

# Sustainable Investing Simplified

## ESG Multi-Asset Model Portfolio SMAs

### A diversified sustainable portfolio in one click

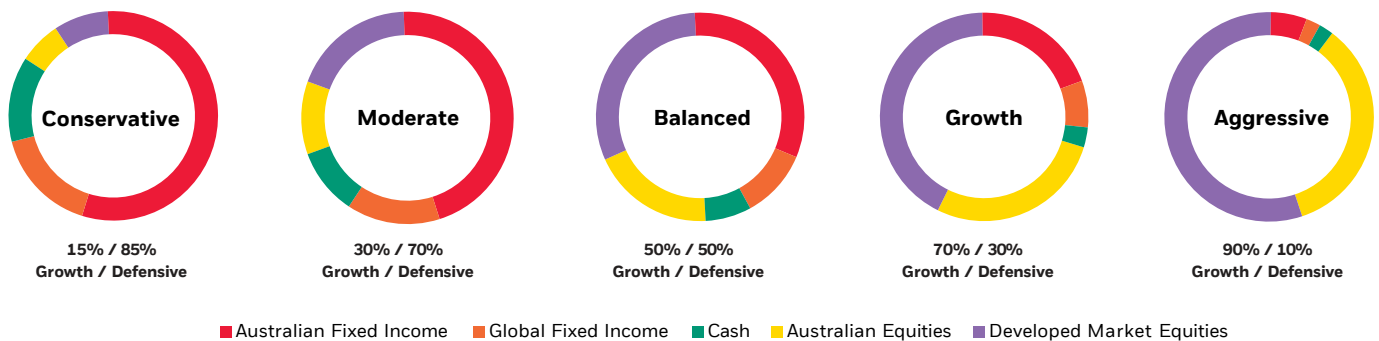
#### Sustainable focus with low-cost index building blocks

Leveraging ETFs and index funds to construct a diversified portfolio that targets an ESG uplift and a lower carbon footprint where applicable

#### Broad diversification with the efficiencies of a managed account

Simplifying the investment process with a transparent and targeted portfolio backed by a highly seasoned team

### Target the right allocation for your clients



### Aims to achieve an ESG uplift and lower carbon footprint



#### Higher ESG scores<sup>1</sup>

relative to standard market-capitalisation weighted portfolio



#### Lower carbon footprint<sup>2</sup>

relative to standard market-capitalisation weighted portfolio

#### Indirect Cost Ratio<sup>^</sup>:

## 0.10–0.17%

per annum

#### Portfolios Rating:



Superior



as of March 2024

For illustrative purposes only and subject to change.

1 ESG scores are calculated by MSCI. For more information around ESG scores, please refer to MSCI's methodology paper in the following link: <https://www.msci.com/documents/1296102/34424357/MSCI+ESG+Ratings+Methodology+%28002%29.pdf>

Higher ESG scores are relative to a broad market benchmark which uses standard (non-ESG) market-capitalisation weighted indices as building blocks. We use the following standard market-capitalisation weighted indices in the benchmark: Australian equity (S&P/ASX 300 Index), International equity (MSCI World ex Australia Index Unhedged & AUD Hedged), Australian fixed income (Bloomberg Ausbond Composite 0+Yr Index), International fixed income (Bloomberg Global Aggregate AUD Hedged Index).

2 Carbon metrics are calculated by MSCI. Carbon emissions are measured in terms of scope 1 (direct) and scope 2 (indirect) emissions normalised by the most recently available enterprise value including cash (EVIC) in million USD. For more information around the definitions of scope 1+2 emissions, please refer to <https://www.msci.com/our-solutions/esg-investing/climate-solutions/climate-data-metrics>

<sup>^</sup> Indirect Cost Ratio only includes the underlying sub-fund fees, but excludes investment management, platform and transaction fees. Source: BlackRock as of March 2024.

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## A disciplined approach to ESG model portfolio construction

**01**

### Start

with a long-term strategic asset allocation

**02**

### Integrate

sustainability characteristics via underlying funds<sup>3</sup>

**03**














### Monitor

performance and ESG credentials

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3. Sustainability characteristics vary by underlying funds. BlackRock does not consider asset class of cash (or cash equivalents) would raise a material risk of exposure to activities that are likely to be considered sensitive, controversial or to have an adverse sustainability impact.

## Limiting exposure to specific sectors<sup>3</sup>

<b>CLIMATE</b>	 <b>Oil &amp; Natural Gas Reserves</b>	 <b>Thermal Coal</b>	
<b>SOCIAL VALUES/ ETHICS BASED</b>	 <b>Controversial Weapons</b>	 <b>Nuclear Weapons</b>	 <b>Civilian Firearms</b>
	 <b>Alcohol</b>	 <b>Adult Entertainment</b>	 <b>Gambling</b>
	 <b>Nuclear Power</b>	 <b>Conventional Weapons</b>	 <b>Tobacco</b>
<b>GLOBAL NORMS</b>	 <b>UNGC Violators</b>	 <b>ESG Controversies</b>	

<sup>3</sup> Exclusionary screens vary by sub-fund. In applying a screen, reliance may be placed on sector classification and/or revenue thresholds. A screen may not exclude an issuer if data about that issuer is unavailable. Screens typically do not exclude issuers involved in the extraction of certain fossil fuels (including metallurgical coal, and conventional crude oil) unless otherwise disclosed. Please refer to the following links for exact types and definitions of exclusions for each underlying building block.

Australian equities: <https://www.msci.com/documents/10199/18992400-f57c-9793-e411-65926b37f9ad>

International equities: <https://www.msci.com/documents/10199/86e2a3ed-b775-5786-57fa-44a8f6919ee5>

Australian & International fixed income: <https://assets.bbhub.io/professional/sites/10/BBG-MSCI-Fixed-Income-ESG-Indices.pdf>

Please note that the cash holdings (or cash equivalent) of the portfolio have no specific issuer names excluded from eligible purchases but does have minimum credit ratings applied to all eligible securities and concentration limits.

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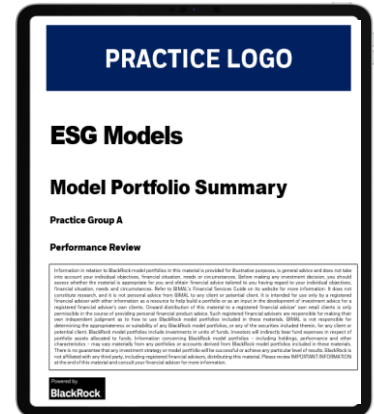
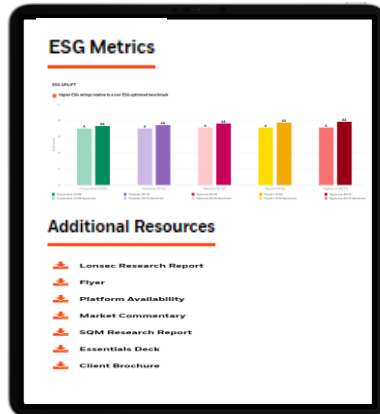
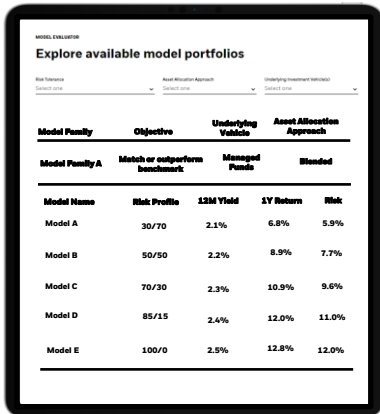
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