

# Sustainability-related Website Disclosure

Danske Invest SICAV European Corporate Sustainable Bond  
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## SUMMARY

You can read a summary of this document [here](#).

## NO SIGNIFICANT HARM TO THE 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 "Methodologies".

Based on the indicators on adverse impacts on sustainability factors, the SDG Model determines whether the issuer, through its operations, has an adverse impact on a the UN SDGs. Further, issuers with product lines or 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 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 current 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 "no significant harm".

Below table illustrates the thresholds applied as of this given date:

Adverse sustainability indicator (investee companies)	Metric	ISS ESG Data point	Threshold
Greenhouse gas emissions	Scope 1 GHG emissions	ClimateScope1EmissionsEV	>2 665
Greenhouse gas emissions	Scope 2 GHG emissions	ClimateScope2EmissionsEV	>8 785
Greenhouse gas emissions	Scope 3 GHG emissions	ClimateScope3EmissionsEV	>70 761
Greenhouse gas emissions	Total Scope 1 2 emissions	ClimateScope12EmissionsEV	>11 391
Greenhouse gas emissions	Total Scope 1 2 3 emissions	ClimateScope123EmissionsEV	>82 151
Greenhouse gas emissions	GHG intensity of investee companies	ClimateTotalEmissionsIntEUR	>5 979
Greenhouse gas emissions	GHG intensity of investee companies	ClimateScope123EmissionsIntEUR	>25 687
Greenhouse gas emissions	Share of non-renewable energy consumption and non-renewable energy production of investee companies from non-renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources	NonRenewableEnergyProduction	Value equals = 1
Greenhouse gas emissions	Energy consumption intensity	EnergyConsumptionIntensity	>57

<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b>	Companies active in the fossil fuel sector	FossilFuelInvolvementPAI	Fossil fuel involvement = true AND negative biodiversity impacts = true AND companies without carbon emission reductions = true
<b>Biodiversity</b>	Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas	CompWOCarbonEmissionReduct	Fossil fuel involvement = true AND negative biodiversity impacts = true AND companies without carbon emission reductions = true
<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b>	Companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives	CompWOCarbonEmissionReduct	Fossil fuel involvement = true AND negative biodiversity impacts = true AND companies without carbon emission reductions = true
<b>Water</b>	Emissions to water	CRCODEmissionsEvic	> 10
<b>Waste</b>	Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio	CRHazardousWasteEvic	>3 967
<b>Social and employee matters</b>	Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Enhanced Sustainability Standards	UNGC Violation = true AND Lack processes for monitoring UNGC/OECD guidelines = true
<b>Social and employee matters</b>	Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	LackProcessesUNGCOECDGuidelines	UNGC Violation = true AND Lack processes for monitoring UNGC/OECD guidelines = true
<b>Social and employee matters</b>	Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	InvolvInContrWeapons	Involvement = True
<b>Social and employee matters</b>	Board gender diversity	RatioOfWomenOnBoard	Zero women on board = true AND lacks human right policy = true AND lacks whistleblower protection = true
<b>Social and employee matters</b>	Lack of a human rights policy	LackHumanRightsPolicy	Zero women on board = true AND lacks human right policy = true AND lacks whistleblower protection = true
<b>Social and employee matters</b>	Insufficient whistleblower protection	InsWhistleBlowerProtection	Zero women on board = true AND lacks human right policy = true AND lacks whistleblower protection = true

The fund applies exclusions relating to the conduct and/or activities of issuers in different sectors. 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.

## SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE OF THE FINANCIAL PRODUCT

The fund has as its sustainable investment objective to positively contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Specifically, the fund's environmental SDG objectives comprise SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG 9 - Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, 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, and/or SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals.

The fund's social SDG objectives comprise SDG 1 – No Poverty, SDG 2 – Zero Hunger, SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being, SDG 4 – Quality Education, SDG 5 – Gender Equality, SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities, SDG 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and/or SDG 17 – Partnership for the Goals.

As an integral part of attaining its sustainable investment objective, the fund also promotes:

- Inclusions: The fund applies inclusion criteria relating to “sound sustainability practices” and “sound environmental stewardship”. The inclusion criteria are managed through the inclusion and weighting of issuers demonstrating a sound management of environmental, social and governance related aspects. See also "Methodologies".
- Exclusions: The fund applies exclusions relating to the conduct of issuers and/or activities in specific sectors. See also "Methodologies".
- Consideration of investments' principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors: The fund considers the investments' principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors. See also "Methodologies".
- Active ownership: The fund complies with the Active Ownership Policy of Danske Invest Management A/S and is covered by the scope of the policy in terms of engagement. Thus, the management of the fund involves an obligation to ensure active ownership in accordance with the conditions and criteria set out in the policy. See also "Methodologies" and "Engagement Policies".

The fund does not apply a specific index as reference benchmark to attain its sustainable investment objective.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

### Investment strategy

You can read more about the funds investment strategy in the funds Key Information Document (KID) or in the prospectus. Both are available here:

<https://documents.danskeinvest.com/fund/LU1399305843>

The fund invests in sustainable investments in support of its sustainable investment objective by applying an investment strategy aligned to the UN SDGs, meaning that the SDGs are actively used in the screening and investment analyses leading to the investment decision.

The selection of issuances through the SDG Model takes into account products and services manufactured by the issuer and the issuers' alignment of their operations with the SDGs. Issuers that do not have a positive SDG contribution per quantitative criteria, may still be deemed eligible for the portfolio if, on the basis of a qualitative assessment, the insufficient SDG score is deemed incorrect due to lack of data, biases in the model or other relevant considerations as documented, assessed and approved in accordance with the SDG Model criteria.

Investments may also within the strategy target issuances the proceeds of which are positively contributing to the SDGs by meeting the criteria of relevant green or social bond frameworks.

An investment that positively contributes to at least one of the SDGs per the sustainable investment methodologies and indicators applied for the fund is eligible from the perspective of the sustainable investment objective, provided that do no significant harm criteria are met and minimum safeguards adhered to.

The investment strategy is further focused on limiting the negative externalities (principal adverse impacts) of the fund's investments by the integration of the fund's exclusions and inclusion criteria and active ownership activities.

The sustainable investment objective, as supplemented by other promoted environmental and/or social characteristics as well

as issuers' good governance practices, is integrated in the investment strategy on a continuous basis through a commitment to systematically identify and address sustainability factors embedded in the investment and/or investment selection process. By this, the sustainable investment objective, environmental and/or social characteristics as well as issuers' good governance practices may influence a decision to either buy or increase weighting, hold or maintain weighting, sell or decrease weighting of an investment, in order to attain the fund's characteristics.

Should an investment no longer meet the sustainable investment eligibility criteria for the fund's portfolio due to for instance a changed assessment of sustainability impacts, it will be divested as soon as practicably possible.

The ability to divest may in exceptional cases be impacted by external factors including, but not limited to, geopolitical events, low market liquidity and corporate actions. In these cases, the fund can be forced to hold on to non-sustainable investments.

The extent to which the fund's sustainable investment objective and other environmental and/or social characteristics are attained through the investment strategy is monitored on a regular basis and is reported in the fund's annual report.

### **Policies to assess good governance**

The Responsible Investment Policy of Danske Invest Management A/S provides the basis for assessing and addressing the issuers' good governance practices. 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 Bank on behalf of Danske Invest Management A/S.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. The screening excludes issuers deemed to fail to comply with 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 criteria. Such issuers are therefore excluded for the fund.

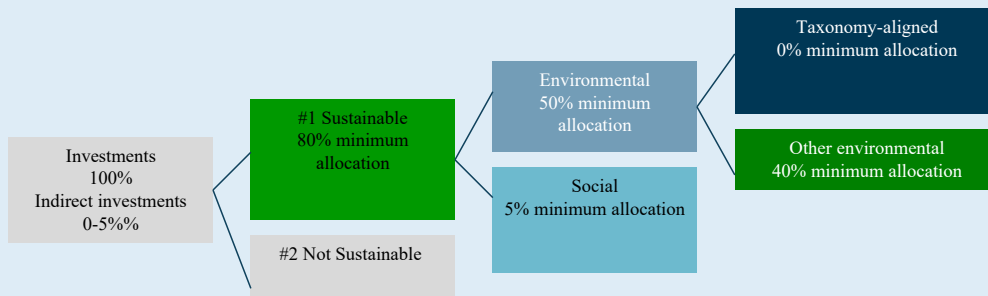
## **PROPORTION OF INVESTMENTS**

For investments made for investment purposes the fund invests solely in sustainable investments in support of its sustainable investment objective. As the fund reserves the opportunity of making other investments in cash and derivatives, the expected minimum share of sustainable investments in the fund is 80%.

The fund's sustainable investments consist of:

- environmentally sustainable investments with a minimum commitment to invest 50% or more in these investments
- socially sustainable investments, with a minimum commitment to invest 5% or more in these investments

The minimum allocations are subject to sector specific rules, which under specific circumstances might impose the fund to exceed the 20% bucket of non-sustainable investments to allow for redemptions. The minimum allocations are calculated by use of a weighted calculation against the total market value of the fund's investments. For how exposures are attained through indirect investments, please refer to the chart below. "Indirect investments" captures exposures in issuers other than direct exposures.



#1 Sustainable covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

#2 Not sustainable includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments

## MONITORING OF THE SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

A number of processes are in place to monitor the attainment of the sustainable investment objective and thereto integrated environmental and/or social characteristics of the fund:

### System monitoring through compliance engines

The fund is screened daily and automatically through compliance engines in Danske Bank A/S to ensure that the sustainable investment thresholds, inclusion commitments and applicable exclusions are adhered to.

The Responsible Investment team in Danske Bank is responsible for maintaining exclusion lists that set out the issuers that the fund is not permitted to hold. As the exclusion lists are integrated into trading and compliance systems, it is automatically detected whether a fund is holding a security that it, in accordance with the prospectus/investment guidelines is not permitted to hold.

### Monitoring by the investment organisation

The investment organisation in Danske Bank has access to a wide selection of ESG data and research through Danske Bank's ESG Data Platform that enables sustainability-related assessments and monitoring of investment performance. The ESG Data Platform and supporting investment tools are owned and maintained by the Responsible Investment Team in Danske Bank Asset Management.

### Risk and Performance Monitoring

Through spot-checking and detailed analyses of selected funds and characteristics, the performance and risk team in Danske Bank A/S can challenge and monitor the extent to which the environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted.

More specifically, the team is responsible for a monitoring overlay and mandated to challenge investment teams on not only the financial performance of the funds, but also performance relating to sustainability-dimensions.

## METHODOLOGIES

The fund applies the following sustainability indicators to attain its sustainable investment objective (see also "What are the binding elements used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective"):

### Sustainable Investments

The sustainable objective is attained through the screening criteria of Danske Bank's methodology for identifying sustainable investments that contribute positively to the sustainable investment objective of the fund. The attainment of these goals is measured and reported through the weighted share of investments identified as sustainable on the basis of the criteria defined for the relevant asset class.

The SDG Model of Danske Bank A/S identifies issuers deemed to be sustainable investments on basis of their positive contribution to the UN SDGs. More information on the SDG Model is available on:

<https://danskebank.com/sustainability/publications-and-policies/sustainability-related-disclosures>

### Inclusions

The inclusion of "sound sustainability practices" is measured through the weighted ESG score of the portfolio as based on an internally developed scoring model. The inclusion of "sound environmental stewardship" is measured through the weighted carbon risk rating score of the portfolio as based on a Carbon Risk Rating score sourced from ISS ESG.

Depending on materiality considerations, the ESG score takes into account the following ESG characteristics of issuers: Access & Affordability, Air Quality, Audit & Controls, Board of Directors, Business Ethics, Business Model Resilience, Competitive Behavior, Critical Incident Risk Management, Customer Privacy, Customer Welfare, Data Security, Ecological Impacts, Employee Engagement, Diversity & Inclusion, Employee Health & Safety, Energy Management, GHG Emissions, Human Rights & Community Relations, Labor Practices, Management of the Legal & Regulatory Environment, Materials Sourcing & Efficiency, Physical Impacts of Climate Change, Product Design & Lifecycle Management, Product Quality & Safety, Remuneration, Selling Practices & Product Labeling, Shareholder Rights, Supply Chain Management, Systemic Risk Management, Waste & Hazardous Materials Management, Water & Wastewater Management.

Subject to data limitations, each issuer in the fund's portfolio receives a score from 0-100. A weighted portfolio average of a score on 50 or above is deemed representative of a part of the investment universe which are not laggards in respect to these dimensions.

The Carbon-Risk Rating score is serviced by ISS as an external data vendor. The Carbon Risk Rating assesses the climate-related performance of issuers, taking into account not only industry-specific challenges and risk profiles, but also considers issuers positive impact. It provides investors with a central instrument for the future-oriented analysis of CO2-related risks both at issuer and portfolio level.

Subject to data limitations, each issuer in the fund's portfolio receives a score from 0-100. A weighted portfolio average of a score on 50 or above is deemed representative of a well-performing part of the investment universe in respect to these dimensions.

### 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 excludes:

- Issuers that are not, based on a screening conducted by Danske Bank A/S, considered to be in compliance 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. The fund is further subject to an extended thematic screening (Enhanced Sustainability Standards Plus) on involvement in sustainability related controversies, -practices, or other activities considered unacceptable in relation to certain norms and applies exclusions tied to the PAI-Indicators as defined below.

- Issuers with activities relating to tar sands, thermal coal, peat-fired power generation, fossil fuels, military equipment, commercial gambling, alcohol, tobacco, where such activity constitutes more than 5% of the issuer's revenue. *On the basis of an assessment of the transition plan, an issuer may be exempted from an exclusion under the fossil fuel exclusion criteria even though revenue associated with the activity exceeds 5%, provided that the principle of not causing significant harm to any environmental or social objective is observed.*
- Issuers covered by an exclusion lists resembling those exclusions that are applied for Paris Aligned Benchmarks as defined in Article 12 (1)(a)-(g) in the Delegated Regulation to the Benchmark Regulation, Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 (PAB Exclusions).
- Issuers with activities relating to pornography, where such activity constitutes more than 1% of the issuer's revenue.
- Issuers with activities relating to controversial weapons.
- Issuers listed on the exclusion list kept by Norges Bank, the Norwegian central bank (Statens Pensjonsfond Utland ("SPU")).

All exclusions of the fund are defined by specific criteria and definitions set out in the Exclusion Instruction of Danske Bank A/S which also applies to funds under management of Danske Invest Management A/S.

For the enhanced sustainability standards screening capturing conduct and activities harmful to society further reference is made to the methodology descriptions in the document "Enhanced Sustainability Standards Screening".

On your local Danske Invest webpage, you can find the Exclusion Instruction for Danske Invest Management A/S you can also find links to the lists of excluded companies and issuers on the pages of the individual Danske Invest funds. You can find the list in two steps:

- Select a fund under 'Our funds' on your local Danske Invest webpage.
- Scroll down and click the link under 'Exclusions in the fund'.

### **Principal Adverse Impacts**

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

### **Active Ownership**

Active ownership is for engagements measured by the number of registered dialogues with issuers in the fund. This also applies to engagements with issuers in the portfolio registered by Danske Bank or sub-delegated managers, which have not necessarily taken place in connection with the direct management of the fund.

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](https://www.danskeinvest.lu/page/responsible_investments_insight) under the heading "Sustainability-related disclosures for our funds"

## DATA SOURCES AND PROCESSING

There are vast amounts of sustainability data available to the management and monitoring of the fund, including primary sourced data and model and estimated data sourced from external data vendors, such as ISS ESG, MSCI and Sustainalytics.

For many data points/ratings, “the same” data point is sourced from multiple vendors in order to ensure comparability and evaluate data quality on an ongoing basis.

Given the amount of sustainability data points that are factor in, it is not possible to give one clear answer to the proportion of data that is estimated as it varies significantly between data points. Some data, e.g. from CDP, is based fully on company disclosure whereas data points such as e.g. Scope 3 emissions, are based heavily on extensive estimations. Overall, most of the data is based on estimations or model assumptions.

In terms of overall data availability, data is sourced according to a principle on “completeness”. With completeness the aim is to have data availability that to the largest extent possible ensure data coverage to cover both perspectives relating to double-materiality, i.e. data covering both financial materiality sustainability topics as well as non-financial risks to the environment/societies.

To ensure data quality, the Responsible Investment in Danske Bank is responsible for evaluating data sets that is onboarded. The standard process for reviewing a data set involves: deep-dives into the data set, drilling down in individual company assessments, benchmarking the data output against other sources or vendors, as well as having calls with the methodology owners behind the given data point(s) being evaluated. If satisfied with the data, data is onboarded and stress-tested on an ongoing basis.

## LIMITATIONS TO METHODOLOGIES AND DATA

The ESG data landscape is characterized by a lack of consistent methodologies and limited transparency on how scores, indicators ratings are calculated for issuers. Sustainability-related data, information, and assessments is not comparable to that of financial information. This implies a risk of misrepresentation of data on sustainability-dimensions or impacts associated to an investment. These limitations in data are due to a number of factors, not in the least being that they, in part, a reflection of how sustainability data is produced.

No universally accepted framework (legal, regulatory, or others) currently exists in relation to sustainability related data, information, and assessments. Where primary reported data and information is not available, best efforts are made to obtain data, including data estimates, information, and assessments through third-party providers or directly from investee companies, and/or by carrying out additional research or making own reasonable assumptions/estimations.

Despite diligent due diligence in the onboarding of data and other resource and cost proportional considerations in place to ensure the accuracy, completeness, and reliability of the data, it is not possible to verify nor guarantee, directly or indirectly, the complete correctness of the underlying data. Therefore, a certain margin of error is generally to be expected in relation to ESG data.

At this point in time, it is difficult to assess the general magnitude of the margin of error in respect to the data applied in the investment management of the fund, but it is expected to be substantial at least for certain data points.

Various measures are taken to ensure that the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics are not affected by these known limitations. In recognition of the lack of consensus and standardisation, Danske Bank’s ESG Data Platform consists of credible sources that are assessed to provide relevant information on the material sustainability-related aspects of an investment. Nonetheless, as methodologies vary across the chosen vendors, information is, where relevant and necessary, validated by the investment teams through the review of corporate reports and engagement with the issuers. Finally, to address the risk that arises from metrics being based on modelled rather than reported data, indicators that are used for the attainment of environmental and/or social characteristics, and are, to the extent possible, validated through our model validation framework.

## **DUE DILIGENCE**

The investment teams review financial and sustainability information from multiple data sources (including but not limited to company reports and third-party investment research). Tools, knowledge, research, education and subject-matter expertise are provided to the investment team to support the due diligence processes. The strength of this bottom-up approach is a solid foundation of data, tools and resources that enables the investment teams to conduct due diligence and attain the sustainable investment objective of the fund. Other ESG data is also integrated into these trading platforms to seamlessly integrate ESG data in portfolio managers' regular work-flows/security views.

Finally, top-down screening is used as a tool to identify issuers on exclusion lists of the fund.

## **ENGAGEMENT POLICIES**

The Active Ownership Policy of Danske Invest Management A/S with underlying guidelines provide the framework for active ownership activities on investments in the fund.

Engagements with issuers in the fund may be exercised by individual engagements and collective engagements in accordance with the Engagement Guidelines of Danske Bank.

For individual engagements, the Engagement Guidelines distinguish between:

- 1) Thematic related engagements
- 2) Event related engagements
- 3) Performance-related engagements.

Sustainability-related controversies are generally managed through event-related engagements, which may be initiated when certain incidents, events or sustainability-related controversies are identified through screening processes maintained by the Responsible Investment team at Danske Bank. Specifically, the Responsible Investment team manages the Enhanced Sustainability Standards screening process, a process that normally takes place at a bi-annual basis.

The objective with the Enhanced Sustainability Standards screening is, among others, to identify and screen allegations of companies in breach of international norms and standards defined by international organisations such as UN, ILO and OECD. Depending on the severity of the case and the quality of the allegations brought forward, the Enhanced Sustainability Standards screening may result in recommendations to exclude an issuer. The screening may also conclude that the issuer should be placed on a watchlist, thus opening for further interactions and seek additional information on the case. If the issuer/company does not act as expected concerning these initiatives, a decision may be made to sell holdings, monitor the company more closely, and/or the Responsible Investment team may decide to recommend to have the issuer generally excluded under the extended sustainability standard screening. Such a decision is subject to approval by Danske Bank's Responsible Investment Committee.

You can find the Engagement Guidelines and the methodology for the Enhanced Sustainability Standards Screening at: <https://danskebank.com/sustainability/publications-and-policies/sustainability-related-disclosures>

## **ATTAINMENT OF THE SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The fund does not have an index designated for the attainment of its sustainable investment objective but applies an active managed strategy in order to meet the objective.

### **CHANGE LOG**

01.01.2023 Web-site disclosures updated to align with requirements of the EU Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 of 6 April 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (the Disclosure Regulation).

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