

Glossary of Terms

TCFD	Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) is a market-driven initiative, set up to develop recommendations for voluntary and consistent climate-related financial risk disclosures in mainstream filings.
GHG	Greenhouse Gases
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were established by the United Nations in 2015. Also known as the Global Goals, they are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all".
UNGC	The United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) is the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative. It is a call to companies to align strategies and operations with universal principles on human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption, and support the SDGs.
UN PRI	United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment is a network of international investors working together to implement 6 principles for responsible investment which are underpinned by ESG (Environment, Social and Governance). You can read about the principles here .
Net Zero	Net Zero simply is the action of not adding new emissions to the atmosphere. For a business, this is achieving a state where activities within the value chain result in no net impact on the climate from greenhouse gas emissions. This is achieved by reducing value chain greenhouse gas emissions and by balancing the impact of any remaining greenhouse gas emissions with an appropriate amount of carbon removals. A net zero approach is focused on carbon reduction.
SBTi	The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) drives ambitious climate action in the private sector by enabling companies to set science-based emissions reduction targets. A science-based target is underpinned by climate science and the Paris Agreement.
Carbon offsetting	The process of compensating for carbon dioxide emissions arising from industrial or other human activity, by participating in schemes designed to make equivalent reductions of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. This is a financial commitment where you buy carbon credits to the level of your greenhouse gas emissions.
Carbon Neutral	The status granted when you offset all of the carbon you emit into the atmosphere.
Low carbon economy	An economy that is low carbon and low pollution e.g. all energy has low environmental impact
The Paris Agreement	The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP 21 in Paris, on 12 December 2015 and entered into force on 4 November 2016. Its goal is to limit global warming to well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels.