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# Chairman's Statement

2024 is the hottest year on record.

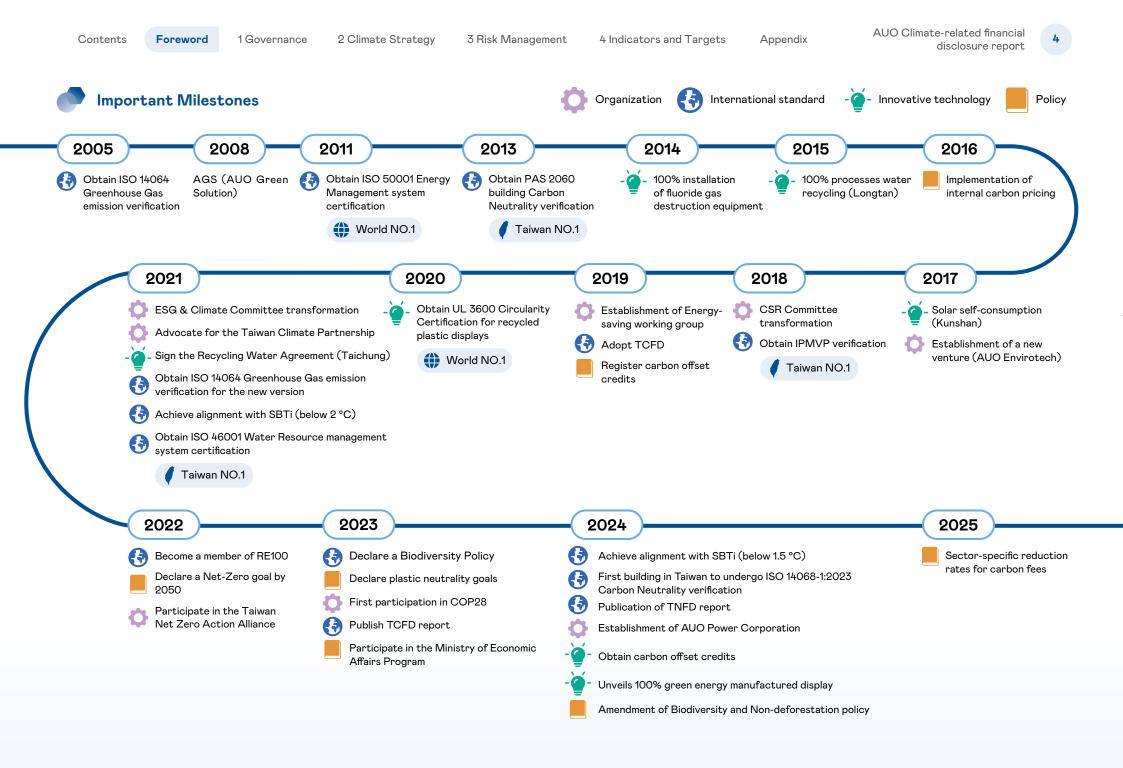
In the face of severe climate change challenges, AUO aligns with global consensus and commits to advancing towards the vision of "low carbon transformation and achieving net zero." In operations, AUO enhances climate resilience through robust and pragmatic management. In terms of products, AUO continues to develop excellent display technologies along with lower energy consumption and environmentally friendly products. In production, we strive to mitigate our environmental impact. Additionally, AUO continuously refines various green technologies, including energy saving, energy generation, water conservation, and waste reduction, transforming these into green services to assist more industries in their green transformation. AUO will make every effort to contribute value to global

climate action.

# **AUO Climate Action Overview**

AUO has been attentive to the development of global climate issues for many years. Following the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the company actively adopts mitigation and adaptation measures and has established four key policy directions for managing climate change issues: Transparency, Actions, Responsibility, and Cooperation. These directions serve as the foundation for assessing climate risks and opportunities, collaborating on reduction efforts, and managing carbon assets.

In response to the growing concerns of external stakeholders regarding climate change, AUO signed the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) in 2020 to show its support for climate-related financial disclosure. In 2022, AUO officially became a member of RE100, committing to using 100% renewable energy by 2050. In 2024, the company received recognition from the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) for its 1.5-degree reduction target and continues to strive towards its net-zero vision.





# **Progress in Promoting TCFD**

AUO has long been focused on risk management related to climate change issues. In 2019, a third-party consulting team from PwC Taiwan assisted in establishing the foundational framework for TCFD operations management. An interdisciplinary organization, the "Carbon-Energy Task Force," was formed to create a TCFD team dedicated to developing and implementing TCFD practices. Recognizing that climate change risks and opportunities are significant concerns for external stakeholders, AUO signed the TCFD Initiative in 2020. In response to the growing connection between financial and non-financial information, AUO has aligned with the requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and, guided by a professional consulting team, has begun to disclose IFRS guidelines in its sustainability reports.

2019

Conversion of the TCFD framework to a traditional Chinese version

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2020

Official signing up as a supporter of the TCFD initiative

2021~2023

2024~2025

### PwC-assisted development stage

- Selection of common risks and opportunities in the hi-tech industry
- Organization of workshops to achieve a consensus on risk items among executives at the plant and division level
- Individual interviews with department heads to establish scenario criteria
- Development of a foundation for quantification of financial risks in the context of different risk scenarios

### **Establishment TCFD working group**

- Annual risk scenario impact improvement management
- Annual TCFD Workshop

#### **KPMG IFRS S2 Focus**

- Introducing IFRS S2 guidance requirements
- Adding climate-related opportunity identification

"In the increasingly severe climate emergency, the climate crisis has become the greatest challenge faced globally in the pursuit of sustainable development. AUO is honored to support the disclosure and transparency of climate financial information to build investor trust as the company works towards sustainable development. Therefore, we hope to continue leveraging our core technologies to develop low-carbon business opportunities and to address the opportunities and challenges of energy transformation, while advancing our energy business to collaboratively enhance resilience in human existence and create value along the supply chain."

Chairman

Statement made upon AUO's signing of the TCFD initiative in 2020



# CH1 Governance

### 1.1 Board-Level

AUO places great emphasis on the governance role of senior management regarding climate change. At the board level, the board of directors serves as the highest management and decision-making body of the company. Following the company's operational strategy and industry environment, the board formulates risk management strategies related to climate change and oversees the effective operation of management mechanisms. Important decision-making issues related to climate risks are included in the board meetings, guiding the company in responding to the challenges posed by climate change while ensuring compliance with laws and regulations.



### Oversight of Climate-Related Risks and Opportunities at the Board Level



#### **Board of Directors**

Supervises the implementation of AUO's sustainable business strategy.



#### Corporate Governance Committee

Ensures the diversity of the backgrounds of AUO's board members, such as expertise in corporate sustainability and risk management.



#### **Compensation Committee**

Manages executive compensation linked to corporate climate (sustainability) transformation strategy. The senior management team has a long-term incentive bonus plan designed to link their responsibilities with ESG sustainability performance, with specific linkage ratios ranging from 10% to 70%, aiming for a high connection between the corporate climate (sustainability) transformation strategy and compensation.



Please see AUO ESG website



#### Sustainable and ERM Committee

Oversees the proposals and execution results of sustainable development policies, systems, or related management guidelines, as well as decisions on energy development, green manufacturing, value chain management, circular economy, and carbon energy operations.

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# 1.2 Management Level

AUO has established a "Sustainable and ERM Executive Committee" under the "Sustainable and ERM Committee". The Chairman serves as the committee's head, with first-level executives leading various subcommittees. This structure is designed to integrate departmental strategies and resources, as well as to coordinate the proposal and execution of annual project plans. Additionally, the Sustainable and ERM Executive Committee has set up cross-platform working groups, including the Circular Economy Working Group, Carbon Energy Working Group, ESG Digital Transformation Working Group, and Plastics Working Group.



# 1.3 Operational Mechanisms and Results

AUO has established corresponding operational frequencies and management mechanisms for different organizations to implement sustainable operations and strategic development.

Level	Organization	Responsibilities	Chair	Attendees	Frequency	2024 Results
Board level		Key Decisions Approval / Management of Approved Matters (Including Progress Reports)	Chairman	Board of Directors	Quarterly	<ul> <li>Quarterly greenhouse gas inventory progress reports</li> <li>Approval of revisions to the "Risk management policy and procedures" and "Environmental, safety, health, water resource, and energy policies"</li> <li>Approval of green electricity procurement budget and monitoring execution</li> <li>Approval of "Biodiversity and non-deforestation policy"</li> <li>Oversight of net-zero pathway strategy</li> <li>Approval of Wind power procurement case</li> <li>Approval of IFRS implementation progress</li> </ul>
	Sustainable and ERM Committee  Routine regulatory trends, project reports, discussion ERM Committee  Resolution of important carbon-energy proposals  Chairman directors		<ul> <li>Review of IFRS implementation progress</li> <li>Approval of major topic identification results and targets</li> </ul>			

Level	Organization	Responsibilities	Chair	Attendees	Frequency	2024 Results
	Sustainable and ERM Executive Committee	<ul> <li>Consensus formulation on issues</li> <li>Resource allocation</li> <li>Synergies confirmation</li> </ul>	Chairman	Chair	Quarterly	<ul> <li>Successfully passed SBTi review again under the 1.5-degree warming scenario</li> <li>Calling for the supply chain to join efforts in reducing plastics, declaring a move towards plastic neutrality</li> <li>Continued acceleration of signing renewable energy purchase agreements</li> <li>Achieved 226,000 tons of carbon rights through a compensation project approved by the ministry of the environment</li> <li>Participated in the Ministry of Economic Affairs' low-carbon and intelligent upgrading transition for small manufacturers</li> <li>Issued AUO's first TNFD report</li> </ul>
	Risk Governance Group of Sustainable and ERM Executive Committee	Management of key risk issues in corporate governance     Responsible for implementing the risk management policies approved by the Board     "Risk management policies" are established following international risk management standards	CFO	Executive secretary		<ul> <li>In response to international concerns about the climate crisis and net-zero targets, included overseas accountable supervisors in the climate change carbon management assessment for 2024</li> <li>Initiated preparations and management disclosure mechanisms for compliance with IFRS S1/S2 for sustainable information disclosure for the financial report/annual report in 2024</li> </ul>
Management level	Carbon-Energy Working Group	<ul> <li>Cross-functional work and resource integration to mitigate greenhouse gas impacts through intelligent technology and scientific basis</li> <li>Enhance organizational adaptability and reduce risks resulting from climate change</li> </ul>	Senior VP of Manufacturing Group		_	<ul> <li>Develop carbon reduction pathways based on science-based targets (SBTi).</li> <li>Pursue absolute carbon reduction targets, with organization carbon emissions of 2.16 million tons in 2024</li> <li>Deep application of Al technology, achieving a water recovery efficiency of 94.7% in processes</li> <li>Planning to submit a self-reduction plan to the Environmental Ministry</li> </ul>
	Circular Economy Working Group	<ul> <li>Reducing waste at the source, securing circularity certifications, increasing recycling, and lowering process waste.</li> <li>Collaborating on packaging recycling, developing recycled materials, and forming alliances to create greener business opportunities.</li> </ul>	сто	Executing unit	Monthly	<ul> <li>Recycled green products contributed 13.2 billion NTD in revenue throughout the year</li> <li>Green manufacturing material recycling and water recycling contributed 4.37 billion NTD in revenue</li> <li>The recycling and reuse of packaging materials in the green supply chain achieved a benefit of 902 million NTD throughout the year</li> </ul>
	Plastics Working Group	<ul><li>Project progress reporting</li><li>Resource allocation</li><li>Synergy verification</li></ul>	CSO			<ul> <li>Average recycling rate of plastic packaging materials from suppliers is 95.8%</li> <li>60% of recycled materials from supplier plastic packaging trays have been imported and verified</li> <li>Plastic reduction at the manufacturing source exceeds 400 tons</li> <li>91 tons of recycled materials from manufacturing process</li> <li>AUO product packaging materials use more than 100 tons of recycled materials</li> </ul>
	ESG Digital Transformation Working Group	<ul> <li>Digitalizing sustainability management</li> <li>Developing digital systems and tools for sustainability</li> <li>Overseeing ESG and carbon data governance</li> </ul>	CSO			<ul> <li>Promote ESG and carbon data governance and improve the data quality</li> <li>Complete the construction of the carbon management platform and implement the organization's carbon emissions and carbon footprint verification</li> <li>Optimize the ESG sustainable database and information collection platform</li> </ul>
Other	TCFD Working Group	Using the TCFD framework, establish a PDCA cycle for climate risk and opportunity management to ensure long-term, continuous improvement.	Senior VP of Manufacturing Group	Executing	Monthly	<ul> <li>12 projects were identified, with high temperature climate scenarios being the main focus of TCFD</li> <li>5 projects were formulated to transform risks into business opportunities, and climate-related opportunities were explored for the first time</li> </ul>
Sulti.	Green Electricity Procurement Decision Group	According with RE100 goals, provides timely decisions and resolutions to support Renewable purchase team.	VP of Energy Business	unit /P of Energy		Stabilize the company's electricity demand     Conduct offshore wind power procurement negotiations     Develop a new business model for the green power trading platform



# CH2 Climate Strategy

AUO aligns itself with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and established AUO EPS (Environment, People, Society) strategy, focusing on environmental sustainability, inclusive growth, and agile innovation. AUO is actively working towards achieving its mid-to-long-term sustainability goals by 2025. In terms of environmental sustainability, AUO has set four objectives: energy optimization, water optimization, circular production, and climate adaptation. Upholding the principle of sustainable management, AUO implements governance through strategic management and assessment, formulates adaptation management policies to enhance operational resilience, and develops mitigation measures under global low-carbon transition.

#### **Environment**

Realize the goal of environmental sustainability through low-carbon production and resource recycling in the value chain











### **Energy Optimization**

### 2025 Target

Set reduction targets based on life-cycle and reduce carbon emissions by up to 6.5 million tones CO<sub>2</sub>e cumulatively.

#### Water Optimization

### **2025 Target**

Work with the value chain to combat the threat of water resource shortages and conserve up to 100,000 CMD in tap water cumulatively.

#### Circular Production

### **2025 Target**

Spearhead the development of the circular value chain, expand its economic performance and achieve a growth rate of 135%.

### Climate Adaptation

### 2025 Target

Increase the resilience of climate adaptation and continue to reduce the risk of financial impact from climate change issues.

Note: cubic meter per day, CMD



# 2.1 Adaptation Management



## **Climate Risk Adaptation Guideline**

According to the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Taiwan exhibits high climate risk characteristics, including increased rainfall intensity and extended maximum consecutive dry days; longer summers, shorter winters, and even the potential disappearance of winter. AUO believes that under the complex boundaries of organizational operations, it is crucial to ensure that all components possess operational resilience to respond to climate change.

On the manufacturing side, it is essential to reduce dependence on natural energy resources, such as regional hydro and gas infrastructure supply, and extend this consideration to supply chains that share similar natural resource needs. Additionally, the challenges faced by business operations—including national or regional regulations, market value driven by product value chains, R&D momentum, and diverse stakeholder expectations for low-carbon transition—require organizations to respond actively and adaptively.

Whether facing the physical disasters of climate change or the transitional impacts of humanity's attempts to control temperature rise, AUO conducts in-depth assessments at various stages—short, medium, and long term—based on industry characteristics and various operational conditions. This involves evaluating how different business attributes should integrate deep management in strategic and operational dimensions, along with financial planning and preparation.

In its adaptive resilience management, AUO examines projects related to climate change risks and opportunities. It considers critical information such as its own operational conditions, changes in policies and regulations, international trends, low-carbon market developments, and technological advancements. This assessment encompasses the entire upstream and downstream value chain and spans short, medium, and long-term timeframes. The following climate response actions and financial impact assessments are executed in line with IFRS guidelines:

Value Chain

Evaluate the impacts of sustainability risks/opportunities on the value chain position, including upstream relevant industries/suppliers, the organization's operations/business models, and downstream relevant industries/customers, while disclosing their influence.

Timeframe

Project reports are categorized into four phases: current, short-term (1-2 years), medium-term (3-5 years), and long-term (6 years and beyond). This structure allows the company's strategic decisions to align with the aforementioned timelines, creating a consistent identification of time intervals and describing specific response actions.

### Impact of Climate Risk and Opportunity on Organization

Impact dimension	Risk	Opportunity	
	Short-term  Climate risks of increasing severity reinforce uncertainties surrounding operational interruptions of organizations and supply chains	Short-term  Provision of environmental solutions (e.g., water resources/energy/smart manufacturing) to meet legal requirements or satisfy the needs of enterprises facing climate challenges	
Rusiness	Medium-term  Accumulated impact of transition risks stemming from legal developments, product standards, and carbon finance on organizational operations	Medium-and long-term  • Medium-and long-term development of green power business opportunities for energy business in	
Business	<ul> <li>Long-term</li> <li>Deep-rooted, wide-ranging low-carbon transition driving force requiring adequate product/service adjustments</li> <li>Required active deployment of powerful infrastructure installations for organizational operations to gain the ability to respond to climate anomalies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Medium-and long-term development of green power business opportunities for energy business i accordance with demands of the free electricity market</li> <li>Provision of low-carbon, low-power consuming products to brand customers based on display technologies</li> <li>Provision of more efficient manufacturing services with smart manufacturing solutions</li> </ul>	

Impact dimension	Risk	Opportunity		
Strategy	Short-term  Proactive response to operational resilience required for net-zero transition (SSP1-1.9)/extreme warming (SSP5-8.5) scenarios including:  • Setting of proactive low-carbon transition targets in the context of signing up for international initiatives (SBT, RE100)  • Adoption of management systems for energy performance enhancement (ISO 50001, ISO 46001)	Short-term     Communication and engagement with brand customers on the low-carbon transition process and initiation of trial runs for low-carbon products with special specifications     Integration of practical experience in management system operations gained over many years and communication, advocacy, and guidance for ecosphere partners		
	Medium-term     Concern and measures adopted for corresponding carbon reduction targets (renewable energy in particular)     Decreased reliance on external water, electricity, and natural gas infrastructure facilities     Development of low-carbon, stable, and economically feasible infrastructure support solutions by relying on technological capabilities  Long-term  Operational risks acting as a driving force for low-carbon transition-related business opportunities relying on transition/physical solutions	Medium- and long-term     Grasp of opportunities arising from core net-zero strategies of government ministries and intensified deployment and implementation of solutions in the fields of green energy, zero-carbon manufacturing, and low-carbon products     Forging of strategic partnerships with businesses (including customers and the supply chain) which also face transition risks generating relevant demands		
\$ Eigenea	Short-term  The implementation of carbon fees in Taiwan, along with the burden of electricity costs resulting from energy transition  Active response to financial needs arising from climate risks through internal carbon pricing management  Internalization of external costs such as investments required for climate change-related business operations and strategic planning risks  Reliance on internal financial indicators to prompt competent units to incorporate low-carbon transition targets into their operational decision-making	Short-term  Assessment of investments in technologies, tools, and platform services required by industries in the course of low-carbon transition deployment  In the era of carbon pricing, flexibly utilizing the carbon credits under the company's account in the public carbon trading market		
Finance	Medium- and long-term     Consideration of replacement of aging, energy intensive facilities and assessment of green energy premiums (period of more than 20 years) associated with renewable energy purchase/sale agreements for carbon reduction target management and investments     Assessment of operating cost impacts arising from domestic carbon pricing and the international Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)	Medium-and long-term  Ongoing contribution of stable, high-value revenues and profits through green power sales opportunities, low-carbon display technologies, and smart-service solutions in the low-carbon transition process		

### Risk Management on the strategy and operation dimensions

Risk o	category	Key concern	Contingency strategy
	Climate change/ carbon management	<ul> <li>Stable power supply and production yield during energy transition</li> <li>Impact of long-term water supply imbalances caused by climate change on regular production operations of factories</li> <li>Impact of extreme disasters caused by severe climate change on the shipping order of global supply chains</li> <li>Energy price fluctuations and carbon emission controls implemented on the national level and the extended cost of carbon taxes/fees</li> <li>Carbon reduction/renewable energy demands of customers, response to international initiatives and product environmental labeling compliance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strengthening of response capabilities and ongoing implementation of energy conservation programs</li> <li>Regular monitoring of climate change and water supply conditions by dedicated units, planning of water conservation and diversified water supply sources, search for insurance mechanisms, and adequate risk transfer</li> <li>Proactive collection of data on natural disaster incidents and firm grasp of the impact of supply chain disruptions through systematic classification and management</li> <li>Examination of climate change-related financial impacts and formulation of mitigation strategies and measures through TCFD-based case studies</li> <li>Participation in international initiatives and climate-oriented engagement with customers</li> </ul>
Strategy	<ul> <li>Market redistribution (new competitors harness their competitive edge based on low-carbon production capacities and existing competitors exit the market)</li> <li>Diversified business models, strategies, and sales channels and reduced customer reliance pose a significant challenge to business continuity</li> <li>Varying demands for product mixes and grasp of systemic market risks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development of high-end products and increased added value through integrated product solutions</li> <li>Joint development of next-generation technologies in close cooperation with customers to maintain a leading edge</li> <li>Close monitoring of market supply and demand conditions, dynamic adjustment of optimal shipping volumes paired with differentiated product development</li> </ul>	
	Research and development of innovative technologies	<ul> <li>Lack of innovative concepts or inability to meet business needs through product development resulting in delayed investment in new technologies or missed opportunities for product launch</li> <li>Lagging development by technology partners resulting in lack of synchronization in the fields of new technology/new-generation material adoption and application/R&amp;D capabilities</li> <li>Potential impact of new display technologies available on the market on the company's competitiveness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regular inspection and optimization of new technology and product development mechanisms         Upgrade and expansion of R&amp;D capabilities based on existing technologies</li> <li>Refinement of R&amp;D training blueprints through industry-academia collaboration and deep         commitment to optimization of supplier relations</li> <li>Adoption of systematic, AIO (all-in-one) development approaches to minimize the impact of new         display technologies</li> </ul>
<b>(2)</b>	Legal compliance	<ul> <li>Full grasping, understanding, and implementing relevant legal requirements to prevent unexpected violations (e.g., competition laws, privacy and security laws, IPR laws, trademarks, business secrets, environmental protection/health and safety, labor-employer relations, and financial accounting)</li> <li>New transaction or business conduct modes requiring consideration of local laws and regulations on a global scale to minimize investment and financial operation risks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regular collection and analysis of data pertaining to new legal trends and developments in relevant fields, impact assessment, and proposal of contingency plans</li> <li>Enhancement of staff literacy through exchanges, information sharing, and training</li> </ul>
Operation	Business continuity	<ul> <li>Production delays caused by personnel, material, machinery/equipment shortages affecting shipping timeliness</li> <li>Material supply anomalies caused by natural disasters or accidents (factory explosions, equipment damage)</li> <li>Defective product handling to conserve operating resources and reduce operating expenses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Advance confirmation of required contingency plans, inter-plant support and resource allocation, and flexible outsourcing mechanism</li> <li>Reinforced mechanism for the handling of risks associated with material supply disruptions affecting production lines (BCP) including alternative supply sources and off-site production</li> <li>Optimization of product quality controls and return/exchange mechanisms</li> </ul>



# Scenario Resilience Analysis

The transitional and physical risk scenarios adopted by us for the adaptation process are based on the most severe scenarios and assumptions.

#### Physical Risk Scenario

AUO refers to the climate deterioration and warming scenario of IPCC AR6 SSP5-8.5, as well as the simulation results from the Taiwan Climate Change Projection and Information Platform (TCCIP) and the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6 (CMIP6) for downscaled modeling data. Using the baseline climate values from 1995 to 2014, AUO conducts assessments for each 20-year climate period as follows.

The time frames defined for AUO's assessment of climate change physical risks are as follows:





The annual average temperature is expected to rise by 1.8°C, with the number of extreme hightemperature days extending an average of 8.5 days longer.



Daytime hours in the summer will gradually increase, while future winters may decrease or even disappear.



The intensity of heavy rainfall is expected to increase by 20%, with consecutive dry days increasing by 5.5%.



The number of strong typhoons may increase by up to 100%

AUO further analyzes that rainfall may lead to flooding in low-lying manufacturing areas, resulting in operational disruptions. Uneven rainfall could disrupt production activities or increase costs due to the high water demand required for operations. Additionally, the instability of the power grid caused by climate warming may also disrupt production activities.

Considerations of physical risks include:



#### Rainfall Patterns

Taiwan's water supply infrastructure struggles to cope with increasingly significant and intense drought-flood alternating events, exacerbating the water supply crisis.

#### **Global Warming**



If there is no rain for more than a week, urban areas will accumulate high temperatures, leading to a vicious cycle of the urban heat island effect, which increases the pressure on electricity demand and raises the risk of urban power quality crises.

#### Transition Risk Scenario

Taiwan officially announced its "Pathway to Net-Zero Emissions in 2050" and promulgated the "Climate Change Response Act" to reaffirm its commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. We have manufacturing sites in Taiwan and overseas areas. The aforementioned National Pathway to Net-Zero Emissions, international climate-related norms and regulations, and the 2050 net-zero commitment of stakeholders serve as the main reference for assessment of transition scenarios.

Under this scenario, we could face the following impacts:



Financial impact of carbon-related fees: Carbon pricing has been incorporated into the "Climate Change Response Act". Collected fees are earmarked for specific purposes and carbon trading has been initiated in sync with international markets. In addition, we are required to conduct ongoing monitoring of the future impact of the EU CBAM mechanism and integrated analysis of rising operating costs caused by carbon emission fees coupled with assessment of declining product competitiveness



Extension of carbon reduction goals requested by stakeholders to our value chain



Requests by customers to disclose carbon emission information for product life cycles could result in product competitiveness risks. However, such requests could also give rise to low-carbon business opportunities.



Long-term goal formulation must be in sync with international trends (e.g., public commitment to the pathway to net-zero emissions in 2050).



The commitment to the net-zero goal and legal compliance is expected to result in a substantial demand for renewable energy coupled with rising operating costs and a risk of green power shortages.



Clearly defined demands for renewable energy can also bring about opportunities for business expansion in the field of power plant projects.



Business opportunities will also be triggered by the enhancement of power grid infrastructure that will generate a demand for energy generation and storage solutions provided by energy business units.



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# Quantification of Financial Impact

AUO uses five factors that affect product quality, including people, machines, materials, methods, and environment, to evaluate the quantitative indicators of actual impact and financial impact.

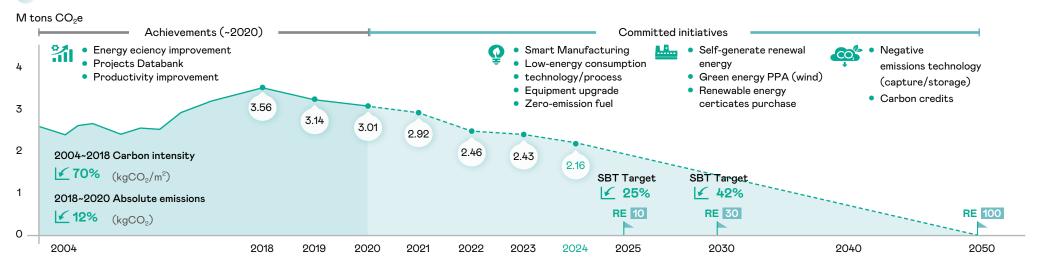
Impact scope	Impact definition Item		Tangible impact and quantitative indicator	
Manpower	Absence and disability	<ul> <li>Increase of DL manpower</li> <li>Impact on regular attendance</li> <li>Employee casualties (injury)</li> <li>Employee casualties (death)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tangible impacts: Employee absence, work deficiencies, and employee disabilities caused by climate incidents resulting in rising operating costs or production capacity losses</li> <li>Quantitative indicators: Attendance rate, operating costs (manpower loss), production capacity loss</li> </ul>	
Machinery	Devaluation of equipment and system assets	Diminished availability due to equipment damage     Equipment damage and scrapping     Generation of stranded assets	<ul> <li>Tangible impacts: Production equipment/asset damage or scrapping caused by accidents or diminished availability resulting in rising operating costs, decreased asset value, or production capacity losses</li> <li>Quantitative indicators: Asset, production capacity, and revenue losses, operating costs (equipment maintenance costs, equipment upgrades and replacement)</li> </ul>	
<b>S</b> S Materials	Raw material quality/ rising shipping costs, semi- finished good losses, and water, electricity, and natural gas prices	<ul> <li>Climate-related losses in the fields of raw material quality and delivery times</li> <li>Rising energy prices trigger raw material price fluctuations</li> <li>Finished goods losses during transportation caused by climate-related factors</li> <li>Production losses caused by water and electricity supply disruptions brought about by climate issues</li> <li>Product scrapping losses caused by water and electricity supply disruptions brought about by climate issues</li> <li>Losses caused by slow-moving products which have lost their value due to the impact of low-carbon transition technologies</li> <li>Loss of customer orders due to lack of low-carbon production technologies</li> <li>Rising energy (water, electricity, natural gas) supply prices</li> <li>Costs associated with the use of renewable energy</li> <li>Rising energy (water, electricity, natural gas) supply prices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tangible impacts:</li> <li>Climate-related factors resulting in rising operating costs caused by material quality losses, delivery delays, or indirect price hikes</li> <li>Semi-finished good losses: Production losses generated by water or electricity supply anomalies</li> <li>Rising energy supply prices (water, electricity): Climate-related factors cause supply-demand imbalances in the field of energy resources, triggering tariff hikes</li> <li>Quantitative indicators: Production capacity and revenue losses, operating costs (raw material,</li> </ul>	
Law	Legal compliance costs	<ul><li>Legal compliance costs</li><li>Fines</li><li>Liquidation damages</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Tangible impacts: New laws and regulations related to climate issues and rising operating costs caused by non-compliance (e.g., fines, liquidated damages)</li> <li>Quantitative indicators: Operating costs (fines, liquidated damages)</li> </ul>	
Environment	Devaluation resulting from market mechanisms and industry competitiveness and production capacity losses caused by business interruptions	The aforementioned factors cause operating losses resulting from production capacity disruptions and decreasing product sales prices	<ul> <li>Tangible impacts:</li> <li>Declining industry/product/capacity competitiveness due to revenue and profit losses</li> <li>Production capacity losses caused by production interruptions triggered by physical risk factors present in plant operations and the supply chain</li> <li>Inventory losses caused by slow-moving products as a result of market mechanism changes</li> <li>Quantitative indicators: Operating costs (inventory losses), revenue losses, and production capacity losses</li> </ul>	

# 2.2 Mitigation Management

In 2022, AUO officially became a member of the global renewable energy initiative RE100, and is also the first company in the global display manufacturing industry to commit to using renewable energy completely by 2050. After passing the Science-Based Targets (SBT) for a WB2C warming scenario in 2021, it has set more challenging carbon reduction goals, achieved the SBT for a 1.5°C warming scenario in 2024. AUO is also a founding member of the Taiwan Climate Alliance, and has joined the Taiwan Net Zero Action Alliance initiative, expressing its willingness to work with industry partners to promote carbon reduction actions.



#### **AUO Net Zero Path**



### **Initiatives and Key Actions**

Initiative











**Key Target** 

30% use of renewable energy by 2030 and 100% use of renewable energy by 2050

Set in a scenario of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 , based on the year 2021, the target is to achieve an absolute carbon reduction of 42% by the year 2030 Create the TCFD operation management framework to reinforce climate risk and opportunity governance Achieved net zero at the headquarters building in 2023, aiming for net zero across all office buildings in Taiwan by 2030, while striving toward organizational net zero by 2050

Unleash industrial impact and lead Taiwan's supply chain to comply with the international carbon reduction pathway

**Key Action** 

AUO is expanding investments in renewable power for self-use, negotiating CPPA, and adopting tailored green electricity solutions. We also participate in Tai power's flexible sandbox program to connect renewable producers with users, supporting zero-carbon manufacturing and environmental goals.

AUO is advancing its Phase 1 SBT carbon goals, aligned with a 30% reduction in electricity use and RE30 targets meeting stakeholder expectations. We remain committed to Phase 2 targets based on a 1.5°C reduction scenario.

AUO continuously published climate-related financial disclosures to inform stakeholders about governance, climate risks, and opportunities. AUO HQ's net zero action earned ISO 14068-1:2023 certification, achieving a 32% reduction in production site emissions and becoming Taiwan's first to receive the Gold-Level Net Zero Mark.

AUO accelerated value chain carbon reduction efforts to enhance industry resilience by joining CDP, promoting ISO 50001, and participating in MOEA's "Big Leads Small" program to foster low-carbon collaboration.

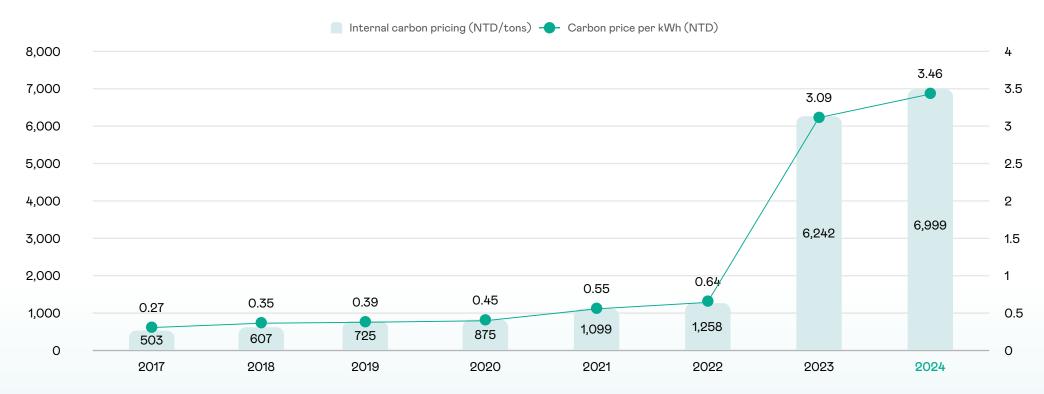
## **Energy Management**

In terms of energy management, AUO continuously improves its practices according to the ISO 50001 Energy Management System. The company has also adopted the International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol (IPMVP) for systematic verification processes to enhance the credibility of its energy-saving measures.

Considering future changes in production capacity and the bottlenecks associated with energy-saving technologies, AUO flexibly responds to the growth in electricity costs and demand for renewable energy by allowing for more lenient investment timelines. Through a carbon energy task force, AUO effectively utilizes AI and digital infrastructure to achieve intelligent operations, resulting in a continuous increase in energy savings in recent years.

# **Internal Carbon Pricing**

Since the Paris Agreement came into effect in 2016, AUO has been promoting an internal carbon pricing mechanism, monetizing the carbon costs derived from external climate control policies into the company's internal carbon price. In order to be closer to the future development scenario of carbon reduction path in the manufacturing industry, AUO adjusted our internal carbon pricing methodology in 2023, incorporating the costs of the energy supply market and the impacts of public sector policies into its estimation factors to reflect to reduction costs in Scope 2. In 2024, we announced an internal carbon price of 6,999 NTD relative to an external carbon emission cost of 3.46 NTD per kwh. AUO applied the implicit price principle to green manufacturing and energy-efficiency investments, and for assessing the efficiency or future investor purchases. It will also serve as a reference by the Company for strategic and financial planning. Once green manufacturing and energy-efficiency made investors think about the yield of renewable energy, they should focus more on the Company's strategic and fiscal planning. AUO can then think seriously about the carbon reduction costs of manufacturing activities caused by the net zero pathway in the future, while also promoting in carbon-reduction investments.







# 3.1 Identification and Management of Climate Risks

#### **Annual Risk Identification**

AUO conducts systematic risk identification operations annually. The company assesses 75 types of risks related to finance, strategy, operations, and hazards, with evaluations carried out by plant-level and responsible supervisors to comprehensively identify risks in the company's operations. After completing the risk identification, the risks are quantified and organized into a matrix analysis, allowing for the selection of risks that have high impact and low control. These selected risks are then incorporated into management by the Sustainable and ERM Executive Committee.





### 2024 Risk Identification Matrix Result

A total of 13 high-concern risks (risk value ≥ 4 with high impact and low control) are listed in 2024, including climate change risks. Compared with last year, the impact of climate risks in 2024 has increased slightly, and the control uncertainty has decreased.



### Applying the TCFD framework to risk identification

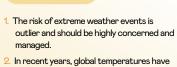
During the annual risk assessment, the company used the TCFD framework to identify climate-related and transition risks across departments like manufacturing, product, technology, HR, and finance, involving over 100 managers. This comprehensive evaluation across the value chain identified potential operational challenges and opportunities in the short to medium term.

The annual risk identification demonstrates AUO's commitment to climate risk governance and effective risk recognition. It encourages relevant departments to stay alert to climate risks and opportunities, enabling quicker responses to external changes and turning potential crises into business opportunities, thereby enhancing operational resilience.

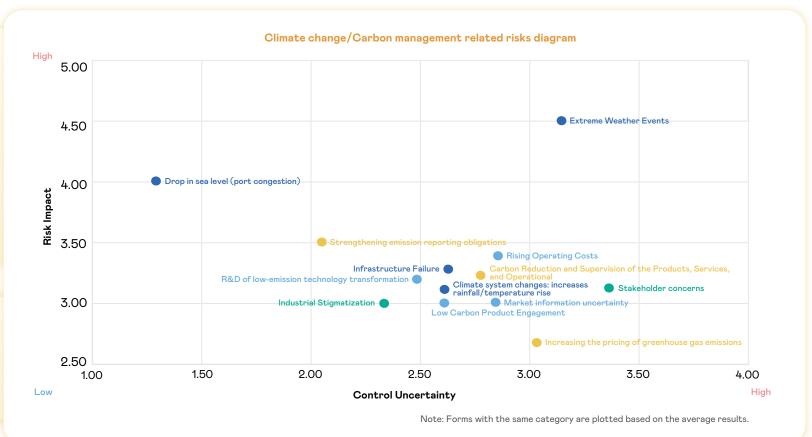


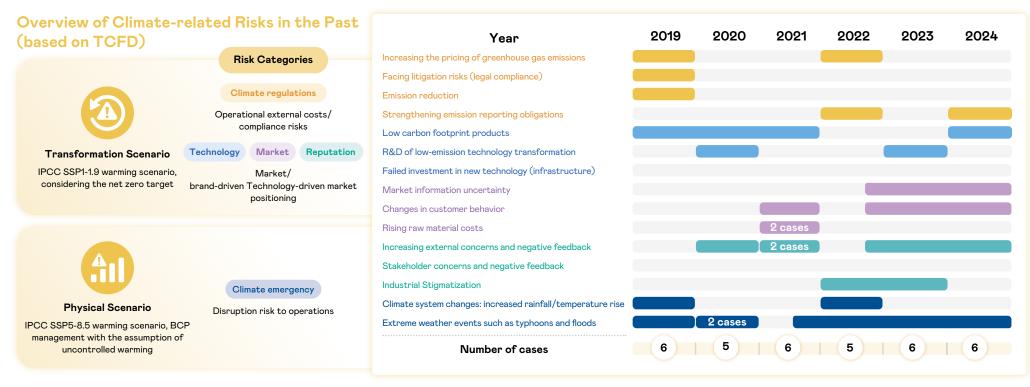
# 2024 Climate and Carbon Management Risk Matrix Results











An overview of AUO's 2024 TCFD risk projects is as follows. The main output project risk scenarios are all derived from the results of the annual risk identification and analysis based on the TCFD framework.

# Scenario Analysis of Risk Issues in 2024

Year	Responsible unit	Issue scenario	Assumed risk scenarios	
	Manufacturing	Power shortages due to abnormal temperature rises and increasing share of renewable energy, leading to grid vulnerability	<ul> <li>The factory's production and maintenance systems are impacted by power quality issues</li> <li>A significant increase in energy usage for production</li> </ul>	
	Supply chain	Operational impacts on raw materials/finished products/transport due to unusually high temperatures	<ul> <li>In high-temperature scenario, the supply chain faces production stability pressures</li> <li>Key procurement materials are in shortage, indirectly affecting operational production</li> </ul>	
2024	Finance	Risks of operating asset losses due to heatwave disasters	Abnormal temperatures result in company asset losses and decreased efficiency of solar power plants	
	Energy	Performance of power plants and personnel activities affected by high temperatures	<ul> <li>Continuous outdoor activities are restricted, leading to increased management costs due to adjustments in nighttime activities</li> </ul>	
	Manufacturing	Impacts of carbon fees being implemented in Taiwan	<ul> <li>With the carbon fee increasing annually, future carbon tax costs will impact gross operating profit</li> <li>Risk of paying at the general rate due to insufficiently aggressive carbon reduction management</li> </ul>	



# 2024 Climate Risk and Opportunity Assessment

#### Climate-related Risk Issue

Risk assessment	Aspect	Topic scenario	Stakeholder	Potential risk	Impact time frame	Financial impact	Management approach
Physical risk	Operations	Business impact on panel industry from long-term increase in temperature	AUO, Customer, Investor	<ul> <li>Abnormal power supply quality during periods of peak power consumption during the summer</li> <li>Grid vulnerability due to electricity shortages and rising ratio of renewables</li> <li>Operational safety concerns for personnel and vendors in a high-temperature environmen</li> <li>Production and transportation problems both on and off-site due to heavy rainfall</li> <li>Water shortage due to extended drought</li> </ul>	Short-term (within 2 years)	High	<ul> <li>Risk identification: In line with the IPCC SSP5-8.5 temperature rise scenario, the impact of the sudden rise in summer temperature under the condition of insufficient peak load during the transition period of Taiwan's energy infrastructure in 2026-2028</li> <li>Improve the energy efficiency of production processes</li> <li>Introduction of energy-efficiency technologies, materials and equipment</li> <li>Development of renewable energy (Hydroelectricity at Houli Site)</li> </ul>
	Operations	Business, inventory and financial losses due to heat waves	AUO, Investor	All types of new climate insurance plans and products	Medium-term (2 ~ 5 years)	Low	<ul> <li>Physical risk management in the workshop</li> <li>Risk management for fires and natural disasters</li> <li>Safety management of processes and equipment</li> <li>Improve the reliability of factory facility systems</li> </ul>
Transformation risk	Market	High-temperature risks of outdoor activities during EPC construction by Energy BU	AUO	<ul> <li>Impact on power plant construction due to extended high temperatures outdoors</li> <li>Maintenance and power generation performance affected by restrictions on working outdoors due to rising temperatures</li> </ul>	Medium-term (2 ~ 5 years)	Low	<ul> <li>Cycle management for personnel exposed to high temperatures</li> <li>Efficiency reduces due to high temperature of solar modules</li> </ul>
Transi Ormation Pisk	Market	Lack of climate resilience to rising temperatures in key supply chain	AUO, Supply Chain	Pressure on production stability in the supply chain (BCP)	Medium-term (2 ~ 5 years)	Low	<ul> <li>Set up disaster alert system (BCP system)</li> <li>Set up alternative transportation routes to mitigate impacts on profitability</li> </ul>
	Policies and Laws	Impact of Taiwan's carbon fee	AUO, Investor	<ul> <li>Additional costs under the country's low-carbon transition</li> <li>Future carbon fees will be aligned with the global carbon market in the annual announcement, and it is estimated that the future rates will increase by 4 to 5 times</li> </ul>	Short-term (within 2 years)	High	<ul> <li>Propose an independent reduction management plan in accordance with the law that is suitable for the company's current situation to reduce payment risks</li> <li>Implement the company's 3030 project's 30% electricity reduction goal</li> <li>After reducing electricity, achieve the midterm RE30 goal as promised in the RE100 initiative</li> </ul>

### Climate-related Opportunity Issue

Opportunity type	Aspect	Topic scenario	Stakeholder	Potential risk	Impact time frame	Financial impact	Management approach
Energy source	Operations, market	Use of low-carbon energy during production and manufacturing, participate in renewable energy investment, operations, and sales	AUO, Energy Customer	<ul> <li>Reduce the financial cost of carbon fees and taxes through low-carbon production</li> <li>Global green brand customers mandating the use of low-carbon energy in the supply chain</li> <li>Investment in renewable energy businesses to satisfy the imbalanced supply and demand in the current renewable energy market</li> </ul>	Short-term (within 2 years)	Medium	<ul> <li>Join the RE100 global initiative and progressively increase the ratio of renewable energy usage every year</li> <li>Strengthen participation and engagement with green brand customers to create green business opportunities together</li> <li>Accumulate management experience in energy creation, storage, and EPC Note to prepare for the renewable energy market</li> </ul>
Enter market	Technology, market	Satisfy the needs of industrial transformation through smart management and low- carbon solutions	Supplier, Customer	<ul> <li>Invest in smart production solutions, improve customers' energy efficiency, and create opportunities for carbon reduction</li> <li>Invest in carbon management, water, and circular economy ESG solutions to create new ESG business opportunities</li> </ul>	Short-term (within 2 years)	Low	Assist value chain partners such as suppliers and customers with their low-carbon and sustainability transition through Go Premium technology     Integrate solutions through Go Vertical to create more competitive businesses groups for the Company
Energy source	Participating in the carbon trading market	Operating company carbon credits to increase new income	AUO, Investor	<ul> <li>Deduct the carbon fee according to the law and clear the company's carbon credits</li> <li>Provide carbon credits required for environmental assessment</li> <li>Provide carbon credits with customers who implement power saving projects</li> </ul>	Short-term (within 2 years)	Low	<ul> <li>Focus on the trend of carbon credit market transaction volume and price</li> <li>Understand the changes in carbon tax/fee and ETS (Emissions trading system)</li> <li>Actively participate in the negotiation of needs of large carbon emitters</li> </ul>



# 3.2 Financial Impacts of Climate Risks



# Quantification of Financial Impact of Climate Change Risk

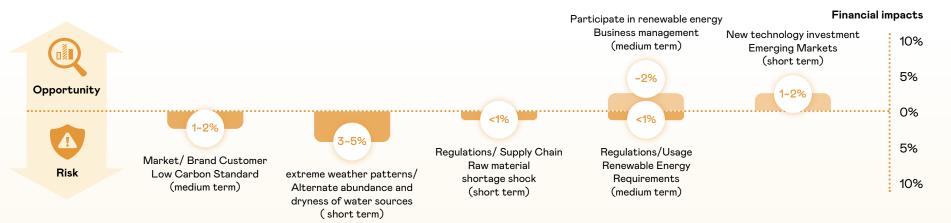
Based on past climate risk identification results, AUO evaluated four major risks, including "product carbon footprint, market product competition, sustainable operations, and regulatory compliance," and conducted a quantitative assessment of financial impact with reference to the methodologies disclosed by domestic and foreign companies.

Risk	Financial quantification considerations	Assessment methods	
Reduction of product carbon footprint	Impact on the European market, leading to revenue decline	Set short, medium, and long-term goals until 2025, estimating carbon reduction from 5% to 10% to 20%. Continuously focus on material reduction, improving equipment efficiency to decrease electricity consumption, and utilizing low-carbon energy to achieve additional carbon reduction value.	
Market product competition	Impact on company orders, leading to revenue decline	<ul> <li>Green leadership brands drive shipments of low-carbon products</li> <li>Product environmental labeling verification requirements affect customer orders</li> <li>Investment in the cost of green superior technologies and production</li> </ul>	
Continuous operations (e.g., Flood risk)	Impact on production capacity and increased costs due to personnel attendance overtime/transportation costs and water truck dispatch costs	<ul> <li>Pre-confirm water resource demand response plans and build capacity for inter-plant support and dispatch</li> <li>Production line material shortage risks and management mechanisms (BCP), including backup material sources and alternative production sites</li> <li>Optimize product quality control and return/exchange mechanisms</li> </ul>	
International initiatives and regulatory compliance	Financial costs arising from compliance with international initiative targets and regulations under low-carbon transition	<ul> <li>Additional production operating costs derived from carbon fees/taxes</li> <li>Costs associated with investing in renewable energy to meet international initiatives</li> </ul>	



### Climate financial Impact as a Percentage of Turnover

Based on the above financial impact description, the financial impact and impact of the relevant climate risks/opportunities in 2024 are compared with the revenue and turnover assessment of that year to present an overview of the relevant climate risks. The climate opportunities are based on the turnover of the energy business and the combined revenue of AUO Envirotech and AUO Digital.



# 3.3 Case Studies on Climate Risks and Opportunities



### **Transition Risk Case Study**

Case 1

More Stringent Targets Set by International Initiatives

#### • Scenario:

Carbon emissions generated during the production process of ICT products did not meet the requirements of green customers.

#### • Financial impact:

- Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM): Carbon taxes imposed by export markets will cost AUO an additional 200 million to 300 million NTD each year.
- Introduction of carbon fees in Taiwan in 2025: Carbon fees will cost AUO an additional 800 million NTD each year (No preferential rates).
- 3. Impact on revenue from canceled orders: Transferred orders due to not meeting the expectations of green customers to reduce revenue by 1.4 billion to 5.8 billion NTD per quarter.

#### Response strategy:

AUO is supporting the development of SBTi targets by setting more aggressive carbon reduction targets, improving energy efficiency, optimizing power management systems, introducing energy-saving equipment, and continuing to reduce carbon emissions generated during the production process. An online survey of Taiwanese netizens between the ages of 16 and 60 also found that "over 70% of consumers were willing to pay a higher price for sustainable or eco-friendly products even if they plan to cut spending in response to inflation." The Company therefore has added incentive to monitor developments in renewable energy and to continue increasing the use of renewable energy in the future in order to align with the carbon reduction requirements of global trends and legislation.

Case 2

Preparation for Disclosure Through the New Type of Climate-Related Financial Reports that Stakeholders are Concerned About

#### • Scenario:

Preparation for disclosure through the new type of climaterelated financial reports that stakeholders are concerned about.

#### • Financial impact:

- Maximum possible fine of 220 million NTD being imposed by the competent authority for false disclosure.
- Lowering of ESG rating or removal as a componentstock from sustainable ETFs resulting in failure to meet the criteria for preferential interest rates on syndicated loans may increase the cost of interest rates by up to 30 million NTD per year.

#### • Response strategy:

Response strategy: Various measures were taken by AUO to prepare for the disclosure of sustainability information in financial statements/annual reports in accordance with IFRS S1/S2 by 2026.

- Short-term: Participation in FSC seminars, dispatching staff to attend related training courses, discussions with professional accounting firms, and taking related actions.
- Medium-term: Discuss the integration and timetable for transdepartmental integration of information based on domestic/overseas examples of financial statements/annual reports, as well as continuing to monitor legislative changes and related guidelines.
- 3. Long-term: Monitoring of government regulations and legislative progress, optimization of data verification process, and setting up information platform to enhance the accuracy and transparency of data as well as improve management organization and systems.

Case 3

Impact of carbon fee collection and management response in Taiwan

#### Scenario:

The government tightens ETS (Emissions trading scheme) or increases greenhouse gas emission fees.

#### • Significant Uncertainty Areas:

Changes in policies and regulations.

#### • Financial Impacts:

- The company is classified as a major carbon emitter under the regulation of the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) and is obligated to pay carbon fees.
- According to the law, future carbon fee rates will increase annually, and if no proactive measures are taken, the total carbon fees could become very high.

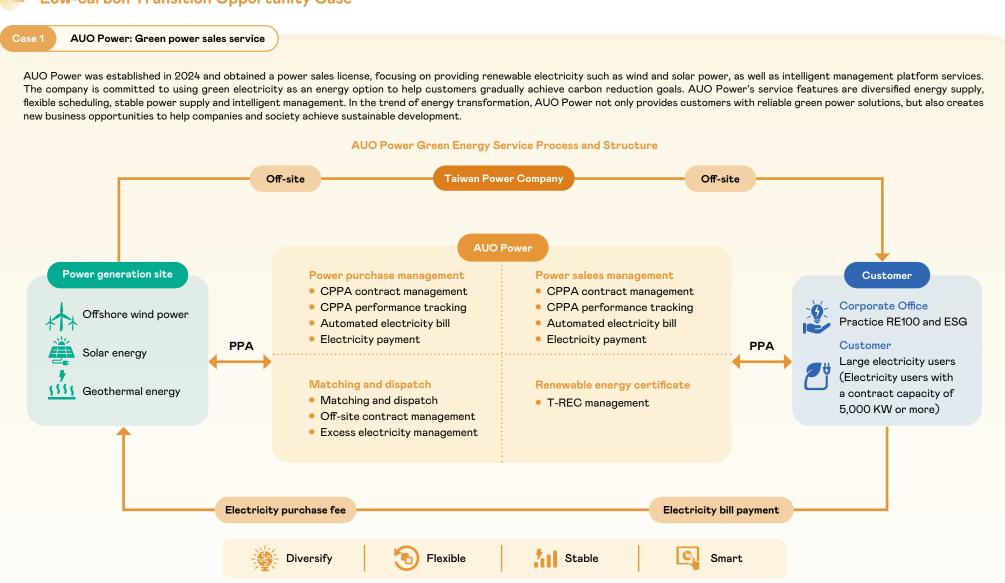
#### • Response strategy:

Countermeasures: To control the impact of carbon fee payments, the company will submit a self-reduction plan based on existing external initiative targets and "sector-specific designated targets."

- 1. Pursuant to the company's existing SBTi initiatives, a 42% absolute reduction target will be set for the same baseline year.
- 2. The company will utilize its existing carbon credits to offset and reduce the impact of carbon fees.
- 3. Implement the "3030 Project" to reduce energy usage, primarily by establishing electricity usage specifications for production, implementing smart production management, and maximizing the benefits of energysaving investments to effectively enhance energy management efficiency.
- 4. After the aforementioned reduction in electricity consumption, the company will introduce low-carbon energy according to the RE100 initiative's mid-term target of RE30%, fully supported by AUO Power through flexible supply and demand for renewable energy sales.



# **Low-carbon Transition Opportunity Case**



# Case 2 AUO Envirotech: Carbon Emission Management Solution

AUO Envirotech has established a comprehensive carbon management platform (AUO Carbon Agent, ACA) in accordance with ISO international standards to help customers effectively manage carbon emissions. Its greenhouse gas inventory module can automatically calculate the carbon emission data of organizations, products and supply chains, improve inventory efficiency, and assist in the formulation of long-term carbon reduction strategies to achieve low-carbon transformation and net zero carbon goals. The platform provides calculation functions, inventory lists and reports that meet international carbon inventory requirements, and updates carbon emission coefficients in real time to reduce management costs. Through visual results, companies can quickly interpret the current status of emissions, compare emissions and trends of various plant areas, identify hotspots to make carbon management decisions, and thus become a powerful tool for low-carbon transformation of enterprises and bring them new business opportunities.

#### **AUO Envirotech ACA Solution**



### Case 3 AUO Digitech and AUO Envirotech: Smart Energy Saving Solutions

AUO Digitech actively innovates in carbon emission management, forming a cross-departmental energy-saving team, combining production and plant management departments, using data technology to improve machine errors and adjust energy consumption, improve electricity efficiency and save energy. They promote smart energy-saving management systems, use AloT and smart grid technologies, and combine Al predictive analysis to effectively formulate energy-saving strategies, allowing companies to focus more on carbon reduction goals. Implement power-saving measures with a full-process concept, covering CDA systems and air conditioners, and automatically adjust operating parameters through Al to achieve power saving and early maintenance. In addition, real-time monitoring and flexible settings of ice machines and cooling towers improve overall system performance. These measures of AUO not only reduce carbon emissions, but also create new business opportunities.

#### **AUO Digital One-Stop Green Factory Solution**













# Low-carbon Transformation and Climate Change engagement and sharing

In facing the global trend of low-carbon transition, AUO recognizes that the key to carbon reduction lies in managing energy transition risks. However, Taiwan faces challenges in the renewable energy market due to limited land resources, policy development, soaring inflation, and urgent demand. AUO positions itself as a leader in climate action and is unafraid to tackle these challenges. As a member of the global renewable energy initiative organization RE100, AUO works across various departments to gradually increase the proportion of renewable energy used each year and collaborates with relevant government agencies to provide recommendations for industrial development and policy. Embracing a creative energy mindset to confront new challenges, AUO continues to strive for a path toward low-carbon transformation.

Audience	Customers	Government	Industry Chain
Negotiation actions	Serve customers' renewable energy needs	<ul> <li>Assist in establishing offshore wind dual guarantee mechanisms</li> <li>Communicate with the Renewable Energy Certificate Center on system services (verification of certificate cancellation requirements)</li> <li>Pilot the Taiwan Power Company's green electricity distribution sandbox project</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Negotiate a green electricity group buying mechanism</li> <li>Provide policy recommendations through association alliances</li> </ul>



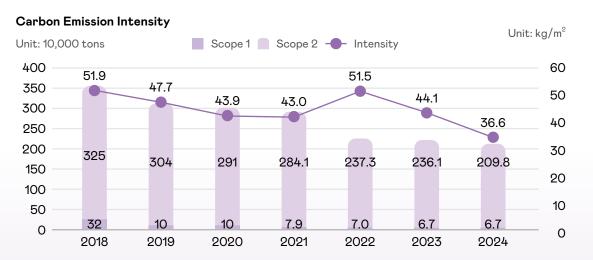
# CH4 Indicators and Targets

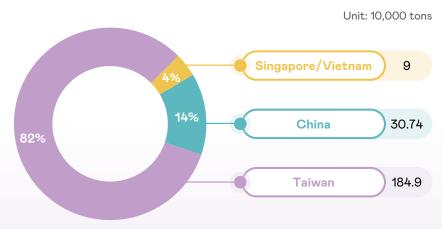
# 4.1 Greenhouse Gas Emission Indicators and Targets



# Carbon Emissions Data and Verification

AUO began inventorying the GHG emissions of our global manufacturing sites in 2003, and introduced the ISO 14064 standard to disclose emissions-related information through external verification. We developed a digital platform internally in 2010 to systematically manage the organization's GHG emissions as a means of managing long-term operational carbon reductions. In 2020, AUO took the lead in introducing the new version of the ISO 14064 standard and continued to improve greenhouse gas inventory management.





#### 2024 AUO Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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	h	0.1	Baseline year (2021)	Report year (2023)	Report year (2024)	2024 Ratio%	
	tem	Category	Emissions (tons CO₂e)	Emissions (tons CO <sub>2</sub> e)	Emissions (tons CO <sub>2</sub> e)	2024 Ratio%	
	Category 1 Direct GHG emissions		79,311.94	66,809.19	67,379.69	0.99%	
Category	Category 2 Indirect GHG emissions from energy input		2,890,891.13	2,361,055.73	2,097,462.70	30.87%	
	Category 3	Purchased products and services	1,151,435.00	825,778.96	930,953.50		
	Incorporation of	Fuel and energy related activities	479,272.00	447,726.93	412,408.24		
	SBTi target	Use of products sold	3,131,690.00	2,742,763.00	2,422,521.74		
	Other target	Employee commuting	38,732.70	13,342.18	10,564.03		
		Business travel	869.00	978.92	1,423.10		
Category 3		Downstream transportation	67,284.90	25,539.61	13,920.46		
Other		Capital goods	163,844.79	163,597.90	463,972.76	68.14%	
indirect GHG emissions		Other target	Upstream transportation	7,972.00	639,882.00	166,477.55	
			Wastes generated during the production process	25,661.00	1,687.10	22,201.30	
		Upstream leased assets	168.60	-	0		
		Processing of products sold	15,428.02	-	40,810.70		
		Downstream leased assets	166,001.35	14,873.54	111,262.59		
		Investment process	0	37,174.04	33,409.12		
	Total of Category 1 2 3		8.146.562.43	7,341,209.10	6,794,767.50	100%	

Note: Compared to 2023, 2024 upstream transportation emissions are more accurately calculated by systematically collecting detailed shipment route data from suppliers to AUO manufacturing sites. Waste disposal emissions for 2024 include overseas production bases through system integration. Additionally, AUO conducted a comprehensive review of procurement, including all direct materials used in production.



# **Carbon Reduction Targets**

#### 6.5 million tons of carbon reduction target (2018 to 2025)

In response to SDG 13 climate action, AUO proposed a reduction target in 2018 that includes direct and indirect emissions, including four aspects: organization, products, supply chain, and raw materials, with a cumulative reduction of 6.5 million tons of  $CO_2e$  by 2025. By 2024, the total carbon reduction has reached 13.29 million tons, reaching the target ahead of schedule and exceeding the original target.

### SBTi Target

#### Organizational carbon reduction

AUO has achieved the first phase of SBTi carbon reduction targets (using 2018 as the base year to achieve an absolute carbon reduction of 25% in 2025) ahead of schedule in 2022. Looking ahead to a more proactive low-carbon transformation vision, AUO continues to use the 1.5°C warming scenario and proposes to achieve an absolute carbon reduction target of 42% in organizational carbon emissions (scope 1 and scope 2) in 2030 with 2021 as the base year.

Item	Baseline year	Baseline year total emissions (metric tons CO <sub>2</sub> e)	Target	Management strategy	2024 achievement
Organizational carbon emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2)	2021	2,920,400	42% absolute reduction by 2030 (SBT)	<ul> <li>Enhance energy efficiency: Continuously promote ISO 50001 energy efficiency improvements and automate, smarten, and modernize high-efficiency production processes.</li> <li>Use renewable energy: Transition electricity supply from AUO's existing power plants and continue to add diverse renewable energy procurement contracts and overseas green power certificates.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Indirect energy carbon reduction of 11.16% (compare to 2021)</li> <li>Absolute reduction decreased by 10.83% compared to last year</li> <li>Intensity reduction decreased by 16.95% compared to last year</li> <li>Renewable energy introduction of 6.67% in 2024</li> </ul>

#### Value Chain Carbon Reduction

In addition to organizational carbon reduction, in the indirect emissions of the value chain (scope 3), a 25% absolute carbon reduction target in line with WB2C (Well Below 2°C) is proposed. By setting the SBTi absolute carbon reduction target, the indirect carbon emissions outside the company's operating boundaries are more extensively examined and continuously reduced through active management.

Item	Baseline year	Baseline year total emissions (metric tons CO₂e)	Target	Management strategy	2024 achievement
Indirect carbon emissions (Scope 3)	2021	4,762,400	25% absolute reduction by 2030 (SBT)	<ul> <li>Raw material carbon reduction:: Require suppliers to reduce carbon emissions and set a target of 20% reduction for key suppliers by 2030</li> <li>Fossil material carbon reduction: Reduce carbon emissions during the raw material development stage by decreasing the use of electricity and fuel</li> <li>Product usage energy consumption: Improve materials and power consumption during the product design phase to meet future energy efficiency standards as certified by the U.S. Energy Star</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduced procurement of goods and services by 19.14% compared to the baseline year</li> <li>Fuel and energy-related reduction by 13.96% compared to the baseline year</li> <li>Reduced energy consumption of sold products by 22.65% compared to the baseline year</li> <li>Scope 3 total emissions reduced by 20.92% compared to the baseline year</li> </ul>

# Supply Chain Carbon Reduction - Purchasing Goods and Services

AUO believes that climate governance relies on actions across the entire value chain, and therefore calls on key suppliers to set a 20% carbon reduction target by 2030. Under this target, we will strengthen cooperation with suppliers of specific materials, jointly move towards low-carbon production, and implement the SBTi Scope 3 reduction target for purchasing supplier materials and goods.



Please see the Sustainability Report for details on AUO and its supply chain's carbon reduction actions

### **Product Carbon Reduction Strategy - Sales Product Usage**

AUO applies green thinking to product innovation, focusing on low-energy display technologies such as AmLED, low-temperature polysilicon, and HiRaso, creating energy-saving, lightweight, low-carbon smart mobile devices and high-end laptops, reducing energy consumption and helping customers achieve carbon reduction goals. In addition, AUO has also extended energy-saving technology to automotive products, combining the ultra-narrow frame and power-saving characteristics of LTPS technology to launch thin and light, high-standby NB, and integrating IC design to reduce materials. Through the high-luminous efficiency backlight module, energy consumption is further reduced, and the use time is extended, providing users with a lightweight experience that combines performance and power saving.

#### Target measurement indicator

Value chain climate change mitigation and adaptation as management, engagement and operation



See 4.3 Material Topic Management Target

Target measurement indicators: sustainable product innovation and design capacity



See 4.3 Material Topic Management Target



## **Carbon Neutrality Goal**

AUO has set a goal of achieving carbon neutrality for 40% of its offices in Taiwan by 2025 and 100% of its offices in Taiwan by 2030.

#### 2024 Achievement

AUO uses (Global Research Center, GRC) as the starting point for the implementation of carbon neutral buildings. In 2023, it started to follow the principle of carbon neutrality of "prioritizing emission reduction and then offsetting". Through the four steps of "inventory, reduction, energy creation, and offset", it successfully completed the building carbon neutrality verification and became the first company in Taiwan to pass the ISO 14068-1:2023 carbon neutrality management standard.





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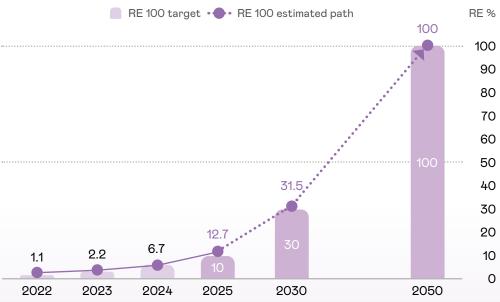
# **Energy Saving and Renewable Energy Goals**

In recent years, AUO has further promoted a more aggressive power saving target, the "3030 Project", with a goal of achieving a 30% power saving target by 2030, based on 2021. By continuously updating high-energy-consuming equipment and reducing gas and electricity usage in the production process, AUO strives to improve energy efficiency year by year, accelerate and implement the energy saving blueprint. In 2024, the annual power saving rate will exceed the regulatory requirement of 1.5%, reaching a record high of 4.72%.



In the AUO low-carbon development strategy, pursuing energy efficiency improvement is the first step, and continuing to expand renewable energy will accelerate organizational carbon reduction, while also meeting the green product label requirements of brand customers. Therefore, AUO became a member of the global renewable energy initiative RE100 in 2022, promising to introduce 30% renewable energy by 2030 and achieve RE100 by 2050. In 2024, it exceeded the existing target of introducing 5% renewable energy and met the target with a renewable energy introduction rate of 6.7%. Unit: 100 million degrees

Pagian	Total	Tot	Green		
Region	electricity consumption	Off-site transfer			electricity ratio
Taiwan	36.74	1.02	0.0019	-	2.76%
China	7.06	0.98	0.63	0.3	26.97%
Total	43.8		2.93		6.67%



# 4.2 Other Climate Targets





#### Water Reduction

AUO drew on our many years of experience in smart manufacturing to integrate Artificial Intelligence of Things (AloT) technology into the water withdrawal systems of our production processes and factory facilities. The automation and optimization of equipment serves to realize continued decreases in reliance on natural water supplies and improve the recycling rate of process water. Under the operation of TCFD, a number of water-saving measures were implemented ahead of schedule, successfully coping with the challenges of water shortage in recent years.



#### Water Creation

A contract was signed by AUO and Taichung City's Shuinan Water Recycling Center in 2021, supply of water commenced in November 2024 and reduced water withdrawals from natural resources at Taichung site by 520,638 metric tons. Mitigation of water depletion ensured the stable supply of domestic water. In addition, the Kunshan site has also introduced recycled water from the wastewater plant system in the development zone, and the average recycled water usage in 2024 will reach 7,778 CMD. The two key production plants will use a total of 16,313 CMD of recycled water, accounting for 25% of the total water intake.



#### Supplier Water Saving

To increase value chain awareness on water conservation and their ability to adapt to risk, AUO began recruiting suppliers to join us in promoting water conservation measures in 2016. AUO shared our resources with suppliers that respond to the water conservative initiative. These included sharing practical experience on water resource management through supplier inclusive growth courses, organizing internal experts to provide on-site counseling at supplier sites, assisting with testing for blind posts in water use, and offering of improvement advice. Since 2018, 17,712 CMD in tap water savings have been achieved so far.

#### 2024 Achievement

### Three key indicators



Tap water withdrawal Decreased by 3.7%

Unit: Cubic Meters per Day (CMD)



Production water recycling rate 94.70%

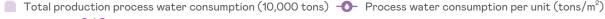
Calculated as Recycled Process Water/ Consumption at Point of Use (POU)



Calculation of water use intensity

Decreased by 0.3%

Calculated as Production Water Use/ Input Substrate area (m²)







# Circular Economy Goal

AUO responded to SDG12 responsible production and established a "Circular Economy Working Group" led by the Chief Technology Officer to integrate R&D, supply chain and sustainability teams to promote sustainable products, green manufacturing and green supply chain strategies. We set up tracking indicators to improve resource utilization and reduce waste, and promote circular actions to partners to jointly create more green business opportunities.

AUO is based on 2017 and expects to achieve a circular economy growth rate of 135% in 2025. In 2024, AUO combined process material recycling, waste reduction and green packaging material reuse to launch green products made of recycled materials in various displays, and significantly contributed NTD 18.563 billion in revenue. The 2024 financial performance growth target is 110%, and the actual achievement is 334.72%, which is far beyond expectations.

#### 2024 Achievement

Green Product	Green Manufacturing	Green Supply Chain					
Display products are continuing to use recycled plastics, glass and metals. Product penetration and recycled content are being increased as well. More than 250 new models of projects were introduced in 2024 to generate 13.29 billion NTD in revenue for the year.	The outcomes from ongoing initiatives on circular reuse of manufacturing materials, the recycling of developer and stripper fluids, sludge reduction, water recycling and reduction, and waste reduction during 2024 translated to 4.38 billion NTD.	AUO continued to promote the recycling of packaging at customers and suppliers. In 2024, cumulative savings from recycling that avoided repeated purchasing of new packaging materials amounted to 902 million NTD.					
20	2024 Highlights						
<ul> <li>AUO completed the development of circular recycled products such as the desktop solution with 50% recycled materials containing a high proportion of recycled metals and optical-grade recycled plastics. Third-party verification was completed at the same time.</li> <li>Recycled materials such as HDPE Note 1 / LDPE Note 2 / EPE Note 3 / PET Note 4 began to be introduced for product packaging.</li> <li>Circular recycled plastics were introduced in whole products for the casing and stand of desktop monitors. The use of circular recycled plastics could help customers with obtaining EPEAT certification.</li> </ul>	Refinement of zero discharge system with total wastewater recovery - Recovery to Acid and Alkaline (R2A) technology for hypersaline solutions: AUO continued to explore ways of making further improvements in zero discharge and energy consumption. Highly concentrated acidic and alkaline wastewater was converted back into alkalis and acids for recovery and reuse. Sludge reduction was also investigated.	<ul> <li>To establish a circular economy supply chain, 100% of the 85 related suppliers have now obtained third-party recycled materials certification.</li> <li>Recycling rate of supplier packaging reached 97.5%.</li> </ul>					

#### Increase in Penetration of Circular Products

AUO continues to promote sustainable products, address resource scarcity and waste issues, and use recycled materials to design new products. Since 2020, we have worked with suppliers to introduce recycled PC plastic pellets in desktop monitors, and gradually expanded to notebook monitors and automotive monitors. By 2024, more than 250 new products will contain recycled materials, further enhancing the impact of sustainable products.

#### Number of product modules incorporating recycled materials



#### Plastic Neutrality Goal

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
	Technology/product R&D	_	Total solution for the utili	zation of recycled materials	
Start	Extension	Expand scope of recycled materials		Extension	
ng-grade recycled plastic: ne plastic bezel of 24" display	<ul> <li>Engineering-grade recycled plastic</li> <li>Recycled glass</li> <li>Recycled steel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Engineering-grade recycled plastic</li> <li>Recycled glass</li> <li>Recycled steel</li> <li>Recycled aluminum</li> <li>Optical-grade recycled plastic</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Establishing certification mechanisms</li> <li>Strengthening the circular materials supply chain</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improvement of demonstration models high degree of circularity</li> <li>Cooperation with critical supplies optical-grade recycled plastic materials</li> <li>Launched the introduction of rec materials for product packaging</li> </ul>	rs on s



# Plastic Neutrality Goal

AUO responds to the international concern about biodiversity, especially the issue of plastics that is closely related to human life. Therefore, AUO is determined to actively participate in plastic reduction actions, hoping to become a leader in the industry and drive the industry to pay attention to plastic issues. AUO announced that 2023 the first year of plastic reduction, and based on 2023, it is committed to achieving "plastic neutrality" by 2030. Through the "3R+1" strategy (Replace, Reduce, Recycle, Rethink), AUO will comprehensively promote plastic reduction and establish a future, it will deepen cooperation and call on ecosystem partners to work together to reduce the impact of plastic on the environment.



# 4.3 Material Topic Management Target

Material topic	Item	Target	2024	2025	2026	Responsible unit	Business strategy	
		Decrease energy consumption of IT products Base year: 2021	25%	30%	35%		Review and enhance the R&D capacity through the technology	
	Containable made to	Decrease energy consumption of car products Base year: 2021	20%	30%	35%		platform, so that the products can be more energy-efficient than before.	
Sustainable	Sustainable product innovation and design	Increase the penetration rate of TV LCD panels Base year: 2021	Technology developing	>10%	>10%	Sustainable Technology	Continue to improve the penetration technology of TV LCD panels to solve the problem of high energy consumption of large screens and high resolution through the technology platform.	
Product		The weight proportion of recycled materials used in special-specification products Base year: 2021	30%	30%	30%		Continue to evaluate the high-quality application of different recycled materials through the operation of the Circular Economy Working Group to improve the comprehensive recycling of products and meet the requirements of green brand customers.	
	Product green information Transparency and Communication	The number of products that provide green information, mainly monitors and notebook Note 1	20 cases	30 cases	40 cases	Sustainable Technology Sustainable Business	Increase the application of green technology and recycled materials in new product modules, and provide related information for customers to increase the product's green performance and competitive differentiation.	
	Promote circular and clean production value chain engagement and management	Continue to expand the circular economy supply chain (number of suppliers)	58 suppliers	64 suppliers	86 suppliers	❖ Circular Economy Working Group	Facilitate close collaboration with the supply chain regarding the	
		Ratio of recycled materials certification for the circular economy supply chain	>90%	>90%	>95%	Sustainable Supply Chain	issue of circular economy through the supply chain platform.	
Circular and clean production	Market application and commercial value creation of circular and clean production technology	Financial benefits growth rate Base year: 2017	110%	135%	145%	Circular Economy Working Group	The Circular Economy Working Group horizontally integrates resources across various units and generates circular economy growth through the reduction and recycling of raw materials, as well as waste reduction and the development of high-value, green product markets.	
	Management innovation of product life cycle	Re-establish product carbon footprint projects and systems in response to standards trends	System integration	Product carbon information service	Product Carbon Information Service	Circular Economy Working Group Sustainable Development	In response to product diversity and complexity, we have reformulated an appropriate product carbon footprint calculation methodology that is applied to new product development through collaboration between different units.	

Material topic	Item	Target	2024	2025	2026	Responsible unit	Business strategy	
	Value chain climate change mitigation and adaptation	Carbon reduction ratio of key suppliers Base year: 2021	4%	8%	12%	- ❖ Sustainable Supply Chain	Promote carbon reduction actions of suppliers, where key suppliers are required to obtain greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory verification and implement carbon reduction targets.	
	as management, engagement and operation	Number of suppliers working together on ESG	70 suppliers	80 suppliers	90 suppliers	•	Foster a consensus and share resources through supplier- related meetings (high-level exchanges, seminars, and courses) to accomplish common action and growth.	
	Management of climate change risks and financial impacts	Number of projects completed the risk assessment and management process	3	3	3	& Carbon-energy Working Group	Continue to implement TCFD operations through cross- functional collaboration, and prepare for financial risks caused by diverse climate scenarios.	
Climate change		Sign the international initiatives-RE100	-	RE10 (executive annual goal)	-	Sustainable Energy Sustainable Development		
	Carbon asset management and international initiatives	Sign the international initiatives-SBT	-	Absolute Carbon Reduction by 25% Base year: 2018	Implementation of the new SBT Path	Sustainable Development	Integration of company resources and regular communication, gradually achieving set renewable energy use and carbon reduction goals.	
		Manage carbon credits/ acquiring a qualified total amount of carbon credits	>200,000 tons (carbon offset credit)	>500,000 tons (carbon offset credit)	>500,000 tons (carbon offset credit)	Sustainable Energy	Continue to strengthen application of renewable energy and	
	Renewable energy development, use, and participation in RECs marke	Sign the international initiatives-RE100	-	RE10 (executive annual goal)	-	Sustainable Developmen	achieve the goal of RE100 by 2050 by participating in the gree energy market and REC trading.	
		Shipping volume of modules required by PV market	300 MW	300 MW	360 MW	Sustainable Energy	Development of the PV market and continued innovation.  Maintain continued growth in shipping volume through PV module production of or power plant DevOps.	
Energy Management	Improve the efficiency of energy management	Number of proposals submitted to annual energy conservation competition	48 cases	48 cases	48 cases	Carbon-energy Working Group		
		Organizing of annual energy- efficiency and carbon reduction events	2 sessions	2 sessions	2 sessions		Promotion of green manufacturing, continued optimization of the energy management system, refinement of energy efficiency, and promotion of technical services for energy conservation and	
	technology	Annual Energy Savings	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%		carbon reduction.	
		Absolute power reduction	2.14 million kWh	2.04 million kWh	1.95 million kWh			

Appendix

# **TCFD Framework Correspondence**

1 Governance

AUO has incorporated climate change issues into its sustainable development goals, and has simultaneously responded with adaptation and mitigation thinking. In terms of adaptation, AUO follows the TCFD framework, establishes a management model for climate risk and opportunity scenarios across AUO, and practices the PDCA cycle, which has become a long-term and continuously improved operating mechanism.

Core elements	Description	Management	Responsibility		Correspond chapter
Governance	Disclose the organization's governance around climate related risks and opportunities	The board of directors is the highest management and decision-making unit, overseeing the effective operation of the climate governance mechanism Regularly reports to the Sustainable and ERM Committee  Role and Responsibility  The Sustainable and ERM Executive Committee is the Chief Sustainability Officer and each responsible The report includes: progress description of climaters achievement, and observation of external trends and the committee of the sustainable and ERM committee or committee		ble first-level manager reporting to the Chairman. mate change issue filing management, review of	01. Governance
Strategy	Disclose the actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on the organization's businesses, strategy, and -financial planning	Strategy of risk and opportunity Carbon reduction in the value chain Renewable energy development & market development Link climate actions to the organization's sustainability targets	Financial impact of risk and opportunity  Categorization based on Man, machine, material, method, environment  Regularly update the ¬financial impact  Evaluate case closure according to the magnitude of the financial impact	Scenario and analysis Transition risks: IPCC 6 <sup>th</sup> SSP1-1.9 Physical risks: SSP5-8.5 drastic temperature increase scenario	02. Climate Strategy
Risk Management	Disclose the processes used by the organization to identify, assess, and manage climate related risks	Identi¬fication and evaluation process     Coupled with the company's risk identi¬fication operations     Form a risk management working group     Opportunity topics are reviewed by the Sustainability & ERM Executive Committee	Management process PDCA management Confirm risk scenario and hypothesis Clarify the responsible department based on the scenario Financial impact assessment and management Disclose in annual achievement report	Annual risk management system  High-risk topics are included in high-level meetings for management  Project management of climate risk scenarios	03. Risk Management
Indicators & Target	Disclose the metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant climate-related risks and opportunities	Evaluation indicator  Reduce carbon by 6.5 million metric tonnes, SBTi goal, RE100 goal  Increase climate resilience, continue to lower climate-related ¬financial impacts and risks	Carbon emissions management  GHG inventory and carbon neutrality buildings are conducted according to ISO14064 and ISO 14068  Organizational boundaries: Scope 1 and Scope 2  Other indirect emissions (Scope 3) include a total of 15 items of emissions, which have undergone verifi¬cation	Target setting and review Quantitative target 1. Renewable energy, electricity quality 2. Renewable water, stable water resources 3. Carbon reduction 4. Circular economy, recycled material, plastic reduction 5. Strive for carbon credits and activate the value of green electricity certificates Create a value chain with resilience	04. Indicators and Targets

# **AUO's Environmental Management Policy**

- Corporate Social Responsibility Principles
- Risk Management Policies and Procedures
- Environmental, Safety, Health, Water and Energy Policy
- Biodiversity, Ecosystems, and zero-deforestation Policy
- Sustainable Raw Materials Policy

# **Climate Disclosure**

- ESG Website ESG videos
- Sustainability Report
- C TCFD Report
- TNFD Report





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