# Index Carbon Footprint Metrics

MSCI reports the carbon footprint of its flagship global indexes in response to the growing commitments by asset owners and asset managers to understand, measure, and manage carbon risk in their portfolios.

Climate change presents one of the largest economic and political challenges of the 21st century. Over the coming decades, efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change may have wide-ranging policy, economic, and technological impacts, potentially creating both risks and opportunities for investors.

# Carbon footprint of flagship MSCI Indexes as of October 29, 2021

	Weighted Average Carbon Intensity
Index Name	Tons of CO2e/\$M sales
MSCI ACWI INDEX	154.0
· ACWI ESG LEADERS	94.0
· ACWI LOW CARBON TARGET	66.7
ACWI LOW CARBON LEADERS	72.3
ACWI ex FOSSIL FUELS	117.1
ACWI ex COAL	133.2
MSCI WORLD INDEX	132.1
WORLD ESG LEADERS	75.5
WORLD LOW CARBON TARGET	68.6
WORLD LOW CARBON LEADERS	65.3
MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INDEX	322.9
EMERGING MARKETS ESG LEADERS	225.4
MSCI EUROPE INDEX	129.1
• EUROPE ESG LEADERS	95.9
EUROPE LOW CARBON LEADERS	58.8
MSCI NORTH AMERICA INDEX	134.6
NORTH AMERICA ESG LEADERS	69.6
NORTH AMERICA LOW CARBON LEADERS	73.0
MSCI PACIFIC INDEX	120.5
PACIFIC ESG LEADERS	81.4



Assessing the carbon footprint of a portfolio against a benchmark is the first step in addressing the investment implications of climate change, by setting a baseline that can inform future actions.

#### **Overview**

# What is the portfolio's exposure to carbon intensive companies?

Since companies with higher carbon intensity are likely to face more exposure to carbon related market and regulatory risks, this metric indicates a portfolio's exposure to potential climate change-related risks relative to other portfolios or a benchmark. Agnostic to ownership share, it also facilitates comparison with non-equity asset classes.

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