



## Finreon SGKB Carbon Focus

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### Strategy

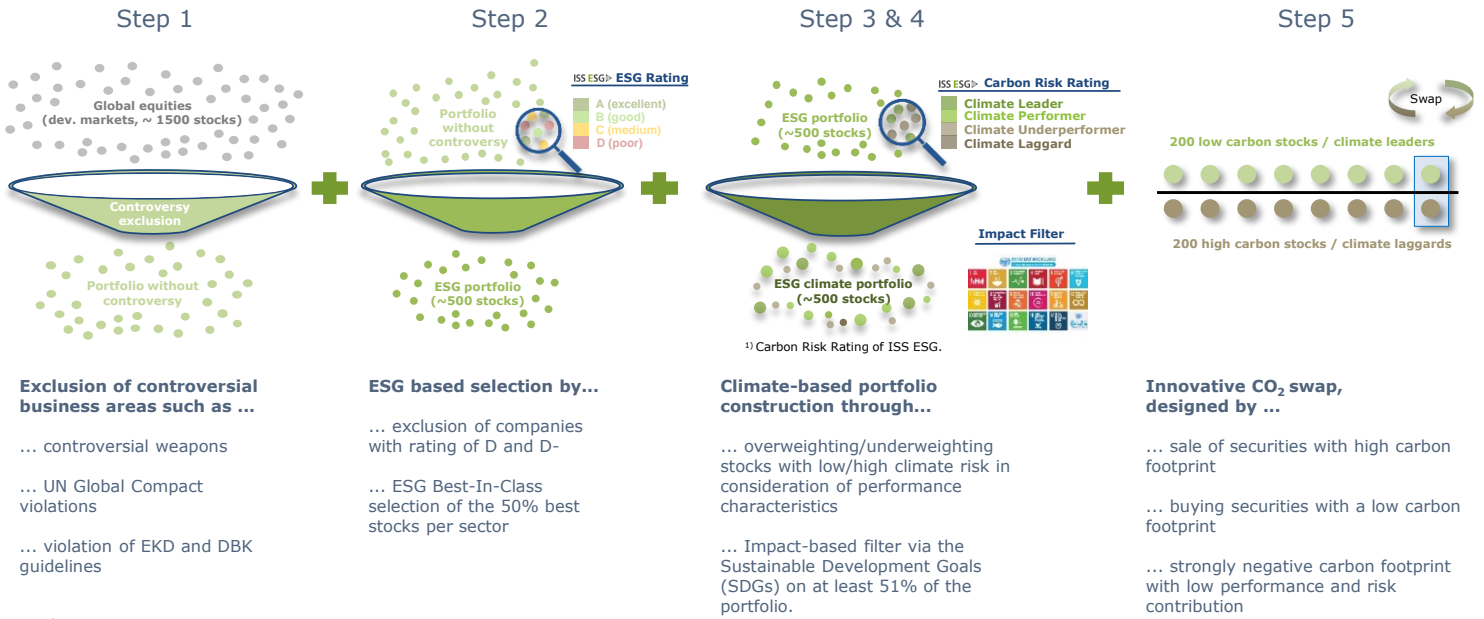
Finreon SGKB Carbon Focus is a unique combination of a sustainable global equity portfolio and an innovative CO<sub>2</sub> swap mechanism. The equity portfolio focuses on sustainable companies (selection according to ESG criteria). Investments in controversial business areas are excluded. The combination with the patent pending Finreon Carbon Focus® CO<sub>2</sub> swap leads to a 100% global equity solution with increased sustainability profile and strong negative exposure to CO<sub>2</sub> intensive business models. The risk is equivalent to a diversified investment in the global equity market. The strategy follows a quantitative approach.

### Current month

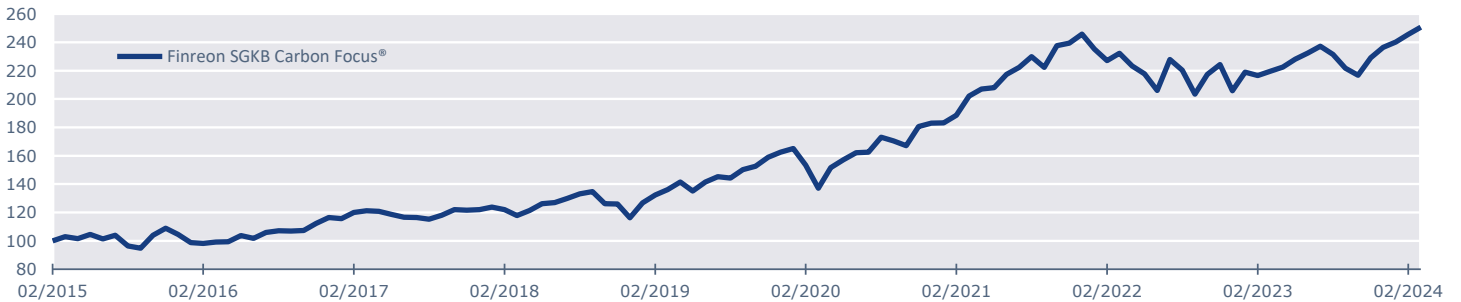
The **Finreon SGKB Carbon Focus** strategy achieved a return of 2.1% in March.

	Finreon SGKB Carbon Focus
Return current month	2.1%
Return year-to-date	6.0%

### Finreon SGKB Carbon Focus Concept



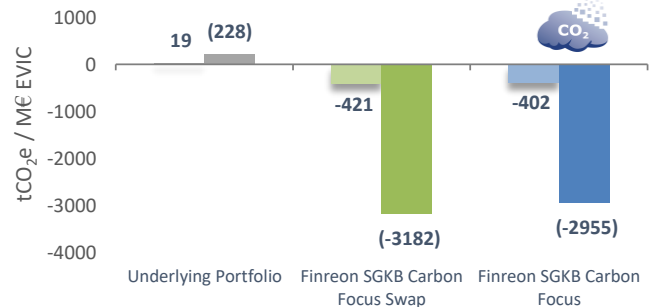
### Performance



### Return / Risk Figures

Since 02/2015	
Return p.a.	10.6%
Volatility p.a.	14.0%
Return / Volatility	0.76
Downside Volatility <sup>1</sup>	9.1%
Upside Volatility <sup>1</sup>	11.3%
Max. Drawdown	-17.3%
Return p.a. last year	14.2%
Return p.a. last 3 years	7.4%
Return p.a. last 5 years	13.0%

### Carbon footprint Scope 1 & 2 (Scope 1, 2 & 3)



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## Monthly returns in %

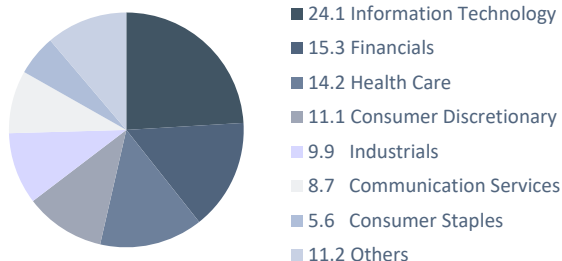
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2015		0.0	2.9	-1.3	3.0	-3.1	2.5	-7.2	-1.7	9.7	4.8	-4.1	4.5
2016	-5.6	-0.5	0.9	0.2	4.3	-1.7	4.1	1.1	-0.2	0.3	4.6	3.7	11.4
2017	-0.7	3.8	0.9	-0.2	-1.8	-1.6	-0.2	-1.1	2.4	3.4	-0.4	0.3	4.7
2018	1.4	-1.4	-3.3	2.9	4.0	0.5	2.4	2.5	1.2	-6.3	-0.1	-7.7	-4.7
2019	9.0	4.4	2.9	4.0	-4.5	4.7	2.7	-0.7	4.1	1.6	4.1	2.3	39.8
2020	1.5	-7.0	-10.6	10.5	3.7	3.2	0.3	6.5	-1.5	-2.0	8.0	1.3	12.6
2021	0.1	2.9	7.2	2.4	0.5	4.5	2.3	3.4	-3.3	6.9	0.7	2.7	34.4
2022	-4.3	-3.5	2.3	-3.8	-2.5	-5.4	10.6	-3.3	-7.7	6.9	3.2	-8.2	-16.2
2023	6.4	-1.1	1.3	1.4	2.5	1.9	2.1	-2.5	-4.1	-2.3	5.7	3.2	21.7
2024	1.6	2.2	2.1										6.0

YTD: year-to-date

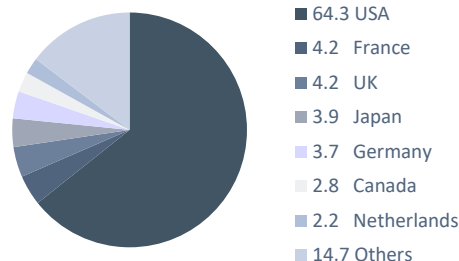
Live since 01/2022

## Current Portfolio Characteristics

### Sectors in %



### Countries in %



## Top 10 positions

Finreon SGKB Carbon Focus(positive positions)	
MICROSOFT	6.8%
APPLE	6.3%
ALPHABET A	3.4%
ALPHABET 'C'	3.3%
SAP (XET)	2.4%
ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES	2.3%
ELI LILLY	1.8%
ASML HOLDING	1.7%
VISA 'A'	1.5%
MASTERCARD	1.3%

Finreon SGKB Carbon Focus(negative positions)	
VISTRA	-1.6%
FORTUM	-1.3%
ARCELORMITTAL	-1.2%
PEABODY ENERGY	-1.2%
HEIDELBERGCEMENT (XET)	-1.1%
LIBERTY ENERGY A	-1.0%
PBF ENERGY CL.A	-1.0%
ALCOA	-0.9%
SIEMENS ENERGY N (XET)	-0.8%
CLEVELAND CLIFFS	-0.8%

## Memberships and labels



The FNG label is the quality standard for sustainable investments. The Finreon SGKB Carbon Focus® Fund has been awarded this coveted label for the year 2024. In the evaluation process, the strict selection and construction processes, the special sustainability strategy and the innovative engagement concept particularly stood out.

A proud participant of:



Finreon is a signatory of Climate Action 100+, an investor-led initiative to ensure that the world's largest greenhouse gas emitters take the necessary action on climate change. Joining Climate Action 100+ means that Finreon is joining forces with other signatories for company-related engagement, thereby further expanding the channels of influence.



As a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI), Finreon is committed to integrating ESG issues into its investment processes to the extent consistent with its fiduciary obligations. Finreon and its employees also strive to promote responsible behavior as part of their professional activities.



As a member of the SSF, Finreon is committed to strengthening the advancement of sustainable finance and promoting climate change solutions within the financial industry, such as decarbonizing portfolios. We believe that financial institutions have a responsibility to make their own positive contribution to the transition from a brown to a green economy.

## Impact-based Share - Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Scores



### Legend SDG Impact Rating



- | 5.1 to 10.0 significant positive impact
- | 0.2 to 5.0 limited positive (net) impact
- | 0.2 to -0.2 no (net) impact
- | -0.2 to -5.0 limited negative (net) impact
- | -5.0 to -10.0 significant negative impact

### Impact-based share of the underlying portfolio

The proportion of the portfolio that meets the impact-related conditions is currently as follows:

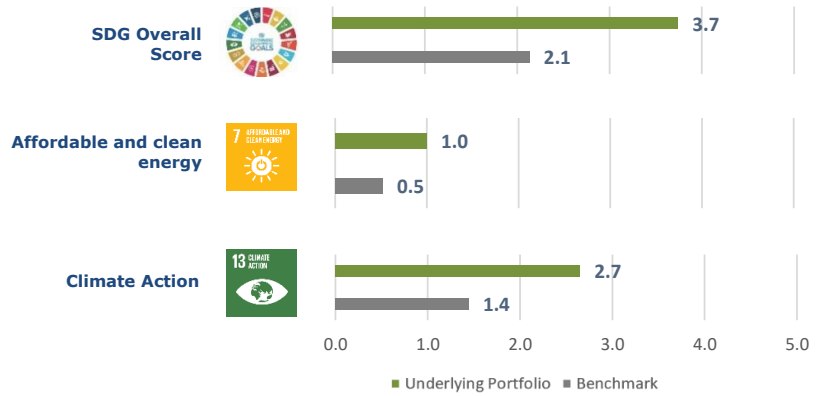
# 78.7%

### Impact-based filter according to the SDGs

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN) are intended to ensure sustainable development worldwide. The ISS SDG Ratings (SDG Ratings from -10 to 10) are used to ensure that at least 51% of the base portfolio meets the following conditions:

- **SDG Overall Score > 0:** The aim is to select companies that make a positive contribution to the SDGs through their entrepreneurial activities.
- **SDG individual score > -5:** The so-called "do not cause significant harm" test ensures that no entrepreneurial activity of the invested companies significantly impairs other SDGs.
- **Focus-SDG 7 or 13 > 0:** The two environmental goals of affordable and clean energy and climate protection measures are pursued by the fund as a focus.

### SDG Scores of the impact-based portion of Finreon SGKB Carbon Focus



### Summary of controversial Segments

	Finreon SGKB Carbon Focus	World equity portfolio
Controversial Weapons <sup>1</sup>	0%	4%
UN Global Compact violations	0%	5%
Violations of EKD & DBK guidelines <sup>2</sup>	0%	18%
FNG Controversies <sup>3</sup>	0%	6%

### Engagement activities



Number of companies contacted in 2023:

# 200

#### Description

Since 2023, the Finreon Carbon Focus solution has been using engagement & non-market signals in addition to market signals (capital allocation, see above) to put pressure on shorted, CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive companies. The engagement concept aims to present the reasons as well as the decision basis for the negative positioning in order to further drive the transition process of the companies.

#### Goals

- Signal effect: Disclosure of the reasons behind short positioning and investor decisions.
- Learning effect: Understanding which sustainability criteria need to be improved compared to peers.
- Communication: Basis and evidence to drive projects and initiatives around CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.

1) For example landmines, cluster munition, biological, chemical and atomic weapons.

2) Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) & German Bishops' Conference (DBK)

3) For more detailed information see <https://fng-siegel.org/kriterien/>

4) Note on the calculation of Swiss Climate Scores: In the Finreon Carbon Focus® concept, derivatives (e.g. carbon focus swap or futures) are sometimes used as a technical portfolio management tool or to manage the exposure to CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive companies. Due to the economic exposure of these derivatives to the underlying assets, they are valued in particular with regard to their carbon metrics (such as carbon footprint or exposure to fossil fuels) similar to a direct investment in such assets.

5) Special notes on the calculation methodology

- The carbon footprint of portfolios is defined as financed tCO<sub>2</sub>e / million \$ EVIC, where tCO<sub>2</sub>e is the greenhouse gas emissions of a company and EVIC is the company value (including liquidity). The carbon footprint of portfolios results from the proportional attribution of greenhouse gas emissions caused by the portfolio companies. The allocation is made according to the respective (positive or negative) weighting in the investors' portfolio.
- The carbon footprint of portfolios does not reflect physical CO<sub>2</sub> emissions caused by the investor, but rather the financed footprint of the investor compared to the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions caused by the portfolio companies. Influence via capital allocation does not represent a direct reduction of effective emissions and therefore offsetting the reduction from financed emissions (e.g. via the use of derivatives) against physical emissions may not take place.
- Finreon Carbon Focus® is not a physical CO<sub>2</sub> offset. The investor's impact on the company's decision making is not to be confused with the impact on the real world. The Finreon Carbon Focus® concept focuses on public market instruments and aims to optimize a portfolio's carbon profile and influence portfolio companies through non-market and market signals.
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The Finreon Carbon Focus Strategy is available to interested investors via mandates as well as via a collective investment. We will be happy to provide individual information on mandate solutions. Information on the Fund and the available share classes can be found below:

Fund						
<b>Investment advisor</b>	Finreon AG, SGKB DE		<b>Structure</b>	UCITS (under German law) Germany, Switzerland, Austria		<b>Liquidity and remarks</b>  daily; physical equity investment, no sec lending
<b>Investment manager</b>	Universal Investment		<b>Marketing license</b>			
<b>Fund management</b>	Universal Investment		<b>Fund AuM</b>	CHF 128.67 Mio.		
<b>Custody bank</b>	State Street					

Share Classes	Class-A	Class-AC	Class-C	Class-I1	Class-I2	Class-D
<b>Conditions</b>	-	-	> EUR 100'000	> EUR 5 Mio.	> EUR 10 Mio.	> EUR 25 Mio.
<b>ISIN</b>	DE000A3C5CL1	DE000A3D05Z4	DE000A3C91H4	DE000A3C5CM9	DE000A3C5CN7	DE000A3C5CP2
<b>Valor (CH)</b>	116040091	125229328	116067599	116067610	116067783	-
<b>WKN (DE)</b>	A3C5CL	A3D05Z	A3C91H	A3C5CM	A3C5CN	A3C5CP
<b>Bloomberg</b>	FISCFAC GR Equity	FISCFAC GR Equity	FISCFAC GR Equity	FISCFAC GR Equity	FISCFAC GR Equity	FISCFAC GR Equity
<b>Currency</b>	EUR	CHF (unhedged)	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
<b>Distribution policy</b>	accumulating	accumulating	accumulating	accumulating	accumulating	accumulating
<b>Performance Fee</b>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>All-in Fee (p.a.)</b>	1.50%	1.50%	1.10%	0.95%	0.85%	agreed individually
<b>Inception date</b>	24.06.2022	22.02.2023	01.02.2022	18.01.2022	18.01.2022	03.04.2023
<b>NAV</b>	117.47	112.82	112.82	108.21	105.82	114.16

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**Simulation / Investment Process:** The simulation is based on the pure rule-based investment process, which is used in the security selection of the base portfolio as well as in the portfolio construction of the CO<sub>2</sub> swap. There is no discretion in the historical composition of the portfolios in the fund simulation. The counterparty margins assumed in the performance calculation are fictitious and subject to change and therefore do not provide a reliable indication of the future impact of the margins on the performance of the product.

**Calculation basis:** unit value (issue premiums taken into account in the first investment year); distributions reinvested. Calculation according to BVI method. The performance in this model calculation is based on an investment amount of EUR 10,000 and is adjusted for the following costs: Issue surcharge of EUR 0.000 (reduction of the investment amount on the day of investment of EUR 0.0) in the first investment year. The values shown are gross values of the simulation of the product based on the rule-based investment process. The amount of costs incurred (such as remuneration, commissions and other fees), which have a negative impact on the performance, depends on the invested fund tranche. In addition, annual custody costs that reduce performance may be incurred in connection with the management of the custody account. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

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