

## LIONTRUST MA EXPLORER 35 FUND ("the Fund")

Taskforce for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Product Report  
Covering 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

### Purpose of this report

Under the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), Liontrust is required to publish information annually on product level (fund) TCFD disclosures so that investors may have a better understanding of the climate-related risks and opportunities associated with this fund and its underlying holdings. This report is published in line with the requirements of the FCA and TCFD. To understand the governance, strategy and risk management that Liontrust has in place to manage the risks and opportunities related to climate change, please refer to the Liontrust Entity TCFD report found at: [www.liontrust.co.uk/TCFD/entity-report](http://www.liontrust.co.uk/TCFD/entity-report) Where there are any material deviations in this report from the TCFD recommendations, they shall be clearly explained in the entity report.

The following report has been prepared using data from MSCI. In order to ensure that the data provided is representative of the Fund, Liontrust has only reported on data points where there is a minimum data coverage of 60%. Liontrust will review this minimum threshold and will look to increase its disclosures as MSCI data coverage levels improve.

### Key Information

Fund Name	Fund Management Team	ISIN	Fund Size*	Fund Base Currency	Benchmark
Liontrust MA Explorer 35 Fund	Multi-Asset ("the Team")	GB00BCZW6N92	20,817,356	GBP	IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares

\*as at 31 December 2023

### Objective & Policy

- The Fund aims to generate capital growth and income over the long term (5 years or more).
- The Investment Adviser aims to achieve the Fund's objective by investing at least 90% of the Fund in collective investment schemes ("CIS") including open-ended investment companies, unit trusts, exchange traded funds and closed ended investment companies (including investment trusts and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)).
- The Investment Adviser will allocate across asset classes (including shares, bonds, alternatives, property and cash) based upon the expectations of each asset class's future potential return and risk. In normal market conditions, the Fund will hold a minimum of 10%, and up to 35%, of its Net Asset Value in CIS that invest in shares and the Investment Adviser aims to hold a diversified portfolio of such assets.
- However, the Investment Adviser may decide to hold a more concentrated portfolio for a short period at certain times (i.e. where market factors dictate or at times of significant subscriptions and redemptions in the Fund) and it is possible that during these times a substantial portion of the Fund could be invested in bonds, cash or Money Market Instruments directly or indirectly. The investments will give exposure to a broad range of global assets predominately in developed markets but may have some exposure to Emerging Markets.
- The Fund may invest in up to 10% directly in transferable securities (including company shares and bonds), cash or deposits and money market instruments. The Fund may also engage in stock-lending and borrowing.
- The Fund may invest in derivatives, warrants and forward transactions for efficient portfolio management, including hedging.
- Bonds may include, but are not limited to, securities issued by government or corporate issuers, and may be investment or sub-investment grade. Alternative assets may include, but are not limited to, liquid alternative asset classes, commodities and property (through investment in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)). Maximum exposure to alternatives will be 20%. Any Tactical allocations to Alternative asset classes will be made when they are considered to offer a compelling risk / return proposition in the context of the total portfolio.
- The underlying funds will be a blend of 'active' funds, whose managers aim to beat the performance of a benchmark, and 'passive' funds, which aim to track the performance of an index. The Investment Adviser aims to create an optimal blend of active and passive positions based on their suitability in terms of the overall portfolio mix. It could be that, from time to time, passive outweigh active and at other times the converse is true.
- The Fund may invest in other funds managed by the ACD and its affiliates where the ACD believes the fund selection is in the best interests of investors.

### Investment Process

The Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) is essentially the default asset allocation should the fund managers have no views about the relative attractiveness of different asset classes. In determining the SAA, historical returns and volatilities of a range of asset classes, as well as their correlations with each other, and other market dynamics are collated and studied. The SAA is updated annually and has a long-term (15 years) time horizon. The Tactical Asset Allocation (TAA) is the process through which the Multi-Asset team has an overweight or underweight exposure to an asset class or subasset class when compared to the SAA. The TAA may increase or decrease overall strategy risk depending on the Liontrust Multi-Asset team's view of the stage of the market cycle. Even if the Multi-Asset team decides to adopt a neutral risk position, it is still possible to express a view between asset classes and sub-asset classes without meaningfully altering the overall portfolio risk from neutral to the SAA. The Multi-Asset team refers to this as an Efficient Allocation (EA). The TAA is reviewed and updated quarterly. The purpose of the portfolio construction is to take a fairly abstract concept in the form of a TAA and to express it in an investable form for each strategy that the Multi-Asset team manages. The portfolio construction takes account of the output from the TAA as well as the input from the manager selection process. The portfolio construction consists of four steps: factor selection, active and passive, set targets, and risk checks. Manager selection consist of universe filtering, quantitative and qualitative research, operational due diligence, and security set up. The implementation seeks to ensure the Multi-Asset team implements in a manner that treats customers fairly, finds an optimal balance between trading and portfolio turnover, and ensures the implemented holdings reflect the Liontrust Multi-Asset team's views generated through the investment process. While the Liontrust Multi-Asset team takes its fiduciary duty to investors extremely seriously, they also ensure there are effective checks and balances internally.

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### Fund Information

#### Climate-related commitments

The Fund has not made any climate-related commitments.

#### Governance of climate-related risks and opportunities

- Liontrust has a strong governance structure in place around its Responsible Capitalism (“RC”) platform and approach to ESG integration. For details on this, please see the dedicated TCFD section on Liontrust’s website ([www.liontrust.co.uk/TCFD](http://www.liontrust.co.uk/TCFD))
- The Team is one of Liontrust’s seven investment teams. Each of Liontrust’s investment teams follows its own, well-documented investment process; each is overseen by the Group’s Portfolio Risk Committee (PRC) and is required to demonstrate how it is adhering to its processes. The PRC is responsible for monitoring portfolio risk for each of Liontrust’s funds.
- Liontrust’s Responsible Capitalism (RC) team leads the Group’s strategy, policies, and activities for the Group’s overall RC approach as well as supports, as needed, the Group’s investment teams in their ESG integration and engagement with holdings, particularly on ESG related topics.

#### Strategy for managing, and management of, climate-related risks and opportunities

The Team’s strategy is to create well balanced multi-asset solutions to provide appropriate risk or return profiles based on client suitability. The Team does not currently have a climate specific strategy. Many of the Team’s underlying managers have climate specific strategies enshrined in their approach to investment management and there is a growing support of these and other sustainability related considerations within the Team’s opportunity set. Additionally, the Team operates with an ethos of engaging with and querying its underlying managers’ approach to understand and identify strengths and weaknesses across investment topics as part of their broader process.

### Climate Metrics

Data coverage from MSCI for the required data points is below Liontrust’s 60% minimum threshold. Climate metrics data has therefore not been disclosed for this fund.

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### Climate Metrics (continued)

#### Exposure to carbon intensive sectors

The Fund is not determined to have high exposure to carbon intensive sectors.

For its Multi-Asset portfolios, Liontrust defines having ‘high exposures to carbon intensive sectors’ as those funds which have greater than 60% of market value invested in issuers with energy consumption intensity data and in the following sectors, rebalanced by the sub-portfolio of corporate holdings\*: Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying; Manufacturing; Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply; Water Supply: Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities; Construction; Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles; Transportation and Storage; and Real Estate Activities.

### Climate Scenarios

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### Implied Temperature Rise (“ITR”)

Data coverage from MSCI for ITR is below Liontrust’s 60% minimum threshold. ITR data has therefore not been disclosed for this fund.

\*NACE codes are one of the commonly used classification systems to categorise the economic activities of firms and have been used to determine whether a holding within the portfolio falls within one of the 'carbon intensive' sectors noted above.

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**Past performance does not predict future returns. You may get back less than you originally invested.**

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