



# Helping the Transition to a Low Carbon World

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As a top 20 institutional investment manager with \$590 billion total assets under management,<sup>1</sup> MetLife Investment Management (MIM) is aware of the role we have to play in the transition to a low carbon world. We have done this by making sure our investment processes take into account financially material environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors when building investment portfolios for our clients, and by collaborating with institutional investors to develop portfolios that leverage our investment capabilities and align with their views on sustainability.

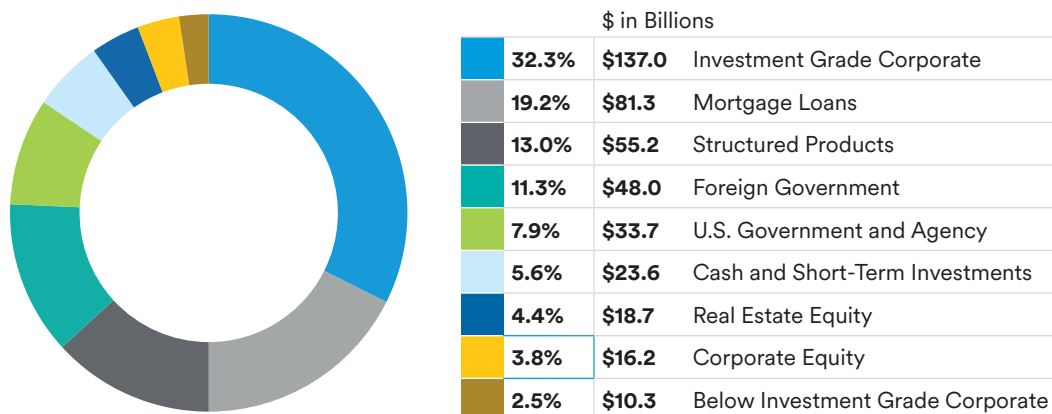
We are now taking this a step further. MetLife, which has been carbon neutral on its operations since 2016, has committed to net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for its global operations and general account by 2050 or sooner. The net zero commitment applies to greenhouse gas emissions from MetLife, Inc.'s owned and leased offices across the world, automobile fleets, employee business travel, and assets in MetLife's general account investment portfolio, which includes the general accounts of MetLife, Inc.'s wholly owned insurance company subsidiaries, where data and methodologies are available. Emissions are tracked and reported in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol. Additional information about MetLife's general account investment portfolio is available [here](#). In MIM's role as the investment manager for MetLife's general account, we are a key partner in delivering on MetLife's net zero by 2050 commitment.

<sup>1</sup> As of June 30, 2022. At estimated fair value. Includes all MetLife general account and separate account assets and unaffiliated/third-party assets managed by MIM. 'Top 20 institutional money manager' source Pensions & Investments dated June 2022 based on December 31, 2021 data.

## The road to NetZero for MetLife

### \$424 Billion of General Account Assets Under Management<sup>1</sup>

MetLife's general account investment portfolio includes public securities and privately originated assets. Asset allocations reflect the mix of liabilities in MetLife's global businesses.



The investment process driving the MetLife general account will continue to focus on maximising financial return, while appropriately managing risk and asset-liability matching concerns. Additionally, over the next year, MIM will partner with MetLife's general account leadership to assess available investment data, establish governance structures and processes, and identify actions that build upon existing sustainability initiatives.

At MetLife's request, MIM already applies a number of ESG exclusionary screens on behalf of the MetLife general account. These exclusions prohibit investment in assault and controversial weapons, tobacco companies, and any new investment in mining and/or utility companies deriving 25% or more of their revenue from thermal coal and companies that hold at least 20% of their oil reserves in oil sands. MetLife's net zero by 2050 commitment does not currently include plans to divest from fossil fuel companies. But there are a number of key initiatives that MIM expects to drive the transition to net zero by 2050:

- Collect, verify, refine, and expand GHG inventory data.
- Engage with policymakers, communities, and other stakeholders on climate issues.

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- Engage investee companies on disclosing climate data, setting emissions reductions targets and creating climate transition plans, as may be appropriate.
- Increase origination of new green investments such as wind, solar and other renewable energy projects and “green”-certified real estate equity and debt investments to continue to participate in financing the climate transition.

MIM believes active engagement with company and issuer leadership is key to managing investment risk. Investment analysts regularly interact and engage in discussions with a firm’s senior management. Ongoing dialogue helps raise awareness of sustainable business practices.



“MIM is committed to responsible investing and applying ESG practices across the portfolios we manage. This enables us to invest in ways that support sustainable long-term returns while also contributing to social and environmental benefits.”

**Steven Goulart**

EVP and Chief Investment Officer, MetLife, Inc. and  
President, MetLife Investment Management

## What happens now?

Developing the process to track GHG emissions and establishing an appropriate baseline will be one of several steps required as part of the initial planning to set interim targets. We will work with MetLife’s Global Sustainability Team to collect, calculate, manage, report, and verify available carbon footprint data. MIM subscribes to several ESG data vendors, including MSCI, that provide both reported and estimated emissions data.

In making a net zero commitment, MetLife joins thousands of other companies and 195 governments worldwide in an effort to reduce GHG emissions in alignment with the Paris Agreement. MIM continues to collaborate with all our clients to help them achieve their sustainable investment objectives.

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