

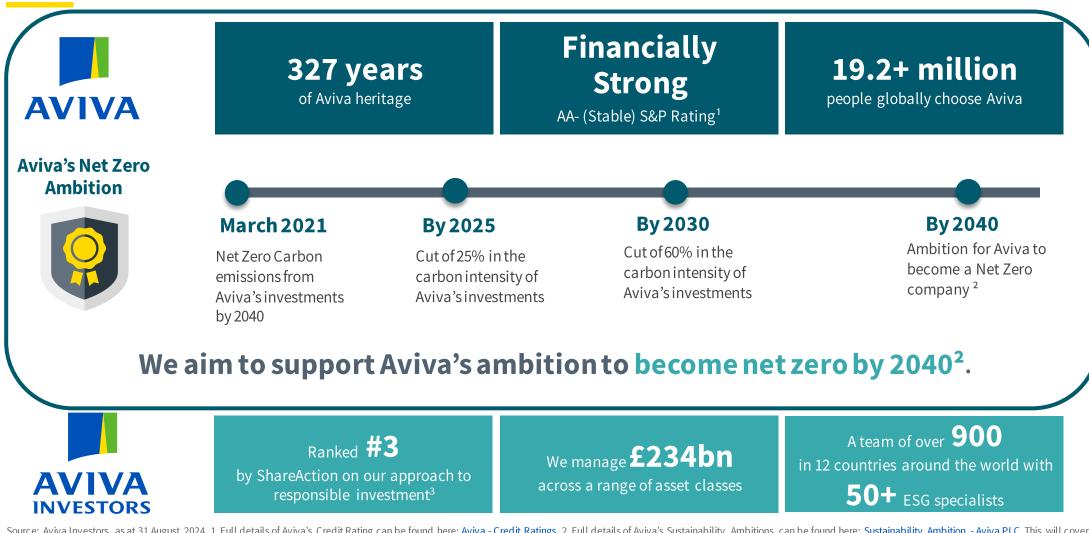
## Delivering Global IG returns through climate risk integration

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## **Aviva PLC Company Overview**



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## Investing with purpose

Dual mandate aiming to deliver performance *and* invest in companies responding to climate change effectively



Two equally important and aligned objectives

Outcomes may not be achieved.



## **Solution providers**

Identifying companies providing solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation



Source: Aviva Investors. Stock examples for illustrative purposes only, not intended to be an investment recommendation.



## Stora Enso



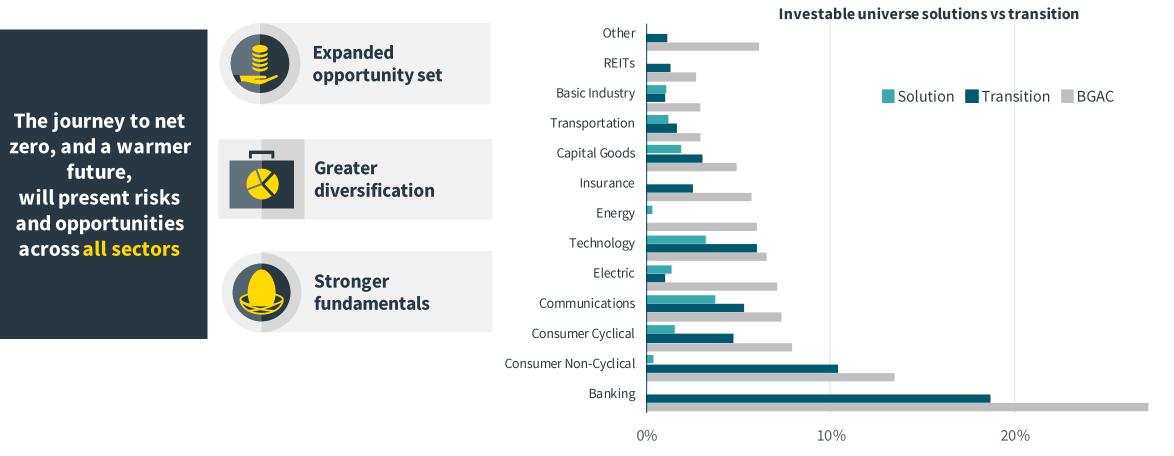
Providing solution for a lower-carbon and nature positive economy		Credentials	Stora Enso
Climate	Biodiversity		
Renewable packaging such as fibre-based	Protecting and promoting habitats for	CDP Climate	Α
packaging and paperboard trays	selected species	CDP	Supplier Engagement Leader
<b>Wooden</b> Construction Materials such as Cross-laminated timber	Water landscapes for restoration, removing migration barriers in valuable watercourses, and creating	Forest Certifications	FSC PEFC
<b>Bio-based</b> innovations such as Fibrease –	a restoration plan for wetlands.	SBTi	1.5°C by 2030
closed loop system of efficient materials recovery	Increasing population of <b>broadleaf trees</b> in forests in Sweden	TNFD	Early Adopters

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## Including solution <u>and</u> transition companies is beneficial

## In order to deliver returns; as broad opportunity set possible is required

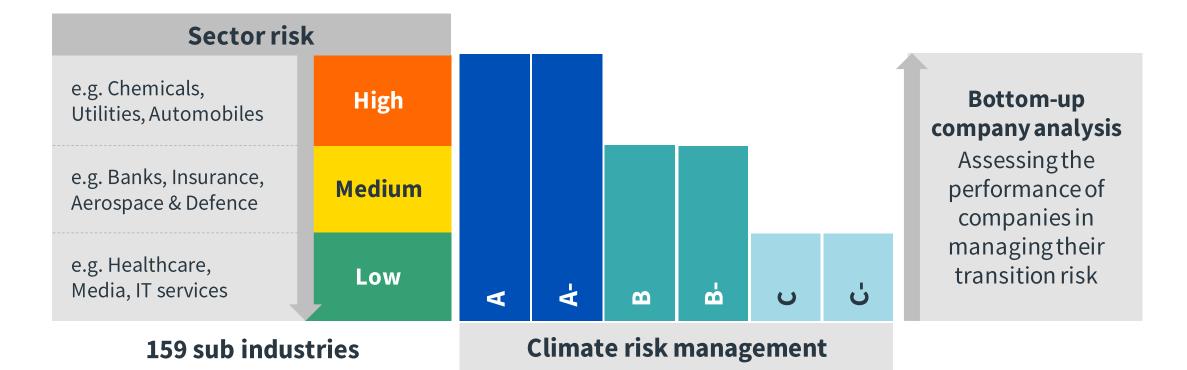


Source: Aviva Investors, as at 31 March 2024. Based on the Aviva Investors Climate Transition T-Risk Model. BGAC represents the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporates index.



30%

# Defining "transition" companies requires some degree of quantitative analysis



### Identifying companies orientating business models for a warmer, low-carbon world

Source: Aviva Investors. Proprietary top-down sub-industry Transition risk model uses a variety of data sources including, but not limited to, Cambridge Institute for Sustainable Leadership, Carbon Delta, CDP, Four Twenty Seven, Kepler Chervreux, Mercer and Moody's.



## **BNP** Paribas



Transition Leader in Climate and Biodiversity Commitments			Credentials	BNP
Climate	Biodiversity		ShareAction Biodiversity	1 <sup>st</sup> / 25
Covering <b>12 high impact</b> sectors with portfolio decarbonisation commitment	<b>€4 billion+</b> in financing of terrestrial and marine biodiversity in <b>2023</b> <sup>1</sup>		Forest 500 Deforestation <sup>2</sup>	22 / 150
			Science-based Target	Committed
Largest underwriter of <b>green bonds</b> in 2024	Transition leader in biodiversity policies and targets	CDP Climate Score	А	
		Poseidon principles	Signed	
		TNFD	Member since inception	
<b>90% low-carbon</b> financing for group energy production by <b>2028</b>	Real Estate business obtained Environmental Certification		Net Zero Banking Alliance	Member
			ESBR 2022 Ratio	1:4
			PCAF	Member

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# **National Grid**

# nationalgrid

Promoting practices for a lower-carbon and nature positive economy			Credentials	National Grid
Climate		Biodiversity	Powering Past	
	Reversing trends fuelling the degradation and <b>loss of nature</b>		Coal Alliance	Member
<b>CS30:</b> Long term and interim science-based targets aligned with <b>Paris Agreement</b>			Science-based Target	Approved
<b>Decarbonisation</b> planning, <b>emissions</b> disclosure, and capital allocation	Alignment with UN's Convention on <b>Biological Diversity</b> process	CDP Climate Score	Α	
		NextGrid Alliance	Founder	
<b>Regular</b> robust disclosure to the <b>CDP's</b> <b>Climate Change questionnaire</b>	Time-bound <b>science-based</b> target setting			
			TNFD	Member

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# Beyond capital allocation, engaging to support a real-world transition

## Climate Transition Engagement Programme (CTEP)

 ✓ Focused on portfolio holdings of Climate Transition Credit and Equity funds

#### Key expectations:

- ✓ Set near-term SBTs validated by the SBTi, consistent with a 1.5°C pathway
- ✓ Provide annual public disclosure to the CDP's climate change questionnaire and strive to continuously improve performance

#### Key features:

- ✓ Annual assessment against scorecard
- ✓ Companies scored Laggard to Leader
- ✓ Max three years programme for each company
- ✓ Escalation pathway leading to divestment

## Natural Capital Transition Engagement Programme (NCEP)

✓ Focused on portfolio holdings of Natural Capital Transition Equity fund

#### **Key expectations:**

- ✓ Identify and disclose the most material impacts and dependencies on biodiversity in their value chain
- ✓ Set ambitious SMART targets covering their most material biodiversity impacts, in line with emerging guidance from the Science-Based Targets for Nature (SBTN)
- ✓ Demonstrate progress against one company-specific ask most material to business model and key sector risks

#### Key features:

- ✓ Annual assessment against scorecard
- ✓ Companies scored Laggard to Leader
- ✓ Max three years programme for each company
- Escalation pathway leading to divestment

## Climate Engagement Escalation Programme (CEEP)\*

✓ Focused on 30 of the most systemically important carbon emitters (2021-2024)

#### Key expectations:

- ✓ Climate targets: 2050 net-zero Scope 3 targets for entire business operations, validated by SBTi
- Transition plans: Integration of decarbonisation roadmaps into corporate strategies, including near term targets
- ✓ Climate disclosures: High-quality TCFD disclosures, including scenario analysis
- ✓ Climate governance: Explicit and effective board oversight with climate targets meaningfully embedded in variable pay plans for senior leadership and wider business
- ✓ Climate lobbying: Transparency over and Parisalignment for all lobbying activities

Source: Aviva Investors. \*CEEP ran from 2021 – 2024 and is no longer active.



# A comparison of climate approaches

	Global Credit Index	Climate Transition Global Credit Representative Portfolio	Paris Aligned Index	Green Bonds Index
Number of constituents	16,545	143	11,625	777
Universe Market Cap	\$12,889bn	\$503m / Universe ~ 60% Global IG	\$9,376bn	\$522bn
Yield To Worst	4.74%	4.99%	4.26%	3.81%
Duration	6.02	6.06	5.68	4.66
Weighted ave. carbon intensity (metrictons of CO2e/\$M revenue	197	73	55	302
Targets		60% SBTs by 2030 / 90% by 2040 Nuanced approach supporting a real-world decarbonisation	50% minimum carbon intensity reduction at start / 7% rate of annual decarbonisation	
Sector biases		Active capital allocation with optimised portfolio construction	Exclusion of high emitters (like power generators) and rebalancing to low impact sectors (Banks, Consumers, Telecos)	Large weights of Banks and Utilities
Issuer selection		Quantitative and Qualitative climate assessment. FVT Fundamental, Valuation, Technical analysis of issuers.	Purely backward-looking data-driven and exclusionary. No climate analysis. Passive	Passive
Engagement		Targeted engagement programme	No	No

Source: Aviva Investors, as of 26 September 2024. Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index Hedged USD, Aviva Investors Climate Transition Global Credit representative portfolio, Bloomberg Global Corporate Paris-Aligned Bond Index Hedged USD, Bloomberg MSCI Global Green Bond Index Corporate Hedged USD



## Simply comparing returns can be complex

We believe it is possible to deliver climate outcomes alongside financial performance, however understanding the universe you are comparing is critical



#### Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Source: Aviva Investors, as at 31 May 2024. Common inception date [7/10/2021] used to enable full coverage of data for all bonds/indexes.

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## **In summary**



Analysing climate change and biodiversity loss creates opportunities and helps mitigate risks



A transition-based approach can prioritise firms best positioned to achieve climate and financial objectives



Having a seat at the table can help to deliver positive real-world change

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# Appendix

# Why is engagement important in credit?



**Bond issuance** four times higher than equity in 2021

Sole source of finance for private companies



**Bond issuance high in carbon intensive sectors** 



**Frequency of issuance versus equity** 



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