

Schroders

**Schroder Unit Trusts Limited  
TCFD AM entity-level disclosures**



## 1. Introduction

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This report is published by Schroder Unit Trusts Limited (**'SUTL'**), which has voluntarily elected to make entity-level disclosures in advance of the prescribed publication date in June 2024. These disclosures have been made to demonstrate our part in Schroders' commitment to action.

SUTL is the Schroders plc Group's (the **'Group'**) main authorised corporate director ('ACD') of open-ended investment companies and the manager of UK-based Undertakings for the Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ('UCITS'), unit trusts, non-UCITS retail schemes and charity authorised investment funds. It is also the main UK alternative investment fund manager ('AIFM') of alternative investment funds ('AIFs') in the Group.

As SUTL's approach towards climate risks and opportunities is aligned with the broader Group approach, where relevant this report relies on and cross-refers to the Group level disclosure in the in the Climate Report 2022 published by Schroders plc (which is the ultimate parent company of SUTL (**'Group Climate Report 2022'**)), available [here](#).

This report has been approved by Lesley-Ann Morgan (Head of Multi-Asset Strategy/Head of Economics and Strategy). Any information provided by third parties is believed to be reliable, but has not necessarily been verified by SUTL or the Group.



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## 2. Governance

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As SUTL's governance framework for climate risks and opportunities is consistent with the Group-level governance framework, please see the 'Governance' section of the Schroders plc Climate report 2022.

## 3. Strategy

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As SUTL's strategy for the consideration of climate risks and opportunities is consistent with the Group-level strategy in both the investments we manage on behalf of our clients and our own operations, please see the 'Strategy' section of the Group Climate Report 2022.

## 4. Risk Management

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As SUTL's approach to identifying, monitoring and managing climate risks is consistent with the Group-level risk framework, please see the 'Risk Management' section of the Group Climate Report 2022.

## 5. Metrics and Targets

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As SUTL uses the same metrics to assess climate related risks and opportunities at an entity level as broader Group, please see the 'Metrics and targets' section of the Group Climate Report 2022. SUTL has not set any climate related targets at an entity level but rather is subject to the targets set at Group level. These metrics and targets will be applied across all the products managed and services provided by SUTL, as applicable.

SUTL held total assets under management of £46.5 billion as at 31 December 2022.

## 6. Data Gaps, Estimates and Assumptions

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Schroders Group and its underlying entities use MSCI as its primary provider of emissions data. The choice to use a single provider, as far as possible, has been made to facilitate consistency and reduce ambiguity across our emissions metric calculations. We are therefore dependent on MSCI for the coverage of emissions data across our public investments, and we will continue to work with them to encourage increased coverage.

Further to the foregoing, we do not yet have access to MSCI data for certain asset classes, such as for sovereign bonds; however we are engaging with MSCI in this regard and aim to incorporate this data into our systems as soon as it becomes available. As a signatory to the Science Based Target initiative (SBTi), once this data is available, it will in turn enable us to follow the relevant emission and climate data methodologies relating to sovereign bonds approved by the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) in our future assessment of relevant holdings and reporting.

For investments in listed corporate securities, MSCI may estimate emissions data where a company has not reported. Where no emissions data is available from MSCI, SUTL has chosen not to use an internal estimation methodology in its product-level reporting. The extent to which MSCI uses estimated data in the absence of reported data will be included in each product TCFD report.

The approach to estimating corporate emissions data differs slightly from the Group approach where, in addition to the estimated data provided by MSCI, the Group uses an internal 'filling' methodology to increase the coverage of its financed emissions for assets in-scope of its SBTi commitment. Historically, this internal estimation has been used solely in the absence of estimated data from MSCI. As the data coverage provided by MSCI has improved, the necessity for the internal methodology has decreased. Its sole purpose for inclusion in the Group Climate Report 2022 has been to mitigate the volatility of our aggregated SBTi temperature score. For our product-level reporting, we do not use this methodology because:

1. It creates greater challenges when comparing fund emissions for our clients, and;
2. The funds managed by this entity do not have specific SBTi temperature score obligations.

## 7. Methodology

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Please see the section entitled 'Our methodology and approach' in the 'Metrics and targets' section of the Group Climate Report 2022 for a description of our approach regarding metrics and targets.

## 8. Notes on data limitations

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Please see the section entitled 'Data limitations' in the 'Metrics and targets' section of the Group Climate Report 2022.

## 9. Delegation

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Please see the sections entitled "Supply chain and engagement" and "Our approach in Wealth Management" in the 'Strategy' section of the Group Climate Report 2022 for a description of how our climate strategy has influenced our decision-making and process by which we (i) delegate functions, (ii) select delegates, and (iii) rely on services, strategies or products offered or employed by third parties including delegates.

## 10. Materiality

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Our approach to materiality is set out on page 8 of the Group Climate Report 2022.

## 11. Link to relevant TCFD product reports

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As a UK AIFM that manages unauthorised AIFs listed on a recognised investment exchange, SUTL must include the public TCFD product reports for this product type, or an adequately contextualised and prominent cross-reference and hyperlink to the public TCFD product reports, in its TCFD entity report.

Accordingly, please find hyperlinks relating to SUTL managed unauthorised AIFs listed on a recognised investment exchange set out below:

[SUTL TCFD Product reports](#)