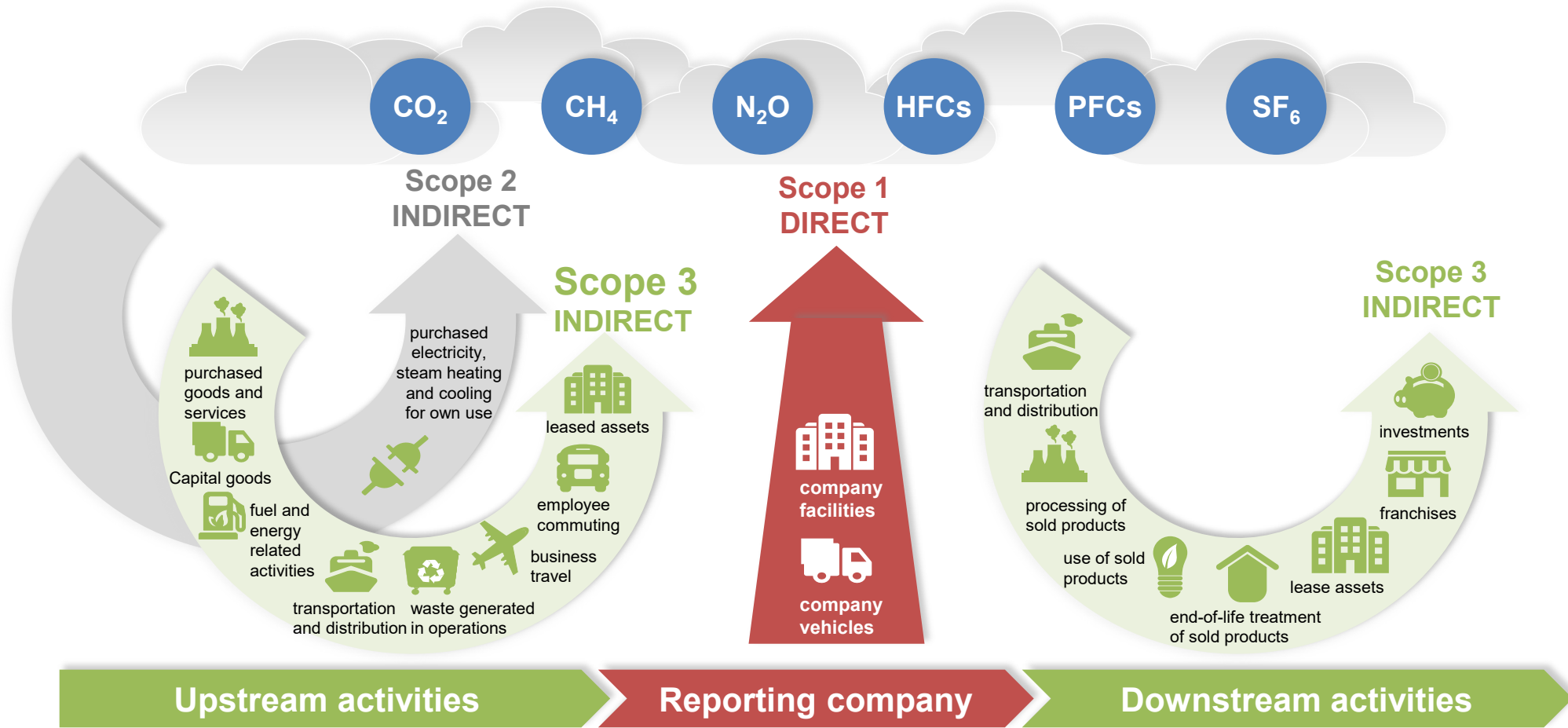


Carbon footprint: expressed as tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per \$1m of Enterprise Value



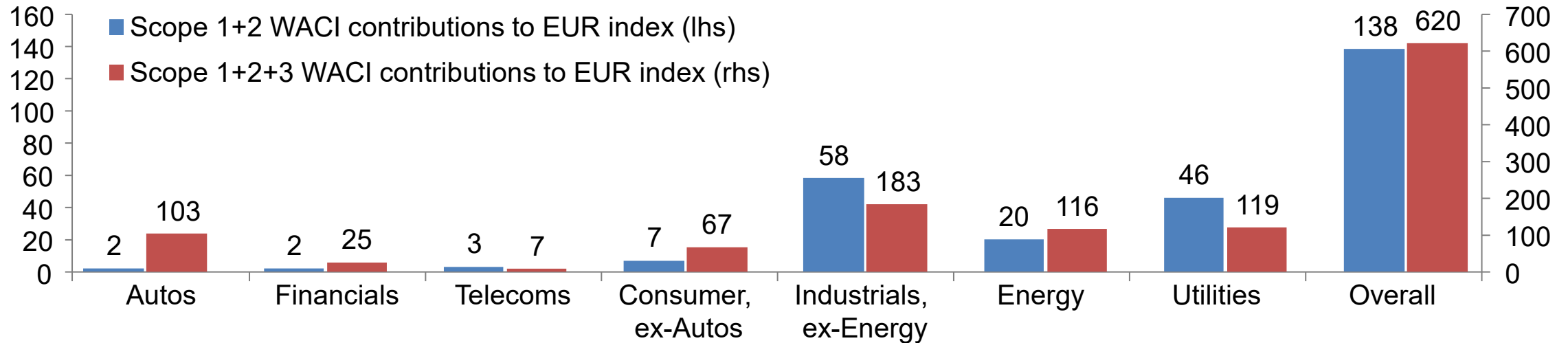
Scope 1, 2 or 3?

# What are Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions?



Source: World Resources Institute and World Business Council for Sustainable Development, September 2011.

# WACI contributions to the EUR index by sector

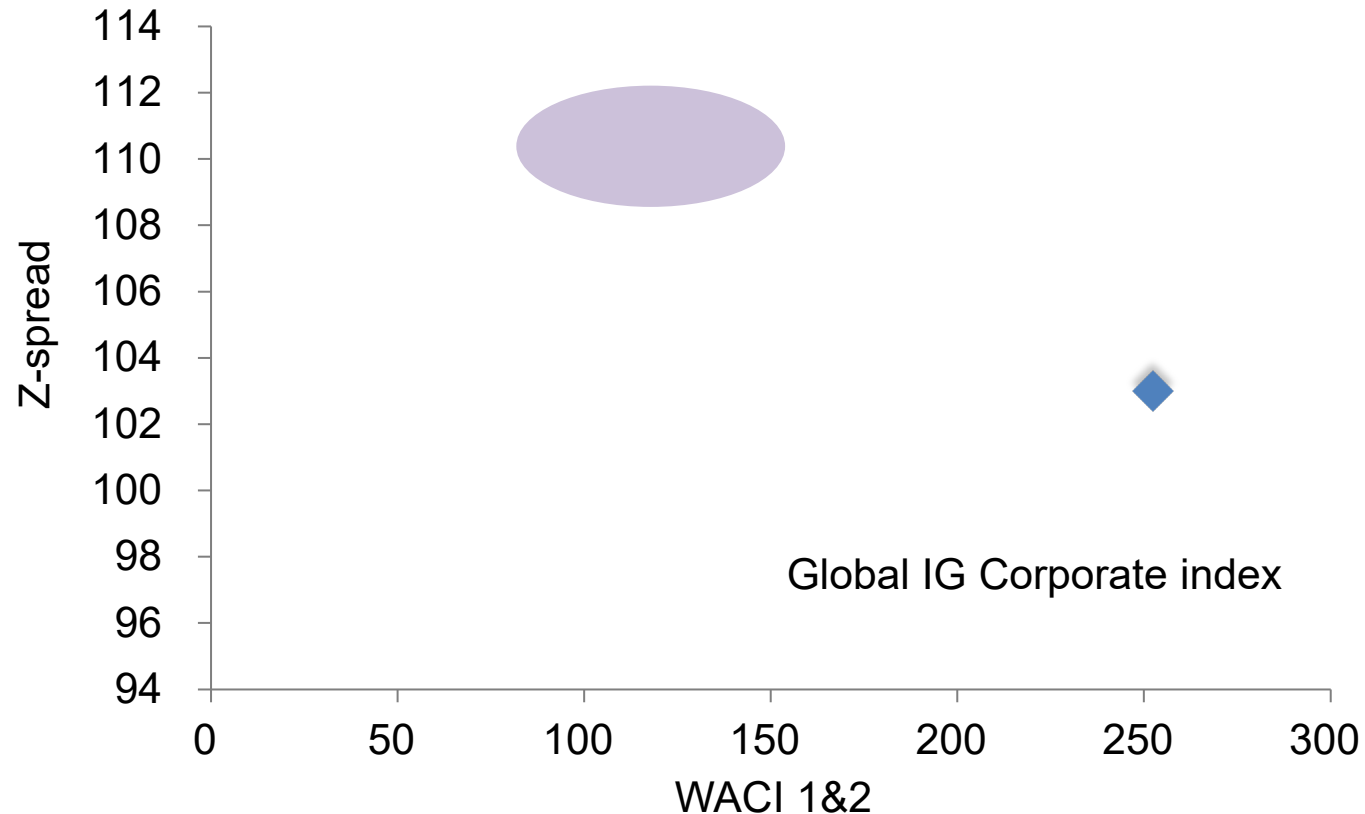


- Utilities are about 7% of the index but contribute about 33% of carbon intensity
- Energy sector is about 5% of the index but accounts for 15% of the carbon intensity
- A low carbon portfolio based on scope 1+2 emissions would bias away from these sectors

- Adding in Scope 3 emissions changes the picture
- The Industrials ex-energy and the Autos sectors have high carbon intensities too
- A low carbon portfolio based on scope 1 and 2 emissions may not be so low carbon when incorporating scope 3 emissions

Source: Insight as at December 2021.

# Carbon intensity sweet spot

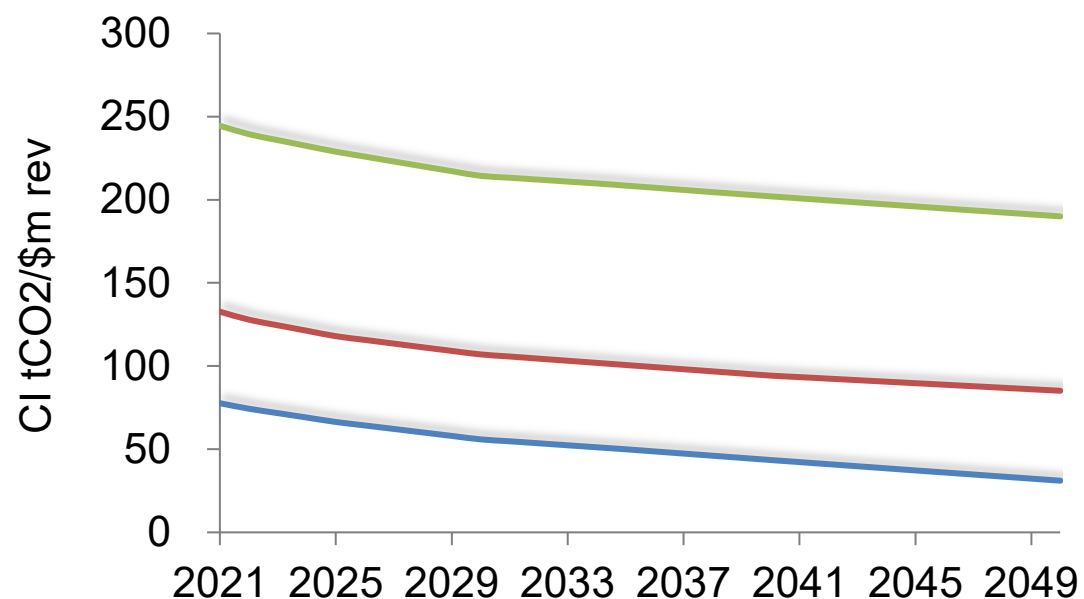


- De-carbonising beyond a certain point starts to impact returns
- How much 'good' does exclusion do? Supporting issuers who are reducing carbon emissions will have a greater impact

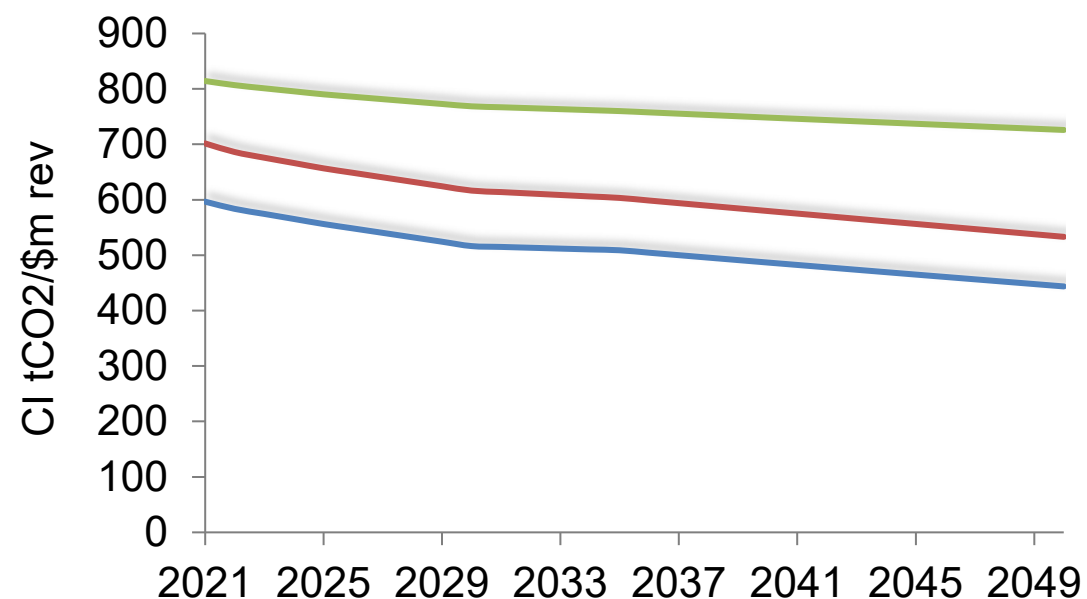
Source: Insight and MSCI as at December 2021.

# Can net zero be achieved?

## Scope 1+2 Projected WACI



## Scope 3 Projected WACI



— Portfolio — EUR Aggregate Corporate Benchmark — Global IG Index

Source: Insight and MSCI as at December 2021.



# What about building 'aligned' portfolios?

Potential source data	Global IG coverage		Comment
	Market value	Scope 1&2	
TruCost	68%	81%	Assessment made on basis of 2025 trendline – too short-termist
Science based targets	34%	24%	Requires companies to subscribe – a good standard to screen for but coverage potentially stays too low for overall portfolio analysis
Transition pathway initiative	12%	60%	Coverage very low
Climate Action 100+	16%	49%	Framework designed for high GHG emitting issuers – can it be rolled out more broadly?
MSCI	97%	100%	Better coverage – but data still requires further analysis

- Use this data to assign issuers into the IIGCC framework
- Over time, work on transposing that determination into a degrees Celsius alignment metric

Too early to build fully 'aligned' portfolios

# IIGCC alignment framework

Achieving  
Net Zero

Aligned to a  
Net Zero  
pathway

Aligning  
towards a Net  
Zero pathway

Committed to  
Aligning

Not Aligned

▶ Decisions about how to categorise issuers is left to managers

▶ Expect to see portfolio allocations to move to the left over time

▶ Will drive engagement with issuers – managers should hold them to account

# Conclusions

▶ Understand your carbon data and how your manager is using it

▶ Consider your philosophy – what are your aims and how far are you prepared to go?

▶ Ask how your manager will categorise issuers in the IIGCC framework

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