## Climate-Aware Investing in Global Public Equities

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## Alpha and Beta Climate-Aware Opportunities in Global Equities

- The materiality and complexity of the transition are supportive of an active investment approach.
  - Climate-centric active strategies fall under three main categories
    - Decarbonization/natural resources efficiency excellence at a reasonable price
    - "Brown-to-Green"
    - Climate Solutions Leaders
- The systemic nature of the transition also makes it a candidate for integration in the strategic asset allocation using systematically implemented and scalable "passive" indices.
  - There is a variety of climate-aware indices with different objectives

	Exclusionary	Carbon Reduction	Climate Leaders	Climate Transition	Paris Aligned	Climate Impact
Strategy Primary Objective	Exclude companies with fossil fuel reserves	Reduce carbon intensity and stranded asset risk	Select companies with potential to lead in the climate transition	Reduce transition risks while also increasing exposure to climate solutions providers	Keep the portfolio implied temperature rise between 1.5°C and 2°C while reducing transition & physical risks	Track impact KPIs like GHG, water, and waste



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## Incorporating the Low Carbon Transition into Benchmarks and Passive Portfolios



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Presentation to CalPERS

#### Climate-Aware Investing in Global Public Equities



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## What Asset Owners are saying about Sustainable Investment

### 2024 FTSE Russell Global Survey of Asset Owners on Sustainable Investments



#### What?

 Online survey covering Sustainable Investment topics



#### · Where?

- Global (15 countries represented this year)
- Survey offered in English, Japanese, and Mandarin



#### When?



March 4 – April 8, 2024

#### Who?

- 303 asset owners with assets under management totaling US\$9.2 trillion
- Regional response breakdown:
- 93 Americas
- 104 EMEA
- 106 Asia Pacific

#### Early look at key findings...

- 1) Nearly three-quarters (74%) of respondents say that they are implementing or evaluating Sustainable Investing as part of their investment strategy.
  - Regionally, the Americas score remains in an up-trend and is now on par with the global average (72% Americas vs 74% Global), which is lower year-overyear (80% in 2023)
- 2) In the Americas, the impact of climate risk on investment performance is now a primary concern for three-quarters (75%) of respondents.
- 3) Sustainable Investing is still being implemented with a hybrid approach including actively managed strategies and passive index strategies but for the first-time, the share of passive implementations now exceeds the share of active strategies.



# Energy transition and growth of the global green economy

## What is the Green Economy?

- FTSE Russell Green Revenues Classification System
  - 10 Sectors 64 Subsectors 133 Micro Sectors

Energy generation EG	Energy equipment EQ	Energy management & efficiency	Environmental resources	Environmental support services	Food & agriculture	Transport equipment	Transport solutions  TS	Waste & pollution control	Water infrastructure & technology
Bio Fuels Cogeneration Clean Fossil Fuels Geothermal Hydro Nuclear Ocean & Tidal Solar Waste to Energy Wind	Bio Fuels Cogeneration Equipment Clean Fossil Fuels Fuel Cells Geothermal Hydro Nuclear Ocean & Tidal Solar Waste to Energy Wind	Buildings & Property (Integrated)  Controls  Energy Management  Logistics & Support  Industrial Processes  IT Processes  Lighting  Power Storage  Smart & Efficient  Grids  Sustainable Property  Operator	Advanced & Light Materials Key Raw Minerals & Metals Recyclable Products & Materials	Environmental Consultancies Finance & Investment Smart City Design & Engineering	Agriculture Aquaculture Land Erosion Logistics Food Safety, Efficient Processing & Sustainable Packaging Sustainable Plantations	Aviation Railways Road Vehicles Shipping	Railways Operator Road Vehicles Video Conferencing	Advanced Irrigation Systems & Devices Desalination Flood Control Meteorological Solutions Natural Disaster Response Water Infrastructure Water Treatment Water Utilities	Cleaner Power  Decontamination Services & Devices Environmental Testing & Gas Sensing Particles & Emission Reduction Devices Recycling Equipment Recycling Services Waste Management

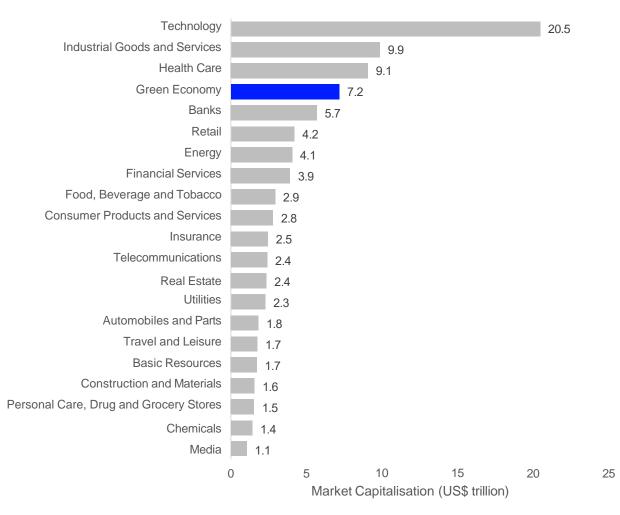
**133 Micro Sectors** 

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## The Green Economy is Big, Diverse, and Growing

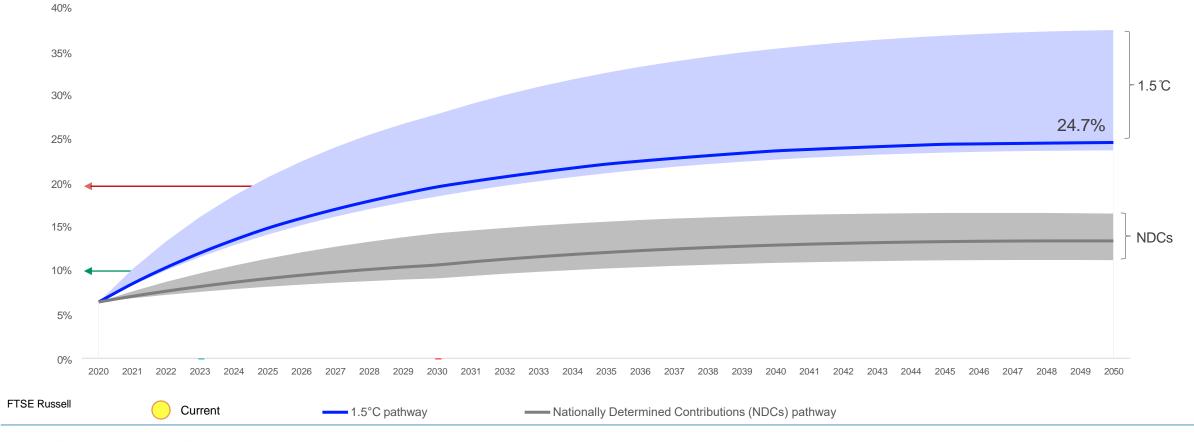
- With a US\$7.2 trillion market capitalization, approximately 10% of all listed equities – the Green Economy has doubled in size since the Paris Agreement in 2015
- If considered as a standalone sector the Green Economy would be the 4th largest sector in the global equity markets
- The green economy is diverse
  - more than 3,500 listed companies
  - About one-third of traditional sectors derive 10% of more revenues from green products/service
- The green economy is growing faster than the rest of the market
  - Green market cap 10-year CAGR of 13.8% versus 8.3% for global equity markets
  - Green revenue 10-year CAGR of 7.6% CAGR versus 5.3% global equity markets



Note: Green Revenue weighted market capitalization, calculated by aggregating market capitalization multiplied by company green revenues. Based on the latest green Revenues data (financial year 2022 or 2023) and the free float market capitalization as of April 2024

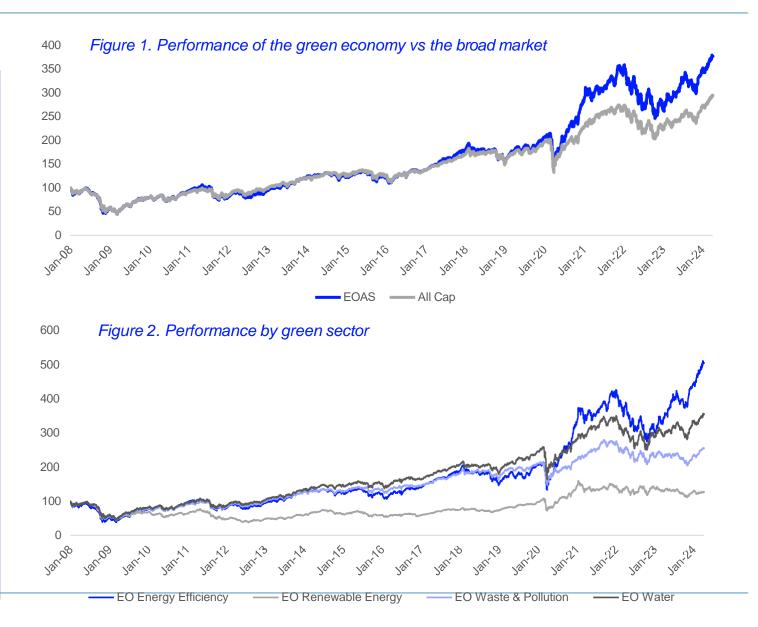
## **Green Economy Growth Projections**

 Aligning the global economy with a 1.5°C trajectory implies a doubling in size of the Green Economy by 2030, to represent approximately 20% of global equities' market capitalization.



## Historical Performance of the Green Economy

- The FTSE Environmental Opportunities All Share index, composed of all public companies with 20% or more Green Revenues, outperformed global equity markets by 82% since its inception in 2008 (fig.1).
- The Green Economy has outperformed all Sectors except Technology over the last 10 years, buoyed by the performance of the energy efficiency green sector (fig.2).
- Geographically, the US has been the best performing geography of the green economy.



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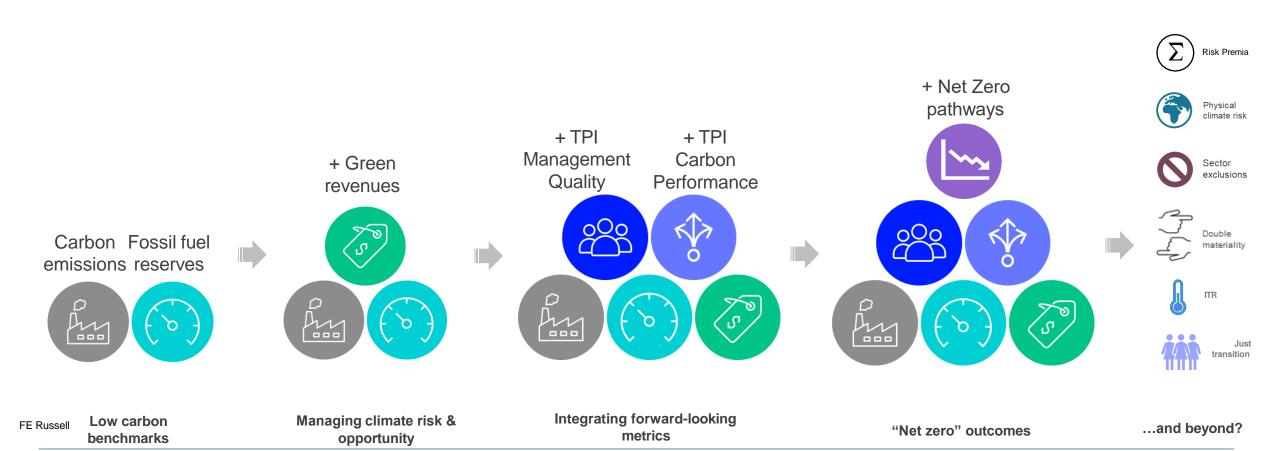




# Designing indexes that incorporate the transition to a low carbon economy

## The design & use of climate indices is constantly evolving

• Investor needs have grown in sophistication, from low carbon benchmarks to "net zero" outcomes





## Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI)

Unique partnership with TPI ensures data and index design informed by leading asset owners

## HIGHLY CREDIBLE, ASSET OWNER CREATED AND LED ORGANISATION

- Founded in 2015 by a global group of asset owners
- By 2024: 151 investor supporters globally, representing ~\$60th trillion combined assets under management and advice

#### **INDEPENDENCE & ACADEMIC RIGOUR**

 TPI tool hosted by the highly-respected Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (London School of Economics)

#### **DATA DRIVEN & OPEN SOURCE**

- TPI tool is publicly available
- Allows investors to benchmark corporate activities on climate
- Management of emissions & low-carbon transition risks/opportunities

#### SUPPORTS KEY GLOBAL INITIATIVES

- Aligned to global disclosure requirements
- 700 investors with over US\$68 trillion in combined AUM use TPI data in the CA100+ initiative



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Source: FTSE Russell, TPI, CA100+

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### FTSE TPI Climate Transition Index framework

- Customizable framework for integrating "climate transition" into indexes
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Index tracking investment

 Designed for use as broad market, passive equity and fixed income portfolio building blocks

Clear climate transition outcomes

- Reduce climate risk exposures
- Increase exposure to transitioning companies

Investor engagement tool

 Potential for signalling 2DC transition progress / performance to constituent companies



**Green Revenues** 



**Fossil Fuel Reserves** 



**Carbon Emissions** 



**TPI Management Quality** 



**TPI Carbon Performance** 

Risk management considerations

Climate transition data

inputs

**Risk constraints** ensure investability and diversification by e.g. neutralize risk premia exposures, manage turnover, cap Industry & Geography active share

Methodology

FTSE Russell's tilting methodology: adjusts constituent weights based on climate data and investment risk considerations.

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### FTSE TPI Climate Transition Index Framework

Targeted metrics for incorporating transition readiness through tilts to stock weights

**Green revenues** Overweight companies engaged in the transition to a green economy Backward-looking data Fossil fuel reserves Underweight companies with fossil fuel reserves Carbon emissions Over or underweight companies according to their GHG emissions orward-looking data Over or underweight companies according to their management quality **TPI Management quality** ("climate governance") Over or underweight companies according to their carbon performance TPI Carbon performance ("2DC/Below 2DC pathways")



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## CalPERS FTSE Climate Transition Index (CTI)

- CalPERS collaborated with FTSE Russell on the customized CalPERS FTSE Climate Transition Index (CTI).
- CTI is a rules-based, scalable alternative to capitalization-weighting, aiming to capture the equity risk premium in a climate- resilient manner.
- CTI provides significantly higher exposure to climate solutions, enabling the transition and substantially improving portfolio carbon footprint by systematically focusing on carbon efficiency leaders within each industry.
- CTI favors companies with projected emission intensity trajectories aligned with scenarios consistent with global warming below 2 degrees Celsius, especially in high-emitting sectors.
- The index integrates both climate and traditional financial metrics to systematically score constituents, ensuring climate resiliency without compromising expected performance, a crucial consideration for us as fiduciaries.
- CalPERS has made an initial allocation of approximately \$5 billion or 1% of the Total Fund into CTI. Staff will monitor the strategy to ensure consistency with the underlying thesis and performance expectations. The allocation to CTI will be revisited in the context of the Fund's 2025 ALM.

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