2° SCENARIO ANALYSIS REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a scenario analysis of the investment portfolio.

It responds to the recommendations of the G20 Financial Stability Board Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Over 1,000 financial institutions have been assessed using the model applied in this report, as part of direct partnerships with over 200 institutional investors, and collaborations with a number of financial supervisors.

The outputs provided in this report - based on the scope summarized in the table on the right - provide an analysis of the portfolio relative to an economic transition consistent with limiting global warming to 2°C above pre-industrial levels, as well as a comparison to peers. The analysis provides answers to three questions:

1. What is the current exposure in the portfolio to economic activities affected by the transition to a low-carbon economy? (Section 2)
2. Does the portfolio increase or decrease its alignment with a SDS transition over the next 5 years? (Section 3)
3. What is the expected future exposure to high- and low-carbon economic activities? (Section 4)

The analysis covers two asset classes: listed equity and corporate bonds.

The figure below shows the share of the total corporate bond and equity investments included in the analysis. 14.7% of the portfolio are in climate relevant sectors.

The graph on the bottom left shows the share of your equity and corporate bond portfolios in sectors included in this analysis. This 2°C scenario analysis focuses on the fossil fuel, power, and automotive sectors (dark blue), which account for between 70 and 90% of energy-related CO2-emissions in a typical equity portfolio. An analysis of the emissions intensity of the aviation, shipping, cement and steel sectors (light blue) is also included in this report. The chart on the right shows the detailed breakdown of the included sectors.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The figure below shows the estimated percent of the portfolio currently exposed to activities across the high carbon sectors.

The results show the share of the portfolio potentially exposed to transition risks in the fossil fuel, power, and automotive sectors. The results are calculated by first calculating the exposure of the portfolio to companies active in each of these sectors, and then calculating the specific technology exposure on the basis of the breakdown of those companies’ asset base.

The percentages are compared to the market portfolio. The market portfolio results are calculated based on the exposure of the global universe of assets in both the listed equity and corporate bond markets to the fossil fuel, power, and automotive sectors.

A value higher than the market portfolio suggests the portfolio is currently more exposed to transition risk than the market, on average. A value lower than the market portfolio suggests the portfolio is less exposed, all other things being equal. As will be outlined in the following sections, the extent to which these risks will materialize is likely to be at least in part a function of the evolution of the companies’ activities over time.

Note: In the graphs below, coal is shown separately to highlight those results. In the graphs below and throughout this report, “ICE” refers to Internal Combustion Engine (petrol and diesel) vehicles.
SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION
REPORT CONTENTS

This report provides a scenario analysis, following the recommendations of the G20’s Financial Stability Board Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Specifically, it seeks to inform the reader about four issues.

1. What is the current exposure of the portfolio to economic activities affected by the transition to a low-carbon economy? (Section 2)

   The first part of the report summarizes the exposures of the portfolio (in terms of % of the portfolio) to business activities potentially affected by the transition to a low-carbon economy and by extension to transition risk. Specifically, it will quantify the percent of the portfolio exposed to low-carbon and high-carbon activities across the fossil fuel, power, and automotive sectors. The results will be presented relative to the market portfolio.

2. Does the portfolio increase or decrease its alignment to the SDS over the next 5 years? (Section 3)

   The second part of the report will quantify the extent to which the portfolio is building or reducing risk in terms of being aligned / misaligned with the SDS pathway over the next 5 years. The analysis will focus on technologies in the fossil fuel sector (oil production, gas production, coal mining), electric power sector (coal power, gas power, nuclear power, renewables power), and automotive sector (internal combustion engine vehicles and electric vehicles). Additionally, information regarding the necessary progression of carbon emission intensity for the aviation, shipping, cement and steel sectors compared to Energy Technology Perspectives scenarios from the IEA.

3. What is the expected future exposure to high- and low-carbon economic activities based on the current revealed production and investment plans of the companies in the portfolio? (Section 4)

   Section 4 of this report will quantify the expected evolution of the portfolio’s exposure to high-carbon and low-carbon activities in 5 years (2023) based on the current revealed production and investment plans of companies in portfolio with business activities in the fossil fuel, power, and automotive sectors. The section will show the portfolio’s expected future technology mix in each sector compared to the expected future technology mix of both the aggregated investment portfolio of the peer group included in this analysis and the market aligned to a SDS benchmark. Additionally your regional exposure to coal mining activities shall also be displayed.

4. What is driving the results? (Section 5)

   Section 5 will provide background on the securities and companies driving the results presented in the previous sections, including additional analysis on individual companies’ profiles.

   For clarity, background information outlining the context of scenario analysis, the scenarios and modelling and transition risk is provided at the end of the report (Section 6).

Section 1: Introduction

Section 2: The current exposure

Section 3: Trajectory of the portfolio relative to transition scenarios

Section 4: The expected exposure in 2023

Section 5: Company exposure

Section 6: Background to the model
SECTION 2:
THE CURRENT EXPOSURE
This page provides information on the estimated percent of the portfolio currently exposed to activities across the fossil fuel, power, and automotive sectors.

These business activities account for roughly 70-90% of energy-related CO_2-emissions in the typical investor portfolio. The graphs below show the weight of each technology/fuel in the portfolio by asset class and sector, and by extension the share of each portfolio potentially exposed to transition risks in the fossil fuel, power, and automotive sectors. For context, the results of the relevant corporate bond and listed equity markets are also included.

A value higher than the market portfolio suggests the portfolio is currently more exposed to transition risk than the market, on average. A value lower than the market portfolio suggests the portfolio is less exposed, all other things being equal.

The results are calculated by first calculating the exposure of the portfolio to companies active in the fossil fuel, automotive, and power sectors, and then calculating the specific technology exposure on the basis of the breakdown of these companies’ asset base (see Fig. below).
SECTION 3: TRAJECTORY OF THE PORTFOLIO RELATIVE TO TRANSITION SCENARIOS
The alignment graphs below show the alignment of selected power technologies in the corporate bond portfolio relative to the IEA transition scenarios: B2DS, SDS, NPS, CPS and the global corporate bond market. For each technology, the value plotted for the portfolio (solid line) is the planned evolution or ‘trajectory’ of installed capacity allocated to the corporate bond portfolio over the next 5 years.

The lines separating the color-coded background areas plot the portfolio’s ‘target production’ for each technology under the IEA scenarios. The dotted line shows the planned trajectory of installed capacity in the specific technology for the corporate bond market, scaled to the same starting point as the portfolio.

*Due to differences in assumptions about the technology mix within the renewable power sector between the B2DS and SDS, the SDS appears more ambitious for renewable energy than the B2DS. However power generation from renewables is still expected to be greater in the B2DS despite the reduced capacity.
The alignment graphs below show the alignment of selected fossil fuels and automobile technologies in the corporate bond portfolio relative to the IEA transition scenarios: B2DS, SDS, NPS, CPS and the global corporate bond market. For each technology, the value plotted for the portfolio (solid line) is the planned evolution or ‘trajectory’ of fossil fuel production (top graphs) or automobile production (bottom graphs) allocated to the corporate bond portfolio over the next 5 years. The lines separating the color-coded background areas plot the portfolio’s ‘target production’ for each technology under the IEA scenarios. The dotted line shows planned production in the specific technology for the corporate bond market, scaled to the same starting point as the portfolio.
EMISSION INTENSITY ANALYSIS

There are a number of sectors for which no substitutable lower carbon technologies exist at scale on the market or there is insufficient asset level or scenario data. This is relevant to the steel, cement, shipping and air transport sectors. For these sectors, an analysis of the required changes in emissions intensity is conducted.

For these sectors, decarbonisation efforts are confined to increasing efficiency in production and use, as well as investment in research and development in the next 5-10 years, in order to bring CO₂-neutral alternatives to market maturity in the medium term. As a result, both the scenarios and the data are relatively imprecise.

The figures presented below are based on external CO₂ intensity estimates, based on a publicly available emissions estimation model developed by 2Dii together with the consulting company Ernst & Young. For shipping, an external CO₂ rating model developed by Rightship and the Carbon War Room has been used. Since this model is estimated externally and top-down, it is associated with some uncertainties. The results should therefore be considered as estimates, in contrast to the scenario analysis of the energy, electricity and automotive sectors. More information can be found in Section 6.

SECTION 4: THE EXPOSURE OF THE PORTFOLIO TO THE SDS IN 2023
The figure below shows the estimated exposure in 2023 to high-carbon and low-carbon technologies for the fossil fuels, power, and automotive sector, in both your corporate bond and equity portfolios.

The results are a function both of the starting point of the exposure (Section 2) and the evolution of the exposure over time (Section 3) based on current revealed investment and production plans for all technologies. The results show the relative exposure of your portfolios across asset classes and technologies/fuels. The results are compared to the expected market fuel mix under a SDS transition in 2023.

As highlighted previously, the analysis does not include assumptions around changes in portfolio composition. Rather, it is limited to how the portfolio’s exposure to high-carbon and low-carbon technologies is set to change over time as a function of changes in company exposures, independent of portfolio composition changes. The results help contextualize the share of the sectoral exposure in 2023 exposed to transition risks in terms of the share of activities that can be classified as either high-carbon or low-carbon. Given the marginal nature of renewable activities across oil and gas companies, this share has not been considered in the analysis, although it may over time represent a growing share.
The following charts show the regional exposure of your corporate bond and equity portfolios to coal mining in 2023. This is the aggregation of coal mining allocated to your portfolio in each region.

Regional exposure of the corporate bond portfolio to coal mining
SECTION 5: COMPANY EXPOSURE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF SECURITIES TO THE RESULTS

The objective of this section is to provide insight into the specific companies driving the results presented in the previous sections.

The following pages will show results for individual companies in the fossil fuel, power, and automotive sectors. The analytics provided show just one piece of information related to potential scenario analysis of companies and their contribution to a portfolio’s performance. A range of additional indicators could be considered that go beyond the scope of this particular report. The indicators presented here should not be considered as investment recommendations, but rather as information about the companies driving the results of the portfolio scenario analysis. Section 6 provides further detail on the data sources informing this section.

As part of a partnership with a range of technical experts, 2Dii is currently developing a company scenario analysis report mirroring the portfolio reports presented here, designed to be made freely available and provide a more comprehensive and holistic picture of a company’s positioning relative to a decarbonization scenario. This infrastructure can be used to inform future scenario analysis and actions and will be launched in the second half of 2018. The analytics in this report thus only show a snapshot of the type of data that can be explored.

The following will briefly summarize the type of data that is shown for each sector that is present in your portfolio.

**Oil and gas.** For oil and gas production, three types of indicators are shown.

1. The first indicator is the total planned change in production of oil and gas companies over the next 5 years, based on the currently revealed production plans in the asset-level databases. The graphs on the next page show the largest companies by amount of oil or gas production allocated to the corporate bond and equity portfolios in 2018; these companies have the most influence on the portfolio’s alignment results for the fossil fuels sector. For each asset class and technology, the results are shown relative to the portfolio’s targeted total change in production during the 5 year period under the SDS (green bar). It should be noted that the figures provided are based on current estimated production and evolution of the existing asset base. Mergers, acquisitions, and increases in capital expenditure relative to baselines may of course lead to changes in these trends over time.

2. The second indicator builds on analysis conducted by the Carbon Tracker Initiative in partnership with the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI). This indicator takes a more long-term view and analyses the alignment of companies with a 2°C carbon budget from the perspective of the cost structure of their oil and gas assets. This indicator differs from the first in terms of the time horizon and the underlying allocation rules that allocate macro scenarios to microeconomic actors. More information on the methodology and the approach can be found at http://www.2degreeseparation.com/. This indicator can only be used to analyze the listed equity portfolio, as data is unavailable for corporate bond securities.

3. The third indicator shows the breakdown of oil assets of individual companies by type of oil (e.g., conventional, tar sands, etc.). Wood Mackenzie (2018) proposes that while shifting away from high-carbon fuels towards low carbon is necessary as an overall trend, within the oil and gas industry, shifting away from particular extraction methods is a transitional alternative. This report does not comment on the emissions by extraction type, however data is available on this. Investors need to look beyond resource themes and review the variations in upstream emissions intensity to see how companies can reduce their carbon footprints. Even assets of the same theme can have significantly different emissions intensity based upon maturity, location and other unique factors.

**Power and automotive sectors.** For the power and automotive sectors, the company level information focuses on the technology mix of the utilities and automotive manufacturers in the corporate bond and equity portfolios, informing in particular the results for Section 4. Additional information on the build out plans of these companies and the changes over time can be provided upon request.

*Please note, for your corporate bond portfolio, the results are provided at debt ticker level. This is because a single debt ticker could be associated with multiple companies.*
CONTRIBUTIONS OF SECURITIES TO THE RESULTS
OIL AND GAS

Planned changes in oil and gas production of companies with most production allocated to the corporate bond portfolio in 2023. This graph shows the planned increases and decreases in production for gas and oil for the largest companies in this sector in your corporate bond portfolio over the next five years. This is compared to the required change as per the SDS.

Resource breakdown of oil production of the largest holdings in the corporate bond portfolio in 2023. This graph shows oil production by type of oil for the largest holdings (by market value) of oil producers in the corporate bond portfolio.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF SECURITIES TO THE RESULTS
POWER AND AUTOMOTIVE

The figures below show the currently planned fuel mix in 2023 for the largest holdings (by market value) of utilities in the corporate bond and equity portfolios.

The results are shown compared to the portfolio’s currently planned fuel mix, the portfolio’s target fuel mix under the SDS, and the market’s currently planned fuel mix (as of 2023). The weight is the size of the total investment in each company as a percent of the total value of the relevant portfolio.

Technology breakdown of power companies within the corporate bond portfolio

The figures below show the currently planned production mix of engine technologies in 2023 for the largest holdings (by market value) of automobile manufacturers in the corporate bond and equity portfolios.

The results are shown compared to the portfolio’s currently planned production mix, the portfolio’s target production mix under the SDS, and the market’s currently planned production mix. The weight is the size of the total investment in each company as a percent of the total value of the relevant portfolio.
Technology breakdown of automotive companies within the corporate bond portfolio
SECTION 6: BACKGROUND TO THE MODEL
Background. In June 2017, the G20 Financial Stability Board Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommended that financial institutions perform scenario analysis on their portfolios to assess financial risks related to climate change. The TCFD grouped climate-related risks into two categories: physical and transition risks. Transition risks are risks generated by the policy, technology, market, and regulatory changes likely to accompany the transition to a low carbon economy.

PRI. The Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) is the world’s largest investor network on responsible investment, with around 2000 asset owner and asset manager signatories.

PRI works to understand the investment implications of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and to support its international network of investor signatories in incorporating these factors into their investment and ownership decisions. Climate change is the highest priority ESG issue facing investors. The PRI is working to help investors protect portfolios from risks and to expose them to opportunities in the shift to a low-carbon global economy.

Goal. The goal of the scenario analysis is to assess investors’ exposure to transition risk, individually and as a whole, based on their estimated current and future exposure to high-carbon and low-carbon activities. This report provides the results of the analysis for a single portfolio.

Approach. The key elements of the analysis are:

- **Current and planned production and investment trends.** Current and planned production (for the fossil fuel and automotive sector) and current installed capacity as well as new capacity additions (for the power sector) for the next 5 years were sourced from commercial business intelligence databases. These data providers collect forward-looking production and capacity data at the physical asset level, including barrels of oil by field, cars by model and factory, and new capacity by power plant. 2Dii maps this data to their immediate owners and parent company to generate a company’s aggregate ‘current production profile’ for each technology. These production plans are linked to the financial securities (equity and corporate bond) issued by the company. The asset-level data used for this analysis was retrieved from data providers during the first half of 2017. See the ‘Important Considerations and Limitations’ section at the end of the report for notes on interpreting power sector capacity data.

- **Allocating the production of physical assets to financial assets.** Based on the share of total equity or debt held in a portfolio, the model allocates a portion of each corporate issuer’s current production plans for each technology to the portfolio. Aggregated over all companies to the portfolio level, this is the portfolio’s ‘current production profile’ for a technology. This also defines the investor’s current ‘exposure’ to each technology.

- **From macro-level scenarios to micro-level targets.** To calculate production levels consistent with a climate scenario such as the IEA 2°C scenario, the model uses a ‘fair share’ principle that applies the changes specified by the scenario for a given technology and region equally across all owners of physical assets in that technology’s sector in the given region. This creates a set of alternative, forward-looking production and capacity profiles consistent with the scenario for each company and technology. These alternative profiles are then aggregated to the portfolio level to create the portfolio’s ‘target production profile’ under the scenario. This profile is used to determine the investor’s ‘target exposure’ to a technology under the scenario. The ‘target exposure’ does not assume any change in the composition of the portfolio: it models the changes in production and investment plans that are required across the different companies held in the portfolio in order to match the technology deployment described in the scenario.

- **Emissions intensity analysis.** For sectors where there is not sufficient data available either regarding the assets or the scenarios and where there are no commercially suitable replacements, one solution is to analyse required changes in emissions intensity. For these sectors, decarbonisation efforts will be confined to increasing efficiency in production and use, as well as investment in research and development in the next 5-10 years, in order to bring CO₂-neutral alternatives to market maturity in the medium term. As a result, both the scenarios and the data are relatively imprecise.

Results of the scenario analysis. The portfolio’s ‘target profile’ under the scenario can be compared to the portfolio’s currently revealed production and investment plans for each technology to derive the exposure to transition risk as well as the extent to which the portfolio is projected to increase or decrease alignment with the SDS over the next 5 years.
BACKGROUND TO THE MODEL

Assessing Alignment with a 2°C Transition Pathway. This analysis assesses the level of alignment with a SDS transition pathway, using two references:

- **The portfolio’s ‘own’ SDS target.** This is the portfolio’s target production profile ‘under the SDS’: the changes required in the production profile of the companies held in the portfolio, in order to meet the target, based on the above-described methodology. Since the securities held and their weight in the portfolio are identical for the portfolio and its alternative versions, comparing them shows how aligned or misaligned the current production profiles of companies held in the portfolio are with each scenario.

- **The SDS benchmark.** This is the target production profile of a ‘market benchmark’ under the SDS. The same principle as described above is applied to a ‘benchmark portfolio’: the listed equity market as a whole, or the corporate bond market as a whole. Since the securities and their weight in the market portfolio differ from those in the portfolio, this comparison highlights ‘idiosyncratic’ alignment or misalignment. In other words, it shows how the current composition of the portfolio affects the alignment with the different scenarios, when the first reference only stresses the changes requested from the companies.

The alignment or misalignment of a portfolio’s production and exposure to each technology relative to a scenario is one way to better understand an investor’s exposure to energy transition risk. If policy, technology, market, or regulatory changes occur to bring the global real economy in line with the SDS, misalignment in a given technology would likely change the financial returns associated with those underlying physical assets. However, this analysis only assesses one dimension of energy transition risks: the assets at risk in the real economy. It does not take into account the financial resilience of the company to those changes and its capacity to adapt, which would require further financial analysis.

Scenarios. This scenario analysis is based on scenarios developed by the IEA. The Below 2 degrees scenario (B2DS) focusses on achieving sustainable growth while limiting temperature rise to below 2°C. The Sustainable Development Scenario (SDS) is a move towards a holistic approach to sustainability rather than focussing solely on climate change. In addition to the 450S, the IEA also defines the New Policies Scenario (NPS) and Current Policies Scenario (CPS): other technology roadmaps that correspond to a 50% probability of maximum 4°C and 6°C warming, respectively. The SDS (also referred as the ‘2° scenario’), NPS (‘4° scenario’), and CPS (‘6° scenario’) all provide forward-looking projections with enough regional detail to perform scenario analysis for 11 technologies in 3 sectors.

The model uses the following indicators from the International Energy Agency scenario against which the portfolio is compared:

- Electric capacity by fuel expressed in MW (e.g. renewables, coal, gas, oil, hydropower, nuclear);
- Oil production expressed in barrels of oil / year;
- Gas production expressed in m$^3$ / year;
- Coal produced expressed in tonnes / year;
- GHG emissions pathways in a sample of additional sectors (e.g. aviation, shipping, cement, steel).

**Asset Level Data.** The Asset Level data is sourced from the following data providers:

- GlobalData (Power plant data, including plants classified as active, announced, financed, partially active, permitting, temporarily shut-down, under construction, under rehabilitation and modernization, and Oil and Gas production data and forecasts until 2018-2023, as well as coal mining data);
- WardsAuto (light passenger duty vehicles, including BAU production forecasts 2018-2023);
- Bloomberg (financial data);
- S&P Cross-Reference Services (database matching securities to parents);
- Morningstar (database on funds).

**Model Parameters.** The scenario analysis presented here reflects a selection of parameter inputs. More details to these parameters and the different implications of the specification of these can be found at www.transition-monitor.com/backgroundinformation.
IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS AND LIMITATIONS WHEN INTERPRETING THESE RESULTS

- **Stringency of scenarios.** The use of a given scenario (B2DS, SDS, NPS, CPS) does not constitute an assumption that this scenario is more likely to prevail than others. Similarly, the choice of IEA scenarios should not be interpreted as an endorsement of the underlying assumptions by 2Dii. The IEA historically has assumed significant amounts of nuclear power and carbon capture and storage in their scenarios, an assumption that is debated within the energy-climate scientific community. In addition, the international community has accelerated their global target from the 2°C goal to well below 2°C and towards 1.5°C. It is important to highlight that each investor can and may want to take an individual view on the likely decarbonization scenario that may or may not relate to the scenarios modelled by the International Energy Agency.

- **A snapshot rather than forecasts.** The forward-looking production data is based on current ‘revealed’ plans from companies, and is subject to change. The estimates should thus not be interpreted as forecasts, but rather as the current plans of companies as estimated from various sources of information by industry-specific business intelligence experts - who might not know everything about the CEO’s actual plans. Given the 5 year time horizon, it is likely that these plans will change in some way over time. Similarly, investors are highly likely to alter the composition of their portfolio over time. Corporate bond maturity is usually around 3-7 years. The average holding period of a stock by a fund manager is 20 months on average. However, this analysis seeks to be a point in time assessment of future exposures under current conditions.

- **Power sector projections.** This is a measure of ‘locked-in’ capacity, not a capacity forecast. Distinct from the production data for the fossil fuel and automotive sectors, capacity data for the power sector does not include information on planned retirements. It should therefore be interpreted as a measure of currently locked-in capacity and not as a forecast of future capacity. Retirements are not included for several reasons: First, the availability of planned retire-ment data is highly variable across jurisdictions and regions, to the extent that including no retirement information was deemed more representative of industry capacity than including partial data. Second, in contrast to the fossil fuel sector where oil wells, gas fields, and coal mines cease production when their resource runs out, it is possible for power plants to be announced as retired or even be retired and then resume production. Given the higher level of uncertainty around planned retirements, they are not included in the power sector projections used for this analysis, and capacity projections should thus be interpreted as the potential maximum ‘lock-in’ from current infrastructure. For technologies projected to decline under the SDS, the gap between current capacity projections and capacity consistent with the SDS should be seen as an estimate of the capacity that would need to be retired to be in alignment with the SDS.

- **Changes in plans.** The forward-looking data is based on current ‘revealed’ plans from companies and is subject to change. The estimates should thus not be interpreted as final forecasts, but rather the current plans of companies if they don’t change. Another way to interpret the results is the call for action with regard to the required change to align with the transitional economic trend. Given the 5 year time horizon, there is a high degree of certainty that plans will still change in some way over time. Similarly, the participating financial institutions can of course alter their portfolio exposures over time. The analysis however seeks to be a point in time assessment of future exposures under current conditions.

- **Ability to capture SRI strategies.** The model takes a diversified ‘market portfolio’ as a basis, focusing on key technologies reflected in the IEA roadmaps. By extension, thematic portfolios invested in breakthrough technologies and / or SRI portfolios with a range of environmental, social, and governmental considerations may not value these elements.
What are transition risks? Transition risks can be broadly defined as economic and financial risks associated with the transition to a low-carbon economy. The international community has defined a mandate to limit the man-made contribution to global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. According to best available science, achieving this objective requires decarbonizing the economy in the course of this century. This decarbonization is set to have significant implications for high-carbon sectors, most prominent among which are the fossil fuel, power, and transport sectors, contributing the majority of global anthropogenic GHG emissions.

As the economy decarbonizes, companies that fail to properly anticipate this transition are set to be exposed to economic risks. Companies well-prepared for this transition in turn are set to capitalize from this economic opportunity. Similarly, economic risks may translate into financial risks in financial markets if these risks are not properly anticipated by financial market actors.

Crucially, the transition to a low-carbon economy is set to already have dramatic impacts in the short- and medium-term. By 2040, in only 22 years, global coal production is set to decline by 46%, with a more accelerated decline expected in developed markets. Global coal power capacity in turn is similarly set to decline by 41%. The production of gasoline and diesel vehicles (internal combustion engine or ICE vehicles) is set to decline by 21%. This decline in high-carbon activity in turn will be accompanied by the commensurate deployment and growth of new technologies. Renewable power capacity and electric vehicle production in turn is set to nearly quadruple in volume by 2040.

Scenario analysis can help financial institutions assess and ultimately manage the risks and opportunities associated with the transition. In recognition of these risks, scenario analysis has been applied to date by hundreds of financial institutions as well as financial supervisors. It forms the basis of the recommendations of the FSB TCFD. The TCFD notes that “forward-looking assessments of climate-related issues is important for investors and other stakeholders in understanding how vulnerable individual organizations are to transition and physical risks and how such vulnerabilities are or would be addressed. As a result, the Task Force believes that organizations should use scenario analysis to assess potential business, strategic, and financial implications of climate-related risks and opportunities and disclose those, as appropriate, in their annual financial filings” (TCFD Final Report, p. 33).

To clarify its scenario analysis recommendation, the Task Force explains, “A key type of transition risk scenario is a so-called 2°C scenario, which lays out a pathway and an emissions trajectory consistent with holding the increase in the global average temperature to 2°C above pre-industrial levels” (TCFD Final Report, p. 35).

It is this premise that forms the basis of this report, highlighting for the portfolio the current exposure to transition risks in the fossil fuel, power, and automotive sectors, the trends in the portfolio over time in these sectors relative to the 2°C scenario, and the expected future exposure on the basis of these trends. While these sectors do not represent all high-carbon activities and sectors, they account for both the largest share in a typical portfolio and the most significant contribution to climate change currently, as well as benefiting from well-developed scenario pathways.

The report does not provide specific estimates as to the potential loss in value that may be realised in the portfolio should these risks materialize, which is obviously associated with significant uncertainty and myriad modeling assumptions. For any individual security, the potential loss may range from 0 to 100% and may even be associated with positive returns, depending on the adaptive capacity of the company, the anticipation of the trend by financial markets, and the nature of a potential repricing. It is the proper anticipation of these risks that minimizes the loss that this report seeks to contribute to.

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UNDERSTANDING THE POWER SECTOR

The analysis for the power portfolio builds on the forward-looking projections of capacity additions by fuel over the next 5 years, as sourced from business intelligence data provider GlobalData. The five year time horizon is a function of the typical investment planning horizon of power capacity additions, recognizing that planning horizons for specific investments may be either longer or shorter. More long-term analysis would thus fail to identify significant further additions currently in the planning pipeline of companies. Excluded from the analysis presented here are planned power capacity additions by companies outside of the power sector (e.g. IT companies building wind parks to power their data centers). The evolution of the portfolio is based on the planned capacity additions by the companies behind the securities in the portfolio, weighted by their relative weight in the portfolio.

It is important to note that data on announced or otherwise officially planned retirements of power assets is not considered in the analysis presented here. This is intentional, given both a dearth of related data, as well as the desire to show the required retirements. For technologies projected to decline under the SDS, the gap between current capacity projections and capacity consistent with the SDS should be seen as an estimate of the capacity that would need to be retired to be in alignment with the SDS.

As outlined above, the scenarios are based on the global trends, scaled to the portfolio based on the ‘fair share’ approach, where the trend in the macro scenario is translated into a micro target based on the market share of the portfolio. For the power sector, this approach may of course fail to capture changes in market share across asset classes and actors, notably with the rise of household renewable power capacity (e.g. rooftop solar), set to change the power market. While this trend implies that in practice companies are likely to lose market share, this trend is intentionally not internalized in the analysis, in order to document the potential loss of market share under a SDS - and by extension the potential accumulating transition risk.

Further information on the data and the scenarios is provided in Section 6.

In a 2°C or below scenario, the power sector will decarbonize over the long-term in a shift from fossil fuel-based to renewable energy production. The International Energy Agency (IEA) says that in a 2°C scenario:

“Electricity supply worldwide is set to diversify and decarbonise, with low-carbon generation overtaking coal before 2020. Coal-fired power’s share of generation is projected to fall from above 40% now to 28% in 2040. By then, wind, solar and bioenergy-based renewables combined increase their market share from 6% to 20%” (IEA World Energy Outlook 2016, p. 241).

The mix of technologies will vary greatly based on the scenario. Coal-based power generation will increase under current trends but decreases in a 2°C scenario. Wind and solar would grow more rapidly in a 2°C Scenario.

Equity and corporate bond investors are exposed to these trends through the financial instruments issued by power companies. An estimated 28% of power generation assets are owned by publicly traded companies and 19% of assets are owned by listed state entities, for example municipal bond issuers (see figure below).

Power generation mix under IEA business as usual and 2DS scenarios for selected technologies

Ownership of global power generation assets

Source: IEA analysis and 2Dii, based on Platts, Bloomberg Professional service, Bloomberg New Energy Finance and national sources
EMISSIONS INTENSITY ANALYSIS

Methodology

For the emissions intensity analysis an emission factor for each plant is calculated in units per production. This is then aggregated to the portfolio by weighting by the weight of the company within the portfolio. The scenario data is then scaled to this starting point and the trajectory for emissions reduction is shown for the next five years.

These results can serve as a starting point for discussions with steel, cement, aviation and shipping companies regarding their strategies for achieving the trajectory for each sector.

Scenarios

The emissions intensity reduction pathway is based on the scenarios presented in the Energy Technology Perspectives 2017. The expected production and emissions for the steel, cement and aviation sectors are provided at a regional level. The pathways presented in this sector follow the 2°C scenario. The shipping sector does not have sufficient data to complete this, and therefore the portfolio is compared to market.

Steel

After chemicals, steel production is the second largest energy consumer among industrial sectors and the most carbon-intensive sector. The deployment of electric arc furnaces is key to reducing emissions (even if this technology remains carbon-emitting). The calculation of an emissions factor for each steel plant is based on the technology deployed, the fuel used, and the regional factors for emissions from the electricity grid and fuel consumption as relevant. Additionally this is then multiplied by the plant capacity and a regionally selected capacity factor. These factors are sourced from the OECD data bases and the World Steel Association.

Cement

Cement production is another high emitting sector, with concrete production expected to account for 5% of the world’s man made emissions (Cement Sustainability Initiative). This comes primarily in the production from three sources, the calcination process, thermal energy use and electricity use. The emissions factor is calculated from regional factors applied to each plant. The majority of the data for this comes from the Cement Sustainability Initiative.

Aviation

To estimate the current CO$_2$ emissions from aircraft fleets assumptions regarding aircraft utilization rates were made. The emissions have been estimated for each company on a per passenger kilometer basis; an equivalent for aircraft used for freight only has been calculated. There is a high level of uncertainty in this methodology.

Shipping

The best practice for shipping sustainability assessments is the Carbon Efficiency Level, developed by Carbon War Room and Rightship. Each vessel is rated from A to G, where A is the most efficient ships in each ship category (eg. oil tanker, cargo, etc.), allowing for a common point of comparison. The ranking is dynamically calculated to account for annual improvements in efficiency and variations in the mean, so that “A” ships always represent the top 10% (measured in terms of CO$_2$ intensity). As there is no scenario data available the shipping results for the portfolio are compared to the market.
The data and scenario sources for this analysis are provided below.

Published Research

The methodology behind this scenario analysis, the accounting rules applied, and further information to the scenarios and data can be found in the following published research papers.

Accounting Principles: http://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/10/2/328

Scenario Work: http://et-risk.eu/toolbox/scenarios/

Asset Level Data Analysis: http://2degrees-investing.org/IMG/pdf/asset-data_v0.pdf

Sources for the data and scenario analysis

Automobile data are from July 2017 and is provided by WardsAuto / AutoForecastSolutions. Power data is from July 2017 and is provided by GlobalData. Oil, gas and coal production data is from July 2017 and is provided by GlobalData. When linking asset data with companies, the data is used by the data providers mentioned above and, where possible, enriched with company data from Bloomberg. All financial data, as well as identification numbers for linking company data with financial instruments, come from Bloomberg.

The decarbonization pathways for other sectors comes from the Science-Based Targets Initiative, which bases its methodology on the IEA scenarios. The scenarios for the energy and power sector come from the IEA’s World Energy Outlook 2016. Because this report does not include scenario information for the automotive sector, the related data is taken from the sister report of the World Energy Outlook, the Energy Technology Perspective report. Benchmarks for the electricity sector are determined regionally and applied in relation to the regional exposure data and then aggregated, weighted according to the regional exposure of the portfolio. All other results are global.

Sources


