**Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852**

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# Environmental and/or social characteristics

"Sustainable investment" means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

☐ Yes ☑ No

- ☐ It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective: %
  - ☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with a social objective %
- ☑ It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments
  - ☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☑ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☑ with a social objective
- ☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments

## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics through:

**Sustainable investments:**

The fund supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) by investing part of its assets under management in sustainable investments contributing to these goals with a minimum commitment of 5% sustainable investments.

**Exclusions:**
The fund applies exclusions relating to the conduct of issuers and/or activities in specific sectors. These exclusions and how they are attained are described in "What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product" and "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

**Consideration of investments' principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:**
The fund considers the investments' principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors. How the fund considers the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is described in "Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?".

**Active ownership:**
The fund is covered by the Active Ownership Policy of Danske Invest Management A/S and the management of the fund involves an obligation to ensure active ownership in accordance with the conditions and criteria set out herein.

The fund does not apply a reference benchmark for attaining its environmental or social characteristics.

## What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The fund applies the following sustainability indicators to attain its environmental and/or social characteristics (see also "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"):

**Sustainable Investments:**
The minimum share of sustainable investments is attained through the screening criteria of the Danske Bank Group's methodology for identifying sustainable investments. The fund's sustainable investments contribute positively to one of more of the UN SDGs. The attainment of these goals are measured and reported through the weighted share of investments identified as being sustainable on the basis of the criteria defined for the relevant asset class (see also "What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?"). Further, the fund measures the attribution of the sustainable investments to each of the UN SDGs.

**Exclusions:**
The fund's exclusions are attained through the indicators, thresholds and definitions set out in the Exclusion Instruction of Danske Invest Management A/S. The Exclusion Instruction forms the basis of continuous screening and maintenance of exclusion lists for the fund, the impact of which is reported annually.

The fund exclusions cover, in addition to exclusions for sustainability risk:

- issuers that are considered to be in breach with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, conventions adopted by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and other international minimum safeguards and good governance principles under an enhanced sustainability standards screening managed by Danske Bank.

- issuers with activities relating to: tar sands, thermal coal, peat-fired power generation, and tobacco,w here each of such activities constitute more than 5% of an issuer's revenue. *On the basis of an assessment of the issuer's transition plan, an issuer may be exempted from an exclusion under the thermal coal exclusion criteria even though the revenue associated to this activity exceeds 5%.*

- issuers with activities relating to fossil fuels, where the revenue of such activity constitutes more than 5% of an issuer's revenue and where the issuer is not aligned to or aligning to a net-zero

pathway per the criteria defined under Danske Bank's Net-Zero Pathway Framework (NZPF) for investee companies.

- issuers with activities relating to pornography, where the revenue of such activity constitutes more than 1% of an issuer's revenue.

- issuers involved in controversial weapons.

- issuers listed on an exclusion list kept by Norges Bank, the Norwegian central bank (Statens Pensjonsfond Utland ("SPU"))

**Consideration of investments' principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:**
The principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors are measured against mandatory and voluntary indicators listed in Danske Invest Management A/S' statement on principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors that are relevant to the asset classes in which the product is invested ("PAI Indicators").

**Active ownership:**
Engagements are measured by the number of registered engagements with isssuers of securities in which the fund is invested. The number of registered engagements includes those made by Danske Bank as well as by external managers to whom Danske Invest Management A/S may have delegated the management of parts of the fund. Engagements with issuers of securities in which the fund is invested will not always be directly related to the management of the specific product but will still be included in the number of engagements. Voting is measured by the number of proposals voted on.

Further details on the fund's indicators are available in the document "Sustainability-related disclosure", available at https://www.danskeinvest.lu/page/responsible_investments_insight under the heading "Sustainability-related disclosures for our funds".

## What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sustainable investment objective of the fund's sustainable investments is to contribute positively to the attainment of the UN SDGs. The fund is not under its investment strategy committed to contribute directly to the environmental objectives of the EU Taxonomy.

The UN SDGs consist of 17 goals with underlying targets that are tied both to environmental and social objectives. The individual SDGs are: SDG 1: No Poverty; SDG 2: Zero Hunger; SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being; SDG 4: Quality Education; SDG 5: Gender Equality; SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation; SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy; SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth; SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure; SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities; SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities; SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production; SDG 13: Climate Action; SDG 14: Life Below Water; SDG 15: Life On Land; SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions; and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals.

The fund's sustainable investments contribute to the UN SDGs by:

- investing in listed securities of issuers that generate more than 50% of their revenues from products and services that contribute positively to one or more of the UN SDGs. This is screened and considered through a proprietary model (the "SDG Model") developed and maintained by Danske Bank Group for purposes of assessing whether investments in listed securities can be regarded as sustainable. An issuer may also meet the criteria for a sustainable investment if its activities predominantly contribute to environmental objectives that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. However, the fund is not under an obligation to make such investments.

The fund does not commit to a minimum attribution to specific SDGs and does not commit to contributing to each of the SDGs. Accordingly, how and to which extent a sustainable investment contributes to the UN SDGs will vary for the sustainable investments of the fund.

## How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

"Do no significant harm" is safeguarded through the fund's general exclusion criteria and through the methodology applied in the identification of sustainable investments as described in more detail in "How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?".

### How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

Based on the PAI-Indicators, the SDG Model determines whether the issuer, through its operations, has an adverse impact on the UN SDGs. Further, issuers with product lines or/and services that are considered to contribute negatively to environmental or social objectives are not considered to meet the "do no significant harm" requirement, when these activities represent more than 5% of the issuer's revenue.

"Do no significant harm" is also addressed through thresholds on the PAI-Indicators relating to greenhouse gas emissions, sector exposure to fossil fuels, consumption and production of non-renewable energy sources, energy consumption intensity, investments in companies with no carbon emission reduction initiatives, activities adversely impacting biodiversity-sensitive areas, emissions to water, hazardous waste and radioactive waste, as well as social and employee matters of investee companies. Even if an investment has a positive contribution to an environmental or social objective and is generally permitted according to the fund's exclusion criteria, the investment must comply with the thresholds determined for the fund to be considered a sustainable investment. The thresholds are defined on the basis of assessments of when an exposure to any of these indicators has such an impact that it should be conceived per se as causing significant harm to environmental or social objectives. This assessment is revised continuously in step with improvements in underlying data and developments in the understanding of "do no significant harm".

To see the current thresholds, please refer to the sustainability-related disclosures of the fund in the document "Sustainability-related disclosure", available under the heading "Sustainability-Related Disclosures for our funds" at: https://www.danskeinvest.lu/page/responsible_investments_insight.

### How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?

The fund applies exclusions relating to the conduct and/or activities of issuers in different sectors (see "What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"). Exclusions are among others based on an enhanced sustainability standards screening, which screens for issuers that are in breach with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, among other things. Accordingly, the fund does not invest in issuers that are deemed to violate these guidelines and principles as defined through this screening and underlying assessments.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

✓ Yes, the fund considers the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors. This consideration is safeguarded through the general exclusions of the fund. Moreover, the fund takes account of certain investments' principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors through the fund's sustainable investments and by monitoring the performance of the portfolio and prioritising active ownership activities.

The fund's exclusions overlap with certain themes covered by the PAI-Indicators, including, for example, the environmental indicators, indicators relating to controversial weapons, and indicators international on human rights conventions, such as the UN Global Compact.

When making sustainable investments, additional constraints apply to how principal adverse impacts are addressed in order to ensure that the funds' sustainable investments do not cause any significant harm to any environment or social objective (see also "How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?").

In respect of active ownership,the fund is covered by the Active Ownership Policy of Danske Invest Management A/S, which is based on frameworks defined for the Danske Bank Group. The policy and underlying instructions safeguard, to the extent relevant and depending on the asset class, the consideration for voting at general meetings and engaging directly with issuers.

Information about the fund's principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is included in the anual report for the fund.

☐ No

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

Information on the fund's general investment strategy is provided in the "Fund Descriptions" of the prospectus.

The fund partially invests in sustainable investments contributing to the UN SDGs as per Danske Bank's sustainable investment approach (see also "What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?").

The investment strategy further integrates sustainability factors through the fund's exclusions. If deemed necessary according to the Active Ownership Policy framework of Danske Invest Management A/S, engagement will be initiated with issuers on significant sustainability topics. The fund votes on environmental and/or social proposals in accordance with the Active Ownership Policy and Voting Guidelines that apply for Danske Invest Management A/S.

The above is implemented in the investment process on a continuous basis through a commitment to systematically identify and address relevant sustainability factors and ensuring, among other things, that investments are not made in issuers featuring on relevant exclusion lists. By this, the environmental and/or social characteristics of the fund may influence a decision to either buy or increase the position, hold or maintain weighting or sell or decrease the weighting of an investment in order to attain the environmental and/or social charactheristics. The same applies to considerations related to good governance practices (see also "What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?").

## What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

**Sustainable investments:**
The fund invests a minimum of 5% of the assets under management in sustainable investments that contribute to the UN SDGs and adhere to the "do no significant harm" principle as well as principles of good governance.

**Exclusions:**
The fund cannot invest in and/or remain invested in issuers featuring on exclusion lists for exclusions that apply to the fund. Fiduciary duties owed by the fund to its investors may in extraordinary circumstances, including in a low market liquidity environment, prevent the fund from divesting an excluded issuer.

**Consideration of investments' principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:**
Principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors are considered and addressed as an integral part of managing the binding elements of the fund's environmental and social characteristics (see "Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?").

**Active ownership:**
In terms of active ownership, the Active Ownership Politik of Danske Invest Management A/S, including the associated Engagement Guidelines, determine when engagement should be initiated with issuers on significant sustainability topics. Shareholder proposals on environmental and/or social matters are handled in accordance with the Active Ownership Instruction, including the associated Voting Guidelines, of Danske Invest Management A/S.

## What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The fund has exclusions in place, but it does not have a committed minimum rate to reduce the investments considered prior to the application of the full investment strategy.

For information on the potential reduction of the investment universe as a result of the use of exclusions by the fund see "Responsible Investment Policy" section of the prospectus.

## What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

The Responsible Investment Policy of Danske Invest Management A/S provides the basis for assessing and addressing the issuers' good governance practices in the fund. In accordance with the framework, the fund considers good governance practices through the use of exclusions tied to a good governance screening performed by Danske Invest Management A/S.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. The screening excludes issuers considered to be in breach of international governance principles following from the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and ILO Conventions. In order to safeguard the consideration for good governance practices, the screening further involves the use of defined criteria for sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. Failure to meet these criteria is seen as an indication of an overall lack of adherence to good governance practices. Such issuers are therefore excluded from the fund.

## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

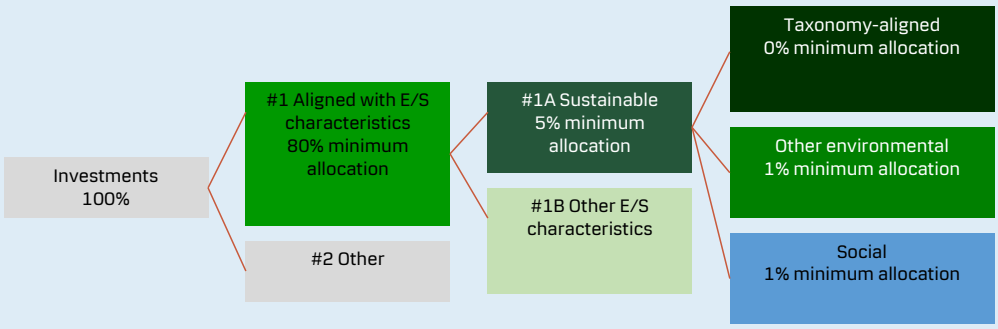
The fund allocates a minimum of 80% of its assets under management to the attainment of its environmental and/or social characteristics. The minimum allocation in this respect covers the share of investments screened for the purposes of the fund's environmental and social characteristics.

For the fund's other investments, the fund reserves the right not to screen investments to assess whether they promote its environmental and social characteristics. The investments that the fund is not committed to screen for the attainment of its environmental and/or social characteristics are described under " What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?".

The fund has a minimum allocation to sustainable investments of 5%.

The minimum allocation is calculated against the total market value of the fund's assets under management, reflecting the average anticipated minimum allocation for the relevant reporting period.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of
• turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
• capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy
• operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies




#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category #1 Aligned with E/S characteristics covers:
- The sub-category #1A Sustainable covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives
- The sub-category #1B Other E/S characteristics covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

The fund does not use derivatives to attain environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the fund.

## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The fund does not have a minimum commitment to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the minimum extent to which the fund invests in sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.

The actual share of the fund's taxonomy-aligned investments, if any, are reported in the fund's annual report. The taxonomy alignment calculation applies turnover as key indicator both in respect of financial and non-financial issuers.

The calculation is based on reported data from issuers provided for the fund through external data providers. In the absence of such reporting, equivalent information can under certain circumstances be obtained from issuers or external data providers.

The compliance of taxonomy-aligned investments with the criteria under article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to assurance by auditors or any third party.

**Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy*?**

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

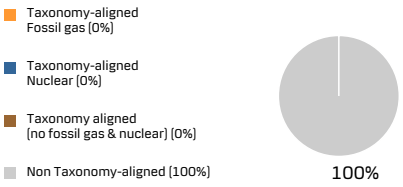
Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ In fossil gas
  - ☐ In nuclear energy
- ✓ No

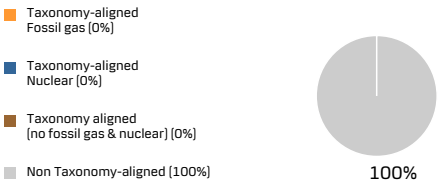
*Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

The two graphs below show the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds*




2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds*




The graph represents 100% of the total investments.

* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

## What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities is 0%.

The actual share of these activities is reported annually as part of the fund's end of year report.

## What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The fund's minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 1%. The fund may invest in sustainable investment with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy. The reason for this is low availability of company data and disclosures which to a certain extent limit the fund from determining taxonomy- alignment of its investments. Further, the scope of the fund's sustainable investment objective extend beyond the objectives covered by the EU Taxonomy.

"The minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy" are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

## What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The fund's minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective is 1%.

## What investments are included under '#2 Other', what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The fund's '#2 Other investments' cover investments that are not sustainable investments, covered by the fund's screening for exclusions or covered by the scope of the fund's active ownership activities. Such investments may include investments in cash held as ancillary liquidity and derivatives used for hedging or risk management purposes as outlined in the prospectus "Derivatives" sub-section of the fund description page. "Other investments" can also be made in instances where there for instance is insufficient ESG data on an issuer for the fund.

Given the nature of the exposure obtained through such instruments, the fund does not apply minimum environmental or social safeguards to 'Other investments'.

## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

The fund does not apply a specific index as a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics it promotes.

## Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on this website: https://www.danskeinvest.lu/page/responsible_investments_insight under the heading “Sustainability Related Information on our funds”.

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