



MetLife Investment Management

Impact reporting

At MIM, in accordance with issuers annual reporting cycles, we produce our comprehensive <u>annual Impact Reports</u> which detail the environmental and social impacts of our portfolios based on project level data collected by our engagement with issuers. The following quarterly update is a forward-looking snapshot showing selected expected impacts of the portfolio based on the information provided at issuance.

MIM TCFD report

At the end of 2023, we published <u>AIM's second TCFD report</u>, which provided details on the impacts of the SPECTRUM portfolios based on the four recommended pillars. Accordingly, this TCFD report addresses our governance and management, investment strategy and risk management, and metrics and targets. This was the last TCFD report for the AIM entity, as we have now fully integrated at MIM. The 2023 TCFD report showcased our various workstreams, engagements and impact achieved over the 2022 period, and included the TCFD recommended AUM metrics, rather than the fund-specific metrics included in the annual impact report.

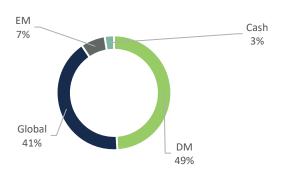
Distribution by bond type

(% of portfolio holdings YTD to 31 December 2023



Expected project Geographic distribution

(% of portfolio holdings YTD 31 December 2023

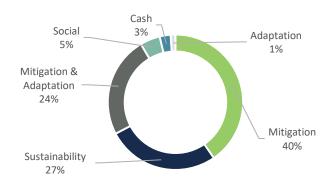


The fund is invested in impact bonds across geographically diverse areas, including developed market focussed issuers such as NWB Bank Green Bond, the Dutch sustainable water bank, and Asian Development Bank Green Bond, which invests in emerging markets across Asia.

LO-Funds – Global Climate Bond Quarterly portfolio impact update Q3 2023

Expected project Impact goal distribution

(% of portfolio holdings YTD 31 December 2023



Reflecting the heavy concentration of the portfolio in green bonds (75%), the majority of the portfolio supports climate change mitigation and adaptation, most closely related to SDG 7 - affordable and clean energy, SDG 9 - industry, innovation and infrastructure, SDG 11 - sustainable cities and communities and SDG 13 - climate action











Impact bond highlight

Islamic Development Bank
Framework Excluded from our universe

Moody's: Aaa Fitch: AAA

Verification process overview

The SPECTRUM process uses positive selection, a judgement based and forward-looking approach. It involves a detailed assessment to understand the investment's environmental, social and governance performance alongside the impacts – desired and undesired, direct and indirect – that could be associated with that investment. While we do apply exclusions on tobacco, gambling, thermal coal mining or production and the manufacture or sale of weapons and/or ammunition for corporate issuers and we review sanctions lists and ESG performance for non-corporates, we primarily focus on positive selection, rather than negative screening, to ensure all issues and issuers meet the highest standard.

A framework can be excluded from our investable universe during our initial screening process, as an outcome of our full verification review or verification rescore process. Typically, when a deal is announced, both the sustainability and credit teams undertake a first high-level review of the issuer and framework to identify any red flags highlighting clear misalignment with our SPECTRUM process that would trigger an immediate exclusion. If no such red flags are identified, both teams proceed with conducting a full verification review. If the outcome of the review indicates that the issuer or the framework fails to meet our evaluation criteria from either a sustainability or credit perspective (or both), the framework is excluded from the SPECTRUM Bond® universe. If the sustainability and credit verification reviews lead to a framework being included in our investable universe, the framework is regularly rescored to capture updated research/developments and determine whether the framework's position within the investable universe is still valid. If a framework is shifted from included to excluded in our investable universe, then the Portfolio Management team have 30 days to sell all held securities, in line with the divestment timeframe outlined in our Responsible Investment Policy.

Issuer Description

Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is a multilateral development bank that promotes economic and social development in both Islamic countries, and for Muslim populations within non-Islamic countries. The discussion here is related to their sustainability sukuks.

Example expenditure

Both green and social project categories are eligible under the sustainability framework. Green project categories include renewable energy, clean transportation, energy efficiency, pollution prevention and control, environmentally sustainable land management and sustainable water and wastewater management. Eligible social project categories include SME financing, affordable housing, affordable basic infrastructure, access to essential services and socioeconomic advancement and empowerment. The lack of impact reporting however means that the actual allocation of the use of proceeds is unknown.

Islamic Development Bank Sustainability Sukuk Transaction Details

Issue date	Size	Maturity date	ISIN
June 2020	USD 1.5b	June 2025	XS2194282195
March 2021	USD 2.5b	March 2026	XS2318745937
Purchase date	Sold date		ISIN
March 2021	December 2023		XS2318745937

MIM verification summary

The sustainability sukuks issued by IDB were downgraded to an exclude by the sustainability team in December. This decision was driven by the issuer's failure to provide allocation or impact reporting for the two sustainability sukuks that had previously been issued. The issuer provided an impact report for the green sukuk issued in 2019, but the sustainability sukuks, issued in 2020 and 2021 respectively are yet to have any reporting of this data.

Impact reports are an extremely important element of the labelled bond process, as they evidence the impact of their use of proceeds. We have engaged with the Islamic development bank on several occasions to request data of this nature.

We previously decided to not exclude these sukuks, as the issuer had provided high-quality impact reporting for the green sukuk and the issuer noted that it was developing its reporting for the sustainability sukuks and that it would be made available in the near future. We were also cognisant of the fact that the issuer is smaller and not as well-resourced as many of the development banks in the SPECTRUM universe.

However, considering the significant time elapsing without any impact or allocation data, and the issuer not replying to our latest attempt to engage, we reached the decision to exclude the two sustainability sukuks from the SPECTRUM universe. The issuer has been unable to meet the level of transparency we require.

IDB passes our responsible issuer assessment, however as this framework has been excluded, the existing sustainability sukuks, and any future issues, cannot be held or purchased.

From the credit perspective, The IDB provides financing within the scope of Shari'ah law to its member countries to promote economic and social development. The bank also plays an important role in the development of the Islamic finance market. IsDB's standalone credit profile is robust, reflecting strong capitalisation and solid liquidity. Its asset quality is supported by its strong risk management framework and preferred creditor status, resulting in low NPA levels. In spite of the weaker credit quality of its members than major MDBs, the member support is robust, evident from continued capital increases.



Impact Bond Highlight

Allied Irish Banks
Included in our universe

S&P: BBB-Fitch: BBB Moody's: A3

Issuer Description

Allied Irish Banks (AIB) provides various banking products and services to retail, business and corporate customers in the Republic of Ireland primarily, but also in the UK and internationally.

Green bond framework

AIB first released a green bond framework in 2019, and this was most recently updated in August 2023. The framework includes the following eligible categories: green commercial buildings, green residential buildings, renewable energy and clean transportation. These remain predominantly unchanged, with the only new addition being power storage facilities.

The green bond framework is fully aligned with the issuer's strategy to increase the share of green lending in their portfolio.

Example of expenditure

Examples of eligible green projects include:

- Refurbished buildings with at least a 30% improvement in energy efficiency.
- Offshore and onshore wind energy generation facilities.
- Zero emissions vehicles for passenger transportation and related infrastructure including EV charging and hydrogen fuelling stations.

Thus far, green buildings have received the largest allocation of the proceeds, followed by renewable energy and clean transportation

Allied Irish Bank Transaction Details

Issue date	Size	Maturity date	ISIN
Oct 2023	EUR 750m	Oct 2031	XS2707169111

MIM verification summary

From a sustainability perspective, AIB has a strong responsible issuer profile, with environmental ambition increasing year-on-year. AIB's financed emissions targets were validated by the Science-based Targets Initiative (SBTi) which accompanies the bank's specific decarbonisation pathways for the key sectors they invest in. AIB engages in social programmes across three key themes: social housing, financial literacy and digital inclusion. Governance relating to sustainability is transparent, with AIB providing clear.

The issuer's green bond framework is in line with their sustainability strategy and targets, and they provide regular allocation and impact reporting. We have therefore passed both the Responsible Issuer and Use of Proceeds for include.

From a credit perspective, AIB is the 2nd-largest banking group in Ireland and the #1 mortgage provider. It operates predominantly in Ireland and the UK. The Irish government is a major stakeholder (46.9%) and although it has been gradually divesting, AIB remains important to the country and is likely to benefit from a degree of government support. While income diversity is low and exposes the bank to interest rate volatility, the high interest rate environment is favourable to the bank's earnings. About 50% of the bank's loan book consist of mortgages. AIB's performance recovered strongly from the COVID-19 pandemic and performed well in 2022 and 1H23. Asset quality was back to 2019 levels in 2021 and improved further in 1H23, Capitalisation is strong, with MDA buffer of more than 500bps at 1H23.

The above bond was purchased for this fund at issuance, in October 2023.

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