



DEGROOF PETERCAM ASSET MANAGEMENT

## DPAM B SA

Public SICAV under Belgian law having opted for investments

meeting the conditions set out in Directive 2009/65/EC

### *Prospectus*

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**Appendices attached to this prospectus:**

- Articles of association
- Periodic reports

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## INTRODUCTION

### Restrictions on subscription and transfer of shares

#### General:

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation in any country in which such offer or solicitation is not lawful, or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not authorised to do so.

Potential subscribers should consult their legal, tax or other professional adviser before deciding to subscribe to or acquire shares in the SICAV.

#### United States and US Persons:

The shares of the SICAV have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or any other similar law promulgated by the United States including any state or other political subdivision of the United States or its territories, possessions or other regions subject to United States jurisdiction (hereinafter referred to collectively under the term "United States"). Furthermore, the SICAV has not been and will not be registered in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940.

Consequently, the shares of the SICAV may not be offered, sold or assigned in the United States or to U.S. Persons as defined by Regulation S.

For the purposes of this prospectus, the term "U.S. Resident as defined by Regulation S" shall be understood to comprise the persons referred to in Regulation S of the Securities Act, and refers in particular to any natural person resident in the United States, and any legal entity (partnership, joint stock company, limited liability company or any similar entity) or any other entity incorporated or organised under the laws of the United States (including any estate or trust of such a person created in the United States or organised under the laws of the United States or any investor acting on behalf of such persons).

Investors are obliged to inform the SICAV immediately if they are or if they become U.S. Residents as defined by Regulation S. If the SICAV learns that an investor is a U.S. Resident as defined by Regulation S, the SICAV shall be entitled to carry out the forced redemption of the shares concerned in accordance with the provisions of the articles of association and of this Prospectus.

These restrictions apply without prejudice to other restrictions, including in particular those arising from legal and/or regulatory requirements associated with the implementation of FATCA (as defined hereunder).

Investors are urged to read attentively the sections "Application of FATCA in Belgium" and "Restrictions on subscription to and holding of shares" before subscribing to shares of the SICAV.

## PRESENTATION OF THE SICAV

### Name:

DPAM B

### Legal form:

société anonyme [limited liability company]

### Formation date:

17 May 1991

### Term:

Indefinite

### Office:

Rue Guimard 18, 1040 Brussels

### Status:

public SICAV (société d'investissement à capital variable or open-ended collective investment company) with multiple sub-funds having opted for investments meeting the conditions of Directive 2009/65/EC and governed, as regards its operation and investments, by the law of 3 August 2012 on Undertakings for Collective Investment meeting the conditions of Directive 2009/65/EC and credit institutions issuing covered bonds (hereinafter the Law of 2012) and by the Royal Decree of 12 November 2012 on Undertakings for Collective Investment meeting the conditions of Directive 2009/65/EC (hereinafter the Royal Decree of 2012).

### List of sub-funds marketed by the SICAV (launch date):

DPAM B Bonds EUR Short Term 1 Y (06/08/1992)

DPAM B Bonds EUR (04/10/1996)

DPAM B Equities Europe Small Caps Sustainable (07/12/1997)

DPAM B Equities Euroland (18/04/1998)

DPAM B Real Estate Europe Sustainable (27/12/1999)

DPAM B Equities World Sustainable (14/12/2001)

DPAM B Equities Europe Dividend (16/09/2002)

DPAM B Equities Europe Sustainable (31/12/2002)

DPAM B Equities NewGems Sustainable (02/10/2006)

DPAM B Equities Sustainable Food Trends (17/12/2007)

DPAM B Bonds EUR IG (30/06/2010)

DPAM B Real Estate Europe Dividend Sustainable (28/12/2010)

DPAM B Equities DRAGONS Sustainable (30/11/2020)

DPAM B Equities Euroland Sustainable (30/11/2020)



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DPAM B Bonds EUR Corporate Sustainable (16/08/2021)  
DPAM B Equities Europe Index (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Equities US Index (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Equities Japan Index (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Equities EMU Index (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Equities World ex Japan, Europe & USA Index (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Equities EMU Behavioral Value (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Equities US Behavioral Value (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Real Estate EMU Dividend Sustainable (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Bonds EUR Medium Term (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Equities US Dividend Sustainable (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Real Estate EMU Sustainable (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Equities US ESG Leaders Index (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Balanced Growth (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Balanced Flexible (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Bonds Global Inflation Linked (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Bonds EUR Quality Short Term (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Defensive Strategy (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Balanced Low Strategy (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Balanced Strategy (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Active Strategy (01/04/2022)  
DPAM B Equities Japan ESG Leaders Index (21/08/2023)

### Types of shares:

Category "A": distribution shares.

Category "B": capitalisation shares.

### Share classes:

#### **Class A:**

**distribution shares offered to the public.**

#### **Class A USD**

distribution shares which differ from shares of class **A** due to the fact that they are denominated in United States dollars.

## **Class A EUR HEDGED:**

distribution shares which differ from class **A** shares in that the exchange risk against the euro is hedged. The Manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

## **Class V:**

distribution shares which differ from class **A** shares due to the fact that (i) at the discretion of the management company they may be offered to distributors and platforms in the United Kingdom, Switzerland and European Union Member States, excluding Banque Degroof Petercam Belgium and Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg, (ii) they may be offered by distributors and platforms that have entered into separate remuneration agreements with their customers that are not subject to any rebate, and (iii) they are not subject to a rebate on management fees.

## **Class V EUR HEDGED:**

distribution shares which differ from Class **V** shares due to the fact that the exchange risk against the euro is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

## **Class E:**

distribution shares which differ from class **A** shares in that (i) they are reserved for eligible investors<sup>1</sup> acting on their own account, (ii) they have a minimum initial subscription amount, (iii) a different management fee and (iv) a different annual tax.

## **Class E USD:**

distribution shares which differ from shares of class **E** due to the fact that they are denominated in United States dollars.

## **Class E EUR HEDGED:**

distribution shares which differ from Class **E** shares due to the fact that the exchange risk against the euro is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.

## **Class M:**

Distribution shares which differ from class **A** shares due to the fact that (i) they are reserved to investors having one or more current discretionary management mandates with one or more companies belonging to Degroof Petercam Group, (ii) they are reserved to the

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<sup>1</sup> "eligible investors" are investors, within the meaning of Article 5 of the Law of 3 August 2012, namely the corporate customers referred to in Appendix A of the Royal Decree of 3 June 2007 on the rules transposing the Directive on markets in financial instruments (MiFID), as well as eligible counterparties within the meaning of Article 3, §1 of the above-mentioned Royal Decree of 3 June 2007 and legal entities which are not considered corporate investors and which have asked to be entered in the FSMA register of eligible investors. Natural persons, as well as legal entities that are not part of the eligible investors defined above, do not have access to these share classes, even if subscriptions are made within the framework of a discretionary management mandate concluded with an eligible investor.

account(s) to which these discretionary management mandates apply, (iii) they are reserved for all-in mandates and in that (iv) they have a different management fee.

*In this context, "all in" includes at least the management fees and custody fees charged on the account (s) to which these "all in" discretionary management mandates apply.*

### **Class M USD:**

distribution shares which differ from shares of class **M** due to the fact that they are denominated in United States dollars.

### **Class M EUR HEDGED:**

distribution shares which differ from class **M** shares due to the fact that the exchange risk against the euro is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

### **Class B:**

capitalisation shares offered to the public.

### **Class B LC:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **B** shares due to the fact that (i) they are reserved for investors affected, directly or indirectly, by one or more current "Services Agreement Life Cycle" contracts with Degroof Petercam Asset Management, and (ii) that they have a different management fee.

### **Class B USD:**

capitalisation shares which differ from shares of class **B** due to the fact that they are denominated in United States dollars.

### **Class B EUR HEDGED:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **B** shares due to the fact that the exchange risk against the euro is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

### **Class L:**

capitalisation shares which differ from shares of class **B** due to the fact that (i) they have a minimum initial subscription, and (ii) a management fee that may be different.

### **Class L USD:**

capitalisation shares which differ from shares of class **L** due to the fact that they are denominated in United States dollars.

### **Class W:**

capitalisation shares offered to the public which differ from class **B** shares due to the fact that (i) at the discretion of the management company they may be offered to distributors and platforms in the United Kingdom, Switzerland and European Union Member States, excluding Banque Degroof Petercam Belgium and Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg, (ii) they may be offered by distributors and platforms that have entered into separate remuneration agreements with their customers that are not subject to any rebate, and (iii) they are not subject to a rebate on management fees;



## **Class W USD:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **W** shares due to the fact that (i) they are denominated in US dollars;

## **Class W EUR HEDGED:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **W** shares in that the exchange risk against the euro is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

## **Class F:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **B** shares due to the fact that (i) they are reserved for eligible investors<sup>1</sup> dealing on behalf of their own name, (ii) they have a minimum initial subscription amount, (iii) a different management fee and (iv) a different annual tax.

## **Class F LC:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **F** shares due to the fact that (i) they are reserved for investors affected, directly or indirectly, by one or more current "Services Agreement Life Cycle" contracts with Degroof Petercam Asset Management, (ii) they have no minimum initial subscription amount and (iii) that they have a different management fee.

## **Class F USD:**

capitalisation shares which differ from shares of class **F** due to the fact they are denominated in United States dollars.

## **Class F EUR HEDGED:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **F** shares due to the fact that the exchange risk against the euro is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

## **Class F USD HEDGED:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **F USD** shares due to the fact that the exchange risk against the US dollar is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

## **Class F CHF HEDGED:**

a capitalisation shares which differ from class **F CHF** shares due to the fact that the exchange risk against the Swiss franc is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

## **Class J:**

capitalisation shares which differ from shares of class **F** due to the fact that they are reserved for (i) investors for which there are currently one or more discretionary management mandates with one or several companies of the Degroof Petercam group, and (ii) accounts to which these discretionary management mandates apply, due to the fact that (iii) they have no minimum initial subscription amount and (iv) they have a different management fee.

## **Class J EUR HEDGED:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **J** shares due to the fact that the exchange risk against the euro is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

## **Class N:**

capitalisation shares which differ from shares of class **B** due to the fact that they are reserved for (i) investors for which there are currently one or more discretionary management mandates with one or several companies of the Degroof Petercam group, and (ii) accounts to which these discretionary management mandates apply, (iii) in that they are reserved for all-in mandates and due to the fact that (iv) they have a different management fee.

*In this context, "all in" includes at least the management fees and custody fees charged on the account (s) to which these "all in" discretionary management mandates apply.*

## **Class N USD:**

capitalisation shares which differ from shares of class **N** due to the fact they are denominated in United States dollars.

## **Class N EUR HEDGED:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **N** shares due to the fact that the exchange risk against the euro is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

## **Class P:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **F** shares by the absence of (i) a management fee and (ii) capitalisation shares which differ from class **F** shares by the fact that (i) they have no management fee (ii) no minimum initial subscription amount and (iii) due to the fact that they are reserved for investors that have one or more discretionary mandates with Degroof Petercam Asset Management and (iv) they are reserved for the accounts where this discretionary mandates are applicable.

## **Class P EUR HEDGED:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class **P** shares due to the fact that the exchange risk against the euro is hedged. The manager must take measures to systematically hedge the exchange risk in relation to the sub-fund's reference currency within a tolerance threshold defined in the information on the sub-fund.

*Investors are advised that implementing an exchange risk hedging policy may result in additional costs as mentioned in the information on the sub-fund.*

## **Class Z:**

capitalisation shares which differ from class F shares due to the fact that (i) they are reserved for investors where the minimum initial subscription amount is EUR 25,000,000 and (ii) they are subject to a different management fee and (iii) a different annual tax, it being understood that shareholders investing in this class may not request the partial redemption of their shares so as to reduce their level of investment to below the minimum initial subscription amount.

## **Minimum initial subscription per sub-fund:**

Class L: €1,000

Class L USD: equivalent amount in USD of €1,000

Class E, F, E EUR HEDGED, F EUR HEDGED: €25,000

Class F USD, E USD, F CHF HEDGED, F USD HEDGED: equivalent amount in USD or CHF of €25,000

Class Z: €25,000,000

Minimum holding for all classes: one share

The financial service has a system in place to permanently check that people who have subscribed to shares in a share class benefiting, with regard to one or more points, from more advantageous arrangements, or people who have acquired such shares, meet the stated criteria.

## **Board of Directors of the SICAV:**

### **Chairman:**

- Mr Yvon LAURET, Independent director of the Sicav, Partner of Adeis (Luxembourg) SA

### **Board Members:**

- Mr Philippe DENEFF, Head of Quantitative Equity & Asymmetric Asset Management, Degroof Petercam Asset Management SA
- Mr Jeroen SIONCKE, Chief Risk Officer, Member of the Executive Committee of Degroof Petercam Asset Management SA
- Ms Caroline TUBEUF, Head of Legal & General Secretary, Member of the Executive Committee of Degroof Petercam Asset Management SA
- Mr Tomás MURILLO, Member of the Executive Committee of Degroof Petercam Asset Management SA

## **Individuals responsible for effective management:**

- Mr Philippe DENEFF, Head of Quantitative Equity & Asymmetric Asset Management, Degroof Petercam Asset Management SA, Director in various UCIs.
- Mr Jeroen SIONCKE, Chief Risk Officer, Member of the Executive Committee of Degroof Petercam Asset Management SA, Director in various UCIs.

## **Management company:**

SICAV which has appointed a Management Company of undertakings for collective investment:

DEGROOF PETERCAM ASSET MANAGEMENT SA with the abbreviation Degroof Petercam AM or DPAM (hereinafter DPAM)

### **Office:**

Rue Guimard 18, 1040 Brussels

## **Formation:**

29 December 2006

## **Term:**

Unlimited

## **Board of Directors:**

### *Chairman:*

- Mr Hugo LASAT, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Non-executive Director, CEO of Banque Degroof Petercam S.A.

### *Members:*

- Mr Jean-Baptiste DOUVILLE de FRANSSU, Non-executive Director
- Mr Laurent DE MEYERE, Independent Director (UCITS V)
- Ms Véronique JEANNOT, Non-executive Director, General Manager Degroof Petercam Wealth Management (DPWM)
- Mr Jean-Michel LOEHR, Independent Director (UCITS V)
- Ms Sylvie HURET, Non-executive Director, President of the Management Board of DPAS
- Mr Frank van BELLINGEN, Non-executive Director
- Mr Peter DE COENSEL, Chairman of the Management Committee and CEO
- Mr Tomás MURILLO, Global Head of Sales, Member of the Management Committee
- Mr Johan VAN GEETERUYEN, CIO Fundamental Equity, Member of the Management Committee
- Mr Yves CEELLEN, CIO Balanced and Head of Institutional Mandates, Member of the Executive Committee
- Mr Jeroen SIONCKE, Chief Risk Officer, Member of the Management Committee
- Ms Caroline TUBEUF, Head of Legal and General Secretary - DPAM, Member of the Management Committee
- Mr Frederiek VAN HOLLE, Technology and Operations, Member of the Management Committee
- Mr Sam VEREECKE, CIO Fixed Income, Member of the Management Committee
- Ms Sabine CAUDRON, Head of Private Banking, Non-executive Director
- Ms Tamar JOULIA-PARIS, Non-executive Director

## **Management Committee:**

- Mr Peter DE COENSEL, Chairman of the Management Committee
- Mr Tomás MURILLO
- Mr Johan VAN GEETERUYEN
- Mr Yves CEELLEN
- Mr Jeroen SIONCKE
- Ms Caroline Tubeuf
- Mr Frederiek VAN HOLLE
- Mr Sam VEREECKE

## **Auditor:**

PwC Reviseurs d'Entreprises SRL, Culliganlaan 5, 1831 Diegem, represented by Mr Damien WALGRAVE.

## **Capital subscribed:**

€52,539,353.14

## **Paid up capital:**

€52,539,353.14

## **Other undertakings for collective investments for which the Management Company has been appointed:**

OMEGA PRESERVATION FUND SA

ERGO FUND, public common fund

DPAM DBI-RDT SA

## **Delegation of the management:**

DEGROOF PETERCAM ASSET SERVICES S.A. - 12, rue Eugène Ruppert at L-2453 Luxembourg.

## **Financial service(s):**

BANK DEGROOF PETERCAM SA, Rue de l'Industrie 44, 1040 Brussels

## **Distributor(s):**

DPAM, Rue Guimard 18, 1040 Brussels.

## **Custodian of the SICAV:**

BANQUE DEGROOF PETERCAM LUXEMBOURG S.A, Belgian branch, a credit institution under Luxembourg law with registered office at 12 rue Eugène Ruppert L-2453 Luxembourg, Grand-Duché de Luxembourg acting through its Belgian branch (located at Rue Guimard 19, 1040 Brussels) (the "Custodian") has been appointed as the custodian of the SICAV under the terms of a written agreement (the "Custodian Agreement").

The Custodian fulfils the obligations and duties set out under the applicable laws and regulations and, in particular, the tasks stipulated in the Law of 2012.

In particular, the Custodian is responsible for the safekeeping of the SICAV's assets in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory provisions. The Custodian may entrust all or part of the assets of the SICAV that it holds in custody to sub-custodians as may be determined by the Custodian from time to time.

In addition, the Custodian

- i) ensures that the assets in its custody correspond to the assets specified in the SICAV's accounts;
- ii) ensures that the number of units in circulation specified in its account corresponds to the number of units in circulation specified in the SICAV's accounts;
- iii) ensures that the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption, and cancellation of the SICAV's units are carried out in accordance with the applicable legal and regulatory provisions, the articles of association and prospectus of the SICAV;
- iv) ensures that the net asset value of the SICAV's units is calculated in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory provisions, the articles of association and the prospectus;

- v) ensures that the investment limits set by applicable legal and regulatory provisions, the articles of association and the prospectus of the SICAV are respected;
- vi) carries out the instructions of the SICAV or the Management Company unless they conflict with the applicable legal and regulatory provisions, the articles of association or the prospectus of the SICAV;
- vii) for transactions involving the SICAV's assets, ensures that the proceeds are sent to it within the normal time frames;
- viii) ensures that rules on fees and expenses as set by applicable legal and regulatory provisions, the articles of association and the prospectus of the SICAV are respected
- ix) ensures that the SICAV's income is allocated in accordance with the applicable legal and regulatory provisions, the articles of association and prospectus of the SICAV.

Finally, the Custodian shall ensure that the SICAV's liquid assets are properly monitored and, more specifically, that all payments made by or on behalf of participants in the subscription for units of the SICAV have been received and that all cash held by the SICAV has been booked to a cash account in accordance with the legal provisions.

The Custodian must act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and solely in the interest of the SICAV and of the shareholders of the SICAV.

The Custodian shall not carry out activities with regard to the SICAV or the management company acting on behalf of the SICAV that may create conflicts of interest between the SICAV, the shareholders, the management company and itself. An interest is a source of incentive of any nature whatsoever and a conflict of interest is a situation in which the Custodian's interests, when carrying out its activities, are not in line with those of the SICAV, the shareholders and/or the management company.

The Custodian may provide a number of banking services for the SICAV, either directly or indirectly, in addition to its custodian services, in the strict meaning of the term.

The provision of additional services, and capital links between the Custodian and some of the SICAV's partners, may lead to conflicts of interest between the SICAV and the Custodian.

Situations capable of generating conflicts of interest in the performance of the Custodian's duties include but are not limited to the following:

- if the Custodian is likely to make a financial gain or avoid a financial loss at the expense of the SICAV;
- if the Custodian's interest in exercising its activities is not in line with the interest of the SICAV;
- if the Custodian, motivated by financial or other reasons, puts a client's interests before those of the SICAV;
- if the Custodian receives or will receive a benefit for exercising its activities, in addition to its normal fees, from a counterparty other than the SICAV;
- The Custodian and the Management Company are linked directly or indirectly with Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg S.A. and certain employees of Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg S.A. sit on the Board of Directors of the Management Company;
- if the Custodian employs delegates and sub-delegates to perform its duties;
- if the Custodian provides a number of banking services for the SICAV in addition to its custodian services.

The Custodian may exercise this type of activity provided that it has separated, according to function and hierarchy, its custodian duties and its other tasks that could give rise to a potential conflict of interests and if the potential conflicts of interest have been duly detected, managed, monitored and notified to the SICAV's shareholders.

The Custodian has implemented procedures and measures on conflicts of interest to mitigate, identify, prevent and ease potential conflicts of interest, to ensure, in particular, that in the event of a conflict of interest, the Custodian's interest is not unjustly favoured.

In particular:

- employees of Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg S.A. who are members of the Board of Directors of the SICAV shall not participate in the management of the SICAV. This duty shall continue to be the responsibility of the management company, which will either perform or delegate the task, in accordance with its own procedures, employees and code of conduct;
- no employee of Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg S.A. performing or participating in safekeeping, surveillance and/or monitoring of cash flow duties may be a member of the Board of Directors of the SICAV;

The current list of sub-custodians and other delegates used by the Custodian is available at the website of the Custodian ([www.degroofpetercam.lu](http://www.degroofpetercam.lu), → Documentation → List of investment markets and sub-custodians of Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg).

The Custodian shall manage any conflicts of interest that may arise with its sub-delegates. The Custodian has not observed any conflicts of interest with its sub-delegates to date.

If a potential conflict of interest arises with the Custodian, despite the measures put in place to mitigate, identify, prevent and ease them, the Custodian must comply with its legal and contractual obligations to the SICAV at all times. If a conflict of interest is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the SICAV or the shareholders of the SICAV and cannot be resolved, the Custodian shall duly inform the SICAV, which will take appropriate action.

Updated information relating to the Custodian, its tasks, any conflicts of interest, any delegated custodial duties, as well as the list of delegates and sub-delegates and the identification of conflicts of interest that may arise from such delegation, can be obtained at the shareholders' request.

The remuneration of the Custodian with respect to the different sub-funds of the SICAV is described in the appendices detailing the sub-funds.

## Auditor:

PwC Reviseurs d'Entreprises, SRL, with its office at Culliganlaan 5, 1831 Diegem, represented by Mr Briec LEFRANCO, independent auditor. The auditor's responsibilities include the examination of accounting data contained in the SICAV's annual report.

## Financial Group promoter of the SICAV:

Degroof Petercam Group

## Remuneration policy:

The remuneration policy has been established by DPAM in accordance with the requirements of the rules on remuneration policy in AIF and UCITS management companies. Since DPAM is a subsidiary of a credit institution providing investment services, the remuneration policy also takes into account certain rules and regulations applicable to its parent company.

The remuneration policy may be summarised as follows:

- The remuneration policy promotes sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk-taking that exceeds the level of risk tolerated by DPAM and which is inconsistent with the risk profiles or the instruments constituting the AIFs and UCITS managed by DPAM;
- In particular, the remuneration policy promotes sound and effective risk management with regard to sustainability risks, while the remuneration structure does not encourage excessive risk-taking;
- The remuneration policy is in line with the economic strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Management Company, SICAV and investors and incorporates measures to avoid conflicts of interest;
- The remuneration policy within the Degroof Petercam Group and its subsidiaries promotes equal treatment of remuneration packages and other benefits granted to staff members based on the functions and responsibilities assumed, as well as a balance

in line with market practices between fixed and variable remuneration based on performance objectives. The remuneration package is composed of a fixed salary, mainly based on skills and experience, a group insurance plan or a supplementary pension and variable remuneration;

- A performance assessment is carried out based on financial and non-financial, individual and collective criteria as part of the annual Individual Appraisal process (Performance Management Cycle) implemented within the Group by the GHR (Human Resources Department of Bank Degroof Petercam); the remuneration policy implemented by DPAM includes appropriate qualitative criteria that seek to align the risks and interests of employees with those of the investment funds (UCITS and AIF) they manage, of the investors of those funds and the Management Company, and sound and efficient management of sustainability risks in the short, medium and long term. These qualitative criteria include compliance with internal procedures and regulatory requirements, equitable treatment of investors and their level of satisfaction;
- The assessment of performance is set in a multi-year framework which is adapted to the holding period recommended to the shareholders of the SICAV, in order that the assessment process is based on longer term performance of the SICAV and investment risks and that the actual payment of performance-based components of remuneration is spread over the same period;
- The remuneration policy ensures an appropriate balance between fixed and variable components of the total remuneration; the fixed component always represents a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration; the policy on variable components of the remuneration is flexible enough and makes the non-payment of the variable component possible. The determination of the annual variable remuneration for the identified staff, except for the control functions, involves establishing a target bonus expressed as a percentage of the fixed salary and is currently based on the following elements:
  - Development of the gross operating profit of the Degroof Petercam Group;
  - Development of the gross operating profit of Institutional Asset Management;
  - Individual performance of the person.

Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy and the composition of the remuneration committee are available at: [https://www.dpamfunds.com/files/live/sites/degroofpetercam/files/guide/regulatory\\_disclosures/FR/FR%20Remuneration%20policy.pdf](https://www.dpamfunds.com/files/live/sites/degroofpetercam/files/guide/regulatory_disclosures/FR/FR%20Remuneration%20policy.pdf) ("Regulatory information" tab).

A printed copy is available, free-of-charge, on request from Degroof Petercam Asset Management SA, Rue Guimard, 18, 1040 Brussels or at the following website: [DPAM@degroofpetercam.com](mailto:DPAM@degroofpetercam.com).

Person(s) bearing the costs in the situations described in articles 115, §3, paragraphs 3, 149, 152, 156, 157 §1, paragraphs 3, 165 and 179, paragraph 3 of the Royal Decree of 2012:

DPAM SA, Rue Guimard 18, 1040 Brussels.

## Capital:

The share capital is always equal to the net asset value. It may not be less than €1,200,000.

## Accounts and inventories:

Unless otherwise stated in the information for the sub-fund, the accounts and inventories are in euros.

## Asset valuation rules:

The assets of public undertakings for collective investment with a variable number of shares are valued in accordance with articles 11 to 14 inclusive of the Royal Decree of 10 November 2006 on the accounting, financial statements and interim reports of certain public undertakings for collective investment with a variable number of units.

Without setting out the aforementioned articles in full, this process may be summarised as follows:

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Assets traded on an active market not operating with the intervention of third-party financial institutions will be valued on the basis of the closing price.

Assets traded on an active market operating with the intervention of third-party financial institutions will be valued on the basis of the average market price.

The valuations are not adjusted to approximate bid prices, as the difference between bid and ask prices changes significantly, both over time and depending on the nature of the securities.

In the absence of a buying price, a selling price or a closing price, the price of the most recent transaction will be used to value the aforementioned assets, provided the economic situation has not changed in any major way since this transaction.

If the prices on an organised or over-the-counter market are not representative, or if no organised or over-the-counter market exists, the current fair value of similar assets for which an active market exists will be used, provided this fair value is suitable in view of the differences between the similar asset components. If the fair value of similar assets does not exist for a given asset, the fair value of the asset in question will be established using other valuation techniques, subject to certain conditions.

Shares in undertakings for collective investment with a variable number of units that are held by the undertaking for collective investment will be valued at their fair value in accordance with the paragraphs above. By way of exception to the aforementioned, the fair value of shares in undertakings for collective investment with a variable number of units for which there is neither an organised nor an over-the-counter market will be calculated on the basis of the net asset value of these shares.

Notwithstanding the method used for accrued interest, sight deposits, current account liabilities, short-term receivables and payables, tax credits and tax liabilities and other debts will be valued at their nominal value less the write-downs applied to them and the redemptions that have occurred in the meantime.

In view of the relatively small proportion of term debt instruments (other than those stated in the previous paragraph) which are not represented by transferable securities or negotiable money market instruments, they will be valued, in terms of the net asset value, at their nominal value less the write-downs applied to them and the redemptions that have occurred in the meantime, provided the investment policy of the undertaking for collective investment is not focused principally on investing its assets in deposits, cash or money market instruments.

## Accounting year end date:

31 December

## Rules regarding the allocation of net income:

A dividend will, in principle, be paid for distribution shares:

- Either at the decision of the Board of Directors during the financial year, in the form of an interim dividend;
- Or at the decision of the Ordinary General Meeting

if the distributable revenues allow it.

## Tax regime:

The tax regime described hereunder is linked to the holding of shares in the SICAV by an investor and to their redemption by the SICAV, excluding any capital gains realised on a secondary market, since there is none.

## *In respect of the SICAV:*

The SICAV benefits from the alternative tax base reserved for certain investment companies established in Belgium. Its corporate income tax expense is therefore negligible or even non-existent.

Belgian-source revenue received by the SICAV is not subject to Belgian withholding tax at source, except as regards Belgian dividends, to which a non-attributable and non-recoverable withholding tax at source of 30% applies.

Foreign-source revenue received by the SICAV may be subject to foreign withholding tax at source, the rate of which is generally limited in accordance with double taxation treaties.

The SICAV is also subject to a Subscription Tax applicable depending on the share class:

Class A, A USD, B, B USD, B LC, A EUR Hedged, B EUR Hedged, L, L USD, M, M USD, M EUR Hedged, N, N USD, N EUR Hedged, V, V EUR Hedged, W, W USD and W EUR Hedged	0.0925% <sup>2</sup>
Class E, E USD, E EUR Hedged, F, F USD, F LC, F EUR Hedged, F USD Hedged, F CHF Hedged, P, P EUR Hedged, Z, J, J EUR Hedged	0.01% <sup>2</sup>

### ***In respect of private individual investors resident in Belgium:***

#### *Taxation of dividends*

Dividends distributed by the SICAV to Belgian private individual investors are subject to Belgian withholding tax (précompte mobilier) at the rate of 30%.

#### *Taxation of capital gains realised upon redemption of shares by the SICAV*

Without prejudice to the tax regime explained hereunder, capital gains realised upon redemption of shares in the SICAV or on the total or partial distribution of its assets (liquidation) are not subject to personal income tax if the investor is acting in the “normal management of his private estate”.

*Taxation at the rate of 30% of the portion of the capital gain<sup>3</sup> deriving from accrued interest and capital gains or losses on the fund's underlying debt securities<sup>4</sup>, realized on redemption of shares in the SICAV or upon the total or partial distribution of the assets of the SICAV (liquidation)*

The tax regime applied depends on whether:

- a) Acquisition of shares up to 31/12/2017
  - The sub-fund invests less than 25% of its assets in debt securities. The investor will not be taxed on income arising directly or indirectly, in the form of interest, capital gains or capital losses, from the return on the fund's underlying debt securities;
  - The sub-fund invests more than 25% of its assets in debt securities. The investor will be subject to Belgian withholding tax (précompte mobilier) of 30% on the portion of the capital gain representing income arising directly or indirectly, in the form of interest, capital gains or capital losses, from the return on the fund's underlying debt securities;
  - The sub-fund is likely to invest more than 25% of its assets in debt securities. The investor may be subject to Belgian withholding tax (précompte mobilier) of 30% on the portion of the capital gain representing income arising directly or indirectly, in the form of interest, capital gains or capital losses, from the return on the fund's underlying debt securities.

<sup>2</sup> of the net amounts invested in Belgium.

<sup>3</sup> The taxable base cannot be more than the capital gain realised by the investor on the transaction, it being understood that if the investor has acquired the shares by donation, the value of the share at the time of its acquisition by the donor.

<sup>4</sup> This refers to debt claims of every kind, whether or not secured by mortgage and whether or not carrying a right to participate in the debtor's profits, and in particular, income from government securities and from bonds and debentures, including premiums and prizes attaching to such securities, irrespective of their issue date.

b) Acquisition of a share from 01.01.2018

- The sub-fund invests less than 10% of its assets in debt securities. The investor will not be taxed on income arising directly or indirectly, in the form of interest, capital gains or capital losses, from the return on the fund's underlying debt securities;
- The sub-fund invests more than 10% of its assets in debt securities. The investor will be subject to Belgian withholding tax (précompte mobilier) of 30% on the portion of the capital gain representing income arising directly or indirectly, in the form of interest, capital gains or capital losses, from the return on the fund's underlying debt securities;
- The sub-fund is likely to invest more than 10% of its assets in debt securities. The investor may be subject to Belgian withholding tax (précompte mobilier) of 30% on the portion of the capital gain representing income arising directly or indirectly, in the form of interest, capital gains or capital losses, from the return on the fund's underlying debt securities.

*Tax on stock exchange transactions*

A tax of 1.32% on the sale price is applied in the case of redemption of capitalisation shares by the SICAV, with a maximum of €4,000 per transaction.

***As regards an investor which is a Belgian tax resident company:***

*Taxation of dividends and capital gains realised upon redemption of shares by the SICAV - Ordinary regime*

Tax (précompte mobilier) is withheld at 30% on dividends distributed by the SICAV to corporate investors. However, in principle this withholding tax is attributable or recoverable for the company.

Dividends and capital gains realised on redemption are subject to corporation tax at:

- 33.99% (for financial years before tax year 2019)
- 29.58% (for tax year 2019 relating to a taxable period which begins at the earliest on 1 January 2018).
- 25% (for tax year 2021 relating to a taxable period which begins at the earliest on 1 January 2020), An investment in capitalisation shares of a SICAV may also have consequences for the basis of calculation of incremental notional interest and entail the loss of the reduced corporate income tax rate on the first tranche of €100,000.

*Tax on stock exchange transactions*

A tax of 1.32% on the sale price is applied in the case of redemption of capitalisation shares by the SICAV. with a maximum of €4,000 per transaction.

***In respect of non-resident private individual or corporate investors:***

*Taxation of dividends*

Except insofar as more favourable provisions of double taxation treaties apply, dividends distributed by the SICAV to non-resident private individual investors are subject to Belgian withholding tax at the rate of 30%.

*French taxation*

In respect of private individual investors resident in France: the following sub-funds are eligible for the PEA (Plan d'épargne actions or share-based savings scheme): DPAM B Equities Euroland and, DPAM B Equities Euroland Sustainable. The SICAV undertakes to invest at least 75% of the assets of the sub-funds mentioned above in securities or rights eligible for the PEA.

*German taxation*

The following sub-funds will permanently invest at least 51% of their assets in equities, as defined in section 2 para. 8 of the German Investment Tax Act (2018), and therefore guarantee eligibility for partial exemption of equity funds for German resident investors:

- DPAM B Equities Europe Small Caps Sustainable
- DPAM B Equities Euroland
- DPAM B Equities World Sustainable
- DPAM B Equities Europe Dividend
- DPAM B Equities Europe Sustainable
- DPAM B Equities NewGems Sustainable
- DPAM B Equities Sustainable Food Trends
- DPAM B Equities DRAGONS Sustainable
- DPAM B Equities Euroland Sustainable
- DPAM B Equities US Behavioral Value
- DPAM B Equities Europe Index
- DPAM B Equities US Index
- DPAM B Equities Japan Index
- DPAM B Equities World ex Japan, Europe & USA Index
- DPAM B Equities EMU Index
- DPAM B Equities US Dividend Sustainable
- DPAM B Equities EMU Behavioral Value
- DPAM B Equities US ESG Leaders Index
- DPAM B Equities Japan ESG Leaders Index

The following sub-funds will permanently invest at least 25% of their assets in equities, as defined in section 2 para. 8 of the German Investment Tax Act (2018), and therefore guarantee eligibility for the partial exemption from tax on balanced funds for German resident investors:

- DPAM B Real Estate Europe Sustainable
- DPAM B Real Estate Europe Dividend Sustainable
- DPAM B Real Estate EMU Dividend Sustainable
- DPAM B Real Estate EMU Sustainable
- DPAM B Balanced Flexible

The tax treatment of income and capital gains of non-resident private individual and corporate investors depends on the tax legislation applicable in accordance with each investor's personal situation and/or the place where the capital is invested or the registered office established. If an investor is not sure of his tax situation, it is therefore incumbent on him to seek information from professionals or, if applicable, local organisations.

### Collateral policy for futures contracts, swaps and FX forwards:

If the Sicav concludes any futures contracts, swaps or FX forwards, each sub-fund concerned must receive a guarantee (also known as "collateral") in sufficient quantity.

**Collateral accepted:**

For all contracts, collateral must take the form of cash only.

However and only for futures this cash collateral can only be expressed in EUR.

**Required level of collateral:**

The level of collateral required may vary depending on whether a future transaction, a swap or an FX forward is concerned.

For all contracts, gains and losses between the Sicav and the counterparty are managed on a daily basis in order to limit the counterparty risk for the Sicav.

The minimum amount to be transferred daily varies depending on the CSA (Credit Support Annex) signed with the counterparty.

**Discount policy:**

No discount policy is applied.

**Reinvestment policy:**

Neither the counterparty nor the SICAV will reinvest the collateral received.

**Information on the use of swaps**

*Information on the underlying strategy and the composition of the investment portfolio or index;*

The purpose of adding swap instruments to the portfolio of certain sub-funds of the Sicav (detailed in the information concerning the sub-funds) is to attain the objectives of return and hedging of risks of the investment portfolio. The specific instruments are inflation-indexed swaps, interest rate swaps, currency swaps and credit default swaps (CDS) (both on single issuers and on a basket of issuers).

*Information on the counterparty or counterparties to the transactions*

The transaction counterparties are high-quality financial institutions with which DPAM has put in place ISDA Master Agreements - CSA (Credit Support Annex). These financial institutions include, but are not confined to, Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg and JP Morgan.

*Description of the risks of counterparty default and of the effect on investors' return*

The risk of counterparty default is extremely low given that the transaction counterparties are of high quality. Furthermore, the transactions are covered at least 100% by cash collateral, which is not reinvested.

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## Information sources:

- Information on the procedures for payments to investors, redemption and repayments of units and the distribution of information about the fund may be obtained: from Bank Degroof Petercam SA or DPAM SA, Rue Guimard 18, 1040 Brussels.
- The prospectus, the key information documents, the articles of association, the annual and semi-annual reports and full information about the sub-funds may be requested, free of charge, before or after making share subscriptions, from Bank Degroof Petercam SA or DPAM SA, Rue Guimard 18, 1040 Brussels. These documents and data can also be viewed on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).
- The turnover compares the capital volume of the transactions carried out in the portfolio with the average net assets taking account of the total subscriptions and redemptions. The turnover is calculated using the formula published in the Royal Decree of 2012 and can be considered as an additional indicator of the scale of the transaction fees.
- The portfolio turnover is shown in the latest annual report. The figure for previous periods can be obtained from Bank Degroof Petercam SA or DPAM SA, Rue Guimard 18, 1040 Brussels.
- The total costs are calculated in accordance with the provisions of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/653 of 8 March 2017 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs) by laying down regulatory technical standards with regard to the presentation, content, review and revision of key information documents and the conditions for fulfilling the requirement to provide such documents (hereinafter Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/653) and are included in the key information documents.
- Total costs include non-recurring, recurring and ancillary costs, as well as early exit fees and penalties, if any. The tables in the key information documents contain an indication of the total costs in monetary terms and as a percentage if the investor invests EUR 10,000 each time during different holding periods, including the recommended holding period.

- Past performance figures are available in the latest annual report. **Investors must be aware that the figures reflect past performance and are not an indicator of future performance.**

## Annual General Meeting of Shareholders:

Third Wednesday in March at 11 a.m. at the office or any other place mentioned in the Meeting notice.

## Competent authority:

Autorité des Services et Marchés Financiers (Financial Services and Markets Authority), in short “FSMA”, 12-14 Rue du Congrès, 1000 Brussels.

This prospectus has been approved by the FSMA (Belgian Financial Services and Marketing Authority), in accordance with Article 60, §1 of the Law of 2012. This approval does not serve as an appraisal of the appropriateness or quality of the offer, or of the offeror’s position. The official text of the articles of association was deposited with the clerk’s office of the commercial court.

## Point of contact for any further explanations needed:

Bank Degroof Petercam SA or DPAM SA, Rue Guimard 18, 1040 Brussels (+32 2 287 93 36) between 8.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on days on which the financial service is open, or by e-mailing: [DPAM@degroofpetercam.com](mailto:DPAM@degroofpetercam.com).

## Person responsible for the content of the prospectus and the key information documents:

DPAM SA, Rue Guimard 18, 1040 Brussels. The Board of Directors declares that to its knowledge, the information in the prospectus and the key information documents is realistic and contains no omissions likely to alter its scope.

## Legal consequences of subscription to shares in the SICAV - Judicial competence – Applicable law:

- a) By subscribing to shares in the SICAV, the investor becomes a shareholder of the SICAV and of the sub-fund concerned.
- b) The shareholding relationship between the investor and the SICAV is governed by Belgian law and in particular by the Law of 2012, as well as by the Belgian Companies and Associations Code, unless otherwise indicated in said Law of 2012. In general terms, the Belgian courts are competent to settle any disputes that might arise between a shareholder and the SICAV.

Regulation (EC) No. 593/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I) and Regulation (EC) No. 864/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II) (the “Rome Regulations”) have the force of law in Belgium. Consequently, the choice of applicable law in any contract is subject to the provisions of the Rome Regulations. Regulation (EC) No. 44/2001 of the Council on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil and commercial matters has the force of law in Belgium. In accordance with these provisions, a judgment obtained before a court in another jurisdiction of the European Union will generally be recognised and enforced in Belgium without its substance being reviewed, except in certain exceptional circumstances.

## Shareholder voting rights:

Each share carries the right to one vote within its sub-fund, with the votes of capitalisation shares being weighted by the parity specific to that sub-fund. For votes on resolutions concerning all of the company’s sub-funds, the vote of each share is weighted by the fraction of the share capital it represents based on the latest net asset value of the company determined before the meeting. The total votes per shareholder will not include fractions of votes.

Except in cases where the law requires qualified majorities and quorums and within the limits set down by the law, decisions are taken by a simple majority of votes cast, regardless of the number of shares represented at the Meeting.

## Liquidation of a sub-fund:

The General Meeting, at the proposal of the Board of Directors, may decide to liquidate a sub-fund.

In this case, and in the event of the winding-up of the Company, the liquidation will be carried out by the Board of Directors acting as liquidation committee, unless the relevant General Meeting has expressly appointed one or more liquidators for this purpose and determined their remuneration.

The allocation of the liquidation proceeds to shareholders of the one or more liquidated sub-funds will take the form of an identical and simultaneous share redemption for all shares in the same class and the same sub-fund. Subscription and redemption applications for shares in a sub-fund whose liquidation is planned will be suspended from the time of the publication of the notice of the General Meeting convened to approve this decision. DPAM SA, Rue Guimard 18, 1040 Brussels will contribute to the liquidation costs if, during the twelve months preceding the notice of the proposed liquidation, redemptions representing overall more than 30% of the net assets at the time of the winding-up have taken place.

DPAM SA reserves the right to claim this contribution from people who have applied for the redemption of shares in the sub-fund representing, overall, more than 5% of the total shares existing during this same period.

### Suspension of the redemption of shares:

In accordance with article 195 of the Royal Decree of 2012, subscription and redemption applications will be suspended at the initiative of and for the period of time decided by the Board of Directors of the SICAV if, in view of the circumstances, the processing of such applications may unreasonably prejudice the legitimate interests of all shareholders. Other exceptional circumstances, such as those described in article 196 of the Royal Decree of 2012, may also lead to the suspension of subscription and redemption applications.

### Existence of fee-sharing agreements:

Such agreements between, on the one hand, the SICAV or where applicable the distributor and the investment portfolio manager and, on the other hand, other distributors mentioned where relevant in the prospectus and third parties, including the shareholders of the undertaking for collective investment, may exist but are under no circumstances exclusive. These agreements do not affect the manager's ability to perform his/her duties freely in the interests of the shareholders of the SICAV. The management fee is split according to the market conditions.

### Specific liquidity mechanisms

The Board of Directors may use the following different techniques:

#### **SWING PRICING**

All sub-funds of the SICAV may use swing pricing.

#### ***Description of the objective, operation and terms of swing pricing:***

The objective is to reduce performance dilution due to net inputs or outputs. The performance of the SICAV may be eroded by frequent transactions due to large inflows or outflows and the SICAV may suffer from (in)direct trading costs involved in capital movements. Swing pricing offers investors already invested in the Sicav the possibility of not having to bear the transaction costs or the cost of illiquidity in the underlying financial markets generated by the entry or exit of investors.

With swing pricing, existing investors should, in principle, no longer indirectly incur the transaction fees, which will now be directly integrated into the calculation of the net asset value (NAV) and borne by the entering and exiting investors.

Swing pricing protects long-term investors, as an investor can only be affected by swing pricing on the day of subscription/redemption.

#### ***Terms and operation:***

The swing pricing method adopted is based on the following principles:

- It is a partial swing, which implies that a certain threshold must be crossed before the NAV is adjusted;
- It is a symmetrical swing, which is activated for both subscriptions and redemptions;
- The use of swing pricing is systematic, without favouring one or more categories of investors.

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The swing threshold is the value determined as a trigger event for net subscriptions and redemptions. This threshold value is expressed as a percentage of the total net assets of the sub-fund in question.

The swing threshold is always applied.

Swing factor: the direction of the swing depends on the net flow of capital applicable to a NAV.

In the case of a net inflow of capital, the swing factor linked to subscriptions of shares in the sub-fund will be added to the NAV. For net redemptions, the swing factor linked to redemptions of shares in the sub-fund in question will be deducted from the NAV. In both cases, all entering/exiting investors on a given date will have the same NAV applied.

Maximum swing factor: set to a maximum of 5% of the unadjusted NAV.

The threshold and swing factor will be published on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) in the “Fees” section.

## **ANTI-DILUTION LEVY**

All sub-funds of the SICAV may use the anti-dilution levy.

### ***Description of the objective, operation and terms of the anti-dilution levy:***

The objective of this mechanism is to transfer the negative impact on the NAV of a sub-fund of the SICAV to the investors who generated this impact.

### ***Terms and operation:***

If redemptions / subscriptions exceed a threshold, the SICAV may decide to impose an additional cost on incoming or outgoing investors, which will benefit the SICAV. Higher exit fees may be charged for large net outflows, and higher entry fees may be charged for large net inflows.

The anti-dilution levy will only be applied after an explicit decision of the Board of Directors of the SICAV. There is no automatic application of this mechanism. The Board of Director's decision relates both to the level of the threshold and the additional costs and whether or not to apply the mechanism if the threshold is exceeded.

It should be noted that these two mechanisms, swing pricing and the anti-dilution levy, cannot be applied to the same NAV.

## **REDEMPTION GATES**

This mechanism allows the SICAV to partially suspend the execution of requests for the redemption and/or repayment of units (“redemption gates”) when the negative change in the balance of the liabilities of the company or sub-fund for a given day exceeds, for the day in question, a percentage (or threshold) determined by the Board of Directors. The threshold above which this mechanism may be applied is set at 5% for all sub-funds.

The NAV calculation itself is not suspended as orders are partially executed.

Only the part of the requests for redemptions which exceeds the threshold is affected by this partial suspension. It must be applied proportionally to all requests for individual redemptions submitted by the closing date concerned.

The portion of the redemption requests not executed following this partial suspension will be postponed automatically to the next closing date, except in the event of revocation by the shareholder or if this mechanism is reapplied.

The partial suspension is always provisional.

This suspension will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Article 198/1 of the Royal Decree of 2012.

In the event of a partial suspension of the execution of redemption and/or repayment requests, a notice to shareholders will be published on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) in the “News” section.

## Application of FATCA in Belgium:

The provisions of the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, the U.S. Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010 and related regulations and directives, more generally known under the name “**FATCA**”, have introduced a new regime of disclosure of information and withholding at source applicable to

- i) certain U.S. source payments,
- ii) gross proceeds of disposal of assets that might generate U.S. source income in the form of interest or dividends and
- iii) certain payments made by, and certain financial accounts held with, entities considered as foreign financial institutions for the purposes of FATCA, each of these entities being a Foreign Financial institution (“**FFI**”).

FATCA was put in place with a view to putting an end to non-compliance with U.S. tax laws by U.S. taxpayers investing through foreign financial accounts. With a view to receiving information on financial accounts whose beneficial owners are U.S. taxpayers from FFIs, the FATCA regime applies a 30% withholding at source to certain U.S. source payments to FFIs that do not agree to comply with certain disclosure and at-source withholding obligations with regard to their account holders.

A large number of countries have entered into intergovernmental agreements transposing FATCA with a view to reducing the burden resulting from the obligations of compliance and withholding at source weighing on financial institutions established in these countries. On 23 April 2014, the United States and Belgium entered into such an Intergovernmental Agreement, hereinafter the “**IGA**”.

In accordance with the IGA, an entity classified as an FFI, resident in Belgium, must make available to the Belgian tax authorities certain information concerning its shareholders and the payments it makes. The IGA provides for transmission and automatic exchange of information concerning “Financial Accounts” held with “Belgian Financial Institutions” by (i) certain U.S. persons, (ii) certain non-U.S. entities, the beneficial owners of which are U.S. persons, (iii) FFIs that do not comply with FATCA or (iv) persons refusing to provide documentation or information concerning their FATCA status.

The IGA in force between Belgium and the United States was transposed into Belgian tax law by the law of 16 December 2015. In addition, Guidance Notes relating to these regulations have been published on the FPS Finance website.

The SICAV has the status of deemed compliant FFI as it qualifies as a Sponsored Investment Entity within the meaning of the IGA. The SICAV has also appointed Bank Degroof Petercam S.A. as a sponsoring entity. As a “Sponsoring Entity”, Bank Degroof Petercam S.A. may (I) act on behalf of the SICAV in order to fulfil, where applicable, the SICAV’s registration obligations with the IRS; (II) fulfil, on behalf of the SICAV, the obligations resulting from the FATCA regulations, including in particular due diligence, reporting and withholding tax obligations where applicable.

Insofar as the SICAV complies with the conditions of the IGA (in particular those relating to its FATCA status) and with the law of 16 December 2015 transposing its obligations into Belgian legislation, no FATCA withholding at source should apply to the payments it receives.

To comply with its obligations in the framework of FATCA, the SICAV may request and obtain certain information, documents and attestations from its shareholders and (if applicable) their beneficial owners, including any information relating to their tax status, identity or residence. The non-disclosure of information requested may lead to (i) a liability on the part of the shareholder failing to provide the information requested (“**Recalcitrant Shareholder**”) or possibly on the part of the SICAV, for all resulting U.S. tax withheld at source, (ii) an increase in the SICAV’s disclosure obligations or (iii) a forced redemption or transfer of the shares of the Recalcitrant Shareholder.

Shareholders will be deemed, by their subscription or holding of shares, to have authorised the automatic transmission (by the SICAV or any other person) of this information to the tax authorities. Shareholders who do not provide the required information or who otherwise prevent the SICAV from fulfilling its disclosure obligations under FATCA may be subject to forced redemption or transfer of their shares, a 30% withholding at source on certain payments and/or other penalties.

In relation to the foregoing, but without limiting the information, documents or attestations that the SICAV requires of a shareholder, each shareholder shall send to the SICAV (i) if this shareholder is a United States person in the meaning of the U.S. Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 as amended (the “IRC”), an IRS Form W-9 or such other form as may replace it, fully and accurately completed (“W-9”) or, (ii) if this shareholder is not a United States Person, an IRS Form W-8 fully and accurately completed (including Form W-8BEN, Form W-8BEN-E, Form W-8ECI, Form W-8EXP or Form W-8IMY or such forms as may replace them, including information concerning the status of the shareholder under Chapter 4 of the IRC) (“W-8”), and undertakes to provide the SICAV rapidly with an updated Form W-9 or W-8 as the case may be when a previous version of the form becomes obsolete or when the SICAV requests it.

**Furthermore, each shareholder agrees to inform the SICAV immediately in the event of any change in the information provided to the SICAV by the shareholder and to sign and send to the SICAV any form or any other additional information that the SICAV might reasonably request.**

Although the SICAV will strive to preserve its status of deemed-compliant FFI and to comply with all obligations incumbent upon it to avoid the application of FATCA withholding at source, it cannot guarantee that the SICAV will be able to meet these obligations and that thus it will not be treated by the United States as a non-compliant FFI subject to FATCA withholding at source on payments received by the SICAV. The application of FATCA withholding at source to payments made to the SICAV could appreciably affect the value of the shares held by all shareholders.

All potential shareholders should consult their own tax advisers regarding the possible impact of FATCA on an investment in the SICAV.

### Automatic exchange of information:

European Directive 2014/107/EU of 9 December 2014 (the “Directive”) amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation in relation to reportable cross-border arrangements, in addition to the other international agreements such as those reached now and in the future in relation to the standards for exchanging information exchange of information developed by the OECD (more generally under the name of “Common Reporting Standards” or “CRS”), obliges participating jurisdictions to obtain information about their financial institutions and to exchange this information as of 1 January 2016.

This Directive was transposed into Belgian by the Law of 16 December 2015 (“Law governing the communication of information on financial accounts by Belgian financial institutions and the Federal Public Service (FPS) Finance, in the framework of the automatic exchange of information at international level and for tax purposes”).

Pursuant to the Directive transposed into Belgian law, investment funds, as financial institutions, are required to collect specific information in order to properly identify their investors.

The Directive also indicates that the personal and financial<sup>5</sup> data about Investors who are:

- individuals or corporations subject to declaration<sup>6</sup> or
- people who exercise control over passive non-financial organisations entities (NFE<sup>7</sup>) and who are obliged to make a declaration<sup>6</sup>,

shall be sent by the financial institution to the local tax authorities, which in turn shall transmit this information to the tax authorities of the country or countries in which the investor is a resident.

If the SICAV units are held in an account with a financial institution, this organisation entity is responsible for exchanging information.

Consequently, the SICAV, whether directly or indirectly (i.e. through a contact appointed for this purpose):

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<sup>5</sup> Such as, in particular, but not exclusively: name, address, State of tax residence, tax identification number, date and place of birth, bank account number, amount of income, amount of proceeds from sale, buyout or reimbursement, valorisation of the “account” at the end of the calendar year or when it closes.

<sup>6</sup> Physical or natural persons not residing in the country of incorporation of the Fund but residing in a participating country. The list of countries taking part in the automatic exchange of information may be consulted on the <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/> site

<sup>7</sup> Non-financial entity, that is an Entity which is not a financial institution pursuant to the Directive.

- may, at any time and for whatever reason, ask for and obtain from each Investor an update of the documents and information already provided, as well as any other document or additional information;
- is obliged, to notify all or part of the information provided by the Investor regarding the investment in the SICAV to the relevant local tax Authorities.

The Investor is informed of the potential risk associated with exchanging inaccurate and/or incorrect information if the information he has provided is no longer accurate or complete. In the event of a change affecting the notified information, the investor undertakes to inform the SICAV (or any intermediary appointed to this effect), as soon as possible and to provide, where applicable, new certification within 30 days with effect from the event that rendered this information inaccurate or incomplete.

The mechanisms and scope of application of these arrangements for exchanging information may change in future. Each Investor is advised to consult his own tax adviser in order to determine the impact that the CRS provisions may have on an investment in the SICAV.

## The DAC 6 Directive:

Directive (EU) 2018/822 amending EU Council Directive 2011/16 on the automatic and obligatory exchange of information for tax purposes in relation to reportable cross-border arrangements, known as “CAD 6”, entered into force on 25 June 2018. Belgium transposed it into domestic law by the Law transposing Council Directive (EU) 2018/822 of 25 May 2018 amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation in relation to reportable cross-border arrangements.

The primary objective of the CAD 6 Directive is to ensure that Member States obtain information on “potentially aggressive” cross-border tax arrangements, i.e. arrangements that are set up in different jurisdictions that allow taxable profits to be shifted to more favourable tax regimes or that have the effect of reducing the taxpayer's total tax base.

As a result, from 1 January 2021, any intermediary<sup>[1]</sup> (as defined in the DAC 6 Directive) is obliged to notify, by means of a declaration, within 30 days from the first steps of the implementation of the structure, any potentially aggressive cross-border arrangement, depending on the hallmark<sup>[2]</sup> identified.

The Management Company (and/or the SICAV as the case may be) is a potential intermediary within the meaning of DAC 6 and may have to report cross-border arrangements that have one or more hallmarks.

Shareholders, as taxpayers, are likely to be secondarily responsible for the reporting of cross-border arrangements falling within the scope of the DAC 6 Directive and should therefore consult their tax advisors for further information.

## Data protection:

In order to comply with its legal and regulatory obligations, the SICAV processes information relating to certain persons with whom it interacts and which constitutes “personal data”. The SICAV considers the protection of this data to be an important matter and has therefore adopted a Personal Data Protection Charter available at the following address [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) ('Regulatory Information' tab).

The SICAV invites you to read the Charter on the Protection of Personal Data carefully. It explains in more detail the context in which the SICAV processes personal data as well as the rights of the persons with whom it interacts (including the right of access, rectification and in certain circumstances, the right to erase data, processing limitations, data portability and the right to object to certain forms of processing) and the SICAV's obligations in this respect.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Any person who designs, markets or organises a notifiable transboundary device, makes it available for implementation or manages its implementation (Article 3, point 21).

<sup>[2]</sup> A characteristic or feature of a cross-border arrangement that indicates a potential risk of tax avoidance, [...] (Article 3, point 20).

## INFORMATION ON THE RISK PROFILE AND THE INTEGRATION OF SUSTAINABILITY RISKS

Investors are advised that the value of their investment can increase or decrease and that they may receive less back than their initial stake. Investors should read the risk factors set out below and the risks relevant to each of the SICAV's sub-funds detailed in the information on the sub-funds and in the "Risk and Return Profile" section of the Key Information Documents.

The risks that may be considered relevant and significant for the various sub-funds of the SICAV are listed and defined below:

Capital risk	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	Risk associated with a high concentration of investments in a given asset class or market. Any change in these markets or asset classes could therefore have a significant impact on the sub-fund's portfolio.
Credit risk	This is the risk that the creditworthiness of a bond or debt security issuer may deteriorate, thereby reducing the value of investments. This risk is linked to an issuer's ability to honour its debts. The value of debt securities in which a sub-fund has invested may be reduced when the rating of an issue or issuer is downgraded. Bonds or debt securities issued by entities with a low credit rating are generally considered to have a higher credit risk and probability of issuer default than issuers with a higher rating. If an issuer of bonds or debt securities experiences financial or economic difficulties, the value of the bonds or debt securities and the payments made on those bonds or debt securities could be adversely affected and could even be reduced to zero.
Exchange risk	If a sub-fund has assets denominated in currencies other than its reference currency, it may be affected by any fluctuations in exchange rates between its reference currency and these other currencies, or by any change in exchange controls. If the currency in which a financial asset is denominated appreciates against the reference currency of the sub-fund, the value of the asset expressed in the reference currency will also appreciate. Conversely, a depreciation in the currency in which a financial asset is expressed will result in a decrease in its value expressed in the reference currency. If the sub-fund carries out currency hedging transactions, no guarantee can be given that they will be fully effective.
Hedging risk	For hedged share categories, the sub-fund will endeavour to hedge the currency risk linked to the fact that the assets are denominated in currencies other than the euro. The currency hedge used may not be fully collateralised and, as a result, the relevant currency risk may not be fully hedged.
Inflation risk	The net asset value of a sub-fund may be strongly influenced by rising or falling interest rates. As the market's expected inflation rate is factored in to the actuarial rate of the bonds, changes in the inflation rate will be reflected in the actuarial rates and thus ultimately in the prices of the bonds.
Liquidity risk	The risk that a position cannot be closed at the right time at a reasonable price. If a market is too narrow, the ability of the sub-fund to buy/sell an investment quickly enough to avoid a loss in the sub-fund or to meet a redemption obligation at any time may be impaired.
Market risk	The risk that a market downturn will affect the value of the sub-fund's assets.

Risks relating to derivative products	A sub-fund may hold derivatives in its portfolio. These assets may be more volatile than the underlying instrument to which they relate, which may result in a decrease in the value of the portfolio.
Sustainability risk	The probability of occurrence of an environmental, social or governance event that could lead to an actual or potential material loss in the value of the sub-fund's assets as a result of that event.

## Synthetic risk indicator (SRI):

As from 1 January 2023, the risk level of a sub-fund will be represented by a synthetic risk indicator that ranks the sub-fund on a numerical scale from 1 (lowest risk level) to 7 (highest risk level). This synthetic indicator is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Delegated Regulation 2017/653 and is available, in its most recent version, in the key information documents. The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this sub-fund compared to other sub-funds. It shows how likely it is that the sub-fund will lose money because of movements in the markets or because it is not able to pay the investor. Historical data such as those used in calculating the synthetic indicator, may not be a reliable indication of the future profile of the sub-fund.

## Information on sustainability risk integration in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (hereinafter "SFDR Regulation 2019/2088"):

Sustainability risk is defined as the probability of occurrence of an environmental, social or governance event that could lead to an actual or potential material loss in value of the SICAV as a result of that event.

Sustainability risks include two main risk factors: physical risk (related to climate change and environmental degradation) and transition risk (related to the process of adapting to a more sustainable economy in environmental, social or governance terms). These risks affect the resilience of institutions in the medium to long term, especially in sectors and markets vulnerable to climate and environmental risks.

Physical and transition risks can also lead to reputational risk as investors associate the company with negative environmental impacts.

The way in which sustainability risks are integrated by the Management Company in the investment decisions is described in the responsible and sustainable investment policy, which can be accessed via the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy).

The results of the Management Company's assessment of the likely impact of sustainability risks on the performance of the SICAV's sub-funds are detailed in the sub-fund information (Sub-fund risk profile) in the prospectus.

## INFORMATION ON EU TAXONOMY AND PRINCIPAL ADVERSE IMPACTS ON SUSTAINABILITY FACTORS

### Information on EU Taxonomy:

With Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to promote sustainable investment (hereinafter the “Taxonomy Regulation”), the European legislator has developed, in order to assess the degree of environmental sustainability of an investment, a taxonomy establishing the criteria for determining whether an economic activity is to be considered environmentally sustainable.

According to the Taxonomy Regulation, an economic activity is considered environmentally sustainable if that economic activity meets the following four conditions:

- 1) it contributes substantially to one or more of the environmental objectives set out in the Taxonomy Regulation (see below);
- 2) it does not cause significant harm to any of these environmental objectives;
- 3) it is carried out in accordance with the minimum safeguards set out in the Taxonomy Regulation; and
- 4) it complies with the technical review criteria established by the European Commission.

The following objectives constitute environmental objectives within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation: (a) mitigation of climate change, (b) adaptation to climate change, (c) sustainable use and protection of aquatic and marine resources, (d) transition to a circular economy, (e) prevention and reduction of pollution and (f) protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

At present, only two of the six environmental objectives defined by the EU taxonomy are currently covered by the regulatory framework of the technical review criteria (i.e. adaptation and mitigation of climate change). Similar criteria for the other four environmental objectives have yet to be developed.

### Information on the consideration of key negative impacts on sustainability factors:

In accordance with SFDR 2019/2088, the fund management company is required to publish in this prospectus, for each sub-fund, an explanation as to whether the sub-fund in question takes into account Principal Adverse Impacts (“PAIs”) on sustainability factors and, if so, how it does so.

Sustainability Factors are defined as environmental, social and labour issues, respect for human rights and the fight against corruption and bribery.

This information is detailed in the part of the prospectus relating to the different sub-funds of the fund (including their appendix). In addition, information on the PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHARES AND TRADING OF THE SHARES

### Type of shares offered and ISIN codes, initial subscription date and price:

This data is given in detail in the information for the sub-funds.

### Distribution of dividends:

A dividend will, in principle, be paid for distribution shares:

- Either at the decision of the Board of Directors during the financial year, in the form of an interim dividend;
- Or at the decision of the Ordinary General Meeting

if the distributable revenues allow it.

Shareholders are advised of payment and the amount of the dividend by a notice published on the websites [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) and [www.beama.be](http://www.beama.be).

### Calculation of the net asset value:

The net asset value is calculated on each working day and is published on the websites [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) and [www.beama.be](http://www.beama.be). This information is also available from the counters of the institutions providing the financial service.

### Subscription of shares, redemption of shares and change of sub-fund:

***For all sub-funds of the SICAV (with the exception of the sub-funds explicitly mentioned below):***

Introduction of subscription, redemption or change of sub-fund applications	Day D = Every business day on which the financial service is open to the public, before 3 p.m.
Asset valuation	D
Calculation of the net asset value and execution date of subscription and redemption applications received on D	D + 1
Payment of subscription and redemption applications	D + 2
Date of the published net asset value	D

***For the DPAM B Balanced Growth sub-fund***

Introduction of subscription, redemption or change of sub-fund applications	Day D = Every Monday on which the financial services department is open to the public, before 3 p.m. Applications made on any other day when the financial service is open to the public will only be accepted on the following Monday before 3:00 p.m. If the financial services department is not open to the public on Monday, the application will be accepted on the next day on which the financial service is open to the public.
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Asset valuation	D
Calculation of the net asset value and execution date of subscription and redemption applications received on D	D + 1
Payment of subscription and redemption applications	D + 2
Date of the published net asset value	D

***For the DPAM B Defensive Strategy, DPAM B Balanced Low Strategy, DPAM B Balanced Strategy and DPAM B Active Strategy sub-funds***

Introduction of subscription, redemption or change of sub-fund applications	Day D = Every day on which the financial services department is open to the public, before midday (12 p.m.)
Asset valuation	D
Calculation of the net asset value and execution date of subscription and redemption applications received on D	D + 2
Payment of subscription and redemption applications	D + 3
Date of the published net asset value	D

***For the DPAM B Equities EMU Index, DPAM B Equities Europe Index and DPAM B Equities US Index sub-funds***

Introduction of subscription, redemption or change of sub-fund applications	Day D = Every business day on which the financial service is open to the public, before 1:30 p.m.
Asset valuation	D
Calculation of the net asset value and execution date of subscription and redemption applications received on D	D + 1
Payment of subscription and redemption applications	D + 2
Date of the published net asset value	D

***For the DPAM B Equities World ex Japan, Europe & USA Index and DPAM B Equities Japan Index sub-funds***

Introduction of subscription, redemption or change of sub-fund applications	Day D =
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	Every business day on which the financial service is open to the public, before 1:30 p.m.
Asset valuation	D + 1
Calculation of the net asset value and execution date of subscription and redemption applications received on D	D + 2
Payment of subscription and redemption applications	D + 3
Date of the published net asset value	D

### ***For the DPAM B Equities DRAGONS Sustainable sub-fund***

Introduction of subscription, redemption or change of sub-fund applications	Day D = Every business day on which the financial service is open to the public, before 3 p.m.
Asset valuation	D + 1 at 7 a.m.
Calculation of the net asset value and execution date of subscription and redemption applications received on D	D + 2
Payment of subscription and redemption applications	D + 3
Date of the published net asset value	D

### ***Information about the sub-fund DPAM B Equities Japan ESG Leaders Index***

Introduction of subscription, redemption or change of sub-fund applications	Day D = Every business day on which the financial service is open to the public, before 3 p.m.
Asset valuation	D + 1
Calculation of the net asset value and execution date of subscription and redemption applications received on D	D + 2
Payment of subscription and redemption applications	D + 3
Date of the published net asset value	D

Applications for the subscription or redemption of shares or for a change of sub-fund will be accepted on any business day on which the financial service is open to the public, except on 24 and 31 December.

Share subscription and redemption or change of sub-fund applications received after 3 p.m., 1.30 p.m. or midday (12 p.m.) depending on the specific sub-fund on a business day will be deemed to have been received by that time on the next business day.

The prices used to value the assets on D or D + 1 must be unknown for at least 80% of the net asset value at the cut-off time for receiving share subscription and redemption or change of sub-fund applications. Otherwise, the prices of the next trading day will be used. In this case, the net asset value calculation and subscription and redemption payment dates will be extended accordingly.

The cut-off time for receiving orders stated here applies only to the institutions providing the financial service. Investors are advised to contact the distributors mentioned in the prospectus to enquire about the order reception cut-off time.

## Restrictions on subscription to and holding of shares:

The SICAV reserves the right, (A) when a potential or existing shareholder fails to provide it with the required information (concerning his tax status, identity or residence) to meet such disclosure or other requirements as might apply to the SICAV by virtue of laws in force, or (B) if it learns that a potential or existing shareholder (i) does not comply with the laws in force or (ii) might cause the SICAV to become non-compliant with its legal obligations (or to find itself subject, in any other way, to a FATCA withholding at source on payments it receives):

- to refuse the subscription to shares of the SICAV by said potential shareholder;
- to require said existing shareholder to sell his shares to a person eligible to subscribe to or to hold these shares; or
- to redeem the shares concerned at their net asset value as determined on the Asset Valuation Date following notification to the shareholder of the forced redemption.

Insofar as necessary, it is stipulated that any reference above to applicable laws or legal obligations includes the laws and obligations deriving from or otherwise imposed by the IGA transposed into Belgian law by the Law of 16 December 2015.

## FEES AND CHARGES

Non-recurring fees and charges borne by the investor (in EUR or as a percentage of the net asset value per share):

	Entry	Exit	Change of sub-fund
<b>Marketing fee</b>			
Classes offered to the public	Max. 2%	-	Any difference between the marketing fee for the sub-funds in question
Classes offered to eligible investors	Max. 1%	-	Any difference between the marketing fee for the sub-funds in question
Class P – P EUR Hedged – Z	0%	-	Any difference between the marketing fee for the sub-funds in question
<b>Administrative expenses</b>	-	-	-
<b>Amount covering the cost of acquiring/realising assets</b>			
<b>Sub-funds</b>			
DPAM B Equities Europe Index	0.25%	0.10%	Sum of the entry and exit fee of the sub-funds concerned
DPAM B Equities EMU Index	0.15%	0.10%	Sum of the entry and exit fee of the sub-funds concerned
DPAM B Equities US Index	0.10%	0.10%	Sum of the entry and exit fee of the sub-funds concerned
DPAM B Equities Japan Index	0.10%	0.10%	Sum of the entry and exit fee of the sub-funds concerned
DPAM B Equities World ex Japan, Europe & USA Index	0.15%	0.15%	Sum of the entry and exit fee of the sub-funds concerned
DPAM B Equities US ESG Leaders Index	0.10%	0.10%	Sum of the entry and exit fee of the sub-funds concerned

	Entry	Exit	Change of sub-fund
DPAM B Equities Japan ESG Leaders Index	0.10%	0.10%	Sum of the entry and exit fee of the sub-funds concerned
All other sub-funds of the SICAV	-	-	Sum of the entry and exit fee of the sub-funds concerned
<b>Amount aimed at discouraging exits in the month following entry</b>	-	-	-
<b>Stock exchange tax (TOB)</b>	-	Capitalisation shares: 1.32% (max. €4,000)	Cap. to Cap./Dis.: 1.32% with a maximum of €4,000
<b>Anti-dilution mechanism</b>	Max. 5% in the event of large net inflows (more than 5% of the total net asset value of the sub-fund)	Max. 5% in the event of large net inflows (more than 5% of the total net asset value of the sub-fund)	-

Recurring fees and charges borne by the sub-fund (in EUR or as a percentage of the net asset value):

## BONDS sub-funds

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
<b>DPAM B Bonds EUR Short Term 1 Y</b>	A-B	Max. 0.20%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-V-W-M-N	Max. 0.10%					
	L	Max. 0.30%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.05%					
<b>DPAM B Bonds EUR</b>	A-B	Max. 0.40%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-V-W-M-N	Max. 0.20%					
	L	Max. 0.60%					
	P	0%					

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
	Z	Max. 0.12%					
	J	Max. 0.10%					
<b>DPAM B Bonds EUR IG</b>	A-B	Max. 0.40%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-V-W-M-N	Max. 0.20%					
	L	Max. 0.60%					
	P	0%					
	Z	Max. 0.12%					
	J	Max. 0.10%					
<b>DPAM B Bonds EUR Corporate Sustainable</b>	A-B	Max. 0.40%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F	Max. 0.20%					
<b>DPAM B Bonds Global Inflation Linked</b>	A-B-A EUR Hedged- B EUR Hedged	Max.0.40%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: - Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-E EUR Hedged-F EUR Hedged-M-N-M EUR Hedged-N EUR Hedged-V-V EUR Hedged-W-W EUR Hedged	Max. 0.20%					
	P-P EUR Hedged	0%					

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
	J-J EUR Hedged	Max. 0.10%					
	B LC	Max. 1.20%					
	F LC	Max. 0.60%					
	L	Max. 0.60%					
<b>DPAM B Bonds EUR Quality Short Term</b>	A-B	Max. 0.30%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-M-N-V-W	Max. 0.15%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.11%					
	B LC	Max. 1.20%					
	F LC	Max. 0.60%					
	L	Max. 0.45%					
	<b>DPAM B Bonds EUR Medium Term</b>	A-B					
E-F-V-W-M-N		Max. 0.15%					
P		0%					
J		Max. 0.075%					
L		Max. 0.45%					

## EQUITIES sub-funds

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
	A-B	Max. 1.60%			Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities</b> <b>Europe</b> <b>Small Caps</b> <b>Sustainable</b>	B LC	Max. 1.20%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20			
	E-F-V-W-M-N	Max. 0.80%					
	F LC	Max. 0.60%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities</b> <b>Euroland</b>	A-B	Max. 1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-F USD Hedged-F CHF Hedged-V- W-M-N	Max. 0.80%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
	<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Real Estate</b> <b>Europe</b> <b>Sustainable</b>	A-B					
B LC		Max. 1.20%					
E-F-V-W-M-N		Max. 0.80%					
F LC		Max. 0.60%					
L		Max. 2.40%					
P		0%					
J		Max. 0.40%					
A-B-B USD	Max. 1.60%			Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%	



Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities</b> <b>World</b> <b>Sustainable</b>	B LC	Max. 1.20%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20			
	E-F-F USD- V-W-W USD-M-N	Max. 0.80%					
	F LC	Max. 0.60%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities</b> <b>Europe</b> <b>Dividend</b>	A-B	Max. 1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-V-W- M-N	Max. 0.80%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities</b> <b>Europe</b> <b>Sustainable</b>	A-B	Max. 1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	B LC	Max. 1.20%					
	E-F-V-W- M-N	Max. 0.80%					
	F LC	Max. 0.60%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
	A-B B USD	Max. 1.60%			Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities</b> <b>NewGems</b> <b>Sustainable</b>	E-F-F USD- V-W-W USD-M-N	Max. 0.80%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20			
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities</b> <b>Sustainable</b> <b>Food Trends</b>	A-B	Max. 1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-V-W- M-N	Max. 0.80%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Real Estate</b> <b>Europe</b> <b>Dividend</b> <b>Sustainable</b>	A-B	Max. 1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-V-W- M-N	Max. 0.80%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities</b> <b>DRAGONS</b> <b>Sustainable</b>	A-B-B USD-B EUR Hedged	Max. 1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	B LC	Max. 1.20%					
	E-F-F USD -F EUR Hedged V- W-W USD- W EUR	Max. 0.80%					

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
	Hedged M-N						
	F LC	Max. 0.60%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities Euroland Sustainable</b>	A-B	Max. 1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	B LC	Max. 1.20%					
	E-F-F CHF Hedged-F USD Hedged-V- W-M-N	Max. 0.80%					
	F LC	Max. 0.60%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
	<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities Europe Index</b>	A-B					
E-F-M-N		Max. 0.25%					
P		0%					
J		Max. 0.125%					
<b>DPAM B</b> <b>Equities EMU Index</b>	A-B	Max. 0.50%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-M-N	Max. 0.25%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.125%					

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
<b>DPAM B Equities US Index</b>	A-B-A USD-B USD	Max. 0.50%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-M-N- M USD-N USD	Max. 0.25%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.125%					
<b>DPAM B Equities Japan Index</b>	A-B-	Max. 0.50%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-M-N	Max. 0.25%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.125%					
<b>DPAM B Equities World Japan, Europe &amp; USA Index</b>	A-B	Max. 0.50%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-M-N	Max. 0.25%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.125%					
<b>DPAM B Equities EMU Behavioral Value</b>	A-B	Max. 1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-V-W- M-N	Max. 0.80%					
	P	0%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
<b>DPAM B Equities US</b>	A-B-A USD-B USD	Max. 1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
<b>Behavioral Value</b>	E-F-E USD- F USD-V- W-M-N-M USD-N USD	Max. 0.80%					
	P	0%					
	L-L USD	Max. 2.40%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
<b>DPAM B Equities US Dividend Sustainable</b>	A-B-A USD-B USD-B EUR Hedged	Max. 1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	B LC	Max. 1.20%					
	E-F-E USD- F USD-V- W-M-N-F EUR Hedged-W EUR Hedged	Max. 0.80%					
	F LC	Max. 0.60%					
	P	0%					
	J	Max. 0.40%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
	<b>DPAM B Real Estate EMU Dividend Sustainable</b>	A-B					
E-F-V-W- M-N		Max. 0.80%					
J		Max. 0.40%					
P		0%					

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
	L	Max. 2.40%					
<b>DPAM B Real Estate EMU Sustainable</b>	A-B	Max.1.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-V-W-M-N	Max. 0.80%					
	J	0.40%					
	P	0%					
	L	Max. 2.40%					
<b>DPAM B Equities US ESG Leaders Index</b>	A-A USD-B-B USD	Max. 0.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-M-M USD-N-N USD	Max. 0.30%					
	J	Max. 0.20%					
	P	0%					
<b>DPAM B Equities Japan ESG Leaders Index</b>	A-B	Max. 0.60%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F- M-N	Max. 0.30%					
	J	Max. 0.15%					
	P	0%					

### BALANCED sub-funds

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
<b>DPAM B Balanced Growth</b>	A-B	Max. 0.25%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	B	Max. 1.00%			Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%

Sub-fund	Class	Portfolio management (i)	Administration (ii)	Financial Service (iii)	Custodian (iv)	Auditor (v)	Other charges (vi)
DPAM B Balanced Flexible	F	Max. 0.15%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20			
	L	Max. 1.50%					
DPAM B Defensive Strategy	A-B	Max. 0.75%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-M-N-V-W	Max. 0.375%					
	L	Max. 1.15%					
DPAM B Balanced Low Strategy	A-B	Max. 0.90%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-M-N-V-W	Max. 0.45%					
	L	Max. 1.35%					
DPAM B Balanced Strategy	A-B	Max. 1.15%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-M-N-V-W	Max. 0.58%					
	L	Max. 1.75%					
DPAM B Active strategy	A-B	Max. 1.20%	0.045% and a supplement of €2,000 per active share class	Bank Degroof Petercam: Max. €20	Max. 0.025%	€3,990	0.075%
	E-F-M-N-V-W	Max. 0.60%					
	L	Max. 1.80%					

- i) Investment portfolio management remuneration, per year, deducted daily except for the DPAM B Balanced Growth sub-fund: per year, deducted whenever the capital is open.

The maximum management fee (weighted average) which may be charged to the sub-fund and to the undertaking for collective investment in which it intends to invest amounts to:

- 0.75% for the DPAM B Defensive Strategy sub-fund
- 0.90% for the DPAM B Balanced Low Strategy sub-fund
- 1.15% for the DPAM B Balanced Strategy sub-fund
- 1.20% for the DPAM B Active Strategy sub-fund

- ii) Remuneration for administration, per year, deducted daily.

- iii) Financial service remuneration, per transaction.

- iv) Custodian's remuneration, per year, excluding sub-custodian fees. These fees are payable quarterly and are calculated on the basis of the average net assets during the quarter.
- v) Remuneration of the auditor of the SICAV, per sub-fund, per year, net of VAT, miscellaneous expenditure and contribution IRE/IBR (annually indexed to the consumer price index)
- vi) Estimated other expenses, per sub-fund, per year, excluding contributions to FSMA running costs (and potentially excluding additional costs that may be borne by the hedged classes for hedging the exchange risk).

**Other charges borne by the sub-fund and identical for all sub-funds:**

Directors' fees: Max. €10,000 per year, per director not tied to the Degroof Petercam group.



## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B BONDS EUR SHORT TERM 1 Y

### **PRESENTATION:**

This sub-fund has obtained an exemption that authorises it to invest up to 100% of its assets in the various issues of transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the European Economic Area which has adopted the euro as its currency and by its regional public bodies.

Name: DPAM B Bonds EUR Short Term 1 Y

Formation date: 22 May 1992

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to offer shareholders **exposure to the bond market**.

The portfolio of the sub-fund consists essentially of instruments issued by Investment grade<sup>8</sup> or Prime<sup>9</sup> issuers, as rated by a ratings agency such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch. These issuers may be public authorities, companies or private issuers.

The portfolio is invested principally in bonds, treasury certificates and other debt securities or equivalent securities denominated in EUR.

The initial or residual maturity of the instruments making up the portfolio shall not exceed twelve months.

This is an actively managed sub-fund.

No benchmarks are used in the management of the sub-fund. Quantitative information from a broader market can be used for risk management and evaluation by the manager.

The sub-fund's shareholders do not benefit from any capital protection or guarantee.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

As a result of an exemption granted by the Autorité des Services et Marchés Financiers, the sub-fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in the various issues of transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the

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<sup>8</sup> Investment Grade: is an interpretation of the rating of the bond issuer in terms of the financial risks. Rating agencies use their own scale to assess the notion of risk. "Investment grade" ratings are between AAA and BBB- in the scales used by Standard & Poor's and Fitch, and between Aaa and Baa3 in Moody's scale.

<sup>9</sup> Prime: is a short-term rating which rates the ability of the issuer to fulfil its commitments at a maximum of one year. "Prime" ratings are situated between A-1+ and A-3 according to the Standard & Poor's scale, between F1+ and F3 according to the Fitch scale and between P-1 and P-3 according to the Moody's scale.

European Economic Area which has adopted the euro as its currency (listed below<sup>10</sup>), and by its regional public bodies. These collective investment undertakings must hold transferable securities and money market instruments belonging to at least six different issues and the transferable securities and money market instruments belonging to any one issue may not exceed 30% of their total assets.

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088, through a rigorous methodology (cf. ESG investment selection methodology) to defend fundamental rights, not to finance controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments and to promote best practices in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### **No sustainable investment objective:**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

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<sup>10</sup> Belgium, Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Spain, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Slovakia, Estonia.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment strategy:**

### **Methodology for selecting ESG investments:**

i) With regard to debt securities other than those issued by governments, their political bodies, institutions or supranational organisations, the sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions to (a) companies which do not comply with the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in extremely serious controversies:

- a) Compliance of the portfolio with the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties.
- b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund excludes companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\)](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf) [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- c) The portfolio's exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

ii) The sub-fund does not invest in debt securities issued by States, their political authorities or institutions from countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet this minimum requirement the Manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

## **Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:**

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy\)](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

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## Further information:

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

## Risk profile of the sub-fund:

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in fixed income securities.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. A review of compliance with Global Standards and a negative screening of the seriousness of controversies is applied. Sustainability risk remains, however, and the impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio of the sub-fund is mainly composed of debt securities issued or guaranteed by European companies, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic performance of Europe.
Liquidity risk	Moderate	Investments mainly in investment grade bonds are considered to be readily marketable. Liquidity may fall during periods of market tension and transaction costs may rise significantly.
Credit risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade bonds with a short remaining term.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Market risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade corporate bonds with short maturities.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Defensive

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital during the year (1 year) of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0058190878	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0058191884	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948511457	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948510442	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6330739341	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246085615	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246088643	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254406406	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299422483	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299424505	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299425510	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

6 August 1992

### Initial subscription price:

Initial value on 06/08/92: €123.98.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Bonds EUR

### **PRESENTATION:**

This sub-fund has obtained an exemption that authorises it to invest up to 100% of its assets in the various issues of transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the European Economic Area which has adopted the euro as its currency and by its regional public bodies.

Name: DPAM B Bonds EUR

Formation date: 18 September 1996

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to offer shareholders **exposure to the bond market.**

The portfolio of the sub-fund consists essentially of short-, medium- and long-term instruments such as bonds and other debt securities or equivalent securities denominated in EUR, at fixed or floating rates, offering periodic or capitalised income and issued or guaranteed by Member States of the European Union.

The portfolio may also comprise government bonds (fixed-rate and variable-rate) issued by government agencies, local authorities, government bonds denominated in a currency other than the country's local currency, and supranational agencies.

There is no rating requirement on the instruments making up the portfolio or their issuers.

The sub-fund's shareholders do not benefit from any capital protection or guarantee.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

As a result of an exemption granted by the Autorité des Services et Marchés Financiers, the sub-fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in the various issues of transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the European Economic Area which has adopted the euro as its currency (listed below<sup>11</sup>), and by its regional public bodies. These collective investment undertakings must hold transferable securities and money market instruments belonging to at least six different issues and the transferable securities and money market instruments belonging to any one issue may not exceed 30% of their total assets.

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

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<sup>11</sup> Belgium, Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Spain, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Slovakia, Estonia

## **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

## **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions as well as inflation-indexed swaps, interest rate swaps, currency swaps and credit default swaps (CDS); the latter can be exercised with regard to a single registered issuer or several issuers, **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

## **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. This promotion consists of:

- i) the exclusion of countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements; and
- ii) a policy for impact bonds (such as green and social bonds).

Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

## **No sustainable investment objective**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment strategy**

*Methodology for selecting ESG investments:*

The sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions: i) exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements and ii) an impact bond policy:

- i) **Exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements:** the sub-fund does not invest in countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet this minimum requirement the manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House (“not free”) and The Economist Intelligence Unit (“authoritarian regime”).

This exclusion and the methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on “International Sanctions”) available at [www.dpamfunds.com](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf) (Controversial Activities Policy)- [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- ii) **Impact bond policy:** the percentage of impact bonds (“Green, Social & Sustainability bonds”) in the portfolio is higher than the benchmark investment universe. More information can be found in the “Green, Social Sustainability Government Bonds Policy” section of DPAM's Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy available at [www.dpamfunds.com](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf)

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy)- [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: JPM EMU Government Bond Total Return.

This index is a bond index representing bonds issued by the governments of European countries where the euro is the official currency. The performance is calculated by reinvesting the coupons paid by the debt securities included in the index.

### ***Index administrator:***

J.P. Morgan Securities PLC is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

### ***Use of the benchmark:***

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the “Investment Strategy” section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.



## **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in fixed income securities.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio of the sub-fund is mainly composed of debt securities issued and/or guaranteed by members of the EU, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic performance of this area.
Credit risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests mainly in government bonds. It cannot be ruled out that part of the portfolio is rated below investment grade.
Risks relating to derivative products	Moderate	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. An exclusion of countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements is applied. Sustainability risk remains, however, and the impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Market risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in government bonds.
Liquidity risk	Low	Investments mainly in investment grade bonds are considered to be readily marketable.

## **Risk profile of the typical investor:**

Defensive

## **Investment horizon:**

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 3 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0943876665	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0943877671	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948509436	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948508420	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948651881	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246045213	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246046229	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254408428	Registered/Dematerialized
Z	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6278083496	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299413391	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299414407	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299415412	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

4 October 1996

### Initial subscription price:

€123.98. On 26/10/2004, capitalisation and distribution shares were divided by four. On 30/12/2004, the sub-fund absorbed the sub-fund Belinvest Bonds as part of the merger by absorption of the SICAV Belinvest SA by DPAM SA.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities Europe Small Caps Sustainable

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities Europe Small Caps Sustainable

Formation date: 26 November 1997

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is investment in shares of European companies with a small market capitalisation (1) at European level, selected on the basis of compliance with environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria, and any securities giving entitlement to the capital of these companies.

The following are considered to be equivalent companies: companies resident in non-European countries that have a significant proportion of their assets, activities and profit or decision-making centres in Europe and which meet the criteria stated above. The investment policy favours the selection of companies based on their specific qualities, with no particular rules as to geographic or sectoral distribution.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

(1) The sub-fund invests mainly in European companies with a small market capitalisation, i.e. companies whose market capitalisation does not exceed the largest stock market capitalisation of the companies making up the MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Return Index at the time of the initial investment.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

The sub-fund may also hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities. The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

## **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

## **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make in part consist of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.). It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies<sup>12</sup>, i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or

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<sup>12</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; provided that such investments comply with the “do no harm” principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### **Investment Strategy:**

#### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** (described below) compliance filter: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

DPAM's controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile** of the companies in the portfolio using ESG scorecards: DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters using ESG risk and opportunities scorecards. These analysis grids help identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **Qualitative ESG approach**: The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

- **Impact research and sustainability issues:** DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:

- An average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- Zero exposure to issuers whose ESG score resulting from the manager's proprietary “scorecard ESG” rating model is below two out of five;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) – [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Return

This index is representative of the small-cap equity market of developed countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) in Europe.

The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

## **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance and to determine the maximum allowable market capitalisation of the underlying securities (see above “Objectives of the sub-fund”). The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark. The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the “Investment Strategy” section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

## **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Liquidity risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in small-cap stocks.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equity securities issued by European companies, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of Europe.
Exchange risk	Moderate	As the sub-fund invests primarily in Europe, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective.  Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## **Risk profile of the typical investor:**

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 6 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0058183808	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0058185829	Registered/Dematerialized
B LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321400077	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948495297	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948494282	Registered/Dematerialized
F LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321401083	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948994430	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246050262	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246055311	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254409434	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299488179	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299489185	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299490191	Registered/Dematerialized

## Initial subscription date:

7 December 1997

## Initial subscription price:

€123.98. On 16.12.01 the shares were divided into three.

The sub-fund has received all the assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities Belgium sub-fund through a merger by absorption that took effect on 26 February 2021.



## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities Euroland

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities Euroland

Formation date: 5 February 1998

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The principal objective of this sub-fund is investment in shares of companies having their registered office in one of the Member States of the European Union which has the euro as its national currency, and any securities giving entitlement to the capital of these companies. The following are considered to be equivalent companies: other companies that have a significant proportion of their assets, activities and profit or decision-making centres in the aforementioned countries.

More specifically, at least two-thirds of the sub-fund's investments are invested in stocks of companies which have their registered office or which carry out their primary economic activity in one of the European Union Member States which use the Euro as their national currency and any securities giving entitlement to the capital of these companies.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

The sub-fund may also hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities. The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

##### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## ***Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:***

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088, through a rigorous methodology (cf. ESG investment selection methodology) to defend fundamental rights, not to finance controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments and to promote best practices in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### ***No sustainable investment objective:***

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### ***Investment strategy:***

#### ***Methodology for selecting ESG investments:***

The sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions to (a) companies that do not comply with the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in controversies of the highest severity:

- a) Compliance of the portfolio with the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions.
- b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund excludes companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf) ([Controversial Activities Policy](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf))  
[https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- c) The portfolio's exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

## ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) – [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

## ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

## **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: MSCI EMU Net Return

This index is representative of the large- and mid-cap equity market of developed countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) in the EMU zone.

The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

## **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

## **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equities issued by companies in the Eurozone, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to economic developments in the Eurozone.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. The sustainability risk remains, however, as the integration of compliance with these rules is strongly advised but not binding for investment decisions, except for the review of compliance with Global Standards and the negative screening of the seriousness of controversies that issuers may face. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Hedging risk (applicable only to “Hedged” share classes)	Low	Between 95% and 105% of the initial currency exposure of the “hedged” share classes is hedged. If the exposure is not fully (100%) hedged, there will be a residual exposure to the currency in which the instrument is denominated rather than to the currency being hedged.
Liquidity risk	Low	Investments made primarily in equity securities that are considered readily marketable.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0058181786	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0058182792	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948485199	Registered/Dematerialized

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948484184	Registered/Dematerialized
F USD HEDGED <sup>13</sup>	Capitalisation	USD	BE6315787208	Registered/Dematerialized
F CHF HEDGED <sup>14</sup>	Capitalisation	CHF	BE6315786192	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948984332	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246056327	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246057333	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254411455	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299439651	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299440667	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299441673	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

19 April 1998

### Initial subscription price:

€123.98. On 16/12/2001, the shares of the sub-fund were divided into two.

<sup>13</sup> Hedged classes

The exchange risk exposure to the reference currency of the sub-fund will be hedged for between 95% and 105% of the part of the net asset value of the hedged class that must be hedged.

- Each class concerned may incur additional costs of 0.01% per month for this exchange risk hedging policy. The interest rate differential between the euro and the currencies hedged will have an influence on the net asset value of the hedged class via the exchange risk hedging transactions.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Real Estate Europe Sustainable

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Real Estate Europe Sustainable

Formation date: 16 December 1999

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to offer shareholders the highest possible long-term return through a balanced management policy, by investing its assets in securities representative of the real estate sector, in its broad sense, in Europe. These securities include but are not limited to shares of REITs, real estate certificates, shares of real estate companies and companies active in real estate promotion and development, shares in real estate debt investment funds etc. These companies are selected on the basis of compliance with environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

More precisely, the sub-fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in securities representative of the real estate sector issued by companies having their registered office or carrying out their primary economic activity in Europe.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts or deposits, as well as units in undertakings for collective investment. The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

#### ***Authorised asset classes:***

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.** Derivatives may be used as long as they confirm the defensive nature of the portfolio.

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make consist, in part, of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as the development of sustainable infrastructure, green buildings, energy efficient buildings or buildings with green certificates, companies that own and/or operate buildings dedicated to retirement homes, medical centres, life sciences and biotechnology research centres, etc.). It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies<sup>14</sup>, i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

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<sup>14</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the “do no harm” principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment Strategy:**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** (described below) compliance filter: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM’s controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\)](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile** of the companies in the portfolio using ESG scorecards: DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters using ESG risk and opportunities scorecards. These analysis grids help identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:



- **Qualitative ESG approach:** The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues:** DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:

- Alignment of the portfolio with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)<sup>15</sup> or equivalent achieving a minimum of 50% exposure by 2026;
- Zero exposure to issuers whose ESG score resulting from the manager's proprietary “scorecard ESG” rating model is below two out of five;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) – [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: GPR Europe UK 25% Capped Net Return

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<sup>15</sup> The Science-Based Targets (SBT) initiative is a partnership between CDP, the UN Global Compact, the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The initiative (1) identifies and promotes best practice emissions reduction and net zero targets in alignment with climate science, (2) provides technical assistance and expert resources to companies that set science-based targets in alignment with the latest climate science, (3) assembles a team of experts to provide companies with independent assessment and validation of targets. More information can be found at <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/about-us>.

This index is representative of listed real estate companies in developed Europe. The GPR Europe UK 25% Capped Net Return is a custom index for DPAM calculated by Global Property Research. In this index, the weight of the United Kingdom is capped at 25%.

The performance is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

**Index administrator:**

Global Property Research is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

**Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the “Investment Strategy” section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

**Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

**Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equity securities issued by European real estate companies, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.
Liquidity risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in equities issued by the real estate sector. Instruments in the real estate sector may have high liquidity risk. This risk mainly arises during periods of market tension
Market risk	High	Investment in securities representative of the real estate market
Exchange risk	Moderate	As the sub-fund invests primarily in Europe, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective.

Type of risk	Level	Description
		Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

## TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0058186835	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0058187841	Registered/Dematerialized
B LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321402099	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948507414	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948506408	Registered/Dematerialized
F LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321403105	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948998472	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246058349	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246059354	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254413477	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299473023	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299474039	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299476059	Registered/Dematerialized

## Initial subscription date:

27 December 1999

## Initial subscription price:

€100

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities World Sustainable

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities World Sustainable

Formation date: 29 October 2001

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to offer investors exposure to equities and/or equity-equivalent securities issued by companies without any geographical restrictions, and to all securities giving entitlement to the capital of these companies, selected on the basis of a strict methodology in terms of respect for environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices. This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests mainly in equities and/or equity-equivalent securities issued by companies, without any geographical restrictions, and in all securities giving entitlement to the capital of these companies.

Stock-picking is based on economic and financial analyses and on a rigorous methodology of exclusions, integration of ESG factors, active shareholding and engagement with companies.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities and in the form of undertakings for collective investment. The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

#### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

**Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

**Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

**Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see The section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make in part consist of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.). It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies,<sup>16</sup> i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

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<sup>16</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the “do no harm” principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment strategy**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** (described below) compliance filter: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM's controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\) - https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Quantitative ESG approach** (best-in-class): DPAM filters the universe by screening based on the quality of the ESG profile of the companies, as assessed by non-financial rating agencies. The bottom decile (25%) of the economic sector ranking is not eligible for investment. Quartiles are formed by ranking companies in descending order of their ESG profile. The top 25% of companies form the first quartile. The bottom 25% of companies form the last quartile.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **Qualitative ESG approach:** The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues:** DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:

- An average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- A better weighted average ESG profile than its benchmark, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) – [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: MSCI AC World Net Return

This index is representative of the large- and mid-cap equity market of 23 developed countries and 26 emerging countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) around the world.

The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

### **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the sustainable investment objective of the sub-fund. Please refer to the section "Investment Strategy" above for an explanation of how the sub-fund's sustainable investment objective is achieved.

## **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests without any geographical restrictions, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Concentration risk	Low	The portfolio of the sub-fund is invested in equity securities without any geographical or sectoral restrictions.
Liquidity risk	Low	Investments primarily in equities are considered to be readily marketable.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## **Risk profile of the typical investor:**

Dynamic

## **Investment horizon:**

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 6 years of the initial investment.



## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0058651630	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0058652646	Registered/Dematerialized
B USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6322802511	Registered/Dematerialized
B LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321381855	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948501359	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948500344	Registered/Dematerialized
F USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6322804533	Registered/Dematerialized
F LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321383877	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948996450	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246064404	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246068447	Registered/Dematerialized
W USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6322805548	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254414483	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299467934	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299468940	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299471977	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

14 December 2001

### Initial subscription price:

€24.79; initial F.N.I.C. value on 25/02/1993. On 16.12.01, all of the assets and liabilities of the SICAV F.N.I.C. were transferred to the sub-fund based on a ratio of one F.N.I.C. share per three DPAM INVEST B Equities World Sustainable shares in each share class.

The sub-fund has received all the assets and liabilities of the DPAM INVEST B Equities World Dividend sub-fund through a merger by absorption that took effect on 26 February 2021.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities Europe Dividend

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities Europe Dividend

Formation date: 5 September 2002

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to offer shareholders **exposure to the equity market**.

The sub-fund's portfolio consists mainly of shares of companies having their registered office in a European country. Included in the category equities of companies that have their registered office in a European country are the equities of other companies that hold a significant proportion of their assets, activities, profit centre or decision-making centre in a European country.

The sub-fund may also invest in any other securities giving entitlement to the capital of the companies referred to above.

At least 50% of the portfolio must consist of equities and other securities mentioned above generating a dividend yield or expected dividend yield higher than the average represented by the MSCI Europe Index.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

The sub-fund's shareholders do not benefit from any capital protection or guarantee.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

## **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

## **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088, through a rigorous methodology (cf. ESG investment selection methodology) to defend fundamental rights, not to finance controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments and to promote best practices in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

## **No sustainable investment objective:**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment strategy:**

### **Methodology for selecting ESG investments:**

The sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions to (a) companies that do not comply with the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in controversies of the highest severity:

- a) Compliance of the portfolio with the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties, at the time the position is purchased.
- b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund excludes companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\)](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)  
[https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- c) The portfolio's exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: MSCI Europe Net Return

This index is representative of the large- and mid-cap equity market of developed countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) in Europe. The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

### ***Index administrator:***

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

### ***Use of the benchmark:***

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

### ***Unpublished change or index:***

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

### **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equity securities issued by European companies, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of Europe.
Exchange risk	Moderate	As the sub-fund invests primarily in Europe, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. The sustainability risk remains, however, as the integration of compliance with these rules is strongly advised but not binding for investment decisions, except for the review of compliance with Global Standards and the negative screening of the seriousness of controversies that issuers may face. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in equities listed in Europe that are considered to be readily marketable.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0057450265	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0057451271	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948487211	Registered/Dematerialized

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948486205	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948988374	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246070468	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246074502	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254416504	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299450765	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299451771	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299452787	Registered/Dematerialized

**Initial subscription date:**

16 September 2002

**Initial subscription price:**

€100

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities Europe Sustainable

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities Europe Sustainable

Formation date: 5 September 2002

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to enable shareholders to benefit from the growth of shares of European companies or other equivalent securities that are selected on the basis of a strict methodology in terms of respect for environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

To achieve its objective, the sub-fund invests in shares of European companies that meet certain environmental, social and governance criteria (ESG). The following are considered to be equivalent: other companies belonging to the aforementioned universe that have a significant proportion of their assets, activities and profit or decision-making centres in Europe. The sub-fund may also invest in any other securities giving entitlement to the capital of the companies referred to above.

The sub-fund may also hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities.

The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

#### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

## **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

## **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see The section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make in part consist of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.). It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies,<sup>17</sup> i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or

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<sup>17</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.



- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the “do no harm” principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## Investment strategy

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** (described below) compliance filter: Companies must comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM’s controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\) - https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.  
  
DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.
- **Quantitative ESG approach (best-in-class)**: DPAM filters the universe by screening based on the quality of the ESG profile of the companies, as assessed by non-financial rating agencies. The bottom decile (25%) of the economic sector ranking is not eligible for investment. Quartiles are formed by ranking companies in descending order of their ESG profile. The top 25% of companies form the first quartile. The bottom 25% of companies form the last quartile.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **Qualitative ESG approach**: The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM’s fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies’ strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

- **Impact research and sustainability issues:** DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:

- An average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- A better weighted average ESG profile than its benchmark, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) – [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: MSCI Europe Net Return

This index is representative of the large- and mid-cap equity market of developed countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) in Europe.

The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

### **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the sustainable investment objective of the sub-fund. Please refer to the section "Investment Strategy" above for an explanation of how the sub-fund's sustainable investment objective is achieved.

## **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equity securities issued by European companies, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of Europe.
Exchange risk	Moderate	As the sub-fund invests primarily in Europe, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Liquidity risk	Low	Investments made primarily in equities that are considered readily marketable.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## **Risk profile of the typical investor:**

Dynamic

## **Investment horizon:**

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0940001713	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0940002729	Registered/Dematerialized
B LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321384883	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948493276	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948492260	Registered/Dematerialized
F LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321385898	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948990396	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246076523	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246078545	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254417510	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299492213	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299493229	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299494235	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

31 December 2002

### Initial subscription price:

€100

On 18 November 2020, the sub-fund received all the assets and liabilities of the DPAM INVEST B Equities Europe sub-fund through a merger by absorption. The merger took effect on 26 November 2020.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities NewGems Sustainable

### PRESENTATION:

Name: DPAM B Equities NewGems Sustainable

Formation date: 22 September 2006

Term: unlimited

### INVESTMENT INFORMATION:

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to offer investors exposure to equities and/or equity-equivalent securities issued by companies without geographical restriction and all securities giving access to the capital of such companies, which are selected on the basis of themes linked to the acronym NEWGEMS (Nanotechnology, Ecology, Well-being, Generation Z, E-society, Manufacturing 4.0, Security) (trends and themes of activities linked to nanotechnology, ecology, wellbeing, generation Z, E-Society, manufacturing 4.0 and security - see investment policy below). These companies are selected on the basis of a strict methodology for compliance with environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests mainly in equities and/or equity-equivalent securities issued by companies "of the future" without geographical restriction, and in all securities giving access to the capital of such companies.

These companies "of the future" are identified by the acronym NEWGEMS (Nanotechnology, Ecology, Well-being, Generation Z, E-society, Manufacturing 4.0, Security) and include trends and themes of activities related to nanotechnology, ecology, well-being, generation Z, E-society, manufacturing 4.0 and security; activities that can be defined as follows (list is not exhaustive):

- **«Nanotechnology»:** Nanotechnology encompasses companies operating at a nano scale level (production of semiconductor chips, smartphones, industrial machines, medical devices, etc. which require complex miniaturisation) and the companies that make these advances possible.
- **«Ecology»:** Ecology includes companies whose activities relate to the environment and environmental protection.
- **«Well-being»:** Well-being includes any company whose activity involves the well-being of humans and animals.
- **«Generation Z»:** Generation Z refers to the generation after the millennials. In this area, the manager will invest in companies that facilitate the lifestyle of this generation (mobility, social media, online activities, etc.).
- **«E-society»:** E-society includes any company that is engaged in e-commerce, digitalisation and cloud computing and/or that offers this type of services.

- **«Manufacturing 4.0»:** Manufacturing 4.0 includes any company related to the new industrial revolution, robotics, automation, big data, the internet of things and artificial intelligence.
- **«Security»:** Security includes any company that relates to cybersecurity and physical security.

Stock-picking is based on economic and financial analyses and on a rigorous methodology of exclusions, integration of ESG factors, active shareholding and engagement with companies.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities and in the form of undertakings for collective investment. The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy

Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section “Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments” below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make in part consist of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.). It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies,<sup>18</sup> i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the “do no harm” principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment Strategy:**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** (described below) compliance filter: The sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments,

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<sup>18</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM's controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile** of the companies in the portfolio using ESG scorecards: DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters using ESG risk and opportunities scorecards. These analysis grids help identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **Qualitative ESG approach**: The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues**: DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

**This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:**

- An average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- Zero exposure to companies in the bottom 20% for more than two of its four main environmental, social or governance risks, specific to the company's activity and geographical area;  
For the thematic strategy, a Scorecard is used to assess the ESG profile, focusing on the four most material ESG risks for the company. The profile of a company will be considered insufficient on environmental, social and governance issues if it scores in the bottom quintile on more than two of the four most material risks identified;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.



Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy)–

[https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: MSCI World Net Return

This index is representative of the large- and mid-cap equity market of 23 developed countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) around the world.

The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

### **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

### **Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

### **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## Risk profile of the sub-fund:

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests without any geographical restrictions, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio is mainly composed of securities from specific themes without any geographical restrictions, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of these sectors.
Liquidity risk	Low	The portfolio is mainly composed of securities from specific themes that are considered to be readily marketable.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 6 years of the initial investment.

## TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0946563377	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0946564383	Registered/Dematerialized
B USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6322806553	Registered/Dematerialized

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948503371	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948502365	Registered/Dematerialized
F USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6322807569	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948982310	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246060360	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246061376	Registered/Dematerialized
W USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6322808575	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254420548	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299426526	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299430569	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299448744	Registered/Dematerialized

**Initial subscription date:**

2 October 2006

**Initial subscription price:**

€100

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities Sustainable Food Trends

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities Sustainable Food Trends

Formation date: 13 December 2007

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to provide investors with exposure to equities and/or equity-equivalent securities issued by companies that are active, directly or indirectly, in the food value chains in the broad sense of the term and in related or analogous sectors.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

This is an actively managed sub-fund.

No benchmarks are used in the management of the sub-fund. Quantitative information from a broader market can be used for risk management and evaluation by the manager.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The investments of this sub-fund mainly consist, without geographical limits, of shares or securities representing the share capital of companies that are active, directly or indirectly, in the agri-food value chains in the broad sense of the term and in related or analogous sectors. These agri-food value chains range from the production of food, including products and services that contribute to the production of food, to the sale of food products to the consumer. Companies whose activities such as storage, transport, packaging, processing etc., add value to food value chains, fall within the scope of the investment universe. Related sectors include, but are not limited to, plantations, storage, transport, packaging or agricultural businesses in general.

Stock-picking is based on economic and financial analyses and on a rigorous methodology of exclusions, integration of ESG factors, active shareholding and engagement with companies.

All other securities giving access to the capital of these companies shall be treated as equivalent to these investments.

The sub-fund invests at least two thirds of its total assets in these investments.

The sub-fund may also hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities.

The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

## **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

## **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX Forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

## **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make in part consist of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 (zero hunger) and 3 (good health and well-being) defined by the United Nations (UN). It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies,<sup>19</sup> i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the “do no harm” principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to SDGs 2 (zero hunger) and 3 (good health and well-being).

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment strategy**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** (described below) compliance filter: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM's controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

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<sup>19</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile** of the companies in the portfolio using ESG scorecards: DPAM supplements the various ESG exclusion filters using ESG risk and opportunities scorecards for each issuer in the portfolio. These analysis grids help identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **Qualitative ESG approach**: The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues**: DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – in proportion to its turnover – to attaining Sustainable Development Goals 2 (zero hunger) and 3 (good health and well-being). The indicators are the percentage of turnover that the company generates from products or services that make a net positive contribution to UN sustainable development goals 2 (zero hunger) or 3 (good health and well-being), i.e. better nutrition based on healthier diets and/or based on sustainable agriculture, and the commitment of issuers to environmental risk assessment and control, including their policies on sustainable land, forestry and agricultural practices. These indicators come from non-financial rating agencies and may change over time depending on the methodologies and standards developed.

**This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:**

- An average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index (DAX Agri<sup>20</sup>), calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- Zero exposure to companies in the bottom 20% for more than two of its four main environmental, social or governance risks, specific to the company's activity and geographical area;  
For the thematic strategy, a Scorecard is used to assess the ESG profile, focusing on the four most material ESG risks for the company. The profile of a company will be considered insufficient on environmental, social and governance issues if it scores in the bottom quintile on more than two of the four most material risks identified;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's ([Controversial Activities Policy](#));
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

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<sup>20</sup> The Dax Agri Index is an index of listed companies active in the agriculture and food value chain. The index includes securities across the entire value chain, with the majority concentrated in the upstream side. By sector, the materials side (fertilizer companies and agrochemical producers) represents around 31% while agricultural equipment companies are weighted at around 20%. Consumer stocks account for around 30%, complemented by companies in the healthcare, consumer discretionary and energy sectors. By country, the United States constitutes the major part (57%), followed by Germany, the United Kingdom, Singapore and Canada, whose combined weight represents around 25%, with the weight of the other countries being less than 5%.

## **Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:**

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

## **Further information:**

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

## **Benchmark:**

No index has been designated as a benchmark. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund's sustainable investment objective is achieved.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests without any geographical restrictions, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio is mainly composed of securities from specific themes without any geographical restrictions, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of these sectors.
Liquidity risk	Low	The portfolio is mainly composed of securities from specific themes that are considered to be readily marketable.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social



Type of risk	Level	Description
		aspects or a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 6 years of the initial investment.

## TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0947763737	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947764743	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948505392	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948504387	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948980298	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246065419	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246067431	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254415498	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299429553	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299432581	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299433597	Registered/Dematerialized

## Initial subscription date:

17 December 2007

## Initial subscription price:

€100

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Bonds EUR IG

### **PRESENTATION:**

This sub-fund has obtained a derogation authorising it to invest up to 100% of its assets in the various issues of transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the European Economic Area that has adopted the euro as its currency and by its local authorities.

Name: DPAM B Bonds EUR IG

Formation date: 10 June 2010

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to offer shareholders **exposure to the bond market**.

The portfolio of the sub-fund consists essentially of short-, medium- and long-term instruments such as bonds and other debt securities or equivalent securities denominated in EUR, at fixed or floating rates, offering periodic or capitalised income and issued or guaranteed by Member States of the European Union.

The portfolio may also comprise government bonds (fixed-rate and variable-rate) issued by government agencies, local authorities, government bonds denominated in a currency other than the country's local currency, and supranational agencies.

The issuers of the instruments in which the portfolio is invested must have a minimum rating corresponding to Investment grade<sup>21</sup> with each rating agency (including Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch) proposing the monitoring of the issuer.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

The sub-fund's shareholders do not benefit from any capital protection or guarantee.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

As a result of an exemption granted by the Autorité des Services et Marchés Financiers, the sub-fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in the various issues of transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State of the European Economic Area which has adopted the euro as its currency (listed below<sup>22</sup>), and by its regional public bodies. These collective investment undertakings must hold transferable securities and money market instruments belonging to at least six different issues and the transferable securities and money market instruments belonging to any one issue may not exceed 30% of their total assets.

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<sup>21</sup> Investment Grade: is an interpretation of the rating of the bond issuer in terms of the financial risks. Rating agencies use their own scale to assess the notion of risk. "Investment grade" ratings are between AAA and BBB- in the scales used by Standard & Poor's and Fitch, and between Aaa and Baa3 in Moody's scale.

<sup>22</sup> Belgium, Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Spain, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Slovakia, Estonia

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions as well as inflation-indexed swaps, interest rate swaps, currency swaps and credit default swaps (CDS); the latter can be exercised with regard to a single registered issuer or several issuers, **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

- i) The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. This promotion consists of the exclusion of countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements.
- ii) a policy for impact bonds (such as green and social bonds).

Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### **No sustainable investment objective**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment strategy**

*Methodology for selecting ESG investments:*

The sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions: i) exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements and ii) an impact bond policy:

- i) **Exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements:** the sub-fund does not invest in countries that are considered "not free" and "authoritarian" according to the International NGO Freedom House and The Economist Intelligence Unit at the time the position is purchased.

This exclusion and the methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "International Sanctions") available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy)- [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

This exclusion applies both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

- ii) **Impact bond policy:** the percentage of impact bonds ("Green, Social & Sustainability bonds") in the portfolio is higher than the benchmark investment universe. More information can be found in the "Green, Social Sustainability Government Bonds Policy" section of DPAM's Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) ([Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy](#)).

## **Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:**

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy)- [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

## **Further information:**

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

## **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: JPM EMU Government Investment Grade Total Return.

This index is a bond index representing bonds issued by the governments of European countries where the euro is the official currency, rated "investment grade" by each of the three major rating agencies (Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch). The performance is calculated by reinvesting the coupons paid by the debt securities included in the index.

## **Index administrator:**

J.P.Morgan Securities PLC is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

## **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in fixed income securities.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio of the sub-fund is mainly composed of debt securities issued and/or guaranteed by members of the EU, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic performance of this area.
Risks relating to derivative products	Moderate	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. An exclusion of countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements is applied. Sustainability risk remains, however, and the impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Credit risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade bonds.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade government bonds that are considered readily marketable.
Market risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in government bonds.

## **Risk profile of the typical investor:**

Defensive

## **Investment horizon:**

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 3 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0935123431	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0935124447	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0935125451	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0935126467	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6330740356	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6246069452	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6246071474	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254412461	Registered/Dematerialized
Z	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6278081474	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299418440	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299419455	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299420461	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

30 June 2010

### Initial subscription price:

€50

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Real Estate Europe Dividend Sustainable

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Real Estate Europe Dividend Sustainable

Formation date: 23 December 2010

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to offer shareholders the highest long-term return through a balanced management policy by investing its assets in securities representing the real estate sector in the broad sense of the term in Europe, mainly with higher distributable income than the average of the investment universe. These securities include, but are not limited to, shares of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), real estate certificates, real estate companies and companies active in the promotion and development of real estate, as well as shares of real estate debt investment companies, etc. These companies are selected on the basis of compliance with environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

50% of the net assets must be composed of securities with a prospective yield over 3 years higher than the average of the investment universe.

The average is defined as the dividend yield of the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Europe index.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts or deposits, as well as units in undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may invest a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

If, following changes in market conditions or owing to specific information about a company, the securities no longer meet the criteria of higher than average yield, the situation will later be rectified in the interests of the shareholders of the sub-fund.

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make consist, in part, of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as the development of sustainable infrastructure, green buildings, energy efficient buildings or buildings with green certificates, companies that own and/or operate buildings dedicated to retirement homes, medical centres, life sciences and biotechnology research centres, etc.). It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.



Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies<sup>23</sup>, i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the “do no harm” principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment Strategy:**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** (described below) compliance filter: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM's controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which

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<sup>23</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile** of the companies in the portfolio using ESG scorecards: DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters using ESG risk and opportunities scorecards. These analysis grids help identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **ESG qualitative approach:** The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues:** DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:

- Alignment of the portfolio with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)<sup>24</sup> or equivalent achieving a minimum of 50% exposure by 2026;
- Zero exposure to issuers whose ESG score resulting from the manager's proprietary "scorecard ESG" rating model is below two out of five;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

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<sup>24</sup> The Science-Based Targets (SBT) initiative is a partnership between CDP, the UN Global Compact, the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The initiative (1) identifies and promotes best practice emissions reduction and net zero targets in alignment with climate science, (2) provides technical assistance and expert resources to companies that set science-based targets in alignment with the latest climate science, (3) assembles a team of experts to provide companies with independent assessment and validation of targets. More information can be found at <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/about-us>.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### ***Warning:***

The investment policy of the sub-fund focuses solely on part of the securities issued by companies of a single economic sector in a specific region, i.e. securities representative of the **real estate sector**, in its broad sense, in **Europe** with a prospective yield over 3 years higher than the average of the investment universe. Consequently, if the net assets of the sub-fund were to exceed a certain amount, shareholders could be adversely affected by additional net subscription flows, resulting in an excessively high net asset value with the following consequences:

- 1) risk of penalising shareholders if, in the event of redemption, the manager is obliged to liquidate part of the portfolio in a less liquid market,
- 2) the manager is no longer able to pursue the management strategy deployed to manage the sub-fund, which could have negative consequences on performance.

Taking the following three points into consideration on the sub-fund's launch date:

- 1) a possible sub-fund investment universe of approximately €60 billion;
- 2) approximately €44 billion freely available on the market;
- 3) a stock market turnover amounting to approximately €115 million per day;

the Board of Directors reserves the right to temporarily stop accepting further subscription applications when the net asset value exceeds €150 million, depending on the market circumstances at that time. The Board of Directors will publish a detailed report after a decision has been made to stop accepting further subscription applications.

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Europe Net Return.

This index is representative of the market for listed real estate companies in developed countries (as defined in the index methodology) in Europe. The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

### ***Index administrator:***

FTSE International Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

### ***Use of the benchmark:***

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

## **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equities issued by European real estate companies, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.
Liquidity risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in equities issued by the real estate sector. Instruments in the real estate sector may have high liquidity risk. This risk mainly arises during periods of market tension
Market risk	High	Investment in securities representative of the real estate market
Exchange risk	Moderate	As the sub-fund invests primarily in Europe, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Credit risk	Low	The sub-fund is primarily an equity sub-fund.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## **Risk profile of the typical investor:**

Dynamic

## **Investment horizon:**

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6213828088	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6213829094	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6213830100	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6213831116	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6330741362	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6275502878	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6275503884	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6254410440	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299481109	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299482115	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299483121	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

28 December 2010

### Initial subscription price:

€100

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities DRAGONS Sustainable

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities DRAGONS Sustainable

Formation date: 27 August 2020

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to offer investors exposure to equities and/or equity-equivalent securities issued by companies whose registered office is located in the Asia-Pacific region or which have a majority of their economic activities in the Asia-Pacific region<sup>25</sup>, and to all securities giving entitlement to the capital of these companies, selected on the basis of their compliance with environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund principally invests in the equities and/or other securities giving access to so-called “companies of the future” located in the Asia-Pacific region.

These “companies of the future” are identified by the acronym DRAGONS (**Disruptive Technology, Rising Middle Class, Ageing & Health, Generation Z, O<sup>2</sup> & Ecology, Nanotechnology, Security**) for:

- Disruptive Technologies (artificial intelligence, robotics, computer-aided design software, etc.),
- Rising Middle Class (luxury, travel, retail chain, etc.),
- Ageing & Health (healthcare, healthy eating, animal health, etc.),
- Generation Z (social media, cell phones, game consoles, etc.),
- O<sup>2</sup> & Ecology (renewable energies, water management, energy efficiency, etc.),
- Nanotechnologies (biotech, advanced materials, semiconductors, etc.),
- Security (physical security, cyber-security, etc.).

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<sup>25</sup> Asia-Pacific or APAC is the part of the world located in or near the Western Pacific Ocean. Asia-Pacific includes East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Oceania.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities and in the form of undertakings for collective investment. The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make in part consist of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.). It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies,<sup>26</sup> i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the “do no harm” principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment Strategy:**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** (described below) compliance filter: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM’s controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

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<sup>26</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.



- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile** of the companies in the portfolio using ESG scorecards: DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters using ESG risk and opportunities scorecards. These analysis grids help identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **ESG qualitative approach**: The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues**: DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:

- An average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- Zero exposure to companies in the bottom 20% for more than two of its four main environmental, social or governance risks, specific to the company's activity and geographical area;
- For the thematic strategy, a Scorecard is used to assess the ESG profile, focusing on the four most material ESG risks for the company. The profile of a company will be considered insufficient on environmental, social and governance issues if it scores in the bottom quintile on more than two of the four most material risks identified;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

**Further information:**

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

**Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific Net Return

This index is representative of the large- and mid-cap equity market of 5 developed countries and 9 emerging countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) in the Asia-Pacific region. The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

**Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

**Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

**Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

**Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests primarily in securities from the Asia-Pacific area, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio is mainly composed of securities Asia-Pacific region and specific thematic sectors, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.

Type of risk	Level	Description
Hedging risk (applicable only to "Hedged" share classes)	Low	Between 95% and 105% of the initial currency exposure of the "hedged" share classes is hedged. If the exposure is not fully (100%) hedged, there will be a residual exposure to the currency in which the instrument is denominated rather than to the currency being hedged. This risk applies only to the hedged share categories of the sub-fund.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in equities from the Asia-Pacific area that are considered to be readily marketable.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 6 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6324060480	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324061496	Registered/Dematerialized
B EUR Hedged <sup>27</sup>	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324062502	Registered/Dematerialized
B USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6324063518	Registered/Dematerialized
B LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324071594	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6324074622	Registered/Dematerialized

<sup>27</sup>\*Hedged classes

The exchange risk exposure to the reference currency of the sub-fund will be hedged for between 95% and 105% of the part of the net asset value of the hedged class that must be hedged.

- Each class concerned may incur additional costs of 0.01% per month for this exchange risk hedging policy. The interest rate differential between the euro and the currencies hedged will have an influence on the net asset value of the hedged class via the exchange risk hedging transactions.

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324075637	Registered/Dematerialized
F EUR Hedged34	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324076643	Registered/Dematerialized
F USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6324099876	Registered/Dematerialized
F LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324100880	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324101896	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6324102902	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324103918	Registered/Dematerialized
W EUR Hedged34	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324104924	Registered/Dematerialized
W USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6324105939	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324106945	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324107950	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6324108966	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324109972	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription period:

From 30 November 2020 to 15 December 2020

### Initial subscription price:

€100.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities Euroland Sustainable

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities Euroland Sustainable

Formation date: 27 August 2020

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to enable shareholders to benefit from the growth of shares of European companies or other equivalent securities having their registered office in one of the Member States of the European Union, which use the euro as their national currency and that are selected on the basis of environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

To achieve this objective, the sub-fund invests mainly in shares of European companies or other equivalent securities, having their registered office in one of the Member States of the European Union, which use the euro as their national currency, and which meet certain environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The following are considered to be equivalent companies: other companies that have a significant proportion of their assets, activities and profit or decision-making centres in the aforementioned countries.

More specifically, at least two-thirds of the sub-fund's investments are invested in stocks of companies which have their registered office or which carry out their primary economic activity in one of the European Union Member States which use the Euro as their national currency and any securities giving entitlement to the capital of these companies.

The sub-fund may also hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities. The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other

transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make in part consist of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.). It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies,<sup>28</sup> i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the “do no harm” principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment Strategy:**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** (described below) compliance filter: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM's controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](https://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which

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<sup>28</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Quantitative ESG approach** (best-in-class): DPAM filters the universe by screening based on the quality of the ESG profile of the companies, as assessed by non-financial rating agencies. The bottom decile (10%) of the economic sector ranking is not eligible for investment.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **Qualitative ESG approach:** The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues:** DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:

- An average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- A better weighted average ESG profile than its benchmark, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: MSCI EMU Net Return

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This index is representative of the large- and mid-cap equity market of developed countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) in the EMU zone.

The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

**Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

**Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

**Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

**Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equity securities issued by companies in the Eurozone, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to economic developments in the Eurozone.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Hedging risk (applicable only to "Hedged" share classes)	Low	Between 95% and 105% of the initial currency exposure of the "hedged" share classes is hedged. If the exposure is not fully (100%) hedged, there will be a residual exposure to the currency in which the instrument is denominated rather than to the currency being hedged.
Liquidity risk	Low	Investments made primarily in equity securities that are considered readily marketable.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or

Type of risk	Level	Description
		a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

## TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6324121126	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324122132	Registered/Dematerialized
B LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324123148	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6324124153	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324125168	Registered/Dematerialized
F LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324126174	Registered/Dematerialized
F USD HEDGED <sup>29</sup>	Capitalisation	USD	BE6324127180	Registered/Dematerialized
F CHF HEDGED <sup>37</sup>	Capitalisation	CHF	BE6324128196	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324129202	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6324130218	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324131224	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324133246	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324135266	Registered/Dematerialized

### <sup>29</sup>\*Hedged classes

The exchange risk exposure to the reference currency of the sub-fund will be hedged for between 95% and 105% of the part of the net asset value of the hedged class that must be hedged.

- Each class concerned may incur additional costs of 0.01% per month for this exchange risk hedging policy. The interest rate differential between the euro and the currencies hedged will have an influence on the net asset value of the hedged class via the exchange risk hedging transactions.

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6324136272	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6324137288	Registered/Dematerialized

**Initial subscription period:**

From 30 November 2020 to 15 December 2020

**Initial subscription price:**

€100

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B BONDS EUR CORPORATE SUSTAINABLE

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Bonds EUR Corporate Sustainable

Formation date: 18 May 2021

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objectives of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to offer shareholders exposure to debt securities denominated in euros with at least an investment grade rating<sup>30</sup>. These securities are selected on the basis of a strict methodology for compliance with environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

The sub-fund's shareholders do not benefit from any capital protection or guarantee.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests mainly in bonds and/or other fixed-rate or floating-rate debt securities (including, but not limited to, perpetual bonds and zero-coupon bonds), denominated in euros, issued by companies and with (or whose issuers have) an investment grade rating<sup>38</sup>.

Stock-picking is based on economic and financial analyses and on a rigorous methodology of exclusions, integration of ESG factors, active shareholding and engagement with companies.

The sub-fund invests a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits or securities and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

#### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the

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<sup>30</sup> Investment Grade: is an interpretation of the rating of the bond issuer in terms of the financial risks. Rating agencies use their own scale to assess the notion of risk. "Investment grade" ratings are between AAA and BBB- in the scales used by Standard & Poor's and Fitch, and between Aaa and Baa3 in Moody's scale.

conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX Forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make in part consist of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation or financial inclusion services, sustainable mobility services, etc.).

It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies,<sup>31</sup> i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

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<sup>31</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

A minimum of 50% of green bonds or recognised equivalents (“use-of-proceeds bonds”) or companies meeting environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the “do no harm” principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment Strategy:**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** (described below) compliance filter: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM’s controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\)](https://www.dpamfunds.com/Controversial_Activities_Policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Quantitative ESG approach** (best-in-class): DPAM filters the universe by screening based on the quality of the ESG profile of the companies, as assessed by non-financial rating agencies. The bottom decile (10%) of the economic sector ranking is not eligible for investment.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **Qualitative ESG approach:** The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues:** DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

**This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:**

- A better weighted average ESG profile than its benchmark, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- For the (corporate) credit segment, greater alignment of the portfolio with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)<sup>32</sup> than the benchmark index;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

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<sup>32</sup> The Science-Based Targets (SBT) initiative is a partnership between CDP, the UN Global Compact, the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The initiative (1) identifies and promotes best practice emissions reduction and net zero targets in alignment with climate science, (2) provides technical assistance and expert resources to companies that set science-based targets in alignment with the latest climate science, (3) assembles a team of experts to provide companies with independent assessment and validation of targets. More information can be found at <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/about-us>.

## **Further information:**

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

## **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: iBoxx Euro Corporate Bond All Maturities index.

This index reflects the market performance of bonds denominated in EUR and issued by companies with an investment grade rating. The performance of the index is calculated by reinvesting gross coupons (Total Return index).

## **Index administrator:**

IHS Markit Benchmark Administration Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

## **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of risks considered and assessed by the sub-fund to be significant and pertinent:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in fixed income securities.
Concentration risk	Moderate	The portfolio is concentrated on euro-denominated corporate bonds.
Liquidity risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade bonds that are considered readily marketable. Liquidity may fall during periods of market tension and transaction costs may rise significantly.
Credit risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade bonds.
Market risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade corporate bonds.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.



Type of risk	Level	Description
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Defensive

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 3 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6328642713	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6328643729	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6328644735	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6328645740	Registered/Dematerialized

## Initial subscription date:

16 August 2021

## Initial subscription price:

€100.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities Europe Index

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities Europe Index

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to provide shareholders with as high a global return as possible, with an accent on investments in European equities.

This is a passively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager aims to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Equities (and other transferable securities equivalent to equities) in European companies, sicafis, warrants, convertible bonds, rights, VVPR strips, and liquid assets.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and **for the purpose of risk hedging**. **Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

#### Benchmark:

MSCI Europe Net Return of MSCI Inc. This benchmark is used in managing the sub-fund.

MSCI Europe Net Return covers approximately 85% of the floating market capitalization of the countries in EUROPE included in the index. Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

The performance of the benchmark index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

##### **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

##### **Index tracking:**

Passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all stocks in the index or a representative sample of these stocks, holding each stock in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index. Each sector is represented in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index.

The tracking error is of the order of 1.3%.

The tracking of the index may be influenced by transaction costs, reinvestment of dividends and general expenses borne by the sub-fund. An ex ante and ex post optimisation and risk control model is used. The aim of optimisation is to contract a portfolio that best tracks the benchmark index while also minimising the ex ante tracking error. The index is rebalanced every six months. The higher the frequency of index rebalancing, the greater the potential impact on trading costs within the sub-fund may be.

The sub-fund sets out to reproduce the composition of an equities index within the meaning of article 63 of the Royal Decree of 12 November 2012 concerning undertakings for collective investment meeting the conditions of Directive 2009/65/EC. If the index does not satisfy the conditions set by the above-mentioned Royal Decree, it will be replaced by a similar index such as the Dow Jones Stoxx600.

**Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

**General strategy for hedging the foreign exchange risk:**

The sub-fund does not intend hedging the foreign exchange risk.

**Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations:**

*General information*

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Transparency of key negative sustainability impacts*

This sub-fund does not take into account principal adverse impacts (PAIs) as it replicates an index whose methodology is determined by MSCI. Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

**Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Sustainability risk	High	The objective of the sub-fund is to track the performance of its index. Sustainability risk is considered substantial, as sustainability aspects are not systematically part of the sub-fund's investment selection process, with the exception of companies exposed to controversial activities such as the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, which are legally

Type of risk	Level	Description
		excluded. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Exchange risk	Moderate	As the sub-fund invests primarily in Europe, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equities issued by European companies, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of Europe.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests mainly in equities companies included in the MSCI Europe index.

By its nature this sub-fund is liable to be exposed to “market timing” practices. The sub-fund does not authorize such practices and the following measures have been taken to counter “market timing” attempts:

- Proper procedures have been introduced to ensure that subscription applications are received before the cut-off time for order acceptance.
- The acceptance cut-off time is several hours ahead of the closing prices used to calculate the applicable net asset value.

### Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

### Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

### TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6289131391	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6278393689	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6289132407	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947566700	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6249809029	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299531606	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299532612	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299533628	Registered/Dematerialized



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### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities Europe Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities Europe Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities US Index

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities US Index

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective is to obtain the highest possible overall return for shareholders, with emphasis on investments in US equities.

This is a passively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager aims to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Equities (and other transferable securities equivalent to equities) in American companies, warrants, convertible bonds, subscription rights and liquid assets.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and **for the purpose of risk hedging**. **Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

#### Benchmark:

MSCI USA Net Return published by MSCI Inc.

This benchmark is used in managing the sub-fund.

MSCI USA Net Return covers approximately 85% of the floating market capitalization of the countries in the USA included in the index. Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

The performance of the benchmark index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

##### **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

##### **Index tracking:**

Passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all stocks in the index or a representative sample of these stocks, holding each stock in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index. Each sector is represented in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index.

The tracking error is of the order of 1.50%.

The tracking of the index may be influenced by transaction costs, reinvestment of dividends and general expenses borne by the sub-fund. An ex ante and ex post optimisation and risk control model is used. The aim of optimisation is to contract a portfolio that best tracks the benchmark index while also minimising the ex ante tracking error.

The index is rebalanced every six months. The higher the frequency of index rebalancing, the greater the potential impact on trading costs within the sub-fund may be.

The sub-fund sets out to reproduce the composition of an equities index within the meaning of article 63 of the Royal Decree of 12 November 2012 concerning undertakings for collective investment meeting the conditions of Directive 2009/65/EC. If the index does not satisfy the conditions set by the above-mentioned Royal Decree, it will be replaced by a similar index such as the S&P 500.

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **General strategy for hedging the foreign exchange risk:**

The sub-fund does not intend hedging the foreign exchange risk.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations:**

#### *General information*

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

#### *Transparency of key negative sustainability impacts*

This sub-fund does not take into account principal adverse impacts (PAIs) as it replicates an index whose methodology is determined by MSCI. Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

### **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of US securities, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.
Exchange risk	High	As the assets are denominated in US dollars, their value fluctuates according to the euro/US dollar exchange rate.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.

Type of risk	Level	Description
Sustainability risk	High	The objective of the sub-fund is to track the performance of its index. Sustainability risk is considered substantial, as sustainability aspects are not systematically part of the sub-fund's investment selection process, with the exception of companies exposed to controversial activities such as the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, which are legally excluded. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests mainly in equities companies included in the MSCI US index.

By its nature this sub-fund is liable to be exposed to “market timing” practices. The sub-fund does not authorize such practices and the following measures have been taken to counter “market timing” attempts:

- Proper procedures have been introduced to ensure that subscription applications are received before the cut-off time for order acceptance.
- The acceptance cut-off time is several hours ahead of the closing prices used to calculate the applicable net asset value.

### Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

### Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 6 years of the initial investment.

### **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6289146548	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6278404791	Registered/Dematerialized
A USD	Distribution	USD	BE6289147553	Registered/Dematerialized
B USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6278409840	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6289150581	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947570744	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6249811041	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299548774	Registered/Dematerialized



Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299549780	Registered/Dematerialized
M USD	Distribution	USD	BE6304437195	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299550796	Registered/Dematerialized
N USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6304438201	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities US Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities US Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities Japan Index

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities Japan Index

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to provide shareholders with as high a global return as possible, with an accent on investments in Japanese equities.

This is a passively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager aims to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Equities (and other transferable securities equivalent to equities) in Japanese companies, warrants, convertible bonds, subscription rights and liquid assets.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and **for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

#### Benchmark:

MSCI Japan Net Return of MSCI Inc. This benchmark is used in managing the sub-fund.

MSCI Japan Net Return covers approximately 85% of the floating market capitalization of the countries in the JAPAN zone included in the index. Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

The performance of the benchmark index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

##### **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

##### **Index tracking:**

Passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all stocks in the index or a representative sample of these stocks, holding each stock in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index. Each sector is represented in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index.

The tracking error is of the order of 2.0%.

The tracking of the index may be influenced by transaction costs, reinvestment of dividends and general expenses borne by the sub-fund. An ex ante and ex post optimisation and risk control model is used. The aim of optimisation is to contract a portfolio that best tracks the benchmark index while also minimising the ex ante tracking error.

The index is rebalanced every six months. The higher the frequency of index rebalancing, the greater the potential impact on trading costs within the sub-fund may be.

The sub-fund sets out to reproduce the composition of an equities index within the meaning of article 63 of the Royal Decree of 12 November 2012 concerning undertakings for collective investment meeting the conditions of Directive 2009/65/EC. If the index does not satisfy the conditions set by the above-mentioned Royal Decree, it will be replaced by a similar index such as the Nikkei 300.

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **General strategy for hedging the foreign exchange risk:**

The sub-fund does not intend hedging the foreign exchange risk.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations:**

#### *General information*

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

#### *Transparency of key negative sustainability impacts*

This sub-fund does not take into account principal adverse impacts (PAIs) as it replicates an index whose methodology is determined by MSCI. Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

### **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of Japanese securities, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.
Exchange risk	High	As the assets are denominated in yen, their value fluctuates according to the euro/yen exchange rate.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.

Type of risk	Level	Description
Sustainability risk	High	The objective of the sub-fund is to track the performance of its index. Sustainability risk is considered substantial, as sustainability aspects are not systematically part of the sub-fund's investment selection process, with the exception of companies exposed to controversial activities such as the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, which are legally excluded. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests mainly in equities companies included in the MSCI Japan index.

By its nature this sub-fund is liable to be exposed to “market timing” practices. The sub-fund does not authorize such practices and the following measures have been taken to counter “market timing” attempts:

- Proper procedures have been introduced to ensure that subscription applications are received before the cut-off time for order acceptance.
- The acceptance cut-off time is several hours ahead of the closing prices used to calculate the applicable net asset value.

### Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

### Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 6 years of the initial investment.

### **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6289154625	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6278394695	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6289157651	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947568722	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6249812056	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299535649	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299536654	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299537660	Registered/Dematerialized



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### Initial subscription day:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities Japan Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B DPAM CAPITAL B Equities Japan Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities EMU Index

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM CAPITAL B Equities EMU Index

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to provide shareholders with as high a global return as possible, with an accent on investments in equities from European Union member countries participating in the European Monetary Union (EMU).

This is a passively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager aims to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Equities (and other transferable securities equivalent to equities) in EMU zone companies, warrants, convertible bonds, subscription rights and liquid assets.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and **for the purpose of risk hedging**. **Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

#### Benchmark:

MSCI EMU Net Return of MSCI Inc. This benchmark is used in managing the sub-fund.

MSCI EMU Net Return covers approximately 85% of the floating market capitalization of the countries in the EMU included in the index. Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

The performance of the benchmark index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

##### **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

##### **Index tracking:**

Passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all stocks in the index or a representative sample of these stocks, holding each stock in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index. Each sector is represented in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index.

The tracking error is of the order of 0.80%.

The tracking of the index may be influenced by transaction costs, reinvestment of dividends and general expenses borne by the sub-fund. An ex ante and ex post optimisation and risk control model is used. The aim of optimisation is to contract a portfolio that best tracks the benchmark index while also minimising the ex ante tracking error.

The index is rebalanced every six months. The higher the frequency of index rebalancing, the greater the potential impact on trading costs within the sub-fund may be.

The sub-fund sets out to reproduce the composition of an equities index within the meaning of article 63 of the Royal Decree of 12 November 2012 concerning undertakings for collective investment meeting the conditions of Directive 2009/65/EC. If the index does not satisfy the conditions set by the above-mentioned Royal Decree, it will be replaced by a similar index such as the Dow Jones EuroStoxx.

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations:**

#### *General information*

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

#### *Transparency of key negative sustainability impacts*

This sub-fund does not take into account principal adverse impacts (PAIs) as it replicates an index whose methodology is determined by MSCI. Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

### **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equities issued by companies in the Eurozone, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to economic developments in the Eurozone.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Sustainability risk	High	The objective of the sub-fund is to track the performance of its index. Sustainability risk is considered substantial, as sustainability aspects are not systematically part of the sub-fund's investment selection process, with the exception of companies exposed to controversial activities such as the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, which are legally

Type of risk	Level	Description
		excluded. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests mainly in equities companies included in the MSCI EMU index.

By its nature this sub-fund is liable to be exposed to “market timing” practices. The sub-fund does not authorize such practices and the following measures have been taken to counter “market timing” attempts:

- Proper procedures have been introduced to ensure that subscription applications are received before the cut-off time for order acceptance.
- The acceptance cut-off time is several hours ahead of the closing prices used to calculate the applicable net asset value.

### Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

### Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

### TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6289162701	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6278392673	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6289163717	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947573771	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6249813062	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299527562	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299528578	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299529584	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities EMU Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.





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### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities EMU Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities World ex Japan, Europe & USA Index

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities World ex Japan, Europe & USA Index

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to provide shareholders with as high a global return as possible, with an accent on investments in equities from Pacific Basin countries (ex-Japan), Canada and Israel.

This is a passively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager aims to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Equities (and other transferable securities equivalent to equities) in companies from the Pacific Basin (ex-Japan), Canada and Israel, warrants, convertible bonds, subscription rights and liquid assets.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and **for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

#### Benchmark:

MSCI World ex JEU Net Return: Composite index based on the MSCI Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore and Israel [Daily Total Return Net] indices published by MSCI Inc. This benchmark is used in managing the sub-fund.

MSCI World ex JEU Net Return covers approximately 85% of the floating market capitalization of the countries in the Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore and Israel zone included in the index.

Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

The performance of the benchmark index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

##### **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **Index tracking:**

Passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all stocks in the index or a representative sample of these stocks, holding each stock in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index. Each sector is represented in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index.

The tracking error is of the order of 1.4%.

The tracking of the index may be influenced by transaction costs, reinvestment of dividends and general expenses borne by the sub-fund. An ex ante and ex post optimisation and risk control model is used. The aim of optimisation is to contract a portfolio that best tracks the benchmark index while also minimising the ex ante tracking error.

The index is rebalanced every six months. The higher the frequency of index rebalancing, the greater the potential impact on trading costs within the sub-fund may be.

The sub-fund sets out to reproduce the composition of an equities index within the meaning of article 63 of the Royal Decree of 12 November 2012 concerning undertakings for collective investment meeting the conditions of Directive 2009/65/EC. If the index does not satisfy the conditions set by the above-mentioned Royal Decree, it will be replaced by a similar composite index including the Dow Jones Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore and Israel.

## **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **General strategy for hedging the foreign exchange risk:**

The sub-fund does not intend hedging the foreign exchange risk.

## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations:**

### *General information*

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### *Transparency of key negative sustainability impacts*

This sub-fund does not take into account principal adverse impacts (PAIs) as it replicates an index whose methodology is determined by MSCI. Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.

Type of risk	Level	Description
Sustainability risk	High	The objective of the sub-fund is to track the performance of its index. Sustainability risk is considered substantial, as sustainability aspects are not systematically part of the sub-fund's investment selection process, with the exception of companies exposed to controversial activities such as the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, which are legally excluded. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Exchange risk	High	As the assets are denominated in various Asia-Pacific currencies, their value fluctuates according to the exchange rate of the euro with these currencies.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Concentration risk	Moderate	The objective of the sub-fund is to track the performance of its index. The index invests in a limited number of countries without much international diversification.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests mainly in equities companies included in the MSCI World ex Japan, Europe & USA index.

By its nature this sub-fund is liable to be exposed to “market timing” practices. The sub-fund does not authorize such practices and the following measures have been taken to counter “market timing” attempts:

- Proper procedures have been introduced to ensure that subscription applications are received before the cut-off time for order acceptance.
- The acceptance cut-off time is several hours ahead of the closing prices used to calculate the applicable net asset value.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment Horizon:

This sub-fund may not be appropriate for investors who intend to withdraw their capital within 7 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6289164723	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6278413883	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6289165738	Registered/Dematerialized

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947574787	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6249814078	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299335586	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299336592	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299342657	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities World ex Japan, Europe & USA Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities World ex Japan, Europe & USA Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities EMU Behavioral Value

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities EMU Behavioral Value

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to provide the shareholders with as high a global return as possible. The sub-fund invests at least 50% in listed equities (without sector limitation) from the European Union member countries participating in the European Monetary Union (EMU). The investment policy is based on the principles of Behavioural Finance, an academic field which analyses financial markets with the aid of psychology.

The sub-fund invests in equities considered undervalued and showing good momentum. The risks are widely spread, among others by a broad sector diversification.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Equities (and other transferable securities equivalent to equities) in EMU zone companies, warrants, subscription rights and liquid assets.

Eighty percent of the sub-fund's gross assets are invested in equities and other equity instruments of companies based in European Union member states that form part of the European Monetary Union (EMU) or carry on the greater part of their activity in such states. The remaining twenty percent may be invested in liquid assets.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and **for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

##### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## ***Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:***

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088, through a rigorous methodology (cf. ESG investment selection methodology) to defend fundamental rights, not to finance controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments and to promote best practices in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### ***No sustainable investment objective:***

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### ***Investment strategy:***

#### ***Methodology for selecting ESG investments:***

The sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions to (a) companies that do not comply with the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in controversies of the highest severity:

- a) Compliance of the portfolio with the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties.
- b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund excludes companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\)](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)  
[https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- c) The portfolio's exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

## ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) – [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

## ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

## **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: **MSCI EMU Net Return**

This index is representative of the large- and mid-cap equity market of developed countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) in the EMU zone.

The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

## **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

## **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.



Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equities issued by companies in the Eurozone, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to economic developments in the Eurozone.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. The sustainability risk remains, however, as the integration of compliance with these rules is strongly advised but not binding for investment decisions, except for the review of compliance with Global Standards and the negative screening of the seriousness of controversies that issuers may face. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund. Issuing companies exposed to controversial activities (such as landmines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium or tobacco manufacturers) are automatically excluded from the investment universe.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in equities listed in the Eurozone that are considered to be readily tradable.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6289166744	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948777207	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6289167759	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948779229	Registered/Dematerialized

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948778213	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6249815083	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6289168765	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6289169771	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299523520	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299524536	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299525541	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities EMU Behavioral Value sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities EMU Behavioral Value sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities US Behavioral Value

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities US Behavioral Value

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to provide the shareholders with as high a global return as possible. The sub-fund invests in American listed equities. The investment policy is based on the principles of Behavioural Finance, an academic field which analyses financial markets with the aid of psychology.

The sub-fund invests in equities considered undervalued and showing good momentum. The risks are widely spread, among others by a broad sector diversification.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Equities (and other transferable securities equivalent to equities) of U.S. companies, warrants, subscription rights and liquid assets.

Eighty percent of the sub-fund's gross assets are invested in equities and other equity instruments of companies based in or carrying on the greater part of their activity in the United States. The remaining twenty percent may be invested in liquid assets.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and **for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

##### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

##### **General strategy for hedging the foreign exchange risk:**

The sub-fund does not intend hedging the foreign exchange risk.

## ***Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:***

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088, through a rigorous methodology (cf. ESG investment selection methodology) to defend fundamental rights, not to finance controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments and to promote best practices in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### ***No sustainable investment objective:***

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### ***Investment strategy:***

#### ***Methodology for selecting ESG investments:***

The sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions to (a) companies that do not comply with the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in controversies of the highest severity:

- a) Compliance of the portfolio with the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions.
- b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund excludes companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\)](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)  
[https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- c) The portfolio's exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

## ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund’s PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) – [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

## ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

## **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: **MSCI USA Net Return**.

This index is representative of the large- and mid-cap equity market of developed countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) in the United States. The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

## **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the “Investment Strategy” section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

## **Unpublished or change of index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of US securities, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.
Exchange risk	High	As the assets are denominated in US dollars, their value fluctuates according to the euro/US dollar exchange rate.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. The sustainability risk remains, however, as the integration of compliance with these rules is strongly advised but not binding for investment decisions, except for the review of compliance with Global Standards and the negative screening of the seriousness of controversies that issuers may face. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund. Issuing companies exposed to controversial activities (such as landmines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium or tobacco manufacturers) are automatically excluded from the investment universe.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in equities listed in the US that are considered to be readily tradable.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 6 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6289193045	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6278396716	Registered/Dematerialized
A USD	Distribution	USD	BE6289194050	Registered/Dematerialized

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
B USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6278399744	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6289197087	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947579836	Registered/Dematerialized
E USD	Distribution	USD	BE6289198093	Registered/Dematerialized
F USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE0947581857	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0945682293	Registered/Dematerialized
L USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE0947583879	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6249816099	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6289203141	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6289204156	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299540698	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299541704	Registered/Dematerialized
M USD	Distribution	USD	BE6304435173	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299542710	Registered/Dematerialized
N USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6304436189	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities US Behavioral Value sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities US Behavioral Value sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Real Estate EMU Dividend Sustainable

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Real Estate EMU Dividend Sustainable

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of this sub-fund is to offer shareholders the highest long-term return by investing its assets in securities representative of the real estate sector in the broad sense in the EMU zone.

The weighted average dividend yield of the sub-fund's assets must exceed the dividend yield of the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Eurozone Capped Net Return Index. These companies are selected on the basis of compliance with environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria. The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Without limitation, the sub-fund invests in securities representing the real estate sector in the broad sense in the EMU zone, notably including securities of REITS (real estate investment trusts), property companies, companies involved in property promotion and development and companies investing in real estate receivables.

These companies must be domiciled or incorporated in the EMU zone or be listed on an organised market of the EMU zone. A significant portion of their assets or activities, or their profit centres or decision-making centres must be located in the EMU zone. Cash and cash equivalents may represent up to 25% of net assets.

The EMU zone comprises all countries that have adopted the euro as their national currency.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

##### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.



## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – Sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make consist, in part, of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as the development of sustainable infrastructure, green buildings, energy efficient buildings or buildings with green certificates, companies that own and/or operate buildings dedicated to retirement homes, medical centres, life sciences and biotechnology research centres, etc.).

It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies,<sup>33</sup> i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the "do no harm" principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of "do no significant harm" to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

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<sup>33</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment Strategy:**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** compliance filter described below: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM’s controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy).
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile** of the companies in the portfolio using ESG scorecards: DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters using ESG risk and opportunities scorecards. These analysis grids help identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **ESG qualitative approach**: The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM’s fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies’ strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues**: DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:

- Alignment of the portfolio with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)<sup>34</sup> or equivalent achieving a minimum of 50% exposure by 2026;
- Zero exposure to issuers whose ESG score resulting from the manager's proprietary "scorecard ESG" rating model is below two out of five;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Eurozone Capped Net Return index.

This index is representative of the market for listed real estate companies in developed countries (as defined in the index methodology) in the EMU zone. The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

### ***Index administrator:***

FTSE International Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

### ***Use of the benchmark:***

The benchmark is used to compare performance and to select a large part of the portfolio.

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<sup>34</sup> The Science-Based Targets (SBT) initiative is a partnership between CDP, the UN Global Compact, the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The initiative (1) identifies and promotes best practice emissions reduction and net zero targets in alignment with climate science, (2) provides technical assistance and expert resources to companies that set science-based targets in alignment with the latest climate science, (3) assembles a team of experts to provide companies with independent assessment and validation of targets. More information can be found at <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/about-us>.

The risk and return profile of the sub-fund may be aligned with that of the benchmark as the sub-fund invests mainly in the same securities as the benchmark. This may result in a tracking error of less than 3%.

The tracking error is the annualised volatility of the differences between the returns of the reference unit and the benchmark (or the reference index).

This indicator measures (ex post) the extent to which the performance of the reference unit can deviate from that of its benchmark (or the reference index).

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

### **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

### **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equity securities issued by real estate companies in the Eurozone, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.
Liquidity risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in equities issued by the real estate sector. Instruments in the real estate sector may have high liquidity risk. This risk mainly arises during periods of market tension
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

### **Risk profile of the typical investor:**

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6289205161	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0942186256	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE0947578820	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947577814	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335364038	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6299566958	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299567964	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299346690	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299347706	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299348712	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6304439217	Registered/Dematerialized

## Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Real Estate EMU Dividend Sustainable sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

## Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B Real Estate EMU Dividend Sustainable sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Bonds EUR Medium Term

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Bonds EUR Medium Term

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective is to obtain the highest overall return possible for its shareholders by investing mainly in bonds (with limitation as to sector) denominated in one or more European currencies and issued or guaranteed by investment grade entities.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Bonds and other debt securities in European currencies and liquid assets.

While the composition of the portfolio must comply with general rules and limits prescribed by law or the articles of association, the fact remains that a concentration of risk may occur in asset classes or in more restricted economic or geographic sectors.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions as well as inflation-indexed swaps, interest rate swaps, currency swaps and credit default swaps (CDS); the latter can be exercised with regard to a single registered issuer or several issuers, both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and **for the purpose of risk hedging**. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

##### **Characteristics of the bonds:**

Government, quasi-government and supranational bonds and covered bonds. These are "Investment Grade" bonds, i.e. their rating is between and including AAA and BBB-.

Duration of the bonds: on average between 3 and 8 years.

## **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. This promotion consists of:

- i) a rigorous methodology that seeks to defend fundamental rights, not to finance controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments and to promote best practices in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters;
- ii) the exclusion of countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements; and
- iii) a policy for impact bonds (such as green and social bonds).

Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

## **No sustainable investment objective**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment strategy**

*Methodology for selecting ESG investments:*

### **For investments in corporate bonds:**

The binding investment restrictions applicable to corporate bonds apply to (a) companies involved in controversial activities, (b) companies that do not comply with the Global Standards described below, and (c) companies involved in extremely serious controversies:

- a) Compliance with the principles of the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest, either directly or indirectly through its investments in UCIs managed by DPAM, in companies which do not meet the Global Standards described below: The sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties.
- b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund legally excludes, directly or indirectly via its investments in UCIs managed by DPAM, companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy)- [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- c) The exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

The exclusion of securities on the basis of the binding criteria of the investment strategy are those which apply to the direct lines. These are therefore the rules that apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

#### ***For investments in sovereign bonds:***

The sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions: i) exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements and ii) an impact bond policy:

- i) **Exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements**: the sub-fund does not invest in countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet this minimum requirement the Manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

This exclusion and the methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "International Sanctions") available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy)- [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

This exclusion applies both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

- ii) **Impact bond policy**: the percentage of impact bonds ("Green, Social & Sustainability bonds") in the portfolio is higher than the benchmark investment universe. More information can be found in the "Green, Social Sustainability Government Bonds Policy" section of DPAM's Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy).

#### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

#### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).



The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

## Benchmark:

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: **JPM EMU Government Investment Grade 1-10 years**.

This index is a bond index representing bonds issued by the governments of European countries where the euro is the official currency, rated "investment grade" by each of the three major rating agencies (Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch). The performance is calculated by reinvesting the coupons paid by the debt securities included in the index. The index contains bonds with a residual maturity between a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 10 years.

## Index administrator:

J.P. Morgan Securities PLC is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## Use of the benchmark:

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

## Unpublished change or index:

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## Risk profile of the sub-fund:

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in fixed income securities.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio of the sub-fund is mainly composed of debt securities issued or guaranteed by European States, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic performance of Europe.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. An exclusion of countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements is applied. Sustainability risk remains, however, and the impact of

Type of risk	Level	Description
		adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade bonds that are considered readily marketable.
Market risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in government bonds.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Credit risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade bonds.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Defensive

## Investment Horizon:

This sub-fund may not be appropriate for investors who intend to withdraw their capital within 2 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6261452054	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0944432401	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6289206177	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947567716	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335359954	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6289207183	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6289208199	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6289209205	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299509388	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299510394	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299511400	Registered/Dematerialized



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### Initial subscription date:

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### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B Bonds EUR Medium Term sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities US Dividend Sustainable

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities US Dividend Sustainable

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to provide the shareholders with as high a global return as possible. The sub-fund invests in American listed equities as well as any security giving entitlement to the capital of these companies, selected on the basis of compliance with environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

The risks are widely spread, among others by a broad sector diversification. The allocation of the portfolio will change depending on the assessment of the macroeconomic outlook and the situation on the financial markets. The sub-fund can for example prefer or avoid certain sectors or investment styles based among others on the economic outlook.

At least 50% of the portfolio must be composed of equities and other securities referred to above generating a higher actual or expected dividend yield than the market average.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Equities (and other transferable securities equivalent to equities) of U.S. companies, warrants, subscription rights and liquid assets.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and **for the purpose of risk hedging**. **Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

##### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – Sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make in part consist of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.). It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies,<sup>35</sup> i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the "do no harm" principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

To ensure compliance with the principle of "do no significant harm" to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

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<sup>35</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment Strategy:**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** compliance filter described below: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM’s controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\) - https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- **Quantitative ESG approach** (best-in-class): DPAM filters the universe by screening based on the quality of the ESG profile of the companies, as assessed by non-financial rating agencies. The bottom decile (25%) of the economic sector ranking is not eligible for investment.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **Qualitative ESG approach**: The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM’s fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies’ strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues**: DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:

- An average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index, calculated over a rolling three-year period;
- A better weighted average ESG profile than its benchmark, calculated over a rolling three-year period;

- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: **MSCI USA Net Return**.

This index is representative of the large- and mid-cap equity market of developed countries (as defined by MSCI and mainly based on the country of incorporation and the country of primary listing of its securities) in the United States. The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

### ***Index administrator:***

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

### ***Use of the benchmark:***

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

### ***Unpublished change or index:***

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## Risk profile of the sub-fund:

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of North American securities, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.
Exchange risk	High	As the assets are denominated in US dollars, their value fluctuates according to the euro/US dollar exchange rate.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in equities listed in the US that are considered to be readily tradable.
Hedging risk (applicable only to "Hedged" share classes)	Low	Between 95% and 105% of the initial currency exposure of the "hedged" share classes is covered. If the exposure is not fully (100%) hedged, there will be a residual exposure to the currency in which the instrument is denominated rather than to the currency being hedged.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 6 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6289210211	Registered/Dematerialized



Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947853660	Registered/Dematerialized
B LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321404111	Registered/Dematerialized
A USD	Distribution	USD	BE6289211227	Registered/Dematerialized
B USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE0947865789	Registered/Dematerialized
B EUR Hedged*	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6328637663	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6289214254	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0947854676	Registered/Dematerialized
F LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321405126	Registered/Dematerialized
E USD	Distribution	USD	BE6289215269	Registered/Dematerialized
F USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE0947866795	Registered/Dematerialized
F EUR Hedged*	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6328638679	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335363022	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6289222331	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6289226373	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6289227389	Registered/Dematerialized
W EUR Hedged*	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6328639685	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299544732	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299545747	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299546752	Registered/Dematerialized

*\*\*Hedged\*\* classes*

- The exchange risk exposure to the reference currency of the sub-fund will be hedged for between 95% and 105% of the part of the net asset value of the hedged class that must be hedged.
- Each class concerned may incur additional costs of 0.01% per month for this exchange risk hedging policy. The interest rate differential between the euro and the currencies hedged will have an influence on the net asset value of the hedged class via the exchange risk hedging transactions.



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### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B US Dividend Sustainable sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B US Dividend Sustainable sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Real Estate EMU Sustainable

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Real Estate EMU Sustainable

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective is to provide its shareholders with the highest possible overall return over the long term, with a focus on representative investments in the real estate sector in the euro zone. The sub-fund will not invest more than 40% of its assets in receivables of any kind. The companies in which the sub-fund invests are selected on the basis of compliance with environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The sub-fund uses a rigorous ESG methodology and strict exclusions in order not to undermine other environmental and social objectives and to ensure the required good governance practices.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Shares of property companies (including real estate investment trusts and regulated property companies and investment companies that invest in real estate, as well as companies active in promoting and developing property), convertible bonds or bonds with warrants issued by property companies, land and property certificates and any analogous securities). Investments representative of the real estate sector in Belgium may form the majority of investments. Cash and cash equivalents may represent up to 25% of net assets.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

Futures contracts on European stock market indices of property companies (euro zone) in order to achieve the investment objectives. These contracts (such as the **FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Eurozone Capped Net Return**) are intended to supplement equity positions and to enable full investment without disrupting the structure of the portfolio when issuing and redeeming units. This does not lead to significant changes in the risk profile.

While the composition of the portfolio must comply with general rules and limits prescribed by law or the articles of association, the fact remains that a concentration of risk may occur in asset classes or in more restricted economic or geographic sectors.

## **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – Sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes and must contain a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

The sub-fund invests (in part) in sustainable investments with an environmental objective in alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. A sustainable investment is considered to have an environmental objective aligned with the Taxonomy Regulation if the issuer's eligible activities reach a 10% threshold of alignment with the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation of the sub-fund has been set at 0%. The available relevant data on the market is partial and inconsistent. Consequently, DPAM has not quantified its exposure to the EU Taxonomy at this stage and has left the percentage of investments aligned within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation at 0%. DPAM nevertheless undertakes to produce figures on its exposure to the EU Taxonomy as soon as reasonably possible, always in a prudent and diligent manner.

The promotion of environmental and social aspects aims, through a rigorous methodology (see the section "Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments" below) to uphold fundamental rights, not fund controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments, and promote best practice and best efforts on ESG issues.

The sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to make consist, in part, of investments in companies that contribute through their products and services to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) (such as the development of sustainable infrastructure, green buildings, energy efficient buildings or buildings with green certificates, companies that own and/or operate buildings dedicated to retirement homes, medical centres, life sciences and biotechnology research centres, etc.).

It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

Therefore, the sustainable portion of the portfolio focuses on net positive companies,<sup>36</sup> i.e. (1) those whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) those that are the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs. Investments in companies are considered to contribute to the achievement of environmental or social SDGs if these companies:

- are aligned with one of the first two objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- have a net positive contribution to the environmental SDGs; or
- have a net positive contribution to the social SDGs; or

provided that such investments comply with the "do no harm" principle and that the companies apply good governance practices.

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<sup>36</sup> The net contribution is the difference between the positive and negative contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDG framework, the impact contribution takes into account both (1) the extent to which the products and services of the invested company contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

To ensure compliance with the principle of “do no significant harm” to an environmental and/or social investment objective and to enhance the contribution to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, the sub-fund also has, at the level of the entire portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution to all SDGs.

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the underlying investments of the sub-fund that consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy).

The underlying investments of the remainder of this sub-fund do not consider the European Union’s criteria regarding environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment Strategy:**

### *Methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments:*

The criteria which the companies must meet in order to be included in the investment universe are determined through independent external research and/or internal research at DPAM. These selection criteria are as follows:

- **Global Standards** compliance filter described below: Companies must comply with the founding principles of the Global Compact (human rights, labour law, protection of the environment, fight against corruption) and the UN Guiding Principles, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **controversial activities**: The policy of excluding controversial activities defined by DPAM covers several sectors and economic activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable. For each of these sectors and economic activities, the exclusion policy for controversial activities defines the exclusion criteria and thresholds. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities and meeting the exclusion criteria set out in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio. DPAM’s controversial activities policy is available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\) - https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)
- Exclusion filter for companies involved in **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies should not be involved in extremely serious ESG controversies, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

- Analysis and rating of the ESG profile of the companies in the portfolio using ESG scorecards: DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters using ESG risk and opportunities scorecards. These analysis grids help identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

To achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the sub-fund intends to hold, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

- **Qualitative ESG approach:** The quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analyses based on DPAM’s fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies’ strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.
- **Impact research and sustainability issues:** DPAM ensures that the products and/or services of the company contribute – as a proportion of its revenue – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations (UN) such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services, etc.

This methodology for selecting ESG and sustainable investments has:

- Alignment of the portfolio with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)<sup>37</sup> or equivalent achieving a minimum of 50% exposure by 2026;
- Zero exposure to issuers whose ESG score resulting from the manager's proprietary "scorecard ESG" rating model is below two out of five;
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity on environmental or social issues;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy;
- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the Global Standards described above;
- A minimum of 50% of companies meet the environmental or social SDGs.

Different regions and asset classes present different challenges in terms of the quality and coverage of the data that need to be taken into account, especially in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that some data sets are based on modelled data rather than reported data. The indicators used, like any other quantitative or qualitative model, are inherent to model risk and may fail to capture anticipated changes in the sustainability risk profile of issuers.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: **FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Eurozone Capped Net Return**.

This index is representative of the market for listed real estate companies in developed countries (as defined in the index methodology) in the EMU zone. The performance of this index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

### ***Index administrator:***

FTSE International Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

### ***Use of the benchmark:***

The benchmark is used to compare performance and to select a large part of the portfolio.

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<sup>37</sup> The Science-Based Targets (SBT) initiative is a partnership between CDP, the UN Global Compact, the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The initiative (1) identifies and promotes best practice emissions reduction and net zero targets in alignment with climate science, (2) provides technical assistance and expert resources to companies that set science-based targets in alignment with the latest climate science, (3) assembles a team of experts to provide companies with independent assessment and validation of targets. More information can be found at <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/about-us>.

The risk and return profile of the sub-fund may be aligned with that of the benchmark as the sub-fund invests mainly in the same securities as the benchmark. This may result in a tracking error of less than 3%.

The tracking error is the annualised volatility of the differences between the returns of the reference unit and the benchmark (or the reference index).

This indicator measures (ex post) the extent to which the performance of the reference unit can deviate from that of its benchmark (or the reference index).

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

### **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

### **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of equity securities issued by real estate companies in the Eurozone, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.
Liquidity risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in equities issued by the real estate sector. Instruments in the real estate sector may have high liquidity risk. This risk mainly arises during periods of market tension
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Low	Sustainability considerations are an inherent part of the sub-fund's investment process, with the sub-fund emphasising either environmental and/or social aspects or a sustainable objective. Potential sustainability risks are therefore mitigated by the sustainability screening and exclusion filters that are applied to the investment universe of the sub-fund.

### **Risk profile of the typical investor:**

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6289023283	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6271654228	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6289024299	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6271655233	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335365043	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6289025304	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6289026310	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6289027326	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299324473	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299320430	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299325488	Registered/Dematerialized

## Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Real Estate EMU Sustainable sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

## Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B Real Estate EMU Sustainable sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.



## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities US ESG Leaders Index

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities US ESG Leaders Index

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective is to obtain the highest possible overall return for shareholders, with emphasis on investments in US equities.

The sub-fund is a tracker fund implementing a passive investment management strategy whose objective is to replicate physically and not synthetically the “Net Dividends Reinvested” performance of the MSCI USA ESG LEADERS Index in Euros.

This is a passively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager aims to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Equities (and other analogous transferable securities) of companies, warrants, convertible bonds, subscription rights and cash and cash equivalents.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also make use, subject to the legal regulations in force, of derivative products such as, for example, futures contracts on US stock market indices in order to achieve the investment objectives. These contracts are intended to supplement equity positions and enable the sub-fund to be fully invested without disrupting the structure of the portfolio when issuing and redeeming units. **Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

#### Benchmark:

MSCI USA ESG Leaders index. This benchmark is used in managing the sub-fund.

More information about the index, its composition, calculation and the rules governing its periodic review and rebalancing, as well as the general methodology of the MSCI Indices, is available at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

The performance of the benchmark index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

##### **Index administrator:**

MSCI Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **General description of the index:**

The MSCI USA ESG Leaders index is constructed by applying a combination of values based exclusions and a Best-in-Class selection process to companies in the MSCI USA parent index. The exclusion process focuses on companies directly involved in controversial and nuclear weapons systems, or companies where the majority of turnover (>15%) is derived from activities such as firearms, tobacco, alcohol, gambling, nuclear power generation, fossil fuel extraction and coal-fired power generation. The MSCI Best-in-Class selection process is applied to the remaining eligible securities in the selection universe.

MSCI is in charge of the ESG selection on the basis of ESG analysis, ratings, scores and exposure as provided by MSCI ESG Research.

The MSCI USA ESG Leaders index targets sector weights consistent with those of the parent index (MSCI USA) to limit the systematic risk introduced by the ESG selection process. The methodology aims to include the securities of companies with the highest ESG ratings making up 50% of the market capitalisation of the parent index. Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

The weight of stocks included in the index will depend on their market capitalisation adjusted for free float. The ESG indices are reviewed every year in May. The eligible investment universe is updated at the time of this review. The ESG indices are also reviewed in August, September and February. They may also be rebalanced at other times to reflect operations such as mergers and acquisitions.

The benchmark index is calculated in EURO on the basis of the daily closing prices. The index is a total net return index. A total net return index calculates the performance of the components of the Index on the basis that all dividends and distributions are reinvested after deduction of any applicable taxes.

The MSCI USA ESG Leaders index fact sheet and explanatory note on the methodology are available at the following links: <https://www.msci.com/www/fact-sheet/msci-usa-esg-index/07365669> <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology>

## **Index tracking:**

Passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all stocks in the index or a representative sample of these stocks, holding each stock in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index. Each sector is represented in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index.

The tracking error relative to the benchmark is around 1.50%.

The tracking of the index may be influenced by transaction costs, reinvestment of dividends and general expenses borne by the sub-fund. An ex ante and ex post optimisation and risk control model is used. The aim of optimisation is to contract a portfolio that best tracks the benchmark index while also minimising the ex ante tracking error.

The sub-fund sets out to reproduce the composition of an equities index within the meaning of article 63 of the Royal Decree of 12 November 2012 concerning undertakings for collective investment meeting the conditions of Directive 2009/65/EC. If the index no longer meets the conditions set by the abovementioned Royal Decree, it shall be replaced by a similar index such as the STOXX USA 500 ESG-X or FTSE4GOOD US Select.

## **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund does not intend to lend financial instruments.

## **General strategy for hedging the foreign exchange risk:**

The sub-fund does not intend hedging the foreign exchange risk.

## **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088, through a rigorous methodology (cf. ESG investment selection methodology) to defend fundamental rights, not to finance controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments and to promote best practices in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 90% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The objective of the sub-fund is to replicate the performance of the MSCI USA ESG LEADERS index. This benchmark has an ESG selection process and is therefore consistent with the environmental and social aspects promoted by the sub-fund:

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### **No sustainable investment objective:**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### **Investment strategy:**

#### **Methodology for selecting ESG investments:**

The objective of the sub-fund is to replicate the performance of the MSCI USA ESG LEADERS index.

The replicated Index is constructed in particular by applying a combination of securities-based exclusions and a Best-in-Class selection process to companies in the MSCI USA Parent Index:

- a) The **exclusion process** focuses on:
  - b) Companies that do not have an MSCI ESG rating of 'BB' or above. Companies must maintain an MSCI ESG rating of 'BB' or above to remain in the index.
  - c) Companies that are not in compliance with Global Standards and prevention of corruption
  - d) Companies involved in economic sectors and activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable (e.g. alcohol, gambling, nuclear energy production, tobacco etc.).
  - e) Companies involved in severe ESG controversies: securities must have a score (according to the MSCI ESG Research methodology) of at least 3 to be eligible for inclusion.
  - f) The MSCI **Best-in-Class selection process** is applied to the remaining eligible securities in the selection universe:

The Index targets sector weights consistent with those of the Parent Index to limit the systematic risk introduced by the ESG selection process. The methodology aims to include the securities of companies with the highest ESG ratings making up 50% of the market capitalisation of the Parent Index.

Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com). The weight of stocks included in the index will depend on their market capitalisation adjusted for free float.

In addition to the investment restrictions related to Index replication, the sub-fund has adopted the following constraint:

- Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund excludes companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or

distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

These exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under the criteria defined above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

### **Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:**

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### **Further information:**

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

### **Risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of US securities, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.
Exchange risk	High	As the assets are denominated in US dollars or other currencies, their value varies according to exchange rates against the euro.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	The investment universe of the sub-fund is limited to the investments of its index. The index takes into account sustainability aspects by establishing exclusion lists and

Type of risk	Level	Description
		applying the best-in-class selection process to the benchmark. This method allows for the inclusion of companies with the highest sustainability scores, which represent 50% of the market capitalisation of the benchmark. The sustainability risk remains, however, as the objective of the sub-fund is to track the performance of its index. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund. Investments in companies whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded from the sub-fund.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in companies included in the MSCI US ESG Leaders index.

By its nature this sub-fund is liable to be exposed to “market timing” practices. The sub-fund does not authorize such practices and the following measures have been taken to counter “market timing” attempts:

- Proper procedures have been introduced to ensure that subscription applications are received before the cut-off time for order acceptance.
- The acceptance cut-off time is several hours ahead of the closing prices used to calculate the applicable net asset value.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 6 years of the initial investment.

## TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6317165403	Registered/Dematerialized
A USD	Distribution	USD	BE6317466504	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6317166419	Registered/Dematerialized
B USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6317167425	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6317168431	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6317169447	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6317170452	Registered/Dematerialized

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6317171468	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6317172474	Registered/Dematerialized
M USD	Distribution	USD	BE6317467510	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6317173480	Registered/Dematerialized
N USD	Capitalisation	USD	BE6317174496	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities US ESG Leaders Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM CAPITAL B Equities US ESG Leaders Index sub-fund of the DPAM CAPITAL B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Balanced Growth

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Balanced Growth

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to offer investors, by means of a balanced managed portfolio, a long-term capital gain by investing in equity securities and/or debt securities of issuers throughout the world. No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

This is an actively managed sub-fund. No benchmarks are used in the management of the sub-fund. Quantitative information from a broader market can be used for risk management and evaluation by the manager.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests mainly, without sector or geographical restriction, but mainly in Europe in (i) shares and/or other securities giving access to capital of companies and (ii) in fixed or floating rate short, medium and long-term bonds and/or debt securities.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts or deposits, and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

#### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

#### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX Forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

#### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

#### **Environmental, Social and Governance themes:**

##### *General information*

The sub-fund will invest in instruments issued by public authorities, companies or private issuers.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### *Transparency of key negative sustainability impacts*

This sub-fund takes into account the principal adverse impacts (hereinafter "PAIs") on sustainability factors within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

As a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (or PRI) and the Net Zero Asset Management initiative, DPAM is committed to (1) integrating ESG factors across all investment processes, (2) being a responsible shareholder with a voice on all assets where it can have a voice and (3) decarbonisation of its portfolios.

The basis for how the sub-fund takes these PAIs into account is DPAM's commitment to consistently integrate multiple PAIs into the management of the sub-fund's portfolio:

- 1) Some PAIs related to environmental issues are monitored:
  - a) through an assessment of controversies relating to these issues and in which issuers are involved (in accordance with DPAM's controversial activities policy);
  - b) by analysing the performance of issuers with regard to, among other issues, their greenhouse gas emissions and/or water consumption (analysis by the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure and/or fundamental research).
- 2) Some PAIs related to social, personnel, human rights and anti-corruption issues are also monitored:
  - a) through an assessment of controversies relating to these issues and in which issuers are involved (in accordance with DPAM's controversial activities policy);
  - b) by analysing the performance of issuers with regard to, among other issues, their compliance with the principles of the UN Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, gender diversity in governance bodies and/or the unadjusted gender pay gap (fundamental research).

Depending on the assessment, these analyses may trigger dialogues, commitments (in accordance with DPAM's commitment policy) and/or negative investment recommendations.

More information, such as DPAM's voting policy, engagement policy and controversial activities policy, is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com)

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

### Investment restrictions

The sub-fund is subject to the investment restrictions stipulated in articles 74 and 81 of the Law of 2012 and in the Royal Decree of 2012.

### Assessment of the risk profile of the sub-fund:

The value of a share may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.



Description of the sole risks deemed to be significant and relevant as regards to their occurrence and probability that the investor assumes in association with his investment:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities.
Sustainability risk	High	Sustainability considerations are not systematically part of the sub-fund’s investment selection process, with the exception of investments in companies with exposure to controversial activities such as tobacco, the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, and depleted uranium ammunition and armour which are legally excluded. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Credit risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities. The sub-fund may potentially be exposed to bonds from issuers that do not have an investment grade rating.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests without any geographical restrictions, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Market risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities.
Liquidity risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities that are considered readily marketable. However, the sub-fund may also be exposed to issuers from the real estate sector and/or small caps and/or corporate bonds. The liquidity of such assets may decrease during periods of market stress and transaction costs may increase significantly.
Concentration risk	Low	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities without any geographical or sectoral restrictions.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Balanced

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0171618250	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0171619266	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM HORIZON B Balanced Growth sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM HORIZON B Balanced Growth sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Balanced Flexible

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Balanced Flexible

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to offer investors a long-term capital gain by investing in equity securities, fixed income securities of issuers from all parts of the world or undertakings for collective investment.

This is an actively managed sub-fund.

No benchmarks are used in the management of the sub-fund. Quantitative information from a broader market can be used for risk management and evaluation by the manager.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests principally in shares and/or other securities giving access to capital of companies (to a maximum amount of 60% of its net assets) and in bonds and/or other fixed-rate or floating-rate debt securities with an investment grade<sup>38</sup> rating on the scale used by one of the three rating agencies, Standard & Poor's (S&P)/Moody's/Fitch, and offering a periodic or capitalised yield. The sub-fund invests a maximum of 3% of its net assets in bonds and/or other fixed-rate or floating-rate debt securities with an inferior rating to investment grade.

In the event that the aforementioned investment criteria are exceeded passively, an adjustment will be made, taking into consideration the interests of the investors.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts, deposits, money market instruments and/or short-term instruments with an investment grade rating. Liquid assets are considered to be fixed rate.

The sub-fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment in EUR in order to indirectly achieve the objectives listed above or to invest its liquidity.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other

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<sup>38</sup> Investment Grade: is an interpretation of the rating of the bond issuer in terms of the financial risks. Rating agencies use their own scale to assess the notion of risk. Investment grade ratings are situated between AAA and BBB- according to the Standard & Poor's (S&P) and Fitch scale and between Aaa and Baa3 according to the Moody's scale. For bonds without an external rating, the manager is responsible for determining whether the issuer satisfies the requirements of an investment grade rating.

transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, Social and Governance themes (ESG) – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088, through a rigorous methodology (cf. ESG investment selection methodology) to defend fundamental rights, not to finance controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments and to promote best practices in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### **No sustainable investment objective:**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### **Investment strategy:**

#### **Methodology for selecting ESG investments:**

#### **For investments in equities or corporate bonds:**

The sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions to (a) companies that do not comply with the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in controversies of the highest severity:

- a) Compliance of the portfolio with the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties;
- b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund excludes companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or

distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) ([Controversial Activities Policy](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- c) The portfolio's exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment at the time the position is purchased.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

#### ***For investments in sovereign bonds:***

The sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet this minimum requirement the manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

#### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

#### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

#### **Investment restrictions**

The sub-fund is subject to the investment restrictions stipulated in articles 74 and 81 of the Law of 2012 and in the Royal Decree of 2012.

#### **Assessment of the risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a share may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the sole risks deemed to be significant and relevant as regards to their occurrence and probability that the investor assumes in association with his investment:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities, with the debt component representing a significant proportion of its assets and consisting mainly of investment grade securities.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests without any geographical restrictions, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Market risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities, with equities representing a maximum of 60% of its assets.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. The sustainability risk remains, however, as the integration of compliance with these rules is strongly advised but not binding for investment decisions, except for the review of compliance with Global Standards and the negative screening of the seriousness of controversies that issuers may face. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Liquidity risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities that are considered readily marketable. However, the sub-fund may also be exposed to issuers from the real estate sector and/or small caps and/or corporate bonds. The liquidity of such assets may decrease during periods of market stress and transaction costs may increase significantly.
Concentration risk	Low	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities without any geographical or sectoral restrictions.
Credit risk	Low	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities, with the debt component consisting primarily of investment grade securities.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Prepared to accept a moderate to high level of risk.

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 4 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0940785794	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6248455063	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335356927	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM HORIZON B Balanced Flexible sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM HORIZON B Balanced Flexible sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Bonds Global Inflation Linked

*This sub-fund has been granted exemption by the FSMA and may invest, in accordance with the principle of risk spreading, up to 100% of its assets in various issues of marketable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by one of the following countries: Germany, France, the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan, Australia, Sweden, Denmark or Italy. These marketable securities and money market instruments will be represented by at least six different issues, none of which may exceed 30% of the sub-fund's total assets.*

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Bonds Global Inflation Linked

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to offer investors exposure to debt securities denominated in any currency, whose interest payments and/or capital redemption depend on the movement in inflation in a given country or geographical region.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests principally, without any form of sector restriction, a minimum of 75% of its net assets, in fixed or floating rate bonds and/or other debt securities, denominated in any currency and for which the payment of interest and/or redemption of capital depends on the movement in inflation in a given country or a geographical region, which may include, but is not limited to the following list: credit-linked notes\* and fiduciary notes\*\* with underlying instruments that have identical characteristics.

The sub-fund may, on an ancillary basis, invest in money market instruments such as for example, certificates of deposit, treasury notes and/or promissory notes, and bonds and/or other debt securities, including fixed or floating rate credit-linked notes and fiduciary notes denominated in any currency and on which the payment of interest and/or the redemption of principal is not dependent on the movement in inflation in a given country or geographical region.

In order to be eligible, those marketable securities forming the principal part and the ancillary part of the portfolio, must be (i) issued or guaranteed by a country, including, where applicable, its regional public authorities or by international or supranational public bodies, or (ii) issued by (governmental, public, semi public or private) institutions held or financed by one or several public players, such as countries, regional public authorities or public international law or supranational bodies and undertakings entrusted with the provision of services of public or general interest, or (iii) benefit from a mechanism guaranteeing a priority redemption in the event of default by the issuer.

The payment flows from bonds and/or other debt or equivalent securities, whose interest payments and/or redemption of principle are determined by inflation, generally have the following configuration:

- Coupon payment = coupon in %\* nominal amount \* (Index t/Index°)

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- Reimbursement = nominal amount \* (Index T/Index°)

in which:

- Coupon in % = fixed coupon of the bond (which is normally equal to the actual yield on the issue date of the bond)
- Index° = a 3-month inflation index before the issue date of the bond (base index)
- Index T = a 3-month inflation index before the payment date
- Index T = a 3-month inflation index before the due date

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts or deposits, and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

The sub-fund may invest a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment in order to indirectly achieve the above-mentioned target or place its liquidity.

\* Credit-Linked Note: financial instrument issued by a financial institution in the form of a debt security on which the payment is connected to another bond or loan.

\*\* Fiduciary Note: differs from a credit linked note in that the buyer does not bear risk of the financial institution which issues it.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, FX Forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange futures transactions as well as inflation-indexed swaps, interest rate swaps, currency swaps and credit default swaps (CDS); the latter can be exercised with regard to a single registered issuer or several issuers, **both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

### **Credit linked notes (CLN) and fiduciary notes:**

Given that the sub-fund may invest in credit-linked notes it is exposed to the risk of credit deterioration of the underlying reference as well as a separate risk of default by the issuer which could result in a total loss of the amount invested. The sub-fund may also invest in fiduciary notes, it will in such cases be exposed only to a risk of deterioration of the underlying reference credit.

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **Environmental, Social and Governance themes (ESG) – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088. This promotion consists of the exclusion of countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements.

Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### ***No sustainable investment objective***

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### ***Investment strategy***

#### *Methodology for selecting ESG investments:*

The sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions: i) exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements and ii) an impact bond policy:

- 1) **Exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements:** the sub-fund does not invest in countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet this minimum requirement the manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

This exclusion and the methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "International Sanctions") available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

This exclusion applies both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

- 1) **Impact bond policy:** the percentage of impact bonds ("Green, Social & Sustainability bonds") in the portfolio is higher than the benchmark investment universe. More information can be found in the "Green, Social Sustainability Government Bonds Policy" section of DPAM's Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy).

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy).

[https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

## **Further information:**

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

## **Benchmark:**

The sub-fund uses the following index as its benchmark: Bloomberg Universal Inflation Linked GDP Weighted IG.

This index represents the global market for inflation-linked bonds. This is a custom index for DPAM calculated by Bloomberg Index Services Limited. The index includes inflation-linked bonds issued by countries with an investment-grade rating. Countries are weighted according to their GDP (gross domestic product). The performance is calculated by reinvesting the coupons paid by the debt securities included in the index.

## **Index administrator:**

Bloomberg Index Services Limited is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

## **Use of the benchmark:**

The benchmark is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the sub-fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

The benchmark is not aligned with the promotion of the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. Please refer to the "Investment Strategy" section above for an explanation of how the sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics.

## **Unpublished change or index:**

The management company has put in place sound written plans that cover the assumptions in the event that the index is no longer published or in the event of a substantial change in its composition. The board of directors of the SICAV will, if necessary, choose another index in accordance with these plans.

## **Investment restrictions**

The sub-fund is subject to the investment restrictions stipulated in articles 74 and 81 of the Law of 2012 and in the Royal Decree of 2012.

## **Assessment of the risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a share may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the sole risks deemed to be significant and relevant as regards to their occurrence and probability that the investor assumes in association with his investment:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests without any geographical restrictions, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Concentration risk	Moderate	The sub-fund's portfolio is largely composed of debt securities (any currency) for which the payment of interest and/or the repayment of principal depends on the evolution

Type of risk	Level	Description
		of inflation in a given country or geographical region, which may make the portfolio particularly sensitive to the economic evolution of this area.
Risks relating to derivative products	Moderate	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. An exclusion of countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements is applied. Sustainability risk remains, however, and the impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Credit risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in bonds issued/guaranteed by governments or related institutions.
Hedging risk (applicable only to "Hedged" share classes)	Low	Between 95% and 105% of the initial currency exposure of the "hedged" share classes is hedged. If the exposure is not fully (100%) hedged, there will be a residual exposure to the currency in which the instrument is denominated rather than to the currency being hedged.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in government or government-guaranteed bonds that are considered readily marketable.
Market risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in government bonds.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Defensive

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 3 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE0948790333	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948791349	Registered/Dematerialized
B LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321376806	Registered/Dematerialized
A EUR HEDGED*	Distribution	EUR	BE6252761448	Registered/Dematerialized
B EUR HEDGED*	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6252762453	Registered/Dematerialized

E	Distribution	EUR	BE0948792354	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE0948793360	Registered/Dematerialized
F LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321377812	Registered/Dematerialized
E EUR HEDGED*	Distribution	EUR	BE6252763469	Registered/Dematerialized
F EUR HEDGED*	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6252764475	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335361976	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299354777	Registered/Dematerialized
J EUR HEDGED*	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6304412917	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299356798	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299357804	Registered/Dematerialized
M EUR HEDGED*	Distribution	EUR	BE6304413923	Registered/Dematerialized
N EUR HEDGED*	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6304414939	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6309886362	Registered/Dematerialized
V EUR HEDGED*	Distribution	EUR	BE6328640691	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6309887378	Registered/Dematerialized
W EUR HEDGED*	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6328641707	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6253170656	Registered/Dematerialized
P EUR HEDGED*	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6264039700	Registered/Dematerialized

*\*"Hedged" classes*

- The exchange risk exposure to the reference currency of the sub-fund will be hedged for between 95% and 105% of the part of the net asset value of the hedged class that must be hedged.
- Each class concerned may incur additional costs of 0.01% per month for this exchange risk hedging policy. The interest rate differential between the euro and the currencies hedged will have an influence on the net asset value of the hedged class via the exchange risk hedging transactions.

**Initial subscription date:**

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM HORIZON B Bonds Global Inflation Linked sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.



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### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM HORIZON B Bonds Global Inflation Linked sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Bonds EUR Quality Short Term

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Bonds EUR Quality Short Term

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to offer investors exposure to debt securities denominated in euros, whose issuers have (i) a minimum investment grade rating\* and (iii) a residual term of no more than three years.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark. No benchmarks are used in the management of the sub-fund. Quantitative information from a broader market can be used for risk management and evaluation by the manager.

No formal guarantee has been given either to the sub-fund or to its investors.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund invests mainly, without sector or geographical restriction, in fixed or floating rate bonds and/or debt securities, or equivalents denominated in euros. The securities or, failing this, the issuers, must have a minimum rating of BBB-/Baa3 ('investment grade') on the scale used by S&P and Moody's rating agencies and the residual term of which does not exceed 3 years at the time of acquisition.

The sub-fund may also hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts and deposits in a maximum of 25%.

The sub-fund may invest a maximum of 10% of its assets in open-ended undertakings for collective investment in order to indirectly achieve the above-mentioned target or place its liquidity.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts or deposits, and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

\* Investment Grade: is an interpretation of the rating of the bond issuer in terms of the financial risks. Rating agencies use their own scale to assess the notion of risk. "Investment grade" ratings are situated between AAA and BBB- according to the Standard & Poor's (S&P) scale and between Aaa and Baa3 according to the Moody's scale.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, without sector restriction both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

If, following changes in market conditions or owing to specific information about an issuer, the securities no longer meet the criteria mentioned above, the situation will later be rectified in the interest of the shareholders of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, FX Forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, Social and Governance themes (ESG) – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088, through a rigorous methodology (cf. ESG investment selection methodology) to defend fundamental rights, not to finance controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments and to promote best practices in environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters. Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### **No sustainable investment objective:**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### **Investment strategy:**

#### **Methodology for selecting ESG investments:**

- i) With regard to debt securities other than those issued by governments, their political bodies, institutions or supranational organisations, the sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions to (a) companies which do not comply with the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in extremely serious controversies:
  - a) Compliance of the portfolio with the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties;
  - b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund excludes companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour,



chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- c) The portfolio's exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment;

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

- ii) The sub-fund does not invest in debt securities issued by States, their political authorities or institutions from countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet this minimum requirement the Manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Investment restrictions**

The sub-fund is subject to the investment restrictions stipulated in articles 74 and 81 of the Law of 2012 and in the Royal Decree of 2012.

### **Assessment of the risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a share may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the sole risks deemed to be significant and relevant as regards to their occurrence and probability that the investor assumes in association with his investment:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests primarily in fixed income securities.
Concentration risk	Moderate	As the portfolio is mainly composed of debt securities issued or guaranteed by Eurozone companies, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic performance of the Eurozone.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. A review of compliance with Global Standards and a negative screening of the seriousness of controversies is applied. Sustainability risk remains, however, and the impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Liquidity risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade corporate bonds with short maturities that are considered readily marketable. Liquidity may fall during periods of market tension and transaction costs may rise significantly.
Market risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade corporate bonds with short maturities.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Credit risk	Low	The sub-fund invests primarily in investment grade bonds.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Defensive

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 3 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6214976894	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6214977900	Registered/Dematerialized

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
B LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321378828	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6214978916	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6214979922	Registered/Dematerialized
F LC	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6321380840	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335360960	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6253169641	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299360832	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299362853	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299363869	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6309883336	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6309885356	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM HORIZON B Bonds EUR Quality Short Term sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM HORIZON B Bonds EUR Quality Short Term sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Defensive Strategy

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Defensive Strategy

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to offer investors, through investment respectively in undertakings for collective investment in debt securities, undertakings for collective investments in equity securities and/or debt securities, undertakings for collective investment in equity securities and/or debt or real estate securities a medium-term capital gain by investing in debt securities of issuers from throughout the world.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark. No benchmarks are used in the management of the sub-fund. Quantitative information from a broader market can be used for risk management and evaluation by the manager.

No formal capital protection or guarantee is given to the investors of the sub-fund.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund principally invests, without any sector or geographical restriction, in bond investment funds (undertakings for collective investment in marketable securities and/or other undertakings for collective investment (undertakings for collective investment in marketable securities and/or other undertakings for collective investment)).

The sub-fund may also invest directly in shares, bonds or other debt securities up to a maximum of 20% of its net assets.

The sub-fund aims to limit its (direct and indirect) investments in shares and other equity securities to approx. 30% of its net assets. Under certain circumstances relating to market conditions or the efficiency of the investment strategy, the sub-fund may be justified in exceeding this threshold.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts or deposits, and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

On the other hand, the manager of the sub-fund will use DPAM's undertakings for collective investment and third-party undertakings for collective investment, the selection of which is based on a qualitative analysis focusing on five points: investment philosophy and process, performance, risks, transparency and costs. This selection also takes into account the environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects below.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX Forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088.

Environmental and social characteristics are promoted through investments in undertakings for collective investment ("UCI") managed by DPAM or third-party managers and through direct portfolio investments.

This sub-fund invests at least 75% of its net assets in:

- UCIs which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 and/or UCIs which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 (indirect investments); and/or
- securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (direct investments).

Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 75% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The remaining 25% of the assets may be invested in (i) UCIs that do not promote environmental or social characteristics and/or do not have a sustainable investment objective of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088, (ii) UCIs that are not subject to SFDR Regulation 2019/2088, (iii) cash, (iv) derivatives, and (v) issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### **No sustainable investment objective:**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. Taxonomy: The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment strategy:**

### **Methodology for selecting ESG investments:**

#### **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):**

The binding investment restrictions applicable to direct investments apply to (a) companies involved in controversial activities, (b) companies that do not comply with the Global Standards described below, and (c) companies involved in extremely serious controversies:

- a) Compliance with the principles of the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest, either directly or indirectly through its investments in UCIs managed by DPAM, in companies which do not meet the Global Standards described below: The sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties.
- b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund legally excludes, directly or indirectly via its investments in UCIs managed by DPAM, companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com \(Controversial Activities Policy\)](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)  
[https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- c) The exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

The exclusion of securities on the basis of the binding criteria of the investment strategy are those which apply to the direct lines. These are therefore the rules that apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

#### **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

The sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet this minimum requirement the Manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

#### **Investments in UCIs:**

As mentioned above, the sub-fund's ESG investments may include investments in UCIs which are classified as UCIs that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

In its selection of these UCIs for the sub-fund, DPAM therefore takes into account the integration of environmental, social and/or governance criteria by the manager in the management of these funds. The investment strategy and methodology for selecting ESG and/or sustainable investments by managers may vary from UCI to UCI.

If a UCI no longer has the above-mentioned classification (article 8 or article 9 according to SFDR Regulation 2019/2088) according to the information declared in its prospectus or information document, DPAM will sell the investment in the UCI concerned in the interest of the shareholders of the sub-fund within six months if such a sale is necessary in order to comply, at the global level of the sub-fund, with the environmental and social characteristics promoted.

### **Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:**

With respect to direct investments, the sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

For investments in UCIs, DPAM systematically engages with third party funds to examine whether they consider PINs. Taking account of the PINs on the sustainability factors depends on the consideration of the PINs by the underlying UCI.

The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

### **Further information:**

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Investment restrictions:**

The sub-fund is subject to the investment restrictions stipulated in articles 74 and 81 of the Law of 2012 and in the Royal Decree of 2012.

### **Assessment of the risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a share may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the sole risks deemed to be significant and relevant as regards to their occurrence and probability that the investor assumes in association with his investment:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Credit risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities. The sub-fund may potentially be exposed to bonds from issuers that do not have an investment grade rating. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests without any geographical restrictions, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.

Type of risk	Level	Description
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. Nevertheless, the risk of sustainability remains. In addition to the risk arising from the positions the sub-fund holds directly, sustainability risk may materialise indirectly. The sub-fund is mainly invested via other UCIs managed either by DPAM or by third parties, each of which carries out its own sustainability controls. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Liquidity risk	Moderate	The portfolio of the sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities that are considered readily marketable. However, the sub-fund may also be exposed to issuers from the real estate sector and/or small caps and/or corporate bonds. The liquidity of such assets may decrease during periods of market stress and transaction costs may increase significantly. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Market risk	Low	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities, mainly through investments in other funds, and aims to limit its investment in equities (through direct or indirect investments) to approximately 30% of its assets.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Concentration risk	Low	The portfolio of the sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities without any geographical or sectoral restrictions.

## Risk profile of the typical investor:

Prepared to accept a low to moderate level of risk.

## Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be appropriate for investors who intend to withdraw their capital within 2 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6227491915	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6227492921	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6299349728	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299350734	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335362016	Registered/Dematerialized

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M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299351740	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299352755	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6309888384	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6309889390	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM HORIZON B Defensive Strategy sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM HORIZON B Defensive Strategy sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Balanced Low Strategy

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Balanced Low Strategy

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to offer investors, through investment respectively in undertakings for collective investment in debt securities, undertakings for collective investments in equity securities and/or debt securities, undertakings for collective investment in equity securities and/or debt or real estate securities a moderate medium-term and long-term capital gain by investing in equities and/or debt securities of issuers from throughout the world.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark. No benchmarks are used in the management of the sub-fund. Quantitative information from a broader market can be used for risk management and evaluation by the manager.

No formal capital protection or guarantee is given to the investors of the sub-fund.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund principally invests, without any sector or geographical restriction, in bonds and equities investment funds (undertakings for collective investment in marketable securities and/or other undertakings for collective investment (undertakings for collective investment in marketable securities and/or other undertakings for collective investment)).

The sub-fund may also invest directly in shares, bonds or other debt securities up to a maximum of 20% of its net assets.

The sub-fund aims to limit its (direct and indirect) investments in shares and other equity securities to approx. 50% of its net assets. Under certain circumstances relating to market conditions or the efficiency of the investment strategy, the sub-fund may be justified in exceeding this threshold.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts or deposits, and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

On the other hand, the manager of the sub-fund will use DPAM's undertakings for collective investment and third-party undertakings for collective investment, the selection of which is based on a qualitative analysis focusing on five points: investment philosophy and

process, performance, risks, transparency and costs. This selection also takes into account the environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects below.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX Forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, Social and Governance themes (ESG) – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088.

Environmental and social characteristics are promoted through investments in undertakings for collective investment ("UCI") managed by DPAM or third-party managers and through direct portfolio investments.

Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 75% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes. This sub-fund invests at least 75% of its net assets in:

- UCIs which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 and/or UCIs which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 (indirect investments); and/or
- securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (direct investments).

The remaining 25% of the assets may be invested in (i) UCIs that do not promote environmental or social characteristics and/or do not have a sustainable investment objective of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088, (ii) UCIs that are not subject to SFDR Regulation 2019/2088, (iii) cash, (iv) derivatives, and (v) issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### **No sustainable investment objective:**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## **Investment strategy:**

### **Methodology for selecting ESG investments:**

#### **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):**

The binding investment restrictions applicable to direct investments apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in extremely serious controversies:

- a) Compliance with the principles of the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest directly or indirectly in UCIs managed by DPAM, in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties.
- b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund legally excludes, directly or indirectly via its investments in UCIs managed by DPAM, companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) ([Controversial Activities Policy](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

- c) The exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

The exclusion of securities on the basis of the binding criteria of the investment strategy are those which apply to the direct lines. These are therefore the rules that apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

#### **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

The sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet this minimum requirement the Manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

#### **Investments in UCIs:**

As mentioned above, the sub-fund's ESG investments may include investments in UCIs which are classified as UCIs that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

In its selection of these UCIs for the sub-fund, DPAM therefore takes into account the integration of environmental, social and/or governance criteria by the manager in the management of these funds. The investment strategy and methodology for selecting ESG and/or sustainable investments by managers may vary from UCI to UCI.

If a UCI no longer has the above-mentioned classification (article 8 or article 9 according to SFDR Regulation 2019/2088) according to the information declared in its prospectus or information document, DPAM will sell the investment in the UCI concerned in the interest of the shareholders of the sub-fund within six months if such a sale is necessary in order to comply, at the global level of the sub-fund, with the environmental and social characteristics promoted.

### **Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:**

With respect to direct investments, the sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

For investments in UCIs, DPAM systematically engages with third party funds to examine whether they consider PINs. Taking account of the PINs on the sustainability factors depends on the consideration of the PINs by the underlying UCI.

The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

### **Further information:**

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Investment restrictions**

The sub-fund is subject to the investment restrictions stipulated in articles 74 and 81 of the Law of 2012 and in the Royal Decree of 2012.

### **Assessment of the risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a share may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the sole risks deemed to be significant and relevant as regards to their occurrence and probability that the investor assumes in association with his investment:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Credit risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities. The sub-fund may potentially be exposed to bonds from issuers that do not have an investment grade rating. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests without any geographical restrictions, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Market risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities, mainly through investments in other funds, and aims to limit its investment in equities (through direct or indirect investments) to approximately 45% of its assets.

Type of risk	Level	Description
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. Nevertheless, the risk of sustainability remains. In addition to the risk arising from the positions the sub-fund holds directly, sustainability risk may materialise indirectly. The sub-fund is mainly invested via other UCIs managed either by DPAM or by third parties, each of which carries out its own sustainability controls. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Liquidity risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities that are considered readily marketable. However, the sub-fund may also be exposed to issuers from the real estate sector and/or small caps and/or corporate bonds. The liquidity of such assets may decrease during periods of market stress and transaction costs may increase significantly. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Concentration risk	Low	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities without any geographical or sectoral restrictions.

### Risk profile of the typical investor:

Prepared to accept a moderate to average level of risk.

### Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 3 years of the initial investment.

### **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6264045764	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6264046770	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6299367902	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299368918	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335357933	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299369924	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299370930	Registered/Dematerialized

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6309879292	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6309880308	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM HORIZON B Balanced Low Strategy sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM HORIZON B Balanced Low Strategy sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Balanced Strategy

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Balanced Strategy

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to offer investors, through investment respectively in undertakings for collective investment in debt securities, undertakings for collective investments in equity securities and/or debt securities, undertakings for collective investment in equity securities and/or debt or real estate securities a moderate medium-term and long-term capital gain by investing in equities and/or debt securities of issuers from throughout the world.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark. No benchmarks are used in the management of the sub-fund. Quantitative information from a broader market can be used for risk management and evaluation by the manager.

No formal capital protection or guarantee is given to the investors of the sub-fund.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund principally invests, without any sector or geographical restriction, in bonds and equities investment funds (undertakings for collective investment in marketable securities and/or other undertakings for collective investment (undertakings for collective investment in marketable securities and/or other undertakings for collective investment)).

The sub-fund may also invest directly in shares, bonds or other debt securities up to a maximum of 20% of its net assets.

The sub-fund aims to limit its (direct and indirect) investments in shares and other equity securities to approx. 65% of its net assets. Under certain circumstances relating to market conditions or the efficiency of the investment strategy, the sub-fund may be justified in exceeding this threshold.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts or deposits, and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

On the other hand, the manager of the sub-fund will use DPAM's undertakings for collective investment and third-party undertakings for collective investment, the selection of which is based on a qualitative analysis focusing on five points: investment philosophy and process, performance, risks, transparency and costs. This selection also takes into account the environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects below.



## **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivative products, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX Forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions both for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

## **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

## **Environmental, Social and Governance themes (ESG) – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088.

Environmental and social characteristics are promoted through investments in undertakings for collective investment ("UCI") managed by DPAM or third-party managers and through direct portfolio investments.

Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 75% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes. This sub-fund invests at least 75% of its net assets in:

- UCIs which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 and/or UCIs which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 (indirect investments); and/or
- securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (direct investments).

The remaining 25% of the assets may be invested in (i) UCIs that do not promote environmental or social characteristics and/or do not have a sustainable investment objective of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088, (ii) UCIs that are not subject to SFDR Regulation 2019/2088, (iii) cash, (iv) derivatives, and (v) issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

## ***No sustainable investment objective:***

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## ***Investment strategy:***

### ***Methodology for selecting ESG investments:***

#### ***For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):***

The binding investment restrictions applicable to direct investments apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in extremely serious controversies:

a) Compliance with the principles of the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest directly or indirectly in UCIs managed by DPAM, in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund legally excludes, directly or indirectly via its investments in UCIs managed by DPAM, companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf) (Controversial Activities Policy)  
[https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

c) The exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

#### ***For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):***

The sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet this minimum requirement the Manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

#### ***Investments in UCIs:***

As mentioned above, the sub-fund's ESG investments may include investments in UCIs which are classified as UCIs that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

In its selection of these UCIs for the sub-fund, DPAM therefore takes into account the integration of environmental, social and/or governance criteria by the manager in the management of these funds. The investment strategy and methodology for selecting ESG and/or sustainable investments by managers may vary from UCI to UCI.

If a UCI no longer has the above-mentioned classification (article 8 or article 9 according to SFDR Regulation 2019/2088) according to the information declared in its prospectus or information document, DPAM will sell the investment in the UCI concerned in the interest of the shareholders of the sub-fund within six months if such a sale is necessary in order to comply, at the global level of the sub-fund, with the environmental and social characteristics promoted.

#### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

With respect to direct investments, the sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

For investments in UCIs, DPAM systematically engages with third party funds to examine whether they consider PINs. Taking account of the PINs on the sustainability factors depends on the consideration of the PINs by the underlying UCI.

The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

### **Further information:**

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Investment restrictions**

The sub-fund is subject to the investment restrictions stipulated in articles 74 and 81 of the Law of 2012 and in the Royal Decree of 2012.

### **Assessment of the risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a share may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the sole risks deemed to be significant and relevant as regards to their occurrence and probability that the investor assumes in association with his investment:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Credit risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities. The sub-fund may potentially be exposed to bonds from issuers that do not have an investment grade rating. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests without any geographical restrictions, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Market risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities, mainly through investments in other funds, and aims to limit its investment in equities (through direct or indirect investments) to approximately 65% of its assets.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. Nevertheless, the risk of sustainability remains. In addition to the risk arising from the positions the sub-fund holds directly, sustainability risk may materialise indirectly. The sub-fund is mainly invested via other UCIs managed either by DPAM or by third parties, each of which carries out its own sustainability controls. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.
Liquidity risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities that are considered readily marketable. However, the sub-fund may also be exposed to issuers from the real estate sector and/or small caps and/or corporate bonds. The liquidity of such

Type of risk	Level	Description
		assets may decrease during periods of market stress and transaction costs may increase significantly. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Concentration risk	Low	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities without any geographical or sectoral restrictions.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.

### Risk profile of the typical investor:

Prepared to accept a moderate to high level of risk.

### Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 4 years of the initial investment.

### **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6227493937	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6227494943	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6299371946	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299372951	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335358949	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299373967	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299374973	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6309881314	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6309882320	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM HORIZON B Balanced Strategy sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

### Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM HORIZON B Balanced Strategy sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV dated 1 April 2022.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Active Strategy

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Active Strategy

Formation date: 1 February 2022

This sub-fund was launched on 1 April 2022 following a merger that took effect on the same date (see below: Initial subscription day)

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to offer investors, through investment respectively in undertakings for collective investment in debt securities, undertakings for collective investments in equity securities and/or debt securities, undertakings for collective investment in equity securities and/or debt or real estate securities a medium-term capital gain by investing in equities and/or debt securities of issuers from throughout the world. No formal capital protection or guarantee is given to the investors of the sub-fund.

This is an actively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark. No benchmarks are used in the management of the sub-fund. Quantitative information from a broader market can be used for risk management and evaluation by the manager.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

The sub-fund principally invests, without any sector or geographical restriction, in bond investment funds (undertakings for collective investment in marketable securities and/or other undertakings for collective investment (undertakings for collective investment in marketable securities and/or other undertakings for collective investment)).

The sub-fund may also invest directly in shares, bonds or other debt securities up to a maximum of 20% of its net assets.

The sub-fund aims to limit its (direct and indirect) investments in shares and other equity securities to approx. 85% of its net assets. Under certain circumstances relating to market conditions or the efficiency of the investment strategy, the sub-fund may be justified in exceeding this threshold.

The sub-fund may hold liquid assets on a secondary or temporary basis in the form of current accounts or deposits, and in the form of undertakings for collective investment.

#### **Authorised asset classes:**

Transferable securities and money market instruments listed on a regulated market, both within and outside the European Economic Area, newly issued transferable securities, units in undertakings for collective investment, whether meeting or not meeting the conditions set down by Directive 2009/65/EC and whether in a Member State or not of the European Economic Area, derivative instruments, including equivalent instruments giving rise to a cash settlement, over-the-counter derivative instruments, other transferable securities and money market instruments and liquid assets as long as these transferable securities and money market instruments are compatible with the objectives of the sub-fund.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in its investment policy; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

On the other hand, the manager of the sub-fund will use DPAM's undertakings for collective investment and third-party undertakings for collective investment, the selection of which is based on a qualitative analysis focusing on five points: investment philosophy and

process, performance, risks, transparency and costs. This selection also takes into account the environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects below.

### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also use derivatives, subject to the applicable legal regulations, such as options, futures, FX forwards, credit derivatives and forward exchange transactions **for the purpose of achieving the investment objectives and for the purpose of risk hedging. Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund will not engage in the lending of financial instruments.

### **Environmental, Social and Governance themes (ESG) – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088.

Environmental and social characteristics are promoted through investments in undertakings for collective investment ("UCI") managed by DPAM or third-party managers and through direct portfolio investments.

Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 75% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes. This sub-fund invests at least 75% of its net assets in:

- UCIs which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 and/or UCIs which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 (indirect investments); and/or
- securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (direct investments).

The remaining 25% of the assets may be invested in (i) UCIs that do not promote environmental or social characteristics and/or do not have a sustainable investment objective of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088, (ii) UCIs that are not subject to SFDR Regulation 2019/2088, (iii) cash, (iv) derivatives, and (v) issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### **No sustainable investment objective:**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### **Investment strategy:**

#### ***Methodology for selecting ESG investments:***

#### ***For direct investment (in equities or corporate bonds):***

The binding investment restrictions applicable to direct investments apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in extremely serious controversies:

- a) Compliance with the principles of the **Global Standards** described below: The sub-fund does not invest directly or indirectly in UCIs managed by DPAM, in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the Guiding

Principles of the United Nations, the ILO instruments, the OECD Multinational Enterprises Guidelines and the underlying conventions and treaties, at the time the position is purchased.

- b) Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund legally excludes, directly or indirectly via its investments in UCIs managed by DPAM, companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

- c) The exposure to **extremely serious ESG controversies**: Companies facing controversies of the highest severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues, are not eligible for investment.

DPAM uses ESG research of non-financial rating agencies to assess the seriousness of the controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most serious controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of the ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to also exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

The exclusion of securities on the basis of the binding criteria of the investment strategy are those which apply to the direct lines. These are therefore the rules that apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

#### ***For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):***

The sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet this minimum requirement the Manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

#### ***Investments in UCIs:***

As mentioned above, the sub-fund's ESG investments may include investments in UCIs which are classified as UCIs that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR Regulation 2019/2088.

In its selection of these UCIs for the sub-fund, DPAM therefore takes into account the integration of environmental, social and/or governance criteria by the third-party manager in the management of these funds. The investment strategy and methodology for selecting ESG and/or sustainable investments by third-party managers may vary from UCI to UCI.

If a UCI no longer has the above-mentioned classification (article 8 or article 9 according to SFDR Regulation 2019/2088) according to the information declared in its prospectus or information document, DPAM will sell the investment in the UCI concerned in the interest of the shareholders of the sub-fund within six months if such a sale is necessary in order to comply, at the global level of the sub-fund, with the environmental and social characteristics promoted.

#### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

With respect to direct investments, the sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

For investments in UCIs, DPAM systematically engages with third party funds to examine whether they consider PINs. Taking account of the PINs on the sustainability factors depends on the consideration of the PINs by the underlying UCI.

The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

### **Further information:**

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

### **Investment restrictions**

The sub-fund is subject to the investment restrictions stipulated in articles 74 and 81 of the Law of 2012 and in the Royal Decree of 2012.

### **Assessment of the risk profile of the sub-fund:**

The value of a share may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the sole risks deemed to be significant and relevant as regards to their occurrence and probability that the investor assumes in association with his investment:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any "capital guarantee" or "capital protection" commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Market risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities, mainly through investments in other funds, and aims to limit its investment in equities (through direct or indirect investments) to approximately 85% of its assets.
Inflation risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Credit risk	High	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities. The sub-fund may potentially be exposed to bonds from issuers that do not have an investment grade rating. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Exchange risk	High	As the sub-fund invests without any geographical restrictions, the sub-fund may be invested in assets expressed in currencies other than EUR.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	Sustainability aspects are taken into account in the selection and screening process of the sub-fund's investments, with environmental and/or social characteristics being emphasized. Nevertheless, the risk of sustainability remains. In addition to the risk arising from the positions the sub-fund holds directly, sustainability risk may materialise indirectly. The sub-fund is mainly invested via other UCIs managed either by DPAM or by third parties, each of which carries out its own sustainability controls. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund.



Type of risk	Level	Description
Liquidity risk	Moderate	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities that are considered readily marketable. However, the sub-fund may also be exposed to issuers from the real estate sector and/or small caps and/or corporate bonds. The liquidity of such assets may decrease during periods of market stress and transaction costs may increase significantly. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.
Concentration risk	Low	The sub-fund invests in both equities and fixed income securities without any geographical or sectoral restrictions.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives. This risk may also be associated with the funds in which the sub-fund invests.

### Risk profile of the typical investor:

Prepared to accept a high to very high level of risk.

### Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital within 5 years of the initial investment.

### TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6227495957	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6227496963	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6299355782	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299358810	Registered/Dematerialized
L	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6335355911	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6299361848	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6299365880	Registered/Dematerialized
V	Distribution	EUR	BE6309877270	Registered/Dematerialized
W	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6309878286	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

1 April 2022. On 24 March 2022 the sub-fund received all assets and liabilities of the DPAM HORIZON B Active Strategy sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV. On 1 April 2022, the sub-fund was launched following the merger that took effect on the same date.

## Initial subscription price:

The initial subscription price corresponds to the net asset value of the DPAM HORIZON B Active Strategy sub-fund of the DPAM HORIZON B SICAV dated 1 April 2022

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUB-FUND DPAM B Equities Japan ESG Leaders Index

### **PRESENTATION:**

Name: DPAM B Equities Japan ESG Leaders Index

Formation date: xx xxxxx 2023

Term: unlimited

### **INVESTMENT INFORMATION:**

#### Objective of the sub-fund:

The objective of the sub-fund is to provide shareholders with as high a global return as possible, with an accent on investments in Japanese equities.

The Sub-fund is a tracker fund whose objective is to replicate physically and not synthetically the “Net Dividends Reinvested” performance of the cap-weighted <sup>39</sup>MSCI Japan ESG Leaders Index in Euros.

This is a passively managed sub-fund, which means that the portfolio manager aims to replicate the performance of a benchmark.

#### Investment policy of the sub-fund:

##### **Authorised asset classes:**

Equities of companies (and other analogous transferable securities), warrants, convertible bonds, subscription rights and cash and cash equivalents.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in other units for collective investment.

The sub-fund limits its choice of investments to securities included in the universe defined above; investments in securities of companies whose activity consists in the manufacture, use or holding of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions and depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded.

##### **Authorised transactions in derivative financial instruments:**

The sub-fund may also make use, subject to the legal regulations in force, of derivative products such as, for example, futures contracts on Japanese stock market indices in order to achieve the investment objectives. These contracts are intended to supplement equity positions and enable the sub-fund to be fully invested without disrupting the structure of the portfolio when issuing and redeeming units. **Investors should be aware that derivatives of this type can be more volatile than the underlying instruments.**

#### Benchmark:

MSCI Japan ESG Leaders Net Total Return Index. This benchmark is used in managing the sub-fund.

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<sup>39</sup> A cap-weighted index is a type of stock market index that is constructed on the basis of the market capitalisation of each of the securities that make up the index.

More information about the index, its composition, calculation and the rules governing its periodic review and rebalancing, as well as the general methodology of the MSCI Indices, is available at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

The performance of the benchmark index is calculated by reinvesting net dividends (Net Return).

### **Index administrator:**

MSCI Inc is listed in the register held by ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority).

### **General description of the index:**

This section contains a brief overview of the Index. It summarises the Index's main characteristics, but is not intended to be a comprehensive description. In the event of any inconsistency between the summary of the Index presented in this section and the full description of the Index, the full description of the Index shall prevail.

The information about the Index may vary whenever necessary, but any changes will be indicated on the Index website ([www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)). Shareholders should be aware that MSCI is authorised to change the description of the Index in order to make technical adjustments necessary for the efficient management of the Index. The Index is calculated and managed by MSCI Inc. The Index is a free float market capitalisation weighted index that provides exposure to companies with a higher Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) score than other similar companies in their respective sectors.

The MSCI Japan ESG Leaders Index is constructed by applying a combination of values based exclusions and a Best-in-Class selection process to companies in the MSCI Japan parent index.

The exclusion process focuses on companies directly involved in controversial and nuclear weapons systems, or companies where the majority of turnover (>15%) is derived from activities such as firearms, tobacco, alcohol, gambling, nuclear power generation, fossil fuel extraction and coal-fired power generation.

The MSCI Best-in-Class selection process is applied to the remaining eligible securities in the selection universe. The MSCI Japan ESG Leaders index targets sector weights consistent with those of the parent index (MSCI Japan) to limit the systematic risk introduced by the ESG selection process. The methodology aims to include the securities of companies with the highest ESG ratings making up 50% of the market capitalisation of the parent index. Companies not yet included in the MSCI Japan ESG Leaders Index must have an MSCI ESG rating of BB or above and a Controversy Score of 3 or higher to be eligible. The selection universe of the leading MSCI Japan ESG Leaders Index is the constituents of the MSCI Japan Index.

The Index is calculated via a cap-weighted method. The MSCI Global ESG Indices are reviewed every year in May and rebalanced in August, November and February. They may also be rebalanced at other times to reflect operations such as mergers and acquisitions. The benchmark index is calculated in EURO on the basis of the daily closing prices. The Index is a total net return index that calculates the performance of the components of the Index on the basis that all dividends and distributions are reinvested after deduction of any applicable taxes.

The MSCI Japan ESG Leaders Index fact sheet and explanatory note on the methodology are available at the following links:

<https://www.msci.com/documents/10199/62e1e2bf-b955-47cc-ac55-efc9f730374b>

<https://www.msci.com/index-methodology>

<https://www.msci.com/search?keywords=esg+leaders>

### **Index tracking:**

Passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all stocks in the index or a representative sample of these stocks, holding each stock in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index. Each sector is represented in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the index.

The tracking error relative to the benchmark is around 1.50%.

The tracking of the index may be influenced by transaction costs, reinvestment of dividends and general expenses borne by the sub-fund. An ex ante and ex post optimisation and risk control model is used. The aim of optimisation is to contract a portfolio that best tracks the benchmark index while also minimising the ex ante tracking error.

The sub-fund sets out to reproduce the composition of an equities index within the meaning of article 63 of the Royal Decree of 12 November 2012 concerning undertakings for collective investment meeting the conditions of Directive 2009/65/EC. If the index no longer meets the conditions set by the abovementioned Royal Decree, it shall be replaced by a similar index such as the STOXX Japan 600 ESG-X or FTSE4GOOD Japan.

### **Lending of financial instruments:**

The sub-fund does not intend to lend financial instruments.

### **General strategy for hedging the foreign exchange risk:**

The sub-fund does not intend hedging the foreign exchange risk.

### **Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations – sustainability transparency:**

This section is confined to an explanation of the main ESG aspects relevant to the sub-fund's investment policy. Information on the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this sub-fund can be found in the pre-contractual information for this sub-fund attached to this prospectus.

The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of SFDR 2019/2088, through a rigorous methodology defined in the section *ESG investment selection methodology* to defend fundamental rights, not to finance controversial activities that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments and to promote best practices in ESG matters.

Through application of the investment strategy described below, the sub-fund invests a minimum of 90% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The objective of the sub-fund is to replicate the performance of the MSCI Japan ESG LEADERS Total Net Return Index. This benchmark has an ESG selection process and is therefore consistent with the environmental and social aspects promoted by the sub-fund:

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics applies to the entire portfolio with the exception of liquid assets, potential derivatives, undertakings for collective investment and issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

### **No sustainable investment objective:**

The sub-fund does not have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of SFDR 2019/2088.

Furthermore, the sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by SFDR 2019/2088 and the percentage of aligned investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is 0%. The investments underlying this sub-fund do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### **Investment strategy:**

#### **Methodology for selecting ESG investments:**

The objective of the sub-fund is to replicate the performance of the MSCI Japan ESG LEADERS Total Net Return Index.

The replicated Index is constructed in particular by applying a combination of securities-based exclusions and a Best-in-Class selection process to companies in the Parent Index. MSCI Japan Net Total Return:

- a) The **exclusion process** focuses on:
  - Companies that do not have an MSCI ESG rating of 'BB' or above. Companies must maintain an MSCI ESG rating of 'BB' or above to remain in the index.

- Companies that are not in compliance with Global Standards and prevention of corruption
- Companies involved in economic sectors and activities that are subject to debate as to whether or not they are ethical and sustainable (e.g. alcohol, gambling, nuclear energy production, tobacco etc.).
- Companies involved in severe ESG controversies: securities must have a score (according to the MSCI ESG Research methodology) of at least 3 to be eligible for inclusion.
  - b) The MSCI **Best-in-Class selection process** is applied to the remaining eligible securities in the selection universe:

The Index targets sector weights consistent with those of the Parent Index to limit the systematic risk introduced by the ESG selection process. The methodology aims to include the securities of companies with the highest ESG ratings making up 50% of the market capitalisation of the Parent Index.

Additional information on this index and its composition can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com). The weight of stocks included in the index will depend on their market capitalisation adjusted for free float.

In addition to the investment restrictions related to Index replication, the sub-fund has adopted the following constraint:

- Exclusion of companies involved in **controversial activities**: The sub-fund excludes companies whose activity consists of the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium munitions and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The sub-fund also excludes securities of companies that have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

Details of the exclusions (including the exclusion criteria and thresholds) are available in DPAM's controversial activities policy (section on "conventional" strategies) available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Controversial Activities Policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

These exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under the criteria defined above are regularly updated and are fed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

### ***Taking account of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors:***

The sub-fund takes into account all the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The way in which the sub-fund takes into account these PAIs on sustainability factors is more fully described in the pre-contractual information relating to this sub-fund which is attached to this prospectus.

In addition, information on the sub-fund's PAIs on sustainability factors will be available in the annual periodic reports of the SICAV.

DPAM's due diligence policies in relation to the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors are set out in the policy on sustainable and responsible investment which is available at [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Sustainable & Responsible Investment policy) - [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

### ***Further information:***

More specific information on the product can be found on the website [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

The sub-fund may invest in units of another UCITS or another fund managed directly or indirectly by DPAM or by a company with which DPAM is linked by common management or control or by a direct or indirect holding of more than 10% of the capital or votes. No issue or redemption fees for target funds or management fees may be debited from the SICAV's assets where such investments have been made.

### ***Risk profile of the sub-fund:***

The value of a unit may go up or down, and investors may therefore get back less than they invested.

Description of the risks deemed significant and relevant as assessed by the sub-fund:

Type of risk	Level	Description
Capital risk	High	The sub-fund does not include any “capital guarantee” or “capital protection” commitment. It is therefore possible that investors could lose all or part of their capital.
Concentration risk	High	As the portfolio is mainly composed of Japanese securities without international diversification, it is likely to be more specifically exposed to the economic development of this sector and area.
Exchange risk	High	As the assets are denominated in Japanese yen, their value varies according to exchange rates against the euro.
Market risk	High	It is essentially an equity sub-fund.
Sustainability risk	Moderate	The investment universe of the sub-fund is limited to the investments of its index. The index takes into account sustainability aspects by establishing exclusion lists and applying the best-in-class selection process to the benchmark. This method allows for the inclusion of companies with the highest sustainability scores, which represent 50% of the market capitalisation of the benchmark. The sustainability risk remains, however, as the objective of the sub-fund is to track the performance of its index. The impact of adverse sustainability events could have negative effects on the performance of the sub-fund. Investments in companies whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour are legally excluded from the sub-fund.
Risks relating to derivative products	Low	The investment policy allows for derivatives.
Liquidity risk	Low	The sub-fund invests mainly in equities companies included in the MSCI Japan index.

By its nature this sub-fund is liable to be exposed to “market timing” practices. The sub-fund does not authorize such practices and the following measures have been taken to counter “market timing” attempts:

- Proper procedures have been introduced to ensure that subscription applications are received before the cut-off time for order acceptance.
- The acceptance cut-off time is several hours ahead of the closing prices used to calculate the applicable net asset value.

### Risk profile of the typical investor:

Dynamic

### Investment horizon:

This sub-fund may not be appropriate for investors who intend to withdraw their capital within 7 years of the initial investment.

## **TYPES OF SHARES OFFERED FOR THIS SUB-FUND:**

Class	Type	Currency	ISIN Code	Form
A	Distribution	EUR	BE6344890239	Registered/Dematerialized
B	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6344900335	Registered/Dematerialized
E	Distribution	EUR	BE6344904378	Registered/Dematerialized
F	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6344905383	Registered/Dematerialized
J	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6344907405	Registered/Dematerialized
M	Distribution	EUR	BE6344908411	Registered/Dematerialized
N	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6344909427	Registered/Dematerialized
P	Capitalisation	EUR	BE6344910433	Registered/Dematerialized

### Initial subscription date:

21 August 2023.

### Initial subscription price for class A:

€100



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

For the following additional sub-investment funds no notification of distribution was published, so that shares of these sub-investment funds may not be distributed within the area of application of the Capital Investment Code:

- DPAM B Bonds EUR Short Term 1 Y
- DPAM B Bonds EUR Corporate Sustainable
- DPAM B Equities EMU Index
- DPAM B Equities Europe Index
- DPAM B Equities Japan Index
- DPAM B Equities US Index
- DPAM B Equities World ex Japan, Europe & USA Index
- DPAM B Equities US ESG Leaders Index
- DPAM B Balanced Growth
- DPAM B Equities Japan ESG Leaders Index

### FACILITIES AGENT IN GERMANY

The entity in charge of providing the facilities to investors in Germany in accordance with the Directive (EU) 2019/1160 Art 92 a) to f), the “Facilities Agent in Germany”:

MARCARD, STEIN & CO AG  
Ballindamm 36  
D-20095 Hamburg

The Facilities Agent in Germany will cover the following tasks – in German language and electronically - within the meaning of Sec. 306a of the German Investment Code (“Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch”-KAGB), namely:

- provide investors with information on how subscription, payment, conversion and redemption orders of investors can be made and how redemption proceeds are paid;
- facilitate the access to procedures and arrangements referred to in Sec. 28 para. 2 number 1 KAGB relating to the investors' exercise of their rights arising from their investment in the UCITS in Germany and provide related information (complaints support);
- make the information and documents required pursuant to Sec. 297 para. 4 sentence 1 and Sec. 298 para. 1 KAGB available to investors, for the purposes of inspection and obtaining copies thereof;
- provide investors with information relevant to the tasks that the facilities perform in a durable medium;
- act as a contact point of communication with the BaFin (“Contact Point of Communication”).

The Fund does not issue printed individual certificates.

Requests for subscriptions and redemptions by German Investors with regard to Shares can be made in writing from Germany to the Bank Degroof Petercam SA at their Head Office Rue de l'Industrie 44 - BE 1040 Brussels directly or via the financial intermediaries of the German investors in accordance with the terms and conditions as specified under the heading “Information Sources” in this

Prospectus. Subscription and redemption monies may be paid from / to the German account at the bank of the German Investor or any other account the Investor indicates as suitable.

The following documents and information can be inspected free of charge at the Facilities Agent in Germany and can be obtained in paper form:

- the sales prospectus of the company;
- the Key Information Document of the company;
- the articles of incorporation of the company;
- the annual and half-yearly report of the company;
- the issue, redemption and exchange prices;
- any communications to the investors.

In addition, a copy of the agreements with the investment administrators and investment advisors of the SICAV can be inspected free of charge at the registered office of the SICAV.

All other information and documents that are available for investors in Belgium are available free of charge for investors in the Federal Republic of Germany at the Facilities Agent in Germany.

## PUBLICATIONS

The issue and redemption prices are published on the Internet sites [www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com) and [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

Any communications to the investors are published in the Federal Republic of Germany in the Federal Bulletin ([www.bundesanzeiger.de](http://www.bundesanzeiger.de)) and on the Internet page [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com).

In addition, communications on the following cases to investors in the Federal Republic of Germany will be done by means of a durable medium pursuant to § 298 (2) of the Investment Code:

- suspension of the redemption of the shares,
- termination of the management of the fund or its liquidation,
- any amendments to the Articles of Association of the company which are inconstant with the previous investment principles, which affect material investor rights or which relate to remuneration and reimbursement of expenses that may be paid or made out of the asset pool,
- merger of the fund with one or more other funds and

the change of the fund into a feeder fund or the modification of a master fund.



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## PRE-CONTRACTUAL DISCLOSURE SFDR

Product name:

DPAM B - BONDS EUR SHORT TERM 1 Y

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.
- excluding countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements.

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- **For direct investments (in corporate bonds):**

- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with Global Standards;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity.

- **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirements.

For more details, see the section below “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?”

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?**

**X** Yes,

• **For direct investments (in corporate bonds):**

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds) :**

Yes, the Sub-fund takes into consideration the environmental and social PAIs listed in table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The first PAI is related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral part of the country sustainability model developed by DPAM for its sovereign bond strategies. It is therefore included in the country sustainability score and can influence the country sustainability score positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution relative to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM’s engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

The second PAI is related to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model observes several indicators on this issue such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence in the country, commitment to major labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc.

These different indicators are included in the country sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution per country.

These different indicators are included in the country's sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution compared to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM's engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No

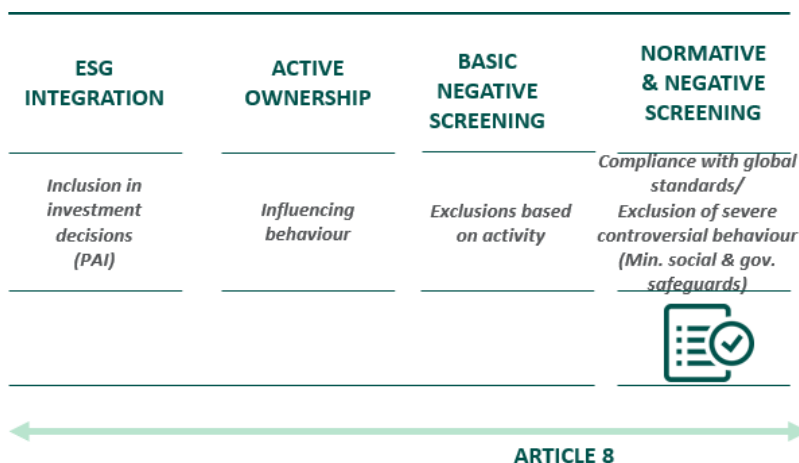


### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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



● **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?**

- For direct investments (in corporate bonds):

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational

Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal. These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment. Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems. Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration.

There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from extra-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most severe controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

The Sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet these minimum requirements the manager applies a methodology which is primarily based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "Sovereign Bonds") which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

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

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

not applicable

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

• **For direct investments (in corporate bonds) :**

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each



of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

- i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.
- ii. Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: Good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.
- iii. Qualitative ESG approach: DPAM’s fundamental research is largely devoted to corporate governance and governance issues.
- iv. DPAM’s voting policy helps to promote good corporate governance practices (separation of powers, independence and adequacy of the board of directors, respect for minority shareholders’ rights, quality of internal and external audit, etc.).

DPAM’s engagement policy is linked to this voting policy and applies its principles. Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM’s voting policy and engagement policy, which can be accessed via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds) :**

Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.

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

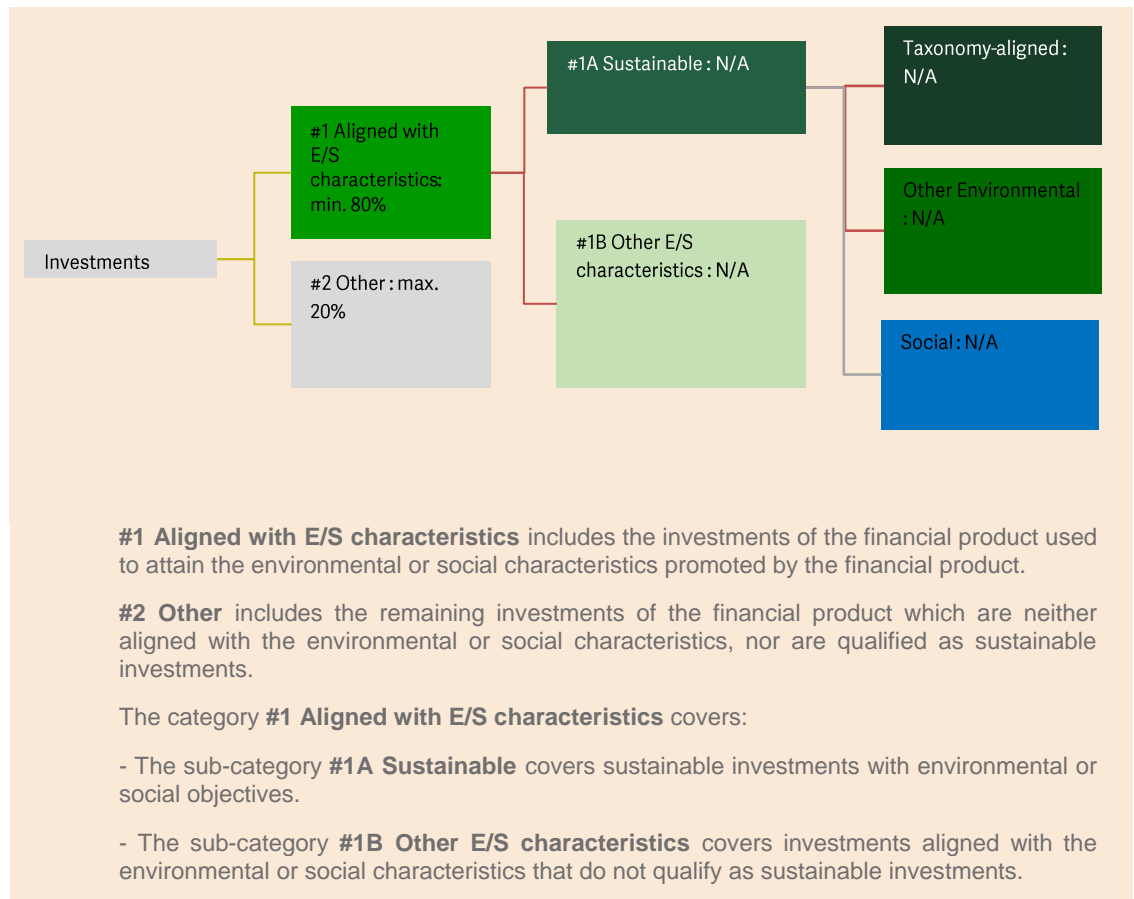
By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.



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

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

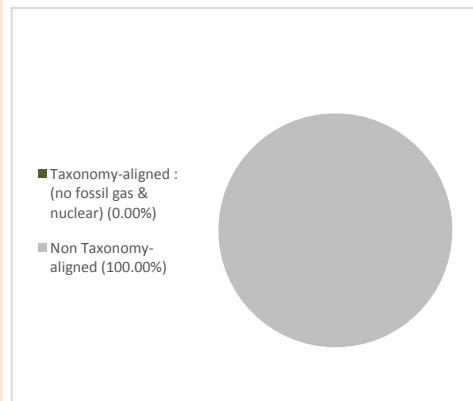
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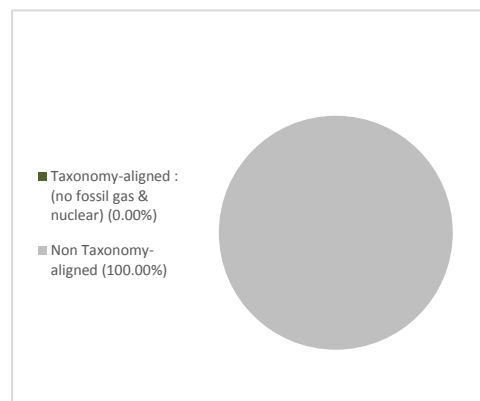
No

*The two graphs below show in green 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\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - BONDS EUR

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?**

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- excluding countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements.
- systematically applying a policy of impact bonds such as green and social bonds.

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirements;
- b. A higher percentage of impact bonds (green, social & sustainability bonds) in the portfolio than the benchmark.

For more details, see the section below “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?”

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?**

- X** Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund’s investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

The first PAI is related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral part of the country sustainability model developed by DPAM for its sovereign bond strategies. It is therefore included in the country sustainability score and can influence the country sustainability score positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution relative to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the

countries concerned according to DPAM's engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

The second PAI is related to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model observes several indicators on this issue such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence in the country, commitment to major labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc.

These different indicators are included in the country sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution per country.

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DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No





### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING
<i>Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)</i>	<i>Influencing behaviour</i>	<i>Exclusions based on activity</i>	<i>Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social &amp; gov. safeguards)</i>
			
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- **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?**

The Sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions: (a) exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements and (b) an impact bond policy :

a. Exclusion of countries which do not meet minimum democratic requirements: To determine whether a country does not meet minimum democratic requirements the manager applies a methodology which is primarily based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House (“not free”) and The Economist Intelligence Unit (“authoritarian regime”). This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy (section on “Sovereign Bonds”) which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

b. Impact bond policy: the percentage of impact bonds (green, social & sustainability bonds) in the portfolio is higher than that of the benchmark investment universe.

More information can be found in the “Green, Social & Sustainability Government Bonds Policy” section of DPAM’s Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy, which can be accessed via [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf). Stock exclusions on the basis of the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the period in which the position is held in the portfolio.

In the event of a country downgrade the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interest of the Sub-fund’s shareholders within three months.

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

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

not applicable

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

Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.

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

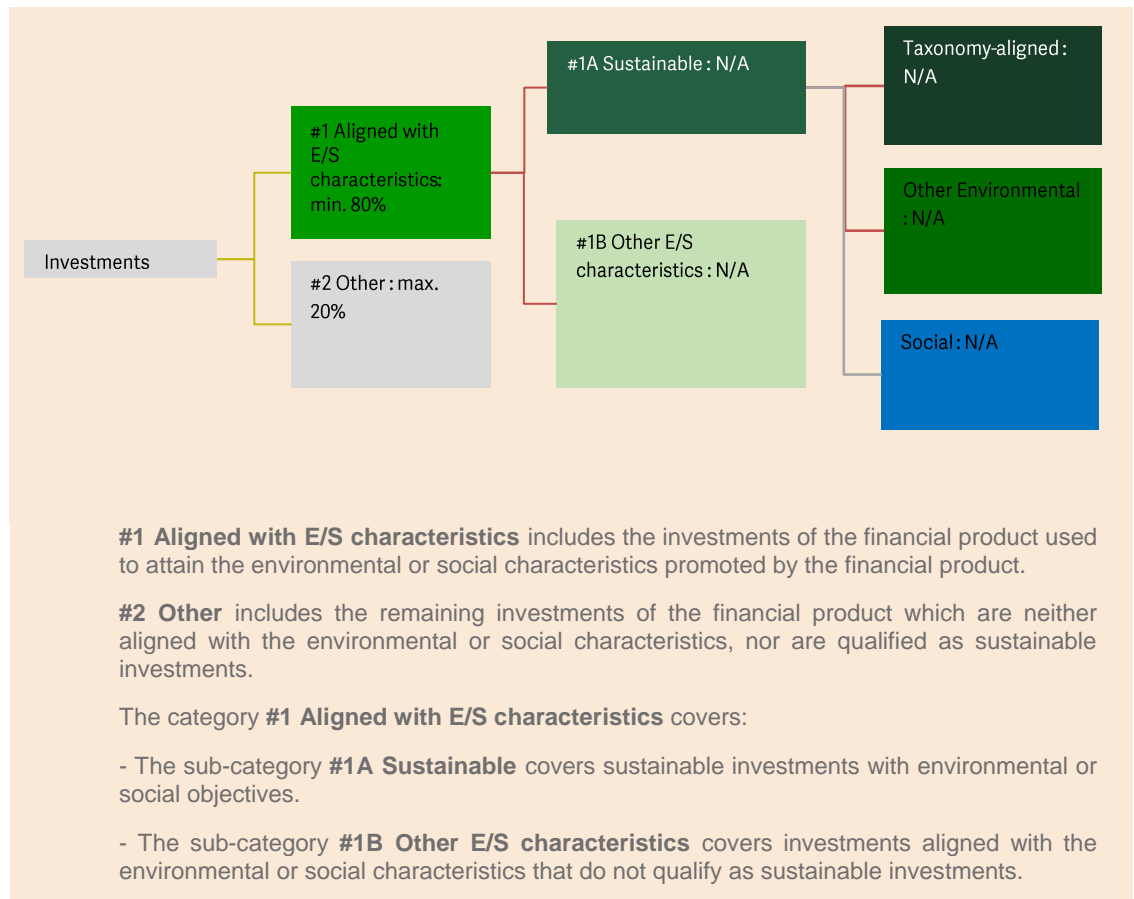
By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
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● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

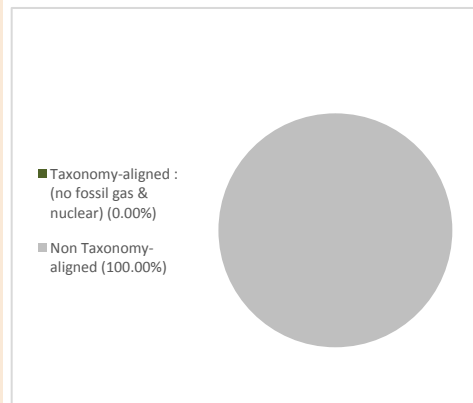
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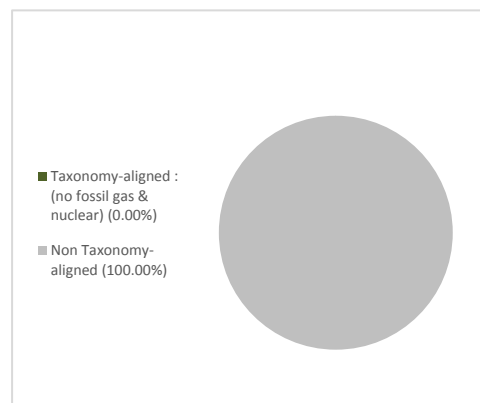
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**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund. There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

Legal entity identifier:

DPAM B - EQUITIES EUROPE SMALL CAPS SUSTAINABLE

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

Yes   No

<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : _% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> _%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes <b>Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50 % of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>
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### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. Zero exposure to issuers whose ESG score resulting from the manager's proprietary "ESG scorecard" rating model is below 2 out of 5;
- e. A weighted average greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the weighted average GHG emissions intensity of the benchmark, calculated over a rolling three year period.

as detailed in the section below entitled "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:
- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter

of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

#### **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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

d) similarly, social indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links



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— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on Global Standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

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### **What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING	EXTENSIVE NEGATIVE SCREENING	POSITIVE SCREENING Best in class	SUSTAINABILITY THEMES
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	IMPACT INVESTING
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● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research.

These selection criteria are as follows:

a) **Global Standards Compliance Filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

b) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

c) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

d) **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile of the invested company by means of ESG scorecards:**

DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters by means of ESG risk and opportunity scorecards for each issuer in the portfolio. These analysis grids make it possible to identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

a) **Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

b) **Impact research and sustainability themes:**

DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – as a proportion of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalisation, sustainable mobility services, etc.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio. At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration.

There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies. Scorecards are established for each issuer applying for the portfolio. They are updated on an annual basis or on an ad-hoc basis should an event require a revision of the issuer's scorecard. The calculation of the positive net contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

Not applicable.

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Quantitative ESG approach (“scorecard”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.

iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM's fundamental research is devoted to governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and



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

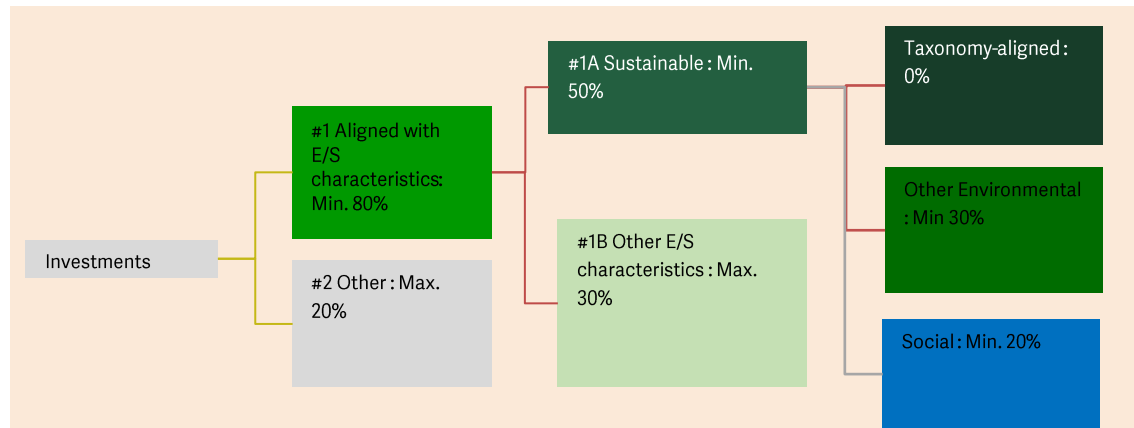
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



**#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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”)

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.

- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

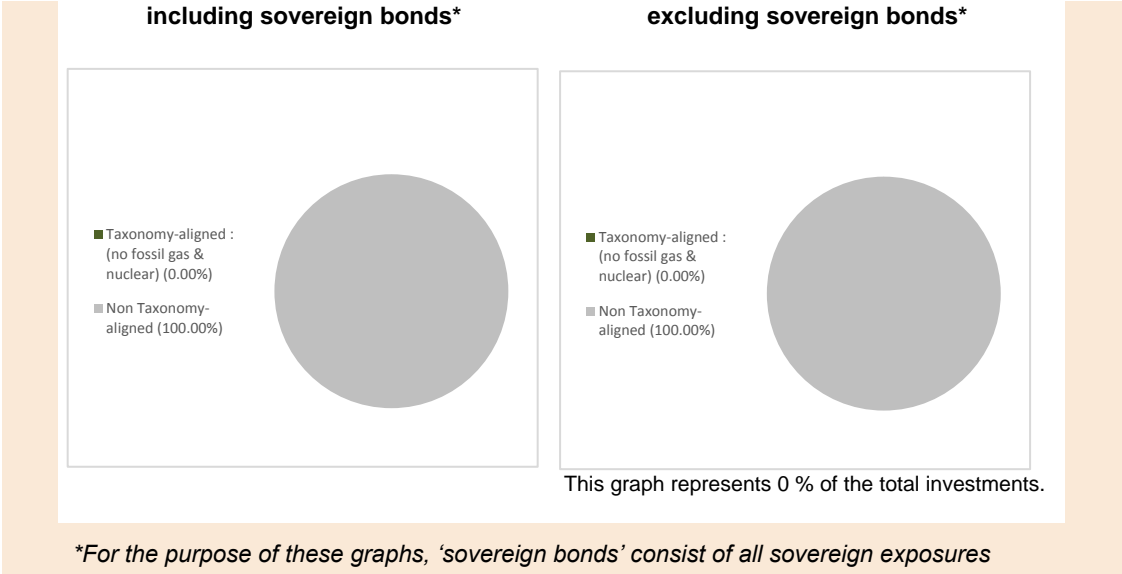
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***The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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

2. Taxonomy alignment of investments

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



## What is 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.

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 30%.

Only two of the six environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy are currently covered by the regulatory framework of the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria that determine alignment with the EU Taxonomy (climate change adaptation and mitigation). Similar criteria for the other four environmental objectives are yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to environmental objectives that are not covered by the current EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria, including key environmental objectives such as sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, prevention and control of pollution and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the environmental objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives.

This framework uses data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies, as a percentage of their turnover, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to environmental objectives.

DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the other four environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy.

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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 20%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.



The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



**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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

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



More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

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

Product name:

DPAM B - EQUITIES EUROLAND

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)); and
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies.

as detailed in the section below entitled “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?”

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

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c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

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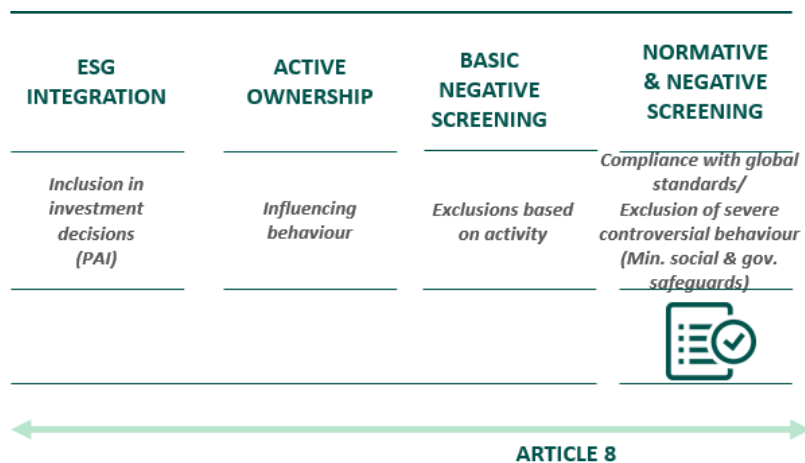
## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.



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



● **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?**

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

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

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

not applicable

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above. DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

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iii. Qualitative ESG approach: DPAM's fundamental research is largely devoted to corporate governance and governance issues.

iv. DPAM's voting policy helps to promote good corporate governance practices (separation of powers, independence and adequacy of the board of directors, respect for minority shareholders' rights, quality of internal and external audit, etc.). DPAM's engagement policy is linked to this voting policy and applies its principles.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which can be accessed via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and

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

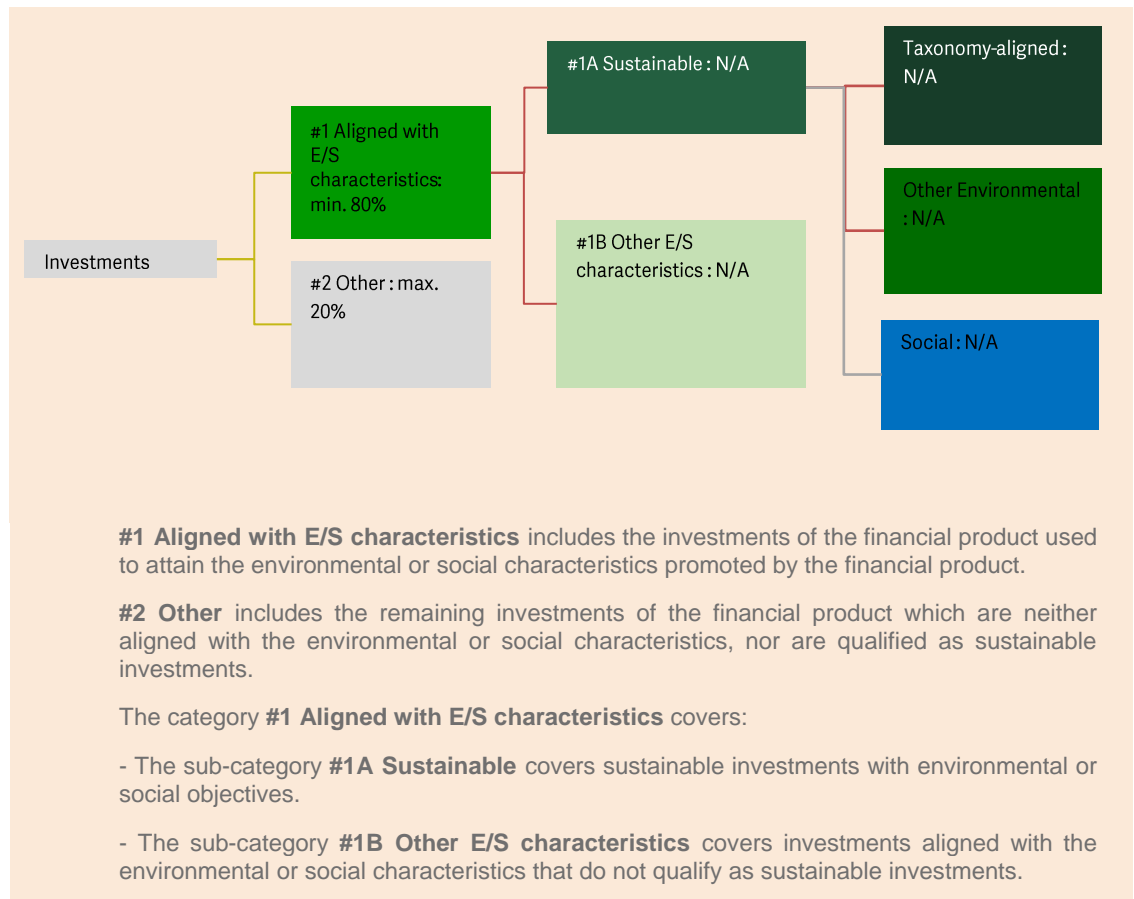
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Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

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

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

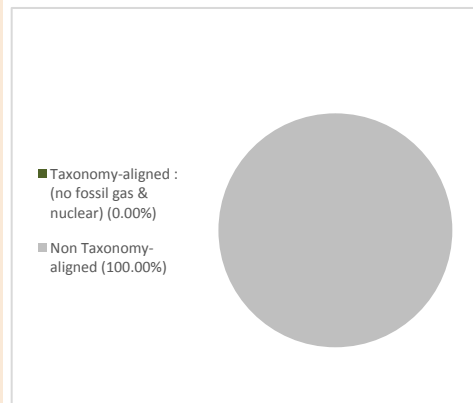
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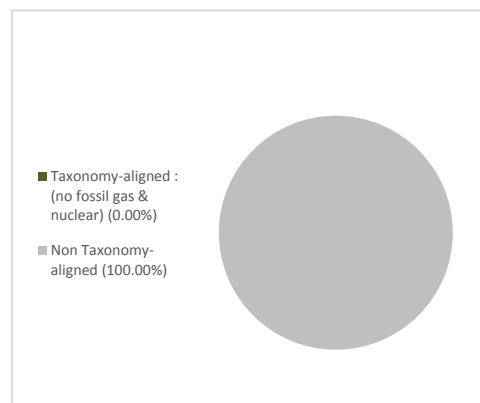
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1. Taxonomy alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.





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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes. The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - REAL ESTATE EUROPE SUSTAINABLE

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### 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 50 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) and
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. Zero exposure to issuers whose ESG score resulting from the manager's proprietary " ESG scorecard " rating model is below two out of five; and
- e. Alignment of the portfolio with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) or equivalent achieving a minimum of 50% by 2026;

as detailed in the section below entitled "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?"

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:
- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter

of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

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DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links

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— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?**

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

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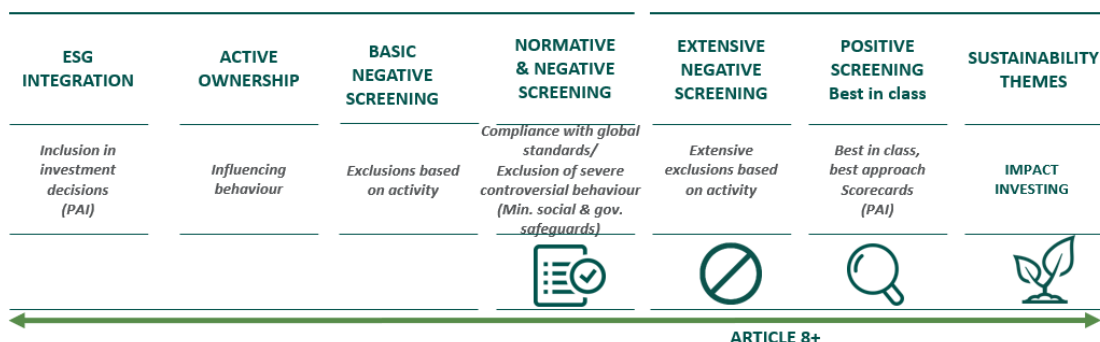
### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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



● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research.

These selection criteria are as follows:

**a) Global Standards Compliance Filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

**b) Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

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c) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

**d) Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

**e) Analysis and rating of the ESG profile of the invested company by means of ESG scorecards:**

DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters by means of ESG risk and opportunity scorecards for each issuer in the portfolio. These analysis grids make it possible to identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied

**:a) Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.



## b) Impact research and sustainability themes:

DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – as a proportion of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalisation, sustainable mobility services, etc. The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

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In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

Not applicable.

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- Quantitative ESG approach (“scorecard”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.
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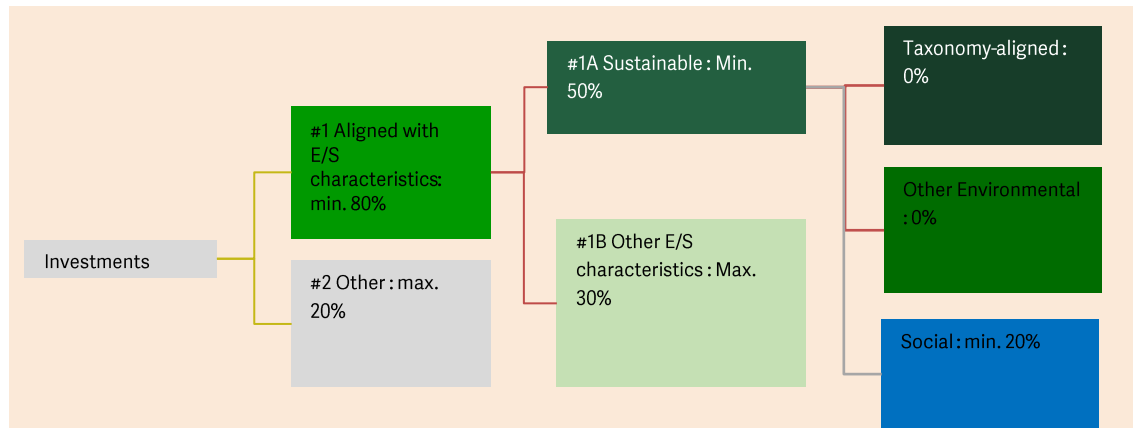
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By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



**#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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”)

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.

- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

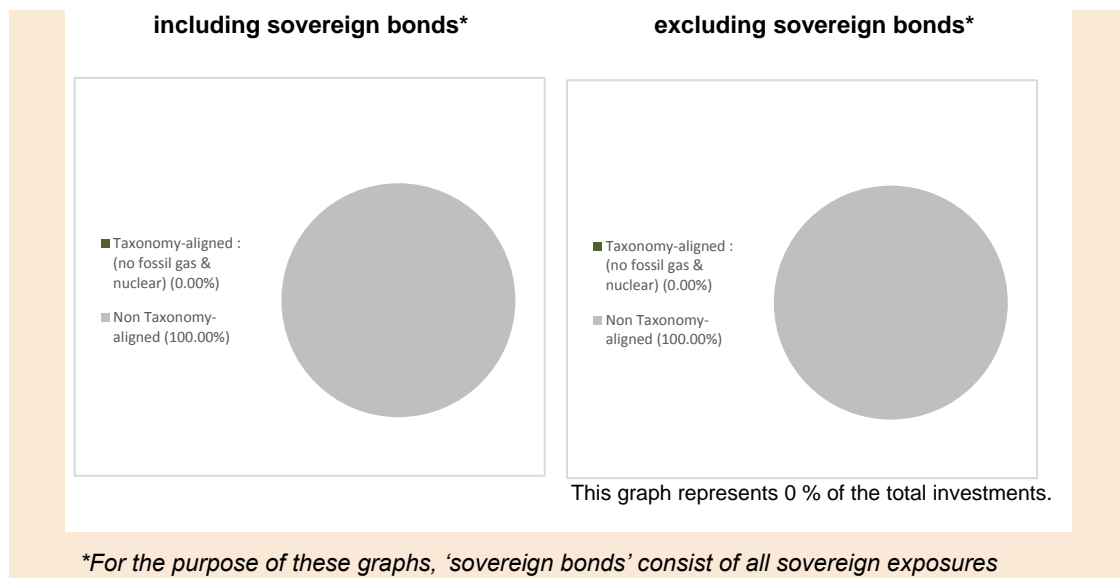
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1. Taxonomy alignment of investments

2. Taxonomy alignment of investments

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make 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?**

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 20%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this

Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



### **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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/“Sustainability transparency” tab).

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

Product name:

DPAM B - EQUITIES WORLD SUSTAINABLE

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

**Yes**
  **No**

<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : _% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> _%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes <b>Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50 % of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>
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### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection);
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments;
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. A better weighted average ESG profile than its benchmark, calculated over a rolling three year period;
- e. A weighted average greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the weighted average GHG emissions intensity of the benchmark, calculated over a rolling three year period.

as detailed in the section below entitled "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:
- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter

of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- An impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### At the overall portfolio level

:- A rule of minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution across all 17 SDGs combined with a weighted average net positive portfolio contribution rule across all 17 SDGs.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

d) similarly, social indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and



Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment objective pursued by Sub-fund is the result of the consecutive steps of the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.



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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING	EXTENSIVE NEGATIVE SCREENING	POSITIVE SCREENING Best in class	SUSTAINABILITY THEMES
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	IMPACT INVESTING
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● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research. These selection criteria are as follows:

**a) Global Standards Compliance filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

**b) Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

**c) Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

**d) Quantitative ESG approach (“best-in-class”):**

DPAM filters the universe before applying the ESG and sustainable investment selection methodology according to a screening based on the quality of the ESG profile of companies, assessed by non-financial rating agencies. The last decile (25%) of the ranking by economic sector is not eligible for investment.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-Fund :

**a) Qualitative ESG approach**

: Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM’s fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies’ strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

**b) Impact research and sustainability themes :**

DPAM ensures that the company’s products and/or services contribute – as a proportion of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable

Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as, for example, health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalization, sustainable mobility services, etc.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Best-in-class screening is carried out every six months. The calculation of the net positive contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

25%

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve the sustainable investment objective?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Quantitative ESG approach (“best-in-class”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.

iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM's fundamental research is devoted to governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).



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

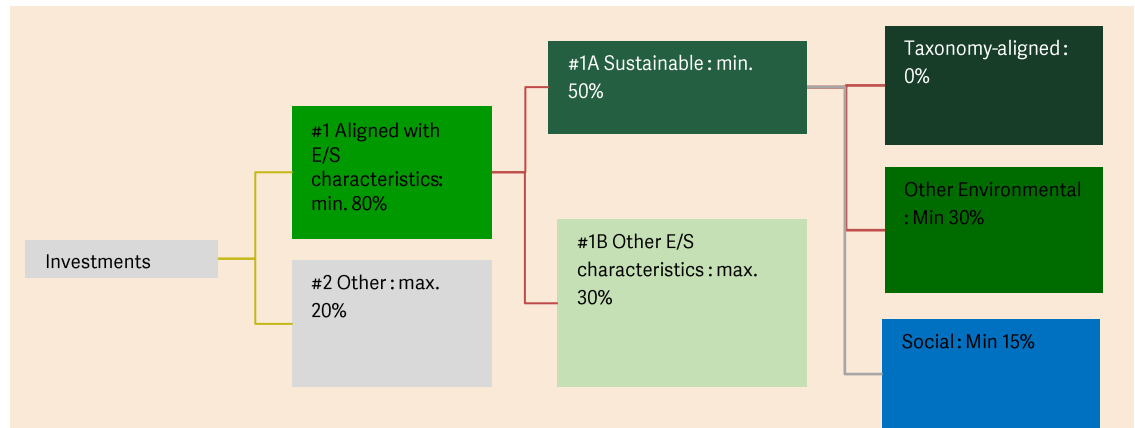
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



**#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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”)

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.
- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy’s Technical

Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

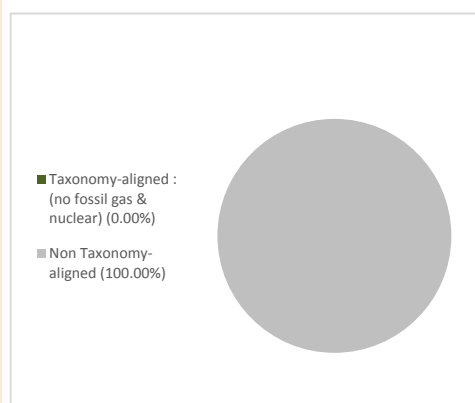
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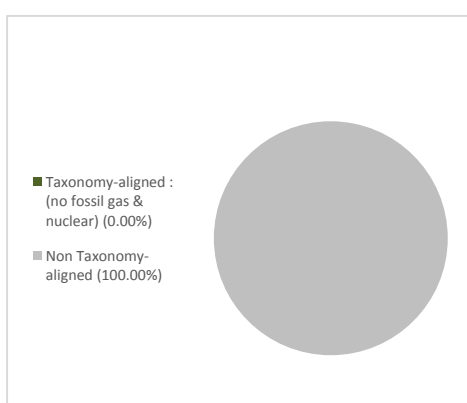
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1. Taxonomy alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

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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 investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

This Sub-fund does not seek to invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 30%.

Only two of the six environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy are currently covered by the regulatory framework of the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria that determine alignment with the EU Taxonomy (climate change adaptation and mitigation). Similar criteria for the other four environmental objectives are yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to environmental objectives that are not covered by the current EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria, including key environmental objectives such as sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, prevention and control of pollution and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the environmental objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives.

This framework uses data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies, as a percentage of their turnover, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to environmental objectives.

DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the other four environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 15%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



### **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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

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



Product name:

DPAM B - EQUITIES EUROPE DIVIDEND

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies.

as detailed in the section below entitled "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?"

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?**

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No

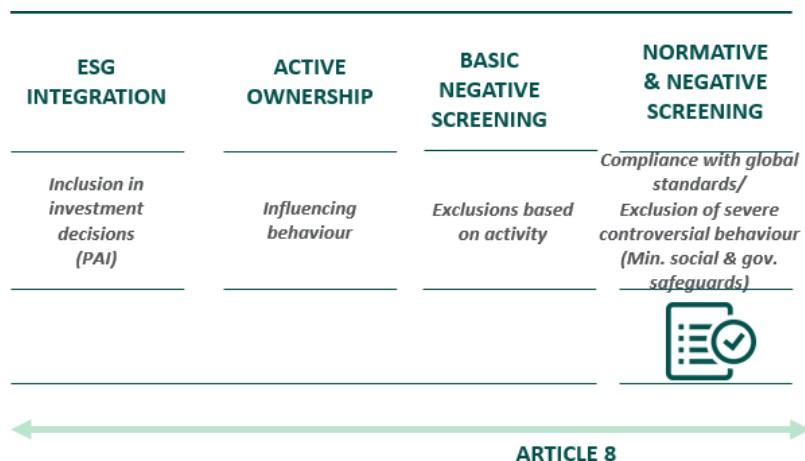
## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.



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



● **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?**

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from extra-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most severe controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

not applicable

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above. DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: Good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Qualitative ESG approach: DPAM's fundamental research is largely devoted to corporate governance and governance issues.

iv. DPAM's voting policy helps to promote good corporate governance practices (separation of powers, independence and adequacy of the board of directors, respect for minority shareholders' rights, quality of internal and external audit, etc.). DPAM's engagement policy is linked to this voting policy and applies its principles.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which can be accessed via the links

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[https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

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

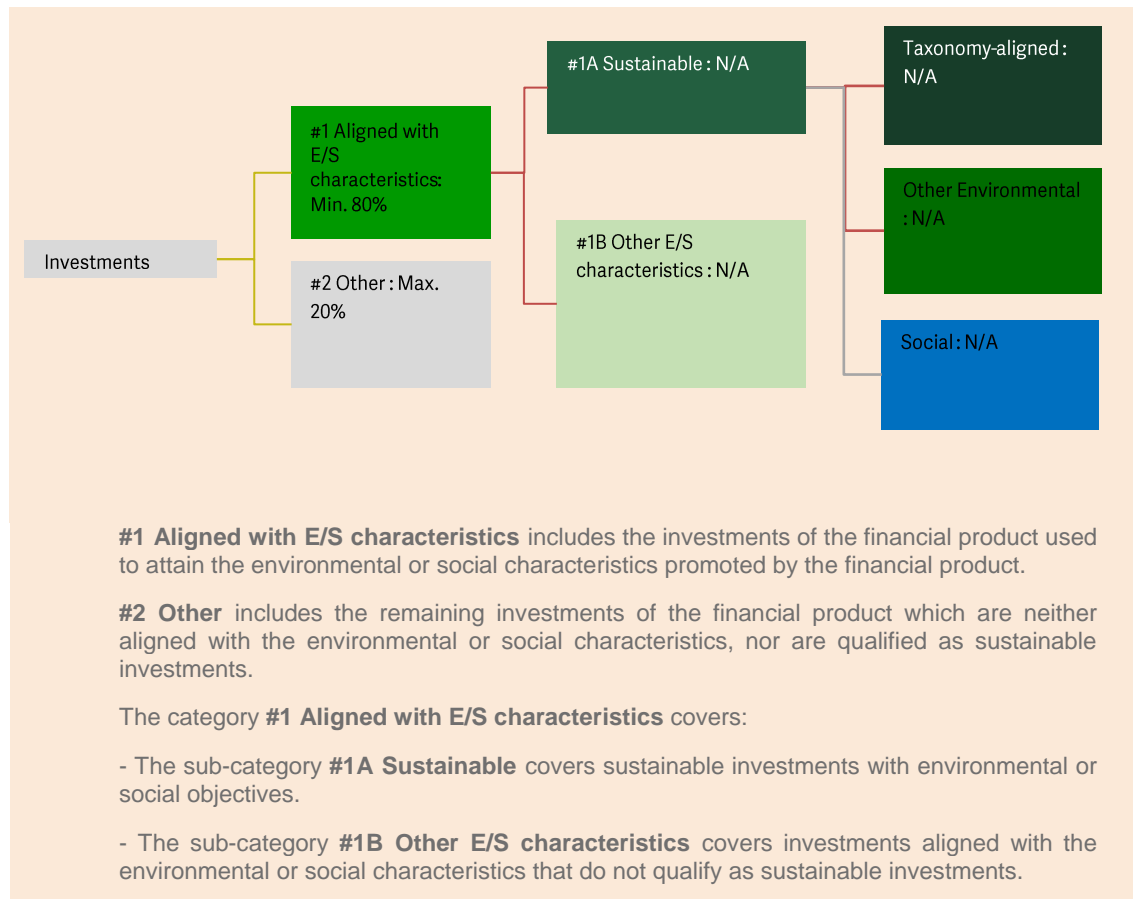
By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as "#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics").



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.



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

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

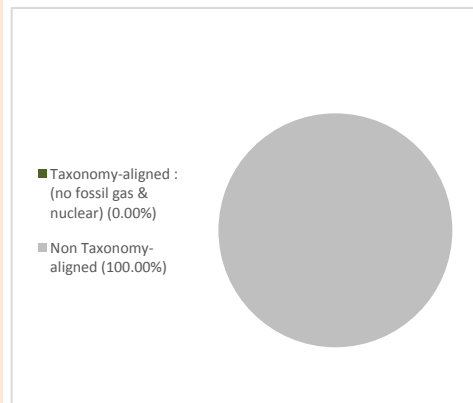
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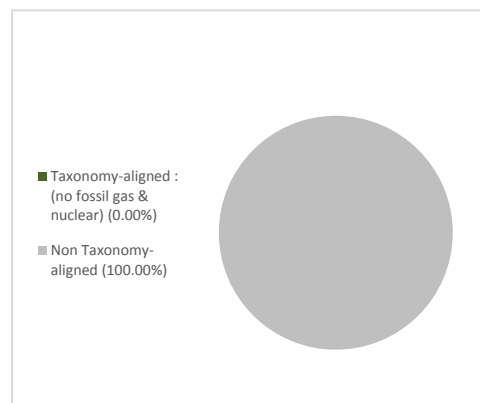
No

*The two graphs below show in green 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\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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





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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### 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 50 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection);
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments;
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. A better weighted average ESG profile than its benchmark calculated over a rolling three year period;
- e. A weighted average greenhouse gas (GHG) emission intensity of the portfolio below the average GHG emissions intensity of the benchmark calculated over a rolling three year period.

as detailed in the section below entitled “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?”

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:
- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter

of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

d) similarly, social indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

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— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link

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c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The sustainable investment objective pursued by Sub-fund is the result of the consecutive steps of the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The sustainable objective is to invest in companies that contribute through their products and services to the 17 sustainable goals defined by the United Nations (UN), such as health products and services, education services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation services, sustainable mobility services. It also aims to help companies make progress in their contribution to sustainable development and ESG issues, by engaging in regular dialogue and sharing with them specific areas for improvement that are monitored over time.

As a result, the investment universe is narrowed: the portfolio focuses on net positive companies, i.e. (1) whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and (2) the most advanced in terms of sustainability and engagement on environmental, social and governance risks.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING	EXTENSIVE NEGATIVE SCREENING	POSITIVE SCREENING Best in class	SUSTAINABILITY THEMES
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	IMPACT INVESTING
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● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research. These selection criteria are as follows:

a) **Global Standards Compliance filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

b) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

c) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

d) **Quantitative ESG approach (“best-in-class”):**

DPAM filters the universe before applying the ESG and sustainable investment selection methodology according to a screening based on the quality of the ESG profile of companies, assessed by non-financial rating agencies. The last decile (25%) of the ranking by economic sector is not eligible for investment.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

a) **Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM’s fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies’ strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

b) **Impact research and sustainability themes :**

DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – as a proportion of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as, for example, health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access

solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalization, sustainable mobility services, etc.

There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Best-in-class screening is carried out every six months. The calculation of the net positive contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

25%

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve the sustainable investment objective?" above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Quantitative ESG approach ("best-in-class"): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.

iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM's fundamental research is devoted to governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at <https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset->





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

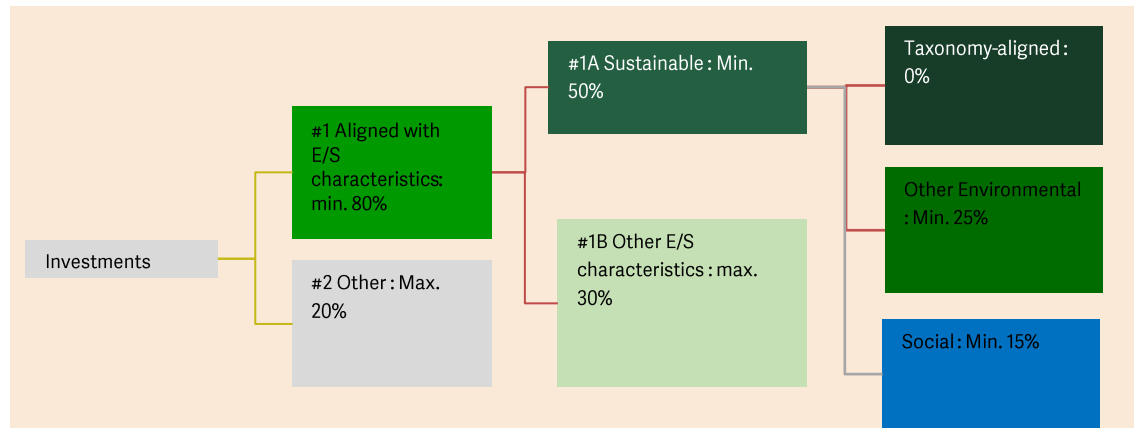
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



**#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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”).

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.

- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

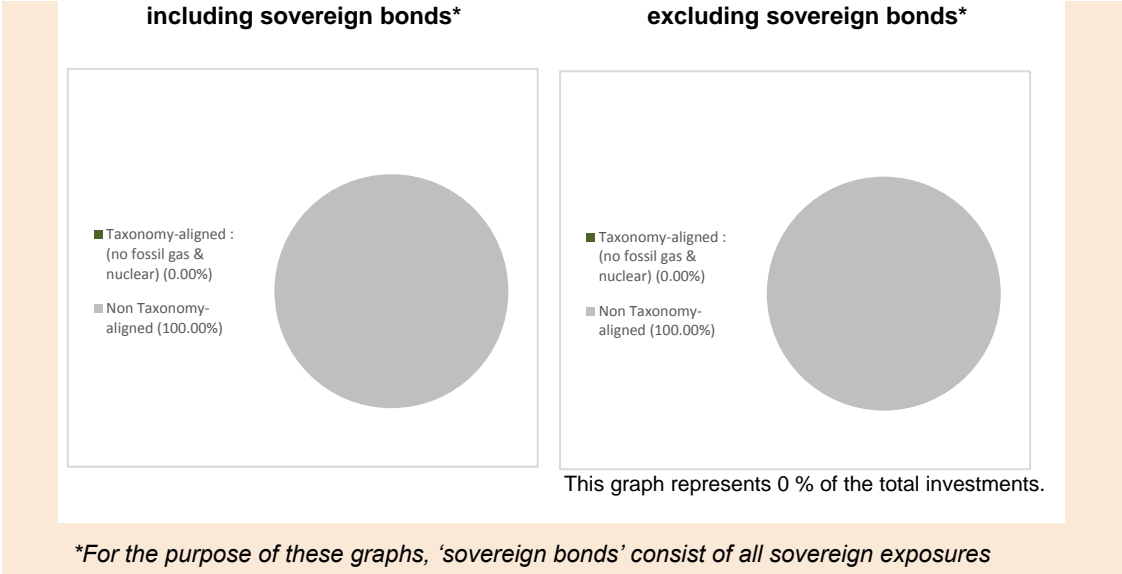
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***The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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

2. Taxonomy alignment of investments

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



## What is 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.

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is : 25%.

Only two of the six environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy are currently covered by the regulatory framework of the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria that determine alignment with the EU Taxonomy (climate change adaptation and mitigation). Similar criteria for the other four environmental objectives are yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to environmental objectives that are not covered by the current EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria, including key environmental objectives such as sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, prevention and control of pollution and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the environmental objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives.

This framework uses data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies, as a percentage of their turnover, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to environmental objectives.

DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the other four environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy.

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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 25%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



**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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

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



More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

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

Product name:

DPAM B - EQUITIES NEWGEMS SUSTAINABLE

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

Yes   No

<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : _% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> _%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes <b>Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50 % of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>
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### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. Zero exposure to companies that rank in the bottom 20% for more than two of its four main environmental, social or governance risks, specific to the company's activity and geographical area.

In the case of the thematic strategy, the ESG profile is assessed by means of a scorecard that focuses on the 4 most material ESG risks for the issuer. An issuer's profile will be considered insufficient on environmental, social and governance issues if it scores in the bottom 20% on at more than two of the four most material risks identified;

- e. An weighted average greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index, calculated over a rolling three-year period.

as detailed in the section below entitled "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?"

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors

(hereafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:

- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company’s products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

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**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.



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— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental

protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

d) similarly, social indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No



## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING	EXTENSIVE NEGATIVE SCREENING	POSITIVE SCREENING Best in class	SUSTAINABILITY THEMES
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	IMPACT INVESTING
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● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research. These selection criteria are as follows:

**a) Global Standards Compliance Filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

**b) Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

**c) Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

**d) Analysis and rating of the ESG profile of the invested company by means of ESG scorecards:**

DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters by means of ESG risk and opportunity scorecards for each issuer in the portfolio. These analysis grids make it possible to identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

**a) Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

**b) Impact research and sustainability themes:**

DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – as a proportion

of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalisation, sustainable mobility services, etc.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM’s risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Scorecards are established for each issuer applying for the portfolio. They are updated on an annual basis or on an ad-hoc basis should an event require a revision of the issuer’s scorecard.

The calculation of the positive net contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund’s shareholders within three months.

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

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

Not applicable.

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM’s active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

- i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.
- ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.
- iii. Quantitative ESG approach (“scorecard”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.
- iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM’s fundamental research is devoted to governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM’s voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at <https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset->



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

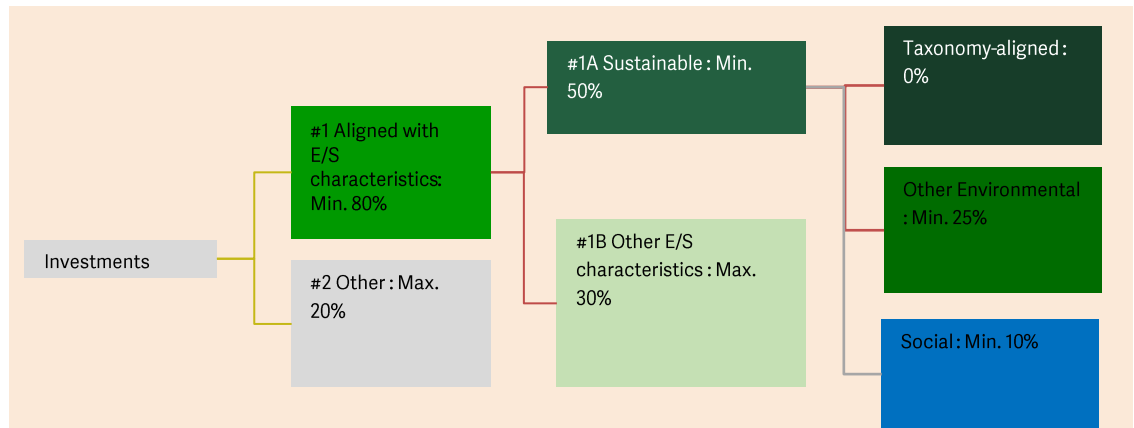
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



**#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?

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”).

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.

- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

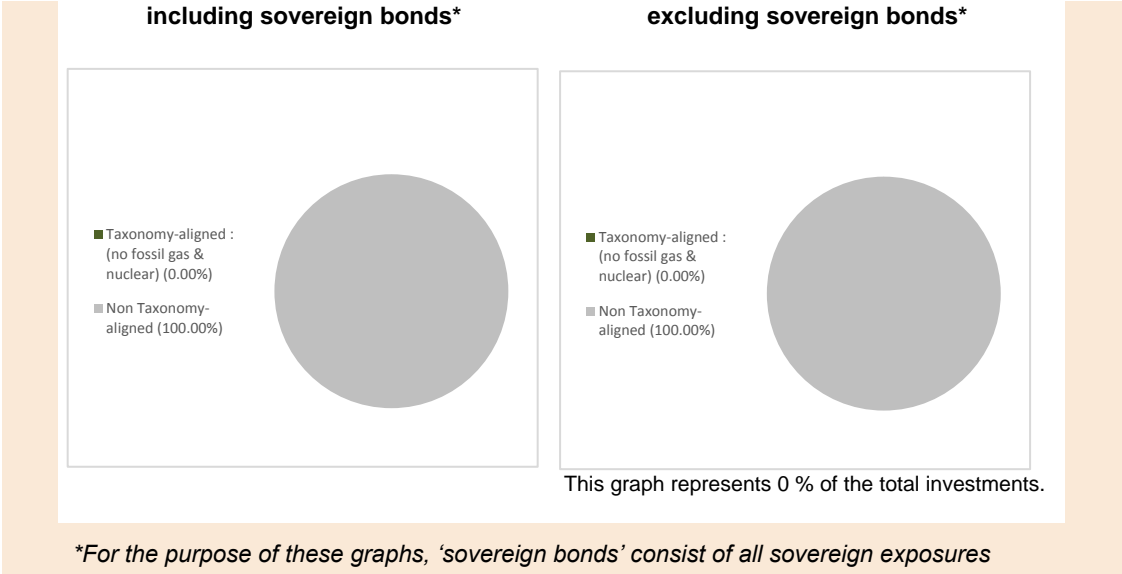
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***The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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

2. Taxonomy alignment of investments

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



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

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Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 25%.

Only two of the six environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy are currently covered by the regulatory framework of the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria that determine alignment with the EU Taxonomy (climate change adaptation and mitigation). Similar criteria for the other four environmental objectives are yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to environmental objectives that are not covered by the current EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria, including key environmental objectives such as sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, prevention and control of pollution and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the environmental objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives.

This framework uses data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies, as a percentage of their turnover, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to environmental objectives.

DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the other four environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 10%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



**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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

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



More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

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

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

Yes   No

<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : _% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> _%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes <b>Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50 % of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>
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### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. Zero exposure to companies that rank in the bottom 20% for more than two of its four main environmental, social or governance risks, specific to the company's activity and geographical area. In the case of the thematic strategy, the ESG profile is assessed by means of a scorecard that focuses on the 4 most material ESG risks for the issuer. An issuer's profile will be considered insufficient on environmental, social and governance issues if it scores in the bottom 20% on more than two of the four most material risks identified;
- e. A weighted average greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the average weighted greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index (DAX Agri<sup>[1]</sup>), calculated over a rolling three-year period;

as detailed in the section below entitled "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?"

[1] The Dax Agri Index is an index of listed companies active in the agriculture and food value chain. The index includes securities across the entire value chain, although the majority of the index is concentrated in the upstream segment. By sector, materials (fertiliser companies and agrochemical producers) account for around 31%, while agricultural equipment companies account for around 20%. Consumer stocks represent around 30%, complemented by companies in the healthcare, consumer discretionary and energy sectors. By country, the United States is the largest component (57%), followed by Germany, the United Kingdom, Singapore and Canada, which together account for around 25%, with the remaining countries accounting for less than 5%.

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is aimed at more sustainable agriculture (including more sustainable food production and better preservation of land and biodiversity, as well as the development of products, innovations and technologies aimed at promoting sustainable food consumption, facilitating the transition to healthy and sustainable diets and reducing food loss and waste) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU Taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming to make a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming to make a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to sustainability goals 2 (zero hunger) and 3 (good health and well-being).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:

- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

**At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution to Sustainable Development Goals 2 (zero hunger) and 3 (good health and well-being).

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour

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rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

d) similarly, social indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links: [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsib\\_le\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsib_le_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?**

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio

construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

d) similarly, social indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

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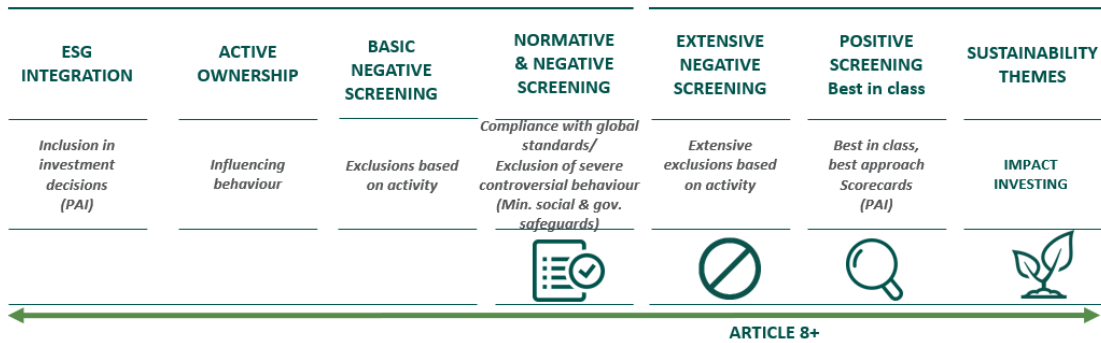
### **What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is aimed at more sustainable agriculture (including more sustainable food production and better preservation of land and biodiversity, as well as the development of products, innovations and technologies to promote sustainable food consumption, facilitate the transition to healthy and sustainable diets and reduce food loss and waste).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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



● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research. These selection criteria are as follows:

a) **Global Standards Compliance Filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

b) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

c) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity :**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

d) **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile of the invested company by means of ESG scorecards:**

DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters by means of ESG risk and opportunity scorecards for each issuer in the portfolio. These analysis grids make it possible to identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

a) **Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

**b) mpact research and sustainability themes: :**

DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – in proportion to its turnover – to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 2 (zero hunger) and 3 (good health and well-being).

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Scorecards are established for each issuer applying for the portfolio. They are updated on an annual basis or on an ad-hoc basis should an event require a revision of the issuer's scorecard.

The calculation of the positive net contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

Not applicable.

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

- i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.
- ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.
- iii. Quantitative ESG approach ("scorecard"): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.
- iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM's fundamental research is devoted to



governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and

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

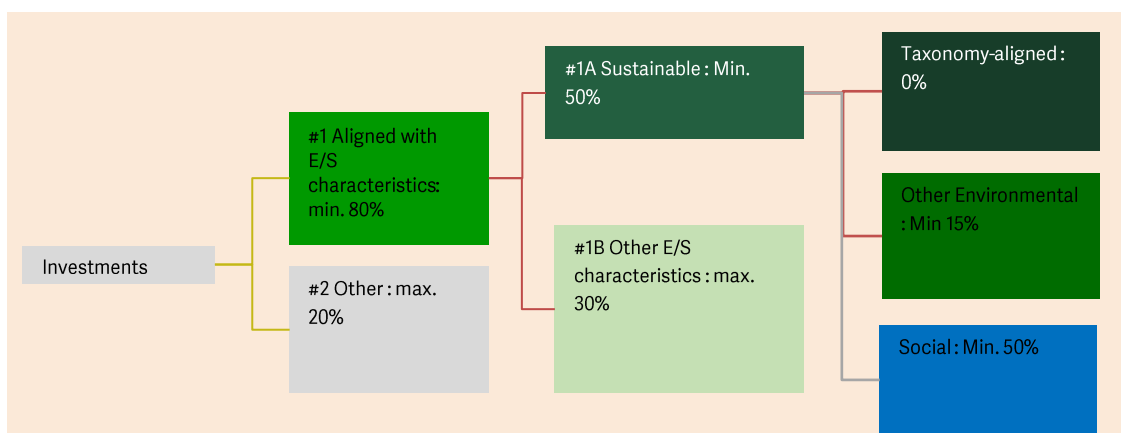
By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”).

DPAM's methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee

companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.

- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

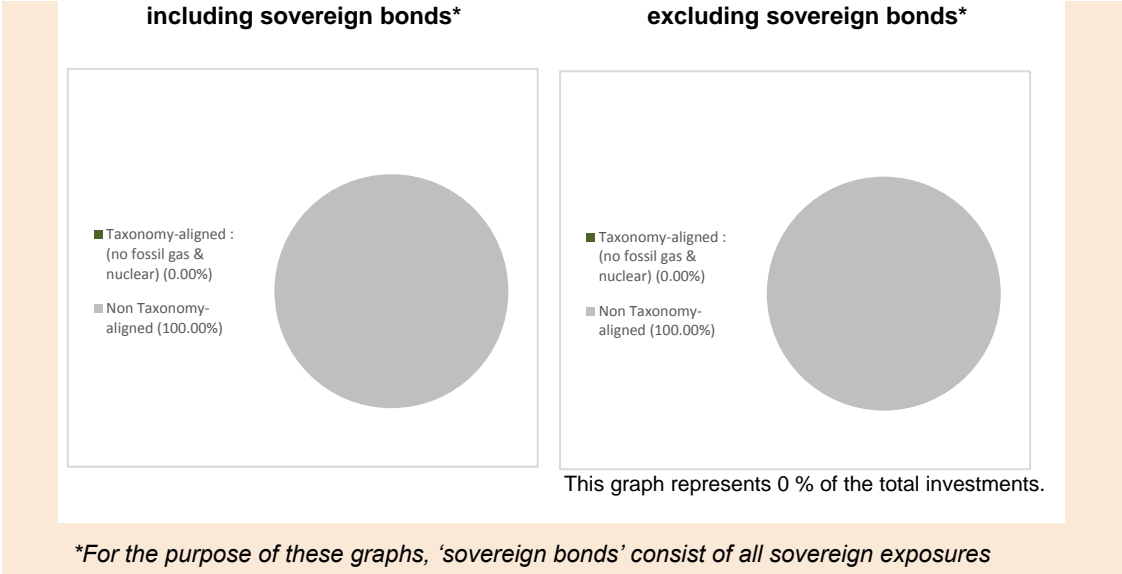
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***The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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

2. Taxonomy alignment of investments

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



## What is 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.

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 15%.

Only two of the six environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy are currently covered by the regulatory framework of the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria that determine alignment with the EU Taxonomy (climate change adaptation and mitigation). Similar criteria for the other four environmental objectives are yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to environmental objectives that are not covered by the current EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria, including key environmental objectives such as sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, prevention and control of pollution and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the environmental objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives.

This framework uses data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies, as a percentage of their turnover, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to environmental objectives.

DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the other four environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 50%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



**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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

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



More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

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

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?**

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- excluding countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements.
- systematically applying a policy of impact bonds such as green and social bonds..

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment :

- a. Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirements.
- b. A higher percentage of impact bonds (green, social & sustainability bonds) in the portfolio than the benchmark.

For more details, see the section below “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?”

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

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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?

- X** Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund’s investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

The first PAI is related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral part of the country sustainability model developed by DPAM for its sovereign bond strategies. It is therefore included in the country sustainability score and can influence the country sustainability score positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution relative to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM’s engagement policy via the link

**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.

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The second PAI is related to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model observes several indicators on this issue such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence in the country, commitment to major labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc.

These different indicators are included in the country sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution per country. These different indicators are included in the country's sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution compared to other issuing countries.

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs. Sub-fund belongs.

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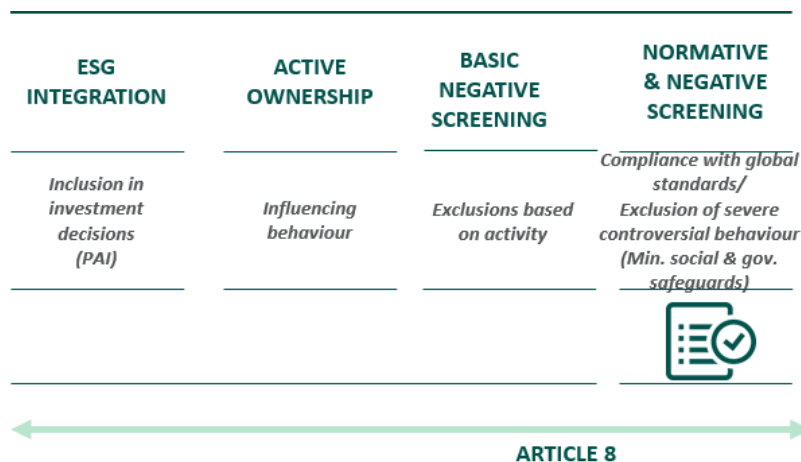
### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.



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





● **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?**

The Sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions: (a) exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements and (b) an impact bond policy :

a. Exclusion of countries which do not meet minimum democratic requirements: To determine whether a country does not meet minimum democratic requirements the manager applies a methodology which is primarily based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House (“not free”) and The Economist Intelligence Unit (“authoritarian regime”). This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy (section on “Sovereign Bonds”) which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

b. Impact bond policy: the percentage of impact bonds (green, social & sustainability bonds) in the portfolio is higher than that of the benchmark investment universe.

More information can be found in the “Green, Social Sustainability Government Bonds Policy” section of DPAM’s Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy, which can be accessed via [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

Stock exclusions on the basis of the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the period in which the position is held in the portfolio.

In the event of a country downgrade the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interest of the Sub-fund’s shareholders within three months.

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

not applicable

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

Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.

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

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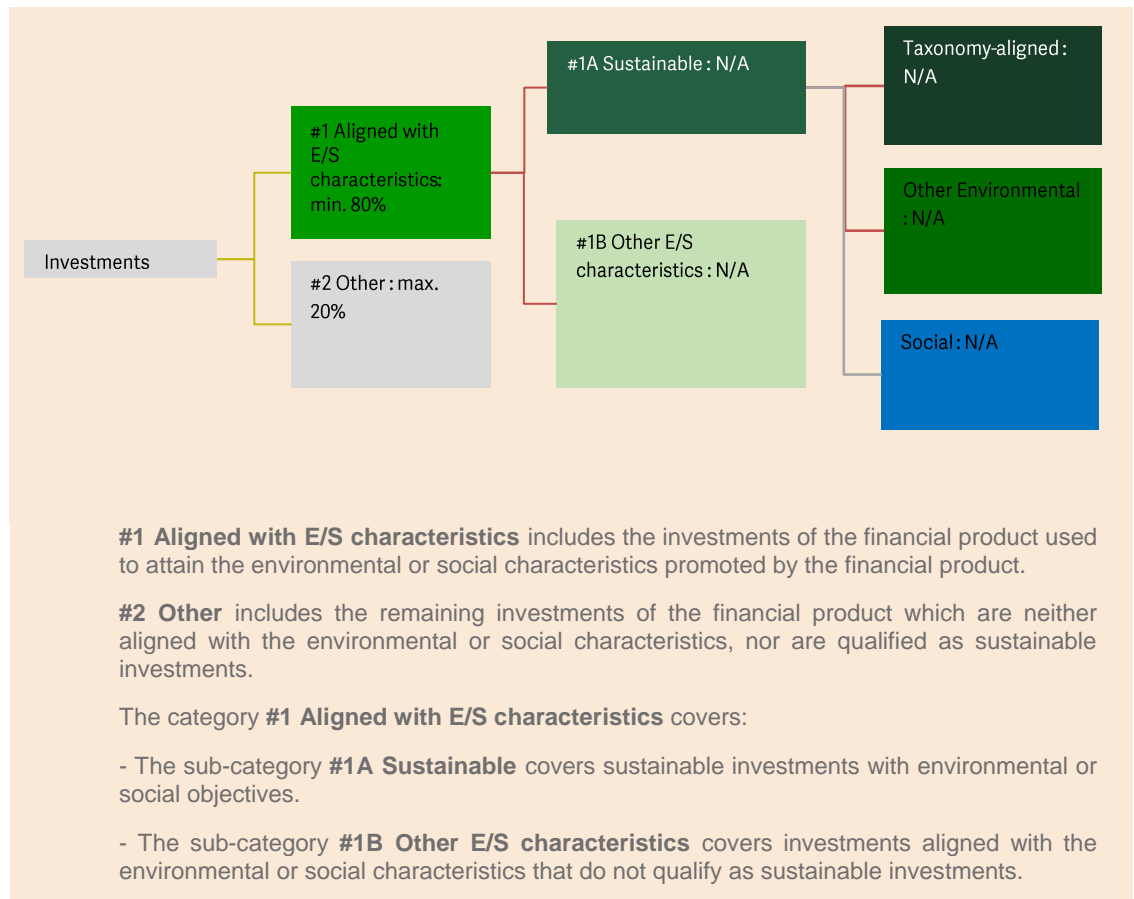
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Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

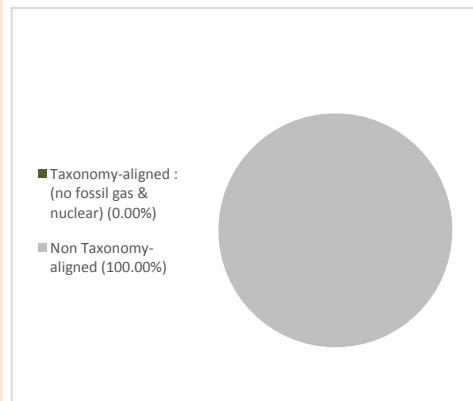
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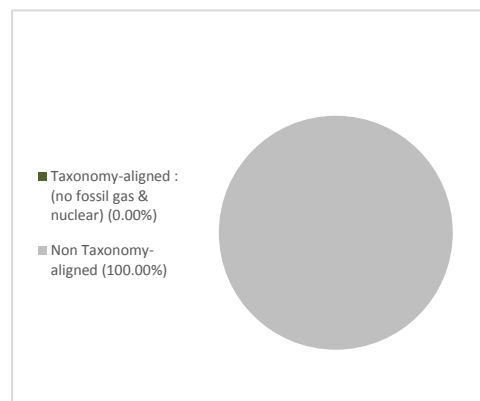
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1. Taxonomy alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



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This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund. There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

Yes

No

It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental 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 50 % of sustainable investments

in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

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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?**

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. Zero exposure to issuers whose ESG score resulting from the manager's proprietary "ESG scorecard " rating model is below two out of five;
- e. Alignment of the portfolio with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) or equivalent *achieving a minimum of 50% by 2026.*

*as detailed in the section below entitled "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?"*

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:
- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the

highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

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d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

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DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links



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— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?**

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No



### **What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING	EXTENSIVE NEGATIVE SCREENING	POSITIVE SCREENING Best in class	SUSTAINABILITY THEMES
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	IMPACT INVESTING
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● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research. These selection criteria are as follows:

a) **Global Standards Compliance Filter :**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

b) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities :**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

c) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

d) **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile of the invested company by means of ESG scorecards:**

DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters by means of ESG risk and opportunity scorecards for each issuer in the portfolio. These analysis grids make it possible to identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

a) **Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

b) **Impact research and sustainability themes:**

DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – as a proportion

of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalisation, sustainable mobility services, etc.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM’s risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

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Scorecards are established for each issuer applying for the portfolio. They are updated on an annual basis or on an ad-hoc basis should an event require a revision of the issuer’s scorecard.

The calculation of the positive net contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund’s shareholders within three months.

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

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

Not applicable.

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM’s active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

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iii. Quantitative ESG approach (“scorecard”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.

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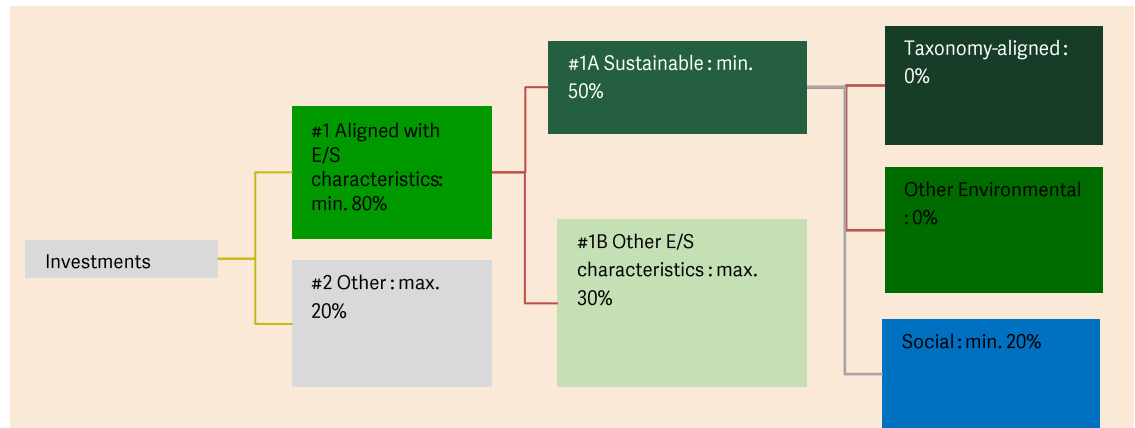
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**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

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Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”)

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.

- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

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The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

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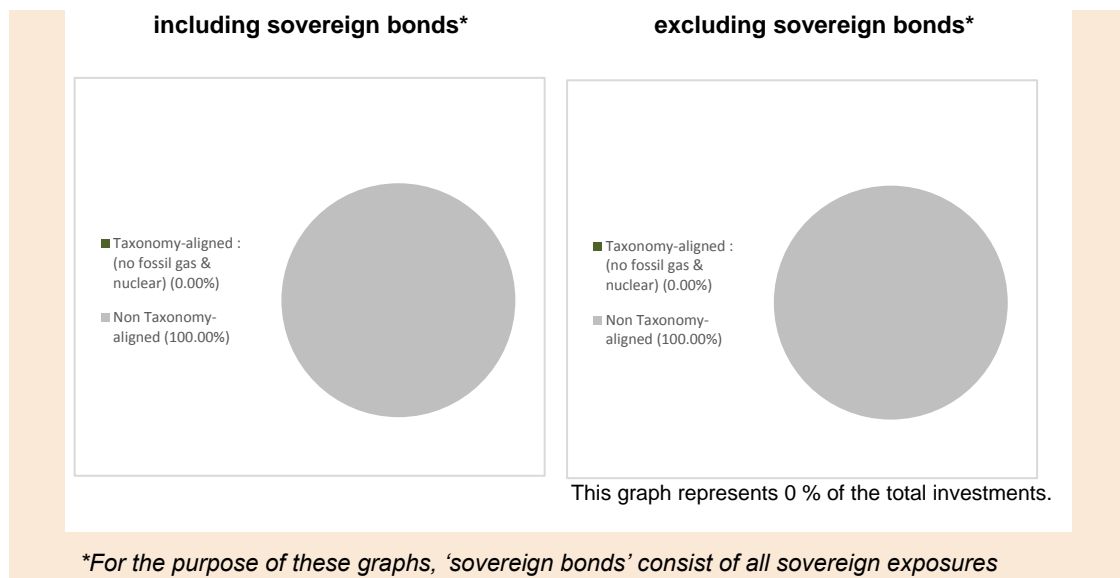
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● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make 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?**

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 20%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this

Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



### **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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/“Sustainability transparency” tab).

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



Product name:

DPAM B - EQUITIES DRAGONS SUSTAINABLE

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

**Yes**
  **No**

<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : _% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> _%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes <b>Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50 % of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>
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### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)); and
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. Zero exposure to companies that rank in the bottom 20% for more than two of their four material environmental, social or governance risks, specific to the company's business and geography.

In the case of the thematic strategy, the ESG profile is assessed by means of a scorecard that focuses on the 4 most material ESG risks for the issuer. An issuer's profile will be considered insufficient on environmental, social and governance issues if it scores in the bottom quintile on more than two of the four most material risks identified.

- e. A weighted average greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the weighted average greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the benchmark index, calculated over a rolling three-year period;

as detailed in the section below entitled "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?"

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:

- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies

related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

d) similarly, social indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links

[https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

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protection.

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The information in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No



### **What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as schematized at the end of the section

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING	EXTENSIVE NEGATIVE SCREENING	POSITIVE SCREENING Best in class	SUSTAINABILITY THEMES
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	IMPACT INVESTING
ARTICLE 8+						

● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research.

These selection criteria are as follows:

a) **Global Standards Compliance Filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

b) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

c) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues

.d) **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile of the invested company by means of ESG scorecards:**

DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters by means of ESG risk and opportunity scorecards for each issuer in the portfolio.

These analysis grids make it possible to identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

a) **Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

## b) Impact research and sustainability themes:

DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – as a proportion of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalisation, sustainable mobility services, etc.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio. At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies. Scorecards are established for each issuer applying for the portfolio. They are updated on an annual basis or on an ad-hoc basis should an event require a revision of the issuer's scorecard. The calculation of the positive net contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

Not applicable.

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Quantitative ESG approach (“scorecard”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.

iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM's fundamental research is devoted to governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and



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

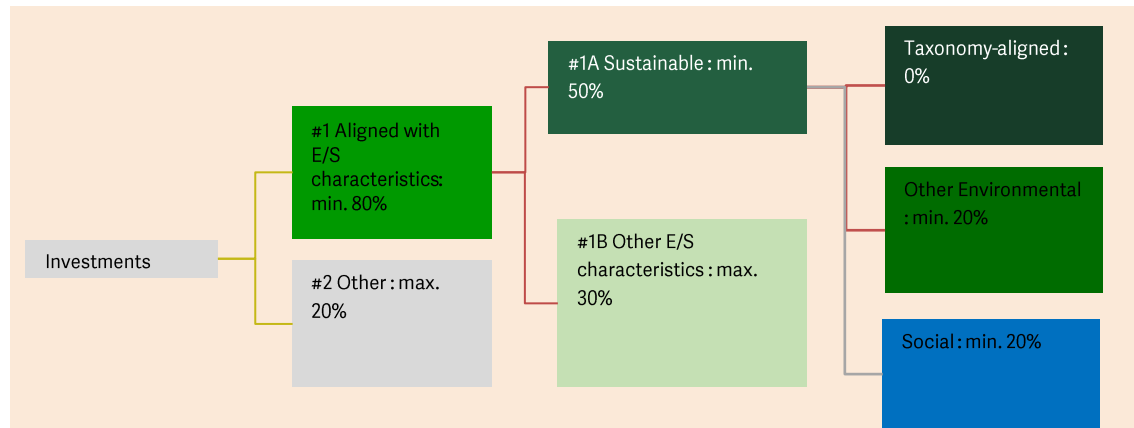
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



**#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?

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”).

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:



- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.

- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

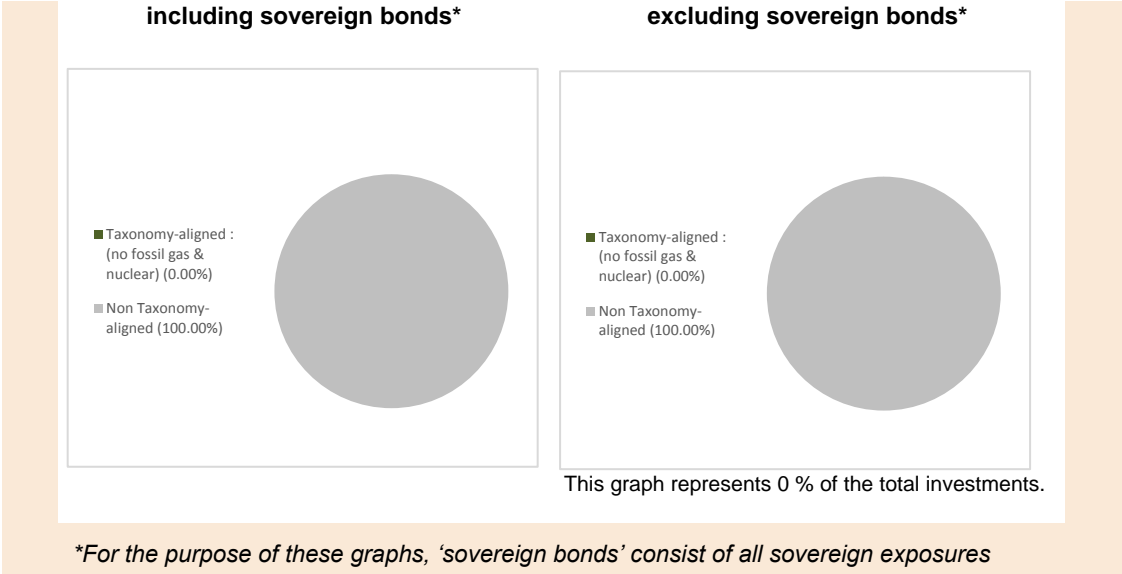
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***The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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

2. Taxonomy alignment of investments

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



## What is 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.

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 20%.

Only two of the six environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy are currently covered by the regulatory framework of the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria that determine alignment with the EU Taxonomy (climate change adaptation and mitigation). Similar criteria for the other four environmental objectives are yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to environmental objectives that are not covered by the current EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria, including key environmental objectives such as sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, prevention and control of pollution and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the environmental objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives.

This framework uses data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies, as a percentage of their turnover, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to environmental objectives.

DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the other four environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 20%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



**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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

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



More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

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

Product name:

DPAM B - EQUITIES EUROLAND SUSTAINABLE

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 50 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. A better weighted average ESG profile than its benchmark, calculated over a rolling three year period;
- e. A weighted average greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the weighted average GHG emissions intensity of the benchmark, calculated over a rolling three year period.

as detailed in the section below entitled "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:
- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter

of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

d) similarly, social indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the

links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsibile\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsibile_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?**

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

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c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).



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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No



### **What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as outlined below:

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING	EXTENSIVE NEGATIVE SCREENING	POSITIVE SCREENING Best in class	SUSTAINABILITY THEMES
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	IMPACT INVESTING
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● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research. These selection criteria are as follows:

**a) Global Standards Compliance Filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

**b) Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

**c) Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

**d) Quantitative ESG approach (“best-in-class”):**

DPAM filters the universe before applying the ESG and sustainable investment selection methodology according to a screening based on the quality of the ESG profile of companies, assessed by non-financial rating agencies. The last decile (10%) of the ranking by economic sector is not eligible for investment.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

**a) Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM’s fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies’ strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

**b) Impact research and sustainability themes:**

DPAM ensures that the company’s products and/or services contribute – as a proportion of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable

Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as, for example, health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalization, sustainable mobility services, etc.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM’s risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies. Best-in-class screening is carried out every six months. The calculation of the net positive contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis. Scorecards are established for each issuer applying for the portfolio. They are updated on an annual basis or on an ad-hoc basis should an event require a revision of the issuer’s scorecard. The calculation of the positive net contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund’s shareholders within three months.

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

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

10%

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM’s active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

- i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.
- ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.
- iii. Quantitative ESG approach (“best-in-class”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.
- iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM's fundamental research is devoted to governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at <https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset->



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

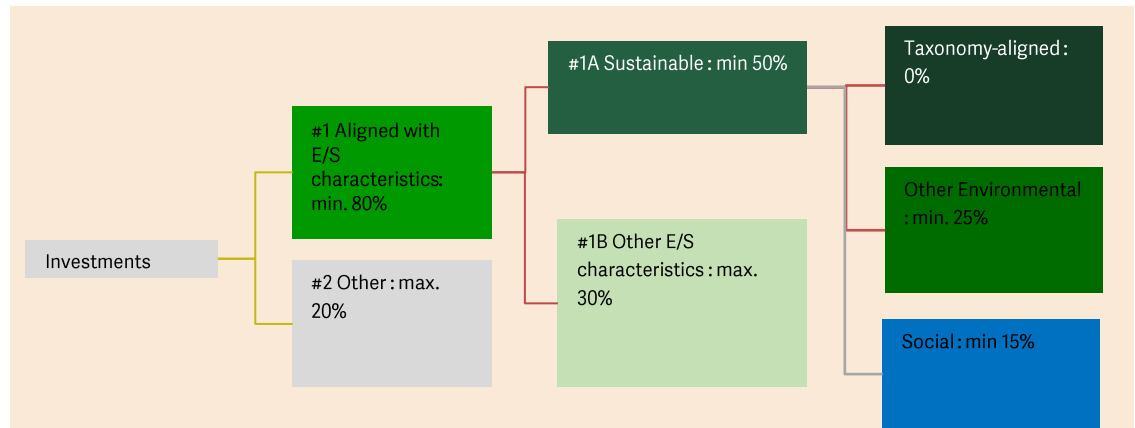
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



**#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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”).

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.
- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.
- Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

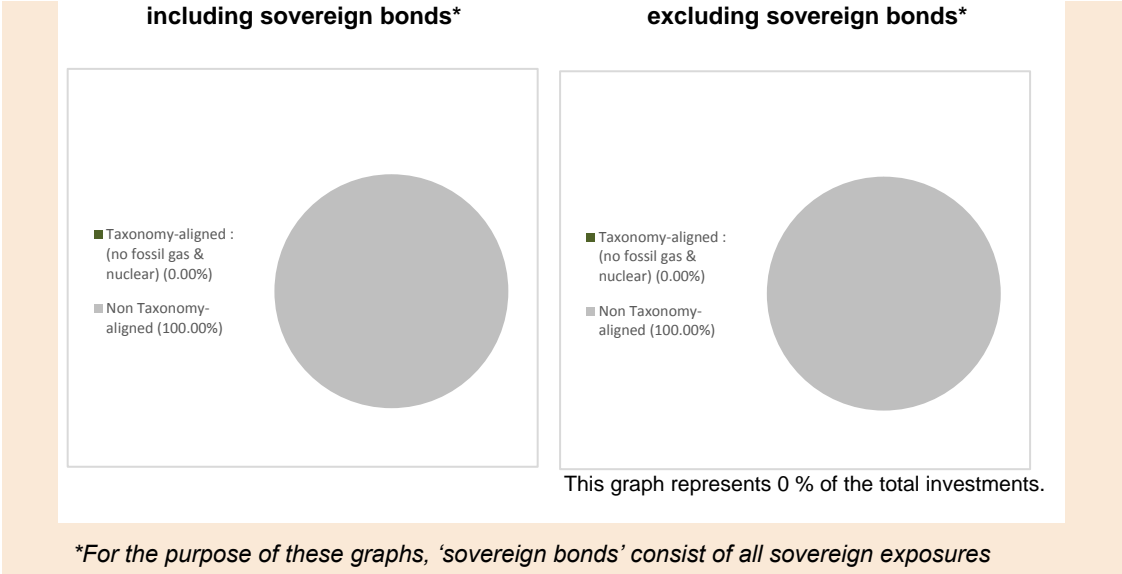
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***The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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

2. Taxonomy alignment of investments

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



## What is 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.

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is : 25%.

Only two of the six environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy are currently covered by the regulatory framework of the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria that determine alignment with the EU Taxonomy (climate change adaptation and mitigation). Similar criteria for the other four environmental objectives are yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to environmental objectives that are not covered by the current EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria, including key environmental objectives such as sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, prevention and control of pollution and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the environmental objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives.

This framework uses data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies, as a percentage of their turnover, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to environmental objectives.

DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the other four environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 15%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



**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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

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



More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

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



Product name:

DPAM B - BONDS EUR CORPORATE SUSTAINABLE

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### 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 50 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. For the credit (corporate) pocket, an alignment of the portfolio to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) superior to that of the benchmark;
- e. A better weighted average ESG profile than the benchmark (before applying the sustainable investment selection methodology), calculated over a rolling three-year period.

as detailed in the section below entitled "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by: o incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental

and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

d) similarly, social indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsib](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsib)

le\_Investment.pdf and DPAM\_report\_TCFD.pdf (cloudinary.com).

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?**

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No



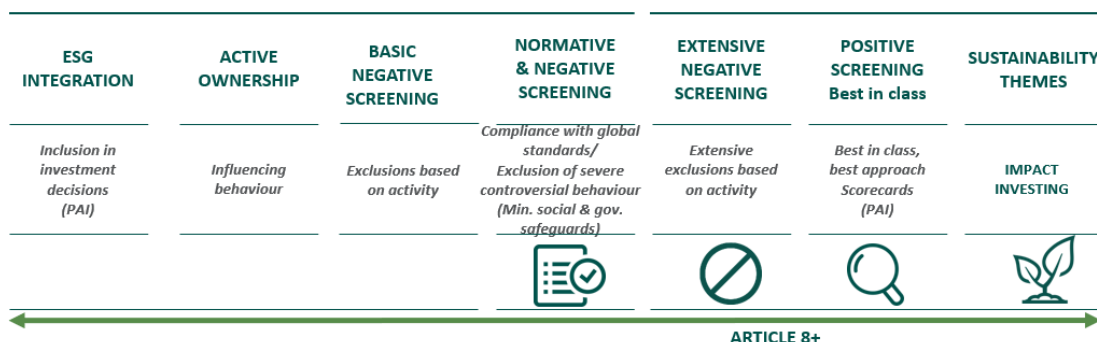
### **What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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



● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research.

These selection criteria are as follows:

**a) Global Standards Compliance Filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

**b) Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

**c) Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity :**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

**d) Quantitative ESG approach (best-in-class):**

DPAM filters the universe prior to the application of the ESG and sustainable investment selection methodology according to a screening based on the quality of the ESG profile of companies, assessed by non-financial rating agencies. The bottom decile (10%) of the economic sector ranking is not eligible for investment

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

**a) Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

**b) Impact research and sustainability themes:**

DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – as a proportion of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalisation, sustainable mobility services, etc.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies. DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies. Scorecards are established for each issuer applying for the portfolio.

The best-in-class screening is carried out every six months. The calculation of the positive net contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is done on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

10%

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

- i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.
- ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.
- iii. Quantitative ESG approach (“best-in-class”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.
- iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM's fundamental research is devoted to governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and



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

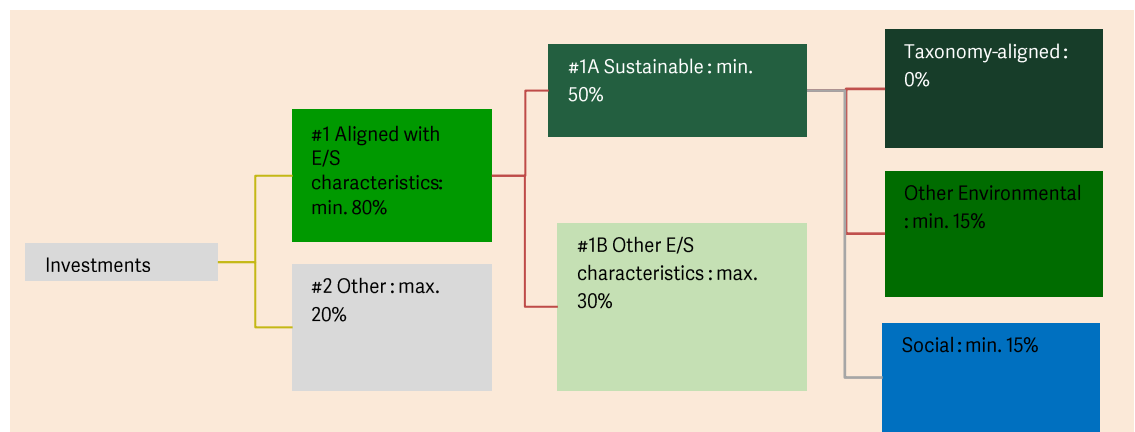
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1

Aligned with E/S characteristics”). The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



**#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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”).

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:



- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.

- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

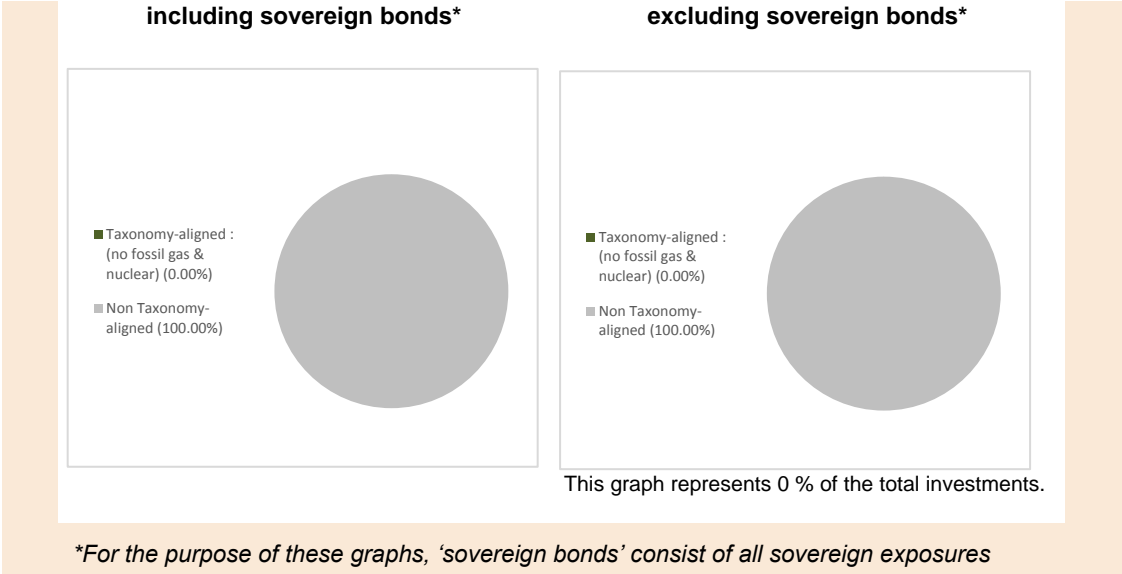
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***The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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

2. Taxonomy alignment of investments

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



## What is 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.

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is : 15%.

Only two of the six environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy are currently covered by the regulatory framework of the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria that determine alignment with the EU Taxonomy (climate change adaptation and mitigation). Similar criteria for the other four environmental objectives are yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to environmental objectives that are not covered by the current EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria, including key environmental objectives such as sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, prevention and control of pollution and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the environmental objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives.

This framework uses data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies, as a percentage of their turnover, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to environmental objectives.

DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the other four environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 15%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



**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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A

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



More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

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

Product name:

DPAM B - EQUITIES EMU BEHAVIORAL VALUE

Legal entity identifier:

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)); and
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies.

as detailed in the section below entitled "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?"

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?**

**X** Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

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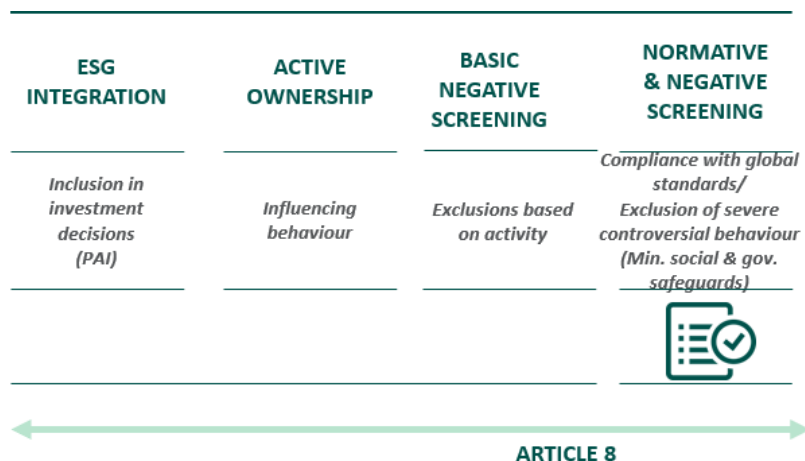


## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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



● **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?**

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems.

Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from extra-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most severe controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.



In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

not applicable

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above. DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: Good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Qualitative ESG approach: DPAM's fundamental research is largely devoted to corporate governance and governance issues.

iv. DPAM's voting policy helps to promote good corporate governance practices (separation of powers, independence and adequacy of the board of directors, respect for minority shareholders' rights, quality of internal and external audit, etc.). DPAM's engagement policy is linked to this voting policy and applies its principles.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which can be accessed via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and

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

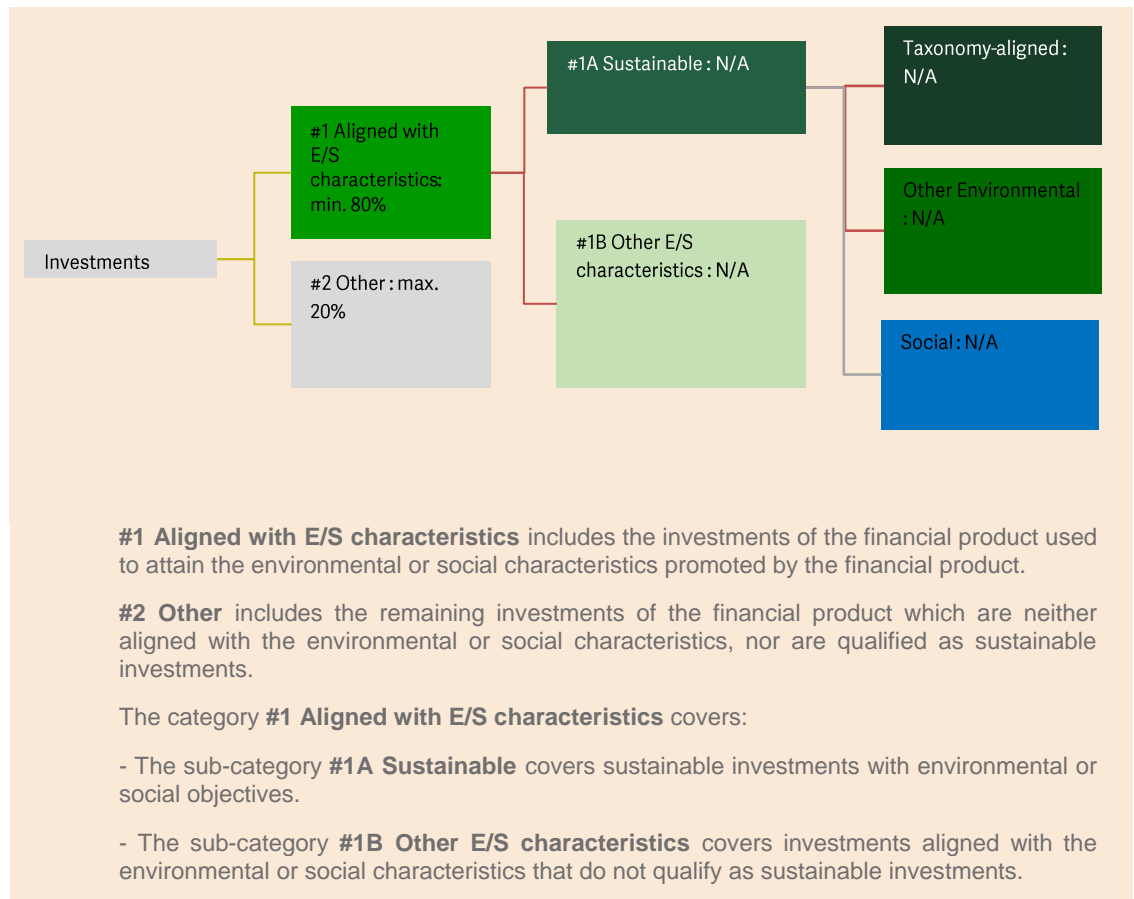
By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as "#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics").



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.



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

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

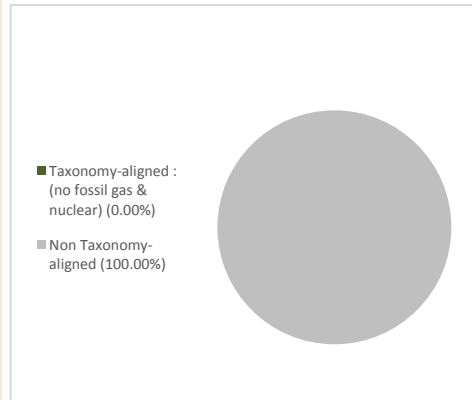
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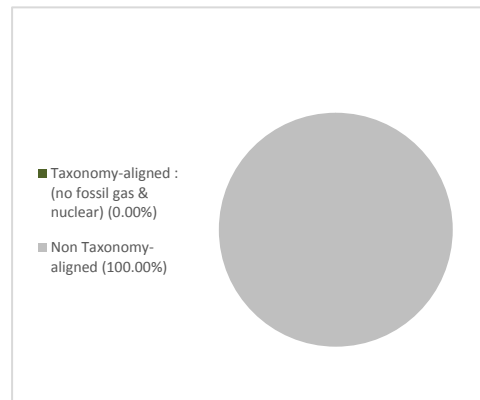
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*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - EQUITIES US BEHAVIORAL VALUE

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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

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

**X** Yes,

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## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

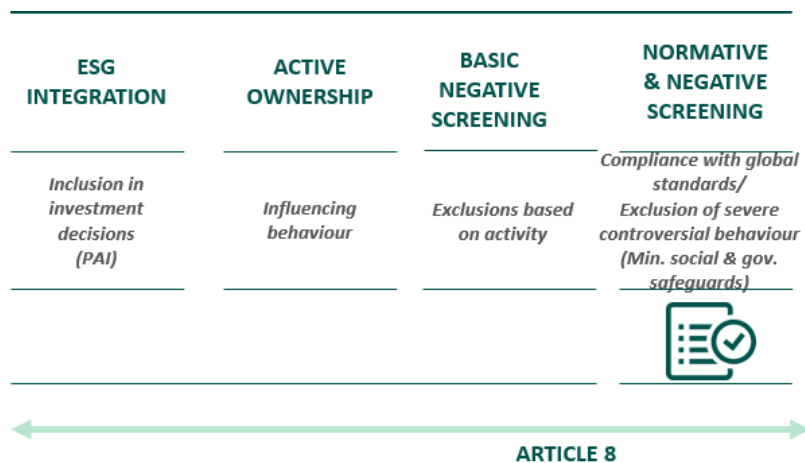
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● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

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In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

not applicable

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

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

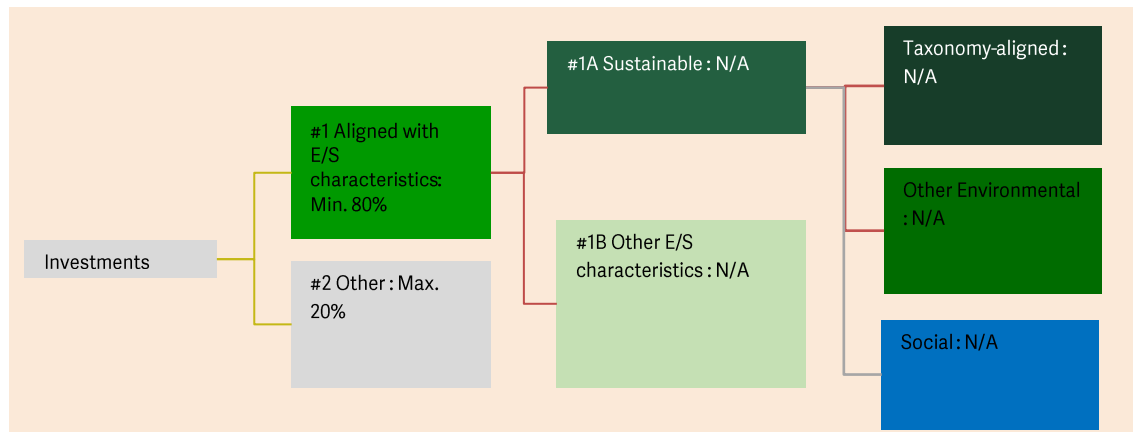


**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as "#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics").

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

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

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

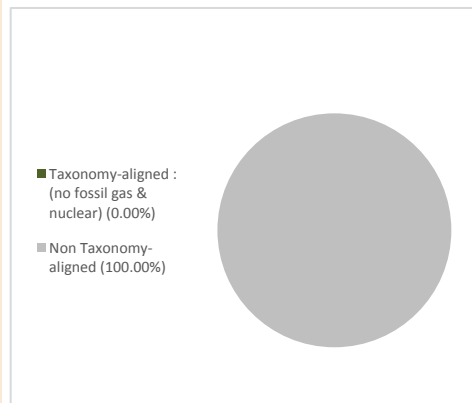
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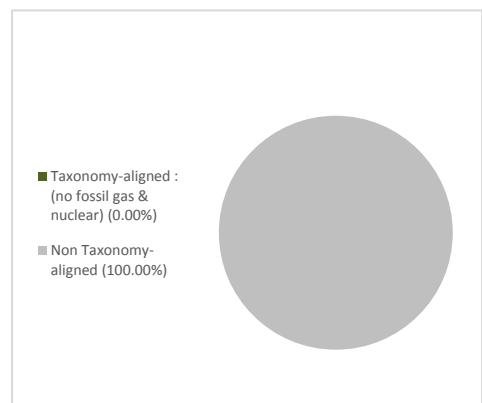
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1. Taxonomy alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



2. Taxonomy alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - REAL ESTATE EMU DIVIDEND SUSTAINABLE

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### 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 50 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. Zero exposure to issuers whose ESG score resulting from the manager's proprietary "ESG scorecard " rating model is below two out of five ;
- e. Alignment of the portfolio with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) or equivalent *achieving* a minimum of 50% by 2026.

as detailed in the section below entitled "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?"

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:
- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the



highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

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DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links

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— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?**

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No



### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING	EXTENSIVE NEGATIVE SCREENING	POSITIVE SCREENING Best in class	SUSTAINABILITY THEMES
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	IMPACT INVESTING
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● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research. These selection criteria are as follows:

a) **Global Standards Compliance Filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

b) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

c) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

d) **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile of the invested company by means of ESG scorecards:**

DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters by means of ESG risk and opportunity scorecards for each issuer in the portfolio. These analysis grids make it possible to identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

a) **Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

b) **Impact research and sustainability themes:**

DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – as a proportion

of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalisation, sustainable mobility services, etc.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM’s risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Scorecards are established for each issuer applying for the portfolio. They are updated on an annual basis or on an ad-hoc basis should an event require a revision of the issuer’s scorecard.

The calculation of the positive net contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund’s shareholders within three months.

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

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

Not applicable.

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM’s active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

- i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.
- ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.
- iii. Quantitative ESG approach (“scorecard”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.
- iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM’s fundamental research is devoted to governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM’s voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at <https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset->



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

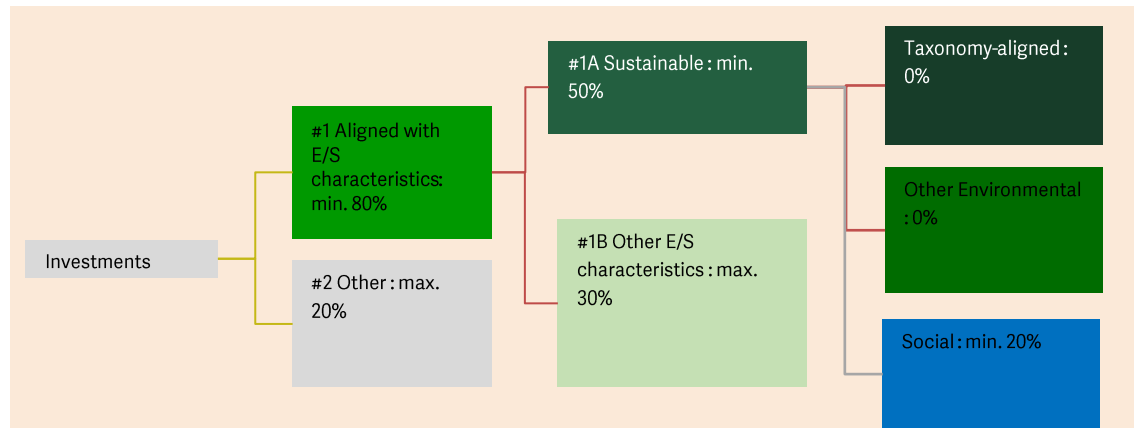
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”)

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.

- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

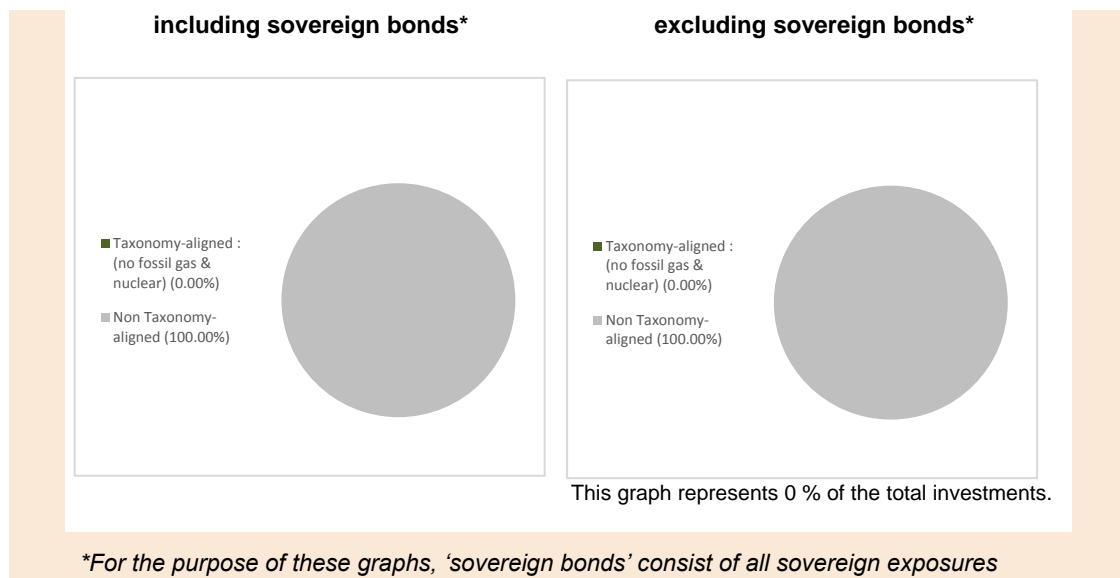
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● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make 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?**

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 20%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this



Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



### **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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/“Sustainability transparency” tab).

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

Product name:

DPAM B - BONDS EUR MEDIUM TERM

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### 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 0 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.
- excluding countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements.

- systematically applying a policy of impact bonds such as green and social bonds.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

• **For investments in corporate bonds:**

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with Global Standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity.

• **For investments in sovereign bonds:**

- a. Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirements.
- b. A higher percentage of impact bonds (green, social & sustainability bonds) in the portfolio than the benchmark.

For more details, see the section below "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?"

● **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

● **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?

**X** Yes,

• **For investments in corporate bonds :**

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund’s investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact). 2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process: a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption. b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

• **For investments in sovereign bonds :**

Yes, the Sub-fund takes into consideration the environmental and social PAIs listed in table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The first PAI is related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral part of the country sustainability model developed by DPAM for its sovereign bond strategies. It is therefore included in the country sustainability score and can influence the country sustainability score positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution relative to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM’s engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

The second PAI is related to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model observes several indicators on this issue such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence in the country, commitment to major labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc.

These different indicators are included in the country sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution per country. These different

indicators are included in the country's sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution compared to other issuing countries.

The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM's engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf). DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

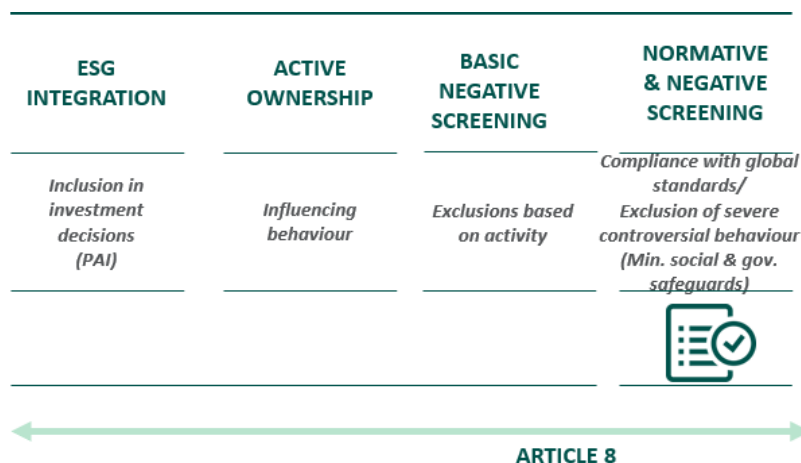
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## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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



● **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?**

- For investments in corporate bonds:

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational

Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal. These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems. Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio. At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration.

There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from extra-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most severe controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

• **For investments in sovereign bonds:**

The Sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions: (a) exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements and (b) an impact bond policy :

a. Exclusion of countries which do not meet minimum democratic requirements: To determine whether a country does not meet minimum democratic requirements the manager applies a methodology which is primarily based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime"). This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "Sovereign Bonds") which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

b. Impact bond policy: the percentage of impact bonds (green, social & sustainability bonds) in the portfolio is higher than that of the benchmark investment universe.

More information can be found in the "Green, Social Sustainability Government Bonds Policy" section of DPAM's Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy, which can be accessed via [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

Stock exclusions on the basis of the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the period in which the position is held in the portfolio.

In the event of a country downgrade the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interest of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

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

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

not applicable

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

- **For investments in corporate bonds :**

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: Good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Qualitative ESG approach: DPAM's fundamental research is largely devoted to corporate governance and governance issues.

iv. DPAM's voting policy helps to promote good corporate governance practices (separation of powers, independence and adequacy of the board of directors, respect for minority shareholders' rights, quality of internal and external audit, etc.).

DPAM's engagement policy is linked to this voting policy and applies its principles. Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which can be accessed via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

- **For direct investments in sovereign bonds :**

Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.

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

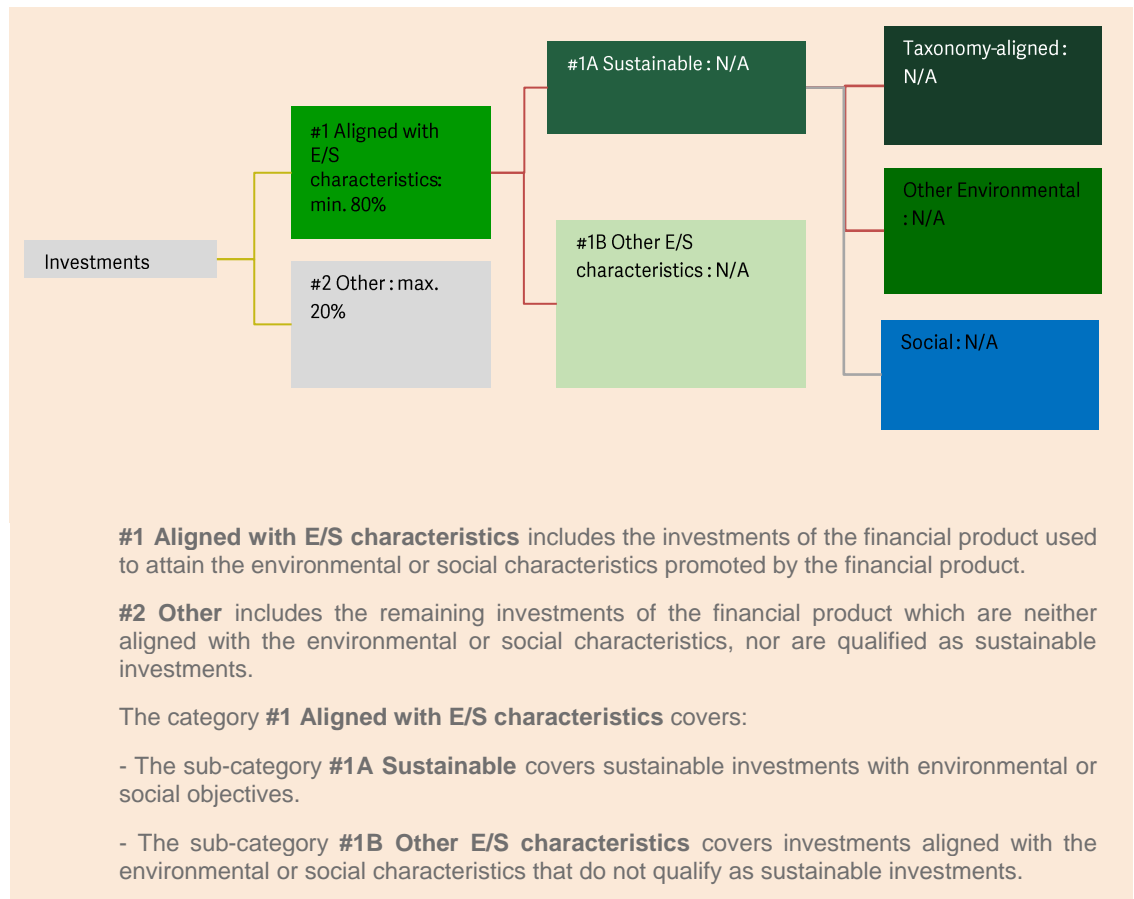
By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as "#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics").



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.



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

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.



● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

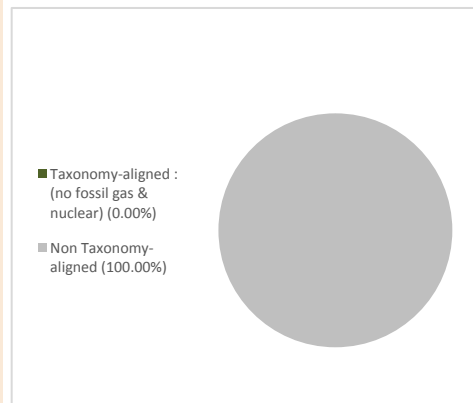
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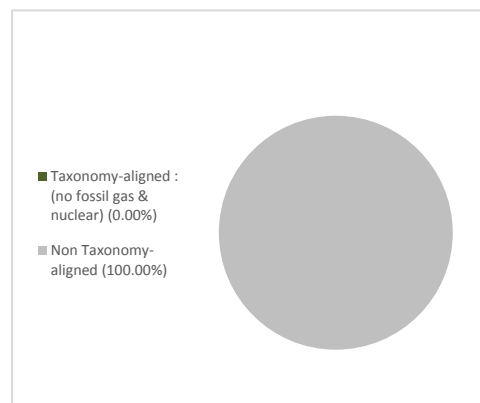
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*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



## What is 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.

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund. There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - EQUITIES US DIVIDEND SUSTAINABLE

Legal entity identifier:

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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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### 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 50 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. A better weighted average ESG profile than its benchmark, calculated over a rolling three year period;
- e. A weighted average greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of the portfolio below the weighted average GHG emissions intensity of the benchmark, calculated over a rolling three year period.

as detailed in the section below entitled "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?"

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:
- incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter

of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

d) similarly, social indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their best-in-class ranking.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the

links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsibile\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsibile_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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?**

**X** Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No



### **What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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



ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING	EXTENSIVE NEGATIVE SCREENING	POSITIVE SCREENING Best in class	SUSTAINABILITY THEMES
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	IMPACT INVESTING
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● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research. These selection criteria are as follows:

**a) Global Standards Compliance Filter:**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

**b) Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities:**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

**c) Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

**d) Quantitative ESG approach (“best-in-class”):**

DPAM filters the universe before applying the ESG and sustainable investment selection methodology according to a screening based on the quality of the ESG profile of companies, assessed by non-financial rating agencies. The last quartile (25%) of the ranking by economic sector is not eligible for investment.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

**a) Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM’s fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies’ strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

**b) Impact research and sustainability themes:**

DPAM ensures that the company’s products and/or services contribute – as a proportion of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable

Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as, for example, health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalization, sustainable mobility services, etc.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM’s risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Best-in-class screening is carried out every six months. The calculation of the net positive contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund’s shareholders within three months.

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

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

25%

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM’s active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Quantitative ESG approach (“best-in-class”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.

iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM’s fundamental research is devoted to governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM’s voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and

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

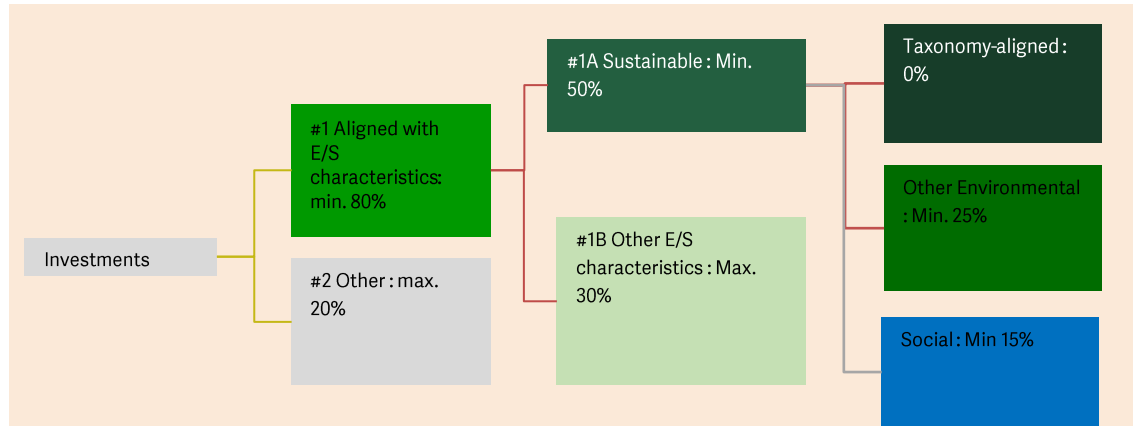
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



**#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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”).

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.
- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy’s Technical

Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

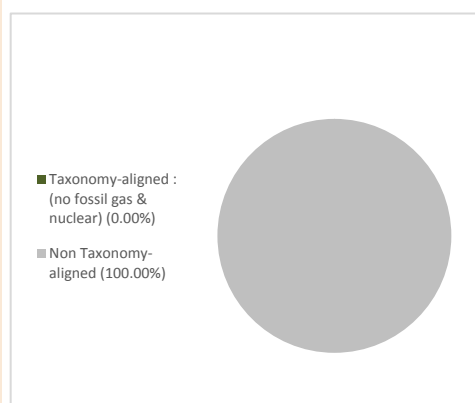
Yes

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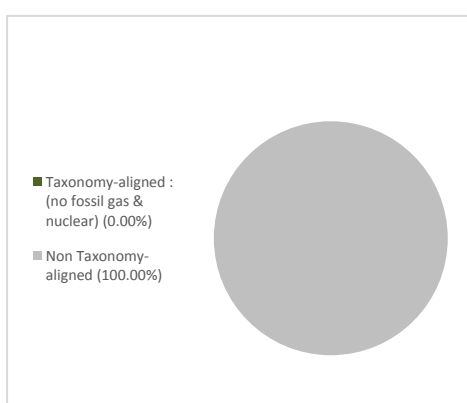
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**The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.

**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.



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 investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



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

25

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is : 25%.

Only two of the six environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy are currently covered by the regulatory framework of the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria that determine alignment with the EU Taxonomy (climate change adaptation and mitigation). Similar criteria for the other four environmental objectives are yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to environmental objectives that are not covered by the current EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria, including key environmental objectives such as sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, prevention and control of pollution and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the environmental objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives.

This framework uses data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies, as a percentage of their turnover, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to environmental objectives.

DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the other four environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 15%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections “Methodologies” and “Data Sources and Data Processing”).



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



### **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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

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

Product name:

DPAM B - REAL ESTATE EMU SUSTAINABLE

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

Yes   No

<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : _% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> _%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes <b>Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50 % of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>
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### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

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

- The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:
- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
  - not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
  - promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices and best efforts.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with global standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing the most severe ESG controversies;
- d. Zero exposure to issuers whose ESG score resulting from the manager's proprietary "ESG scorecard " rating model is below two out of five;
- e. Alignment of the portfolio with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) or equivalent achieving a minimum of 50% by 2026.

as detailed in the section below entitled "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?"

● **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 objectives of the sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to partially achieve are to invest in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc.) via:

- companies aligned to one of the first two objectives of the EU taxonomy (climate change mitigation and adaptation);
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to environmental sustainability objectives;
- companies aiming for a net positive contribution to social sustainability objectives; and
- at the level of the overall portfolio, a minimum of 20% of companies making a net positive contribution\* to all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

\* The net positive contribution is the difference between the positive and negative impact contributions and is calculated at the level of the invested company and at the level of the overall portfolio. Based on the UN SDGs framework, the net positive contribution takes into account (1) the extent to which the invested company's products and services contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and (2) the negative impacts associated with their activities along the value chain.

● **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?**

DPAM ensures that the Sub-fund's sustainable investments do not materially undermine an environmentally or socially sustainable investment objective by:

**At the issuer level:**

- Taking into account the principal adverse impact on the mandatory sustainability factors (hereafter "PAIs") listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which allows for the reduction of the adverse impacts of the investment, in particular by:
  - incorporating several elements to avoid and/or reducing its exposure to activities or behaviours that could affect another environmental or social objective (such as the filter of compliance with Global Standards and the exclusion of ESG controversies of the



highest severity or of the activities most detrimental to the other environmental and/or social objectives);

- or via an engagement process with the invested companies, in accordance with its engagement policy, which can be accessed at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf);

- an impact calculation methodology which takes into account the positive and negative contribution of the company's products and services to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to optimise the net positive (resulting) contribution.

#### **At the overall portfolio level:**

- A rule of a minimum 20% of assets aligned with the EU Taxonomy or making a net positive contribution on all 17 SDGs.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM's commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund's investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) Similarly, environmental indicators are included in the analysis of the ESG profile of companies and impact their scorecard.

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b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

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— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

DPAM's sustainable and responsible investment policies are based on global standards, including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Guiding Principles). These standards are also an integral part of the benchmarks used by the various rating agencies that DPAM uses.

The first step in the Sub-fund's investment process is a normative screening against these Global Standards: companies that are not in compliance are excluded from the eligible investment universe.

*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.*

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*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?

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No







### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the Sub-fund are the result of consecutive steps in the investment process as schematized at the end of the section.

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue. It is also committed to containing a minimum proportion of sustainable investments by investing in companies whose core business is the development of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), as defined by the United Nations (UN) (e.g. health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, digitalisation-enabling services, sustainable mobility services, etc).

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING	EXTENSIVE NEGATIVE SCREENING	POSITIVE SCREENING Best in class	SUSTAINABILITY THEMES
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	IMPACT INVESTING
						
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● **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?**

The criteria that companies must meet to constitute the investment universe are determined on the basis of independent external research and/or internal DPAM research. These selection criteria are as follows:

a) **Global Standards Compliance Filter :**

Companies must be in compliance with the Global Compact principles (human rights, labour, anti-corruption and environmental protection) and the UN Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and underlying conventions and treaties. DPAM uses specific ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to determine whether or not a company is in compliance with these standards.

b) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities :**

The DPAM (Controversial Activities Policy) exclusion policy (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)) covers several sectors and economic activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character. For each of these business sectors and activities, the Controversial Activities Exclusion Policy defines the criteria and thresholds for exclusion. Companies involved in these controversial sectors and activities that meet the exclusion criteria formulated in the policy are excluded from the investment portfolio.

c) **Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:**

Companies must not be involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity, such as incidents or allegations related to environmental, social or governance issues.

d) **Analysis and rating of the ESG profile of the invested company by means of ESG scorecards:**

DPAM completes the various ESG exclusion filters by means of ESG risk and opportunity scorecards for each issuer in the portfolio. These analysis grids make it possible to identify the most relevant and material ESG risks and opportunities to which issuers are exposed.

In order to achieve the minimum proportion of sustainable investments that the Sub-fund intends to include, additional criteria that companies must meet are applied:

a) **Qualitative ESG approach:**

Quantitative screening is complemented by qualitative analysis based on DPAM's fundamental research and dialogues with companies on financial issues relating to the companies' strategy and the most relevant and material ESG risks and issues to which they are exposed.

b) **Impact research and sustainability themes:**

DPAM ensures that the company's products and/or services contribute – as a proportion

of its turnover – to the achievement of the 17 environmental or social Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) defined by the United Nations (UN), such as health products and services, education-related services, water saving and access solutions, energy efficiency solutions, or services enabling digitalisation, sustainable mobility services, etc.

The compliance and stock exclusion filters based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per group of DPAM strategies applying a similar threshold of exclusions/investment restrictions. DPAM’s risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from non-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes companies involved in the most severe ESG controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

Scorecards are established for each issuer applying for the portfolio. They are updated on an annual basis or on an ad-hoc basis should an event require a revision of the issuer’s scorecard.

The calculation of the positive net contribution to the sustainable investment objectives is carried out on a regular basis.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund’s shareholders within three months.

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

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

Not applicable.

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM’s active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

- i. Exclusion filter based on compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.
- ii. Exclusion filter for companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity: good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.
- iii. Quantitative ESG approach (“scorecard”): Governance criteria in the broad sense and corporate governance criteria in particular are an integral part of the scorecard exercise.
- iv. Qualitative ESG approach: Much of DPAM’s fundamental research is devoted to governance and corporate governance issues.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM’s voting policy and engagement policy, which are available at

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

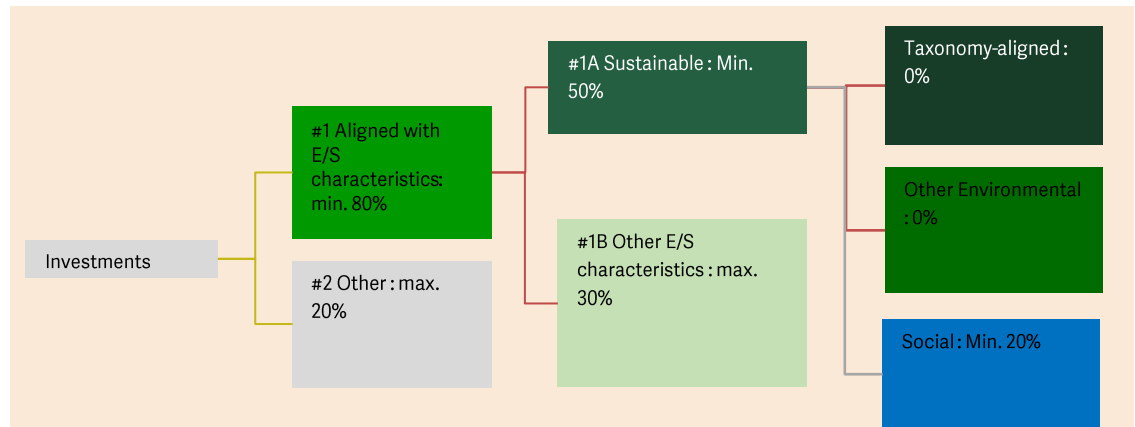
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

The Sub-fund aims to invest at least 50% of its assets in sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives (in the table referred to as “#1A Sustainable”).



**#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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy is: 0%.

Sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy (referred to in the table as “aligned with the EU Taxonomy”) consist of investments in companies whose economic activities substantially contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation as defined by the EU Taxonomy in accordance with the eligibility and technical selection criteria (“EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria”)

DPAM’s methodology for assessing the EU Taxonomy alignment of investee companies is based on data provided either by the investee companies or by third party providers. The latter use a mixed approach:

- Firstly, a direct mapping between the business activities in their own sectoral classification system and the economic activities covered by the Technical Selection Criteria of the EU Taxonomy.

- Secondly, any business activity that could not be directly mapped is examined through a bottom-up assessment of its alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Technical Selection Criteria.

-Any economic activity remaining after the first and second steps is considered not to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

In principle, the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is assessed by means of turnover (based on performance data provided by third party suppliers).

Where information on the extent to which investments are investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy cannot be readily obtained from information published by the invested issuers, DPAM shall rely on equivalent information obtained by third party providers from the invested issuers.

The compliance of these investments with the requirements set out in Article 3 of the EU Taxonomy will not be subject to a guarantee provided by one or more auditors or a review by one or more auditors or a review by one or more third parties.

Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this Sub-fund via [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (in particular in the sections "Methodologies" and "Data Sources and Data Processing").

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

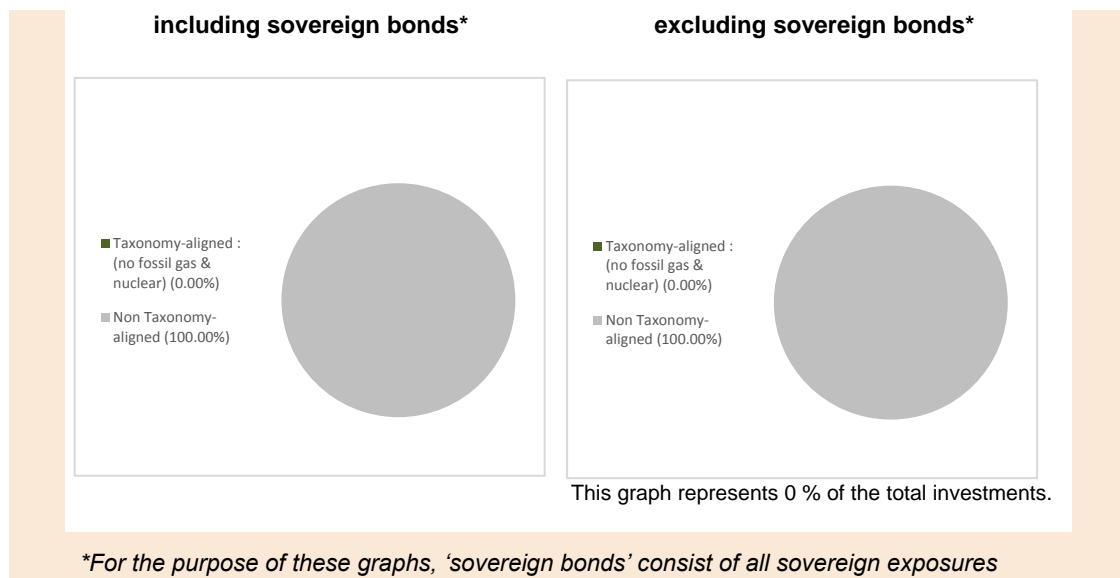
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***The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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

2. Taxonomy alignment of investments

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make 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?**

Based on the above approach, the minimum share of socially sustainable investments is: 20%. A European Taxonomy for Social Sustainability Goals has yet to be developed. In the meantime, DPAM wishes to continue to make sustainable investments that contribute to the achievement of key social goals such as zero hunger, quality education and peace, justice and strong institutions. To this end, DPAM has adopted and defined a specific framework for identifying the social objectives of these sustainable investments and assessing their contribution to these objectives. This framework is based on data from investee companies and third-party suppliers and assesses the negative and positive contribution of (potential) investee companies as a percentage of their turnover to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can be attributed to social objectives. DPAM will review and reassess this framework when the EU Taxonomy Technical Selection Criteria have been implemented for the social objectives within the EU Taxonomy. Further information on methodology and data resources is available in the information on this



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



### **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?**

N/A

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

N/A

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

N/A

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

N/A

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

N/A



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/“Sustainability transparency” tab).

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

Product name:

DPAM B - EQUITIES US ESG LEADERS INDEX

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % of sustainable investments

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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?

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

The Sub-fund is passively managed and aims to physically replicate the MSCI USA ESG Leaders Index in Euro ("the Index").\* The Index provides exposure to US large and mid-cap companies with high ESG performance relative to their peers in the same sector ("best-in class" 50%).

Through construction of the replicated Index, the Sub-fund aims to improve the environmental and social characteristics compared to the starting universe, namely the parent MSCI USA Index ("Parent Index").

In addition, the Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and

environmental protection).

- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.

- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.

\*This appendix provides a brief overview of the Index as at the date of issue of this Prospectus. It summarises the main environmental and social characteristics of the Index and is not an exhaustive description.

In the event of any inconsistency between the summary of the Index presented in this section and the full description of the Index, the full description of the Index shall prevail. Information on the Index is available at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com). This information may change and such changes will be indicated on the website.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of the set of environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions of the Index it aims to replicate (some of the indicators are compared to the Parent Index):

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the UN Global Compact and international standards (as defined for example in the UN Declaration of Human Rights, or the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work);
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial economic activities, based on the exposure limits imposed by the index construction methodology (in particular unconventional, controversial or illegal armaments, tobacco and handguns, nuclear power, gambling and alcohol, thermal coal (coal mining and power generation));
- c. Zero exposure to companies involved in severe ESG controversies;

The methodologies used to construct the indices are available on the MSCI.com website: <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology> (“MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes Methodology”).

Further information, including methodologies for calculating ESG scores and controversy levels, can be found on the MSCI website: [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

● **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

● **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

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In concrete terms, the PAIs are integrated into the different stages of the construction of the Index which the Sub-Fund replicates passively:

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

b) the filtering of companies involved in economic sectors and activities that are subject to debate as to their ethical and sustainable character (among others: nuclear energy production, tobacco, thermal coal, non-conventional oil and gas).

c) the filter on ESG score and level of controversy as defined by MSCI also includes controversies related to environmental issues such as the environmental impact of the company’s operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) the best-in-class ranking, which is based on an analysis of the ESG profile based in particular on the environmental PAIs.

2) Secondly, with regard to social PAIs:

a) the global standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and prevention of corruption. In addition, the filter for companies involved in the selection of key ESG controversies includes controversies related to social issues, namely society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (among others: exclusion of companies involved in unconventional armaments).

c) the exclusion filter for companies involved in severe ESG controversies on social issues.

d) the best-in-class ranking, which is based on an analysis of the ESG profile based in particular on the social PAIs.

The approach and processes are described in more detail in the documents available at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

The methodologies used to construct the indices can be found at <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology> (“MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes Methodology”).

Information on the PAIs will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

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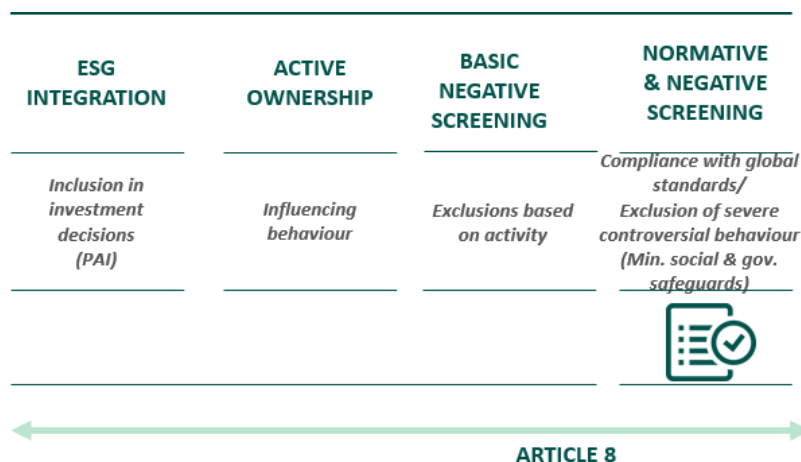
## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through physical replication of the Index which applies a process combining stock exclusion and a “best-in-class” selection of companies included in the MSCI US Parent Index.

In addition, environmental and social characteristics are also promoted by the Sub-fund through fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue.

A more general description of the Sub-fund’s investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV’s prospectus.

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



### ● **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?**

The Replicated Index is constructed by, among other things, applying a process combining stock exclusion and a best-in-class selection of companies from the MSCI USA Parent Index:

a) The exclusion process includes:

- Companies that do not have an MSCI ESG rating of “BB” or above. Companies must maintain an MSCI ESG rating of “BB” or above to remain in the index.
- Companies that are not in compliance with Global Standards and corruption prevention.
- Companies involved in economic sectors and activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character (e.g. alcohol, gambling, nuclear energy production, tobacco etc.).
- Companies involved in severe ESG controversies: securities must have a score (according to the MSCI ESG Research methodology) of at least 3 to be eligible for inclusion.

b) The MSCI best-in-class selection process is applied to the remaining eligible securities in the selection universe:

The Index targets similar sector weights to the Parent Index in order to limit the systematic risk introduced by the ESG screening process. The methodology aims to include stocks of companies with the highest ESG rating up to 50% of the market capitalisation of each sector in the “parent” index.

Further information on the Index and its composition is available at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com). The weighting of stocks in the Index will be based on their free float adjusted market capitalisation.

In addition to the investment restrictions related to the replication of the Index, the Sub-fund adopts the following constraints:

a) Exclusion of securities involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also applies binding investment restrictions to the securities of companies whose business is the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

These exclusions apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio and are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

The Sub-fund follows a passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all securities in the index or a representative sample of these securities, holding each security in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the Index.

The tracking error compared to the benchmark (the Index) is around 1.5%.

MSCI is in charge of ESG selection based on ESG analysis, ratings, scores and exposure provided by MSCI ESG Research.

The annual review of the ESG indices takes place in May. The eligible universe is updated at this review. The ESG indices are also reviewed in August, November and February. This rebalancing may also take place at other times to reflect transactions such as mergers and acquisitions.

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

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

The methodology of the index aims to include the securities of companies with the highest ESG ratings making up 50% of the market capitalisation of the parent index. The securities excluded from the parent index therefore represent on average around 50% of the market capitalisation of each sector.

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of MSCI's approach:

- By exclusions on the basis of compliance with global standards and prevention of corruption;
- By excluding companies involved in controversial activities; and
- By determining and integrating governance aspects into the ESG score / rating via the choice and hierarchy of themes and key issues identified for each industry and company.

In addition, governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably via DPAM's Voting policy / Engagement policy, which are available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and

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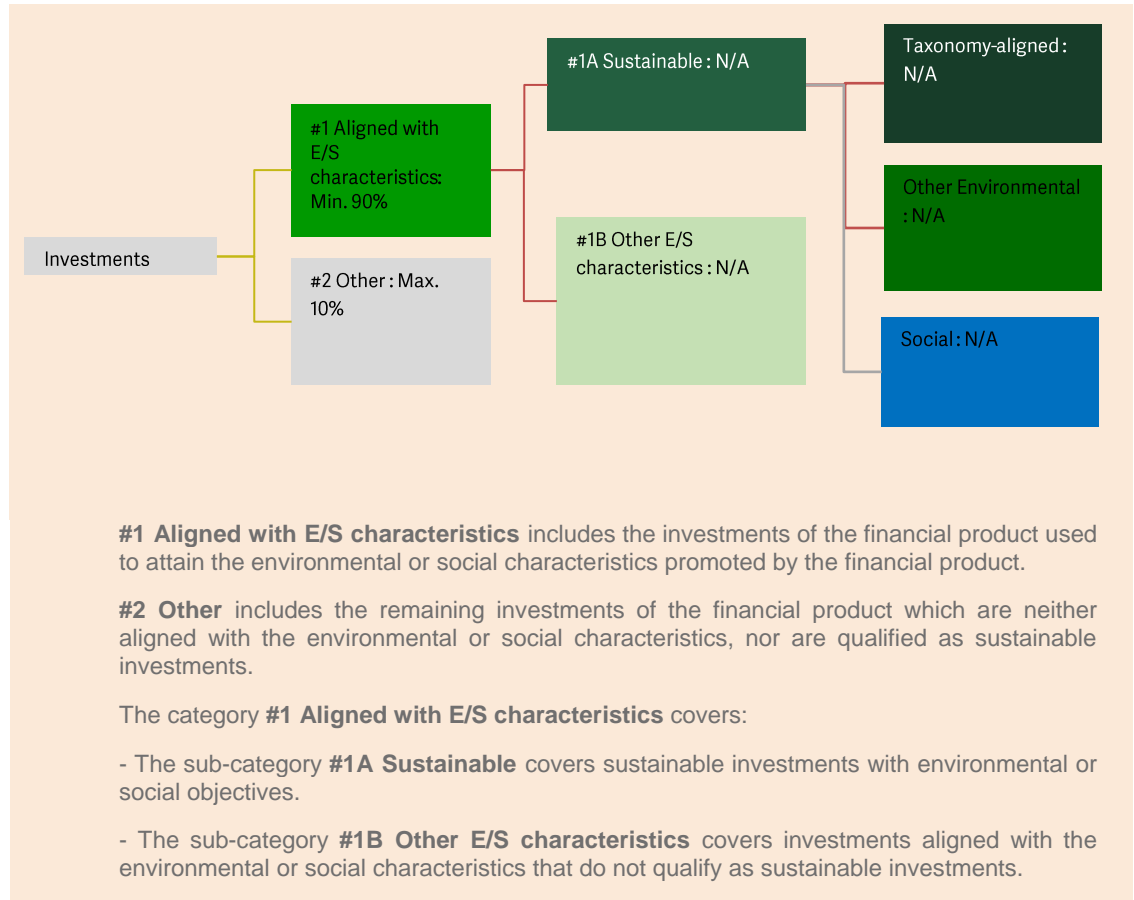


By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 90% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

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

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

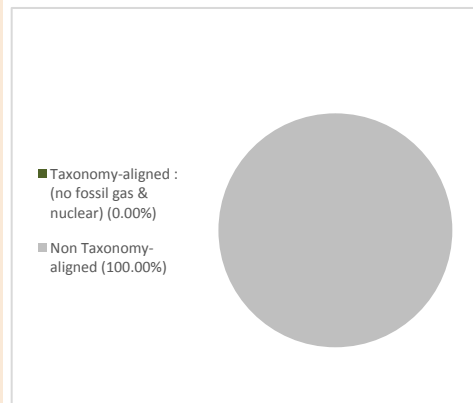
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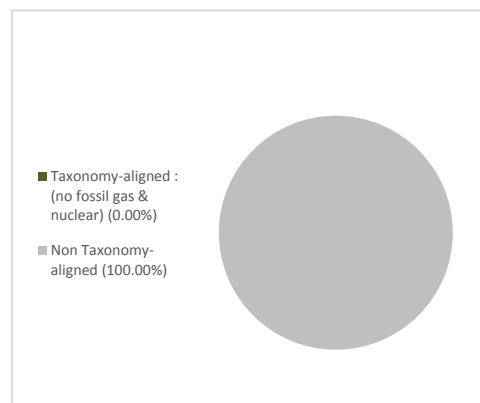
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2. Taxonomy alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.





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

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make socially sustainable investments.



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?

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make socially sustainable investments.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 10% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



### 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?

N/A

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

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

The Sub-fund replicates the performance of the Index. The tracking error is approximately 1.5%. The tracking of the Index may be affected by transaction costs, reinvestment of dividends and general expenses incurred by the Sub-fund.

The Sub-fund follows a passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all securities in the Index or a representative sample of these securities, holding each security in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the Index.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

The Sub-fund follows a passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all securities in the index or a representative sample of these securities, holding each security in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the Index.

In addition, DPAM uses an ex-ante and ex-post risk control and optimisation model. The aim of the optimisation is to build a portfolio that best tracks the Index while minimising the ex-ante tracking error (following subscriptions/redemptions or various corporate actions).

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

The Index is constructed using a combination of stock exclusion and best-in-class selection of companies from the MSCI US Parent Index. The Index targets similar sector weights to the Parent Index in order to limit the systematic risk introduced by the ESG selection process.

The methodology aims to include stocks of companies with the highest ESG rating up to 50% of the market capitalisation of each sector of the Parent Index (after excluding companies involved in very severe ESG controversies or controversial activities).

Further information on the Index and its composition is available at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

The methodologies for constructing the indices can be found at [www.MSCI.com](http://www.MSCI.com):

<https://www.msci.com/index-methodology> (“MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes Methodology”).

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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/“Sustainability transparency” tab).



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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.
- excluding countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements.

The Sub-fund does not intend to invest in sustainable investments as defined by Regulation

2019/2088 and therefore does not invest in environmentally sustainable investments as defined by Regulation 2020/852 (“Taxonomy Regulation”) (percentage of investments aligned as defined by the Taxonomy Regulation: 0%). The underlying investments of this Sub-fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds ):**

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with Global Standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirements.

For more details, see the section below “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?”

● **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

● **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?

**X** Yes,

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):**

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund’s investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

Yes, the Sub-fund takes into consideration the environmental and social PAIs listed in table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The first PAI is related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral part of the country sustainability model developed by DPAM for its sovereign bond strategies. It is therefore included in the country sustainability score and can influence the country sustainability score positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution relative to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM’s engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

The second PAI is related to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model observes several indicators on this issue such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence in the

country, commitment to major labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc.

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DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No




### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social & gov. safeguards)
			

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● **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?**

- For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum

severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems. Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from extra-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most severe controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies. In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

• **For investments in sovereign bonds:**

The Sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet these minimum requirements the manager applies a methodology which is primarily based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "Sovereign Bonds") which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

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not applicable

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Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways :

i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: Good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Qualitative ESG approach: DPAM's fundamental research is largely devoted to corporate governance and governance issues.

iv. DPAM's voting policy helps to promote good corporate governance practices (separation of powers, independence and adequacy of the board of directors, respect for minority shareholders' rights, quality of internal and external audit, etc.). DPAM's engagement policy is linked to this voting policy and applies its principles.

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Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.

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

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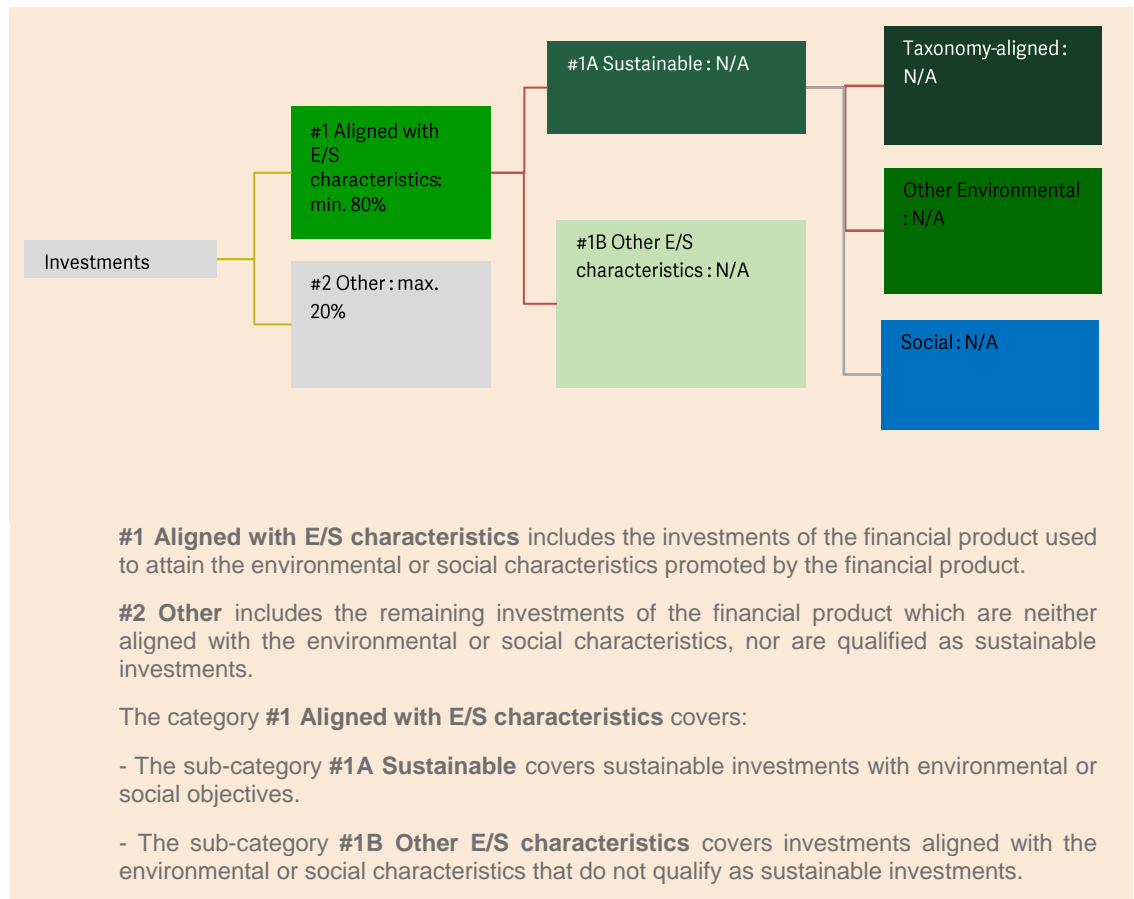


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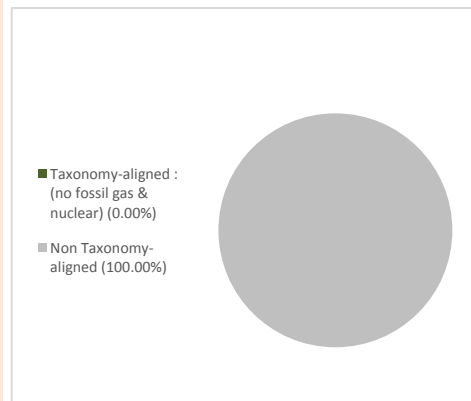
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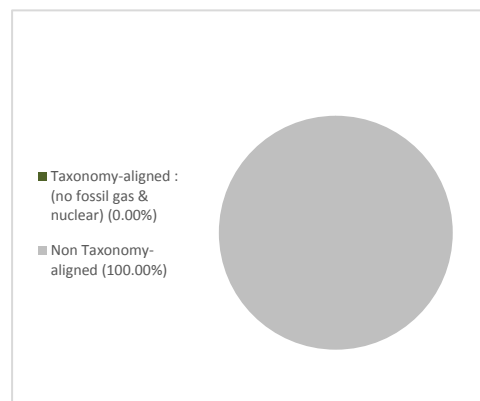
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● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - Bonds Global inflation Linked

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?**

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics:

- by excluding countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements;
- systematically applying a policy of impact bonds such as green and social bonds.

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- a. Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirements;
- b. A higher percentage of impact bonds (“green, social & sustainability bonds”) in the portfolio than the benchmark.

as detailed in the section below entitled “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?”

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?**

- X** Yes, the Sub-fund takes into consideration the principal adverse environmental and social impacts (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 which are applicable to investments in sovereign or supranational issuers.

The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund’s investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

The first PAI relates to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral component of the country sustainability model that DPAM developed for its sovereign bond

strategies. Consequently, it is included in the country's sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and development compared to other issuer countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are optionally discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM's engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

The second PAI relates to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model monitors a number of indicators on this issue, such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence within the country, commitment to key labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc. These different indicators are included in the country's sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and development compared to other issuer countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are optionally discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM's engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No



### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions and impact bond policies.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.



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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING
<i>Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)</i>	<i>Influencing behaviour</i>	<i>Exclusions based on activity</i>	<i>Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social &amp; gov. safeguards)</i>
			
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- **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?**

The Sub-fund applies binding investment restrictions: (a) exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements and (b) an impact bond policy:

a. Exclusion of countries that do not meet minimum democratic requirements: To determine whether a country does not meet minimum democratic requirements the Manager applies a methodology that is mainly based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House (“not free”) and The Economist Intelligence Unit (“authoritarian regime”).

This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on “Sovereign Bonds”) available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

b. Impact bond policy: the percentage of impact bonds (“green, social & sustainability bonds”) in the portfolio is higher than the benchmark investment universe.

More information can be found in the “green, social sustainability government bonds policy” section of DPAM’s Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf).

Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

In the event of a country downgrade, the Manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund’s shareholders within three months.

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

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

not applicable

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

Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.

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



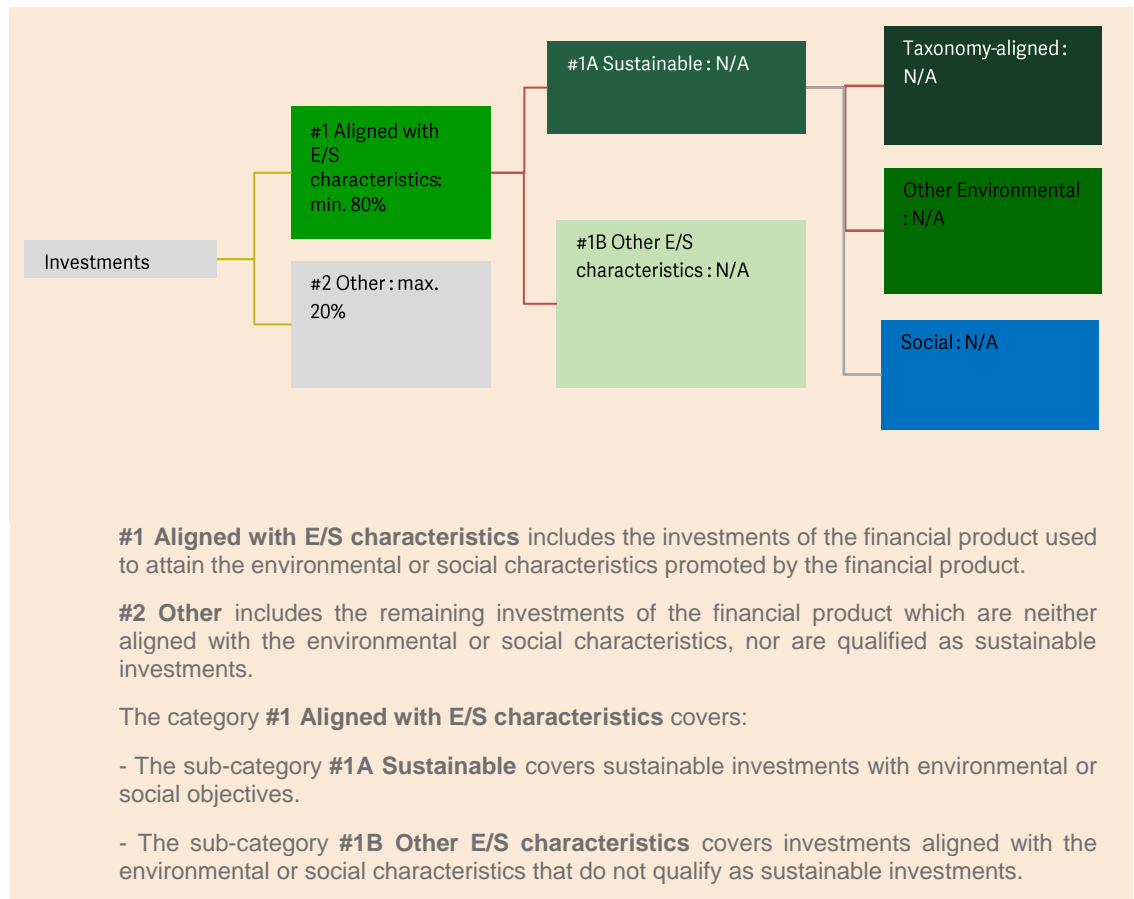
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).



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.



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

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

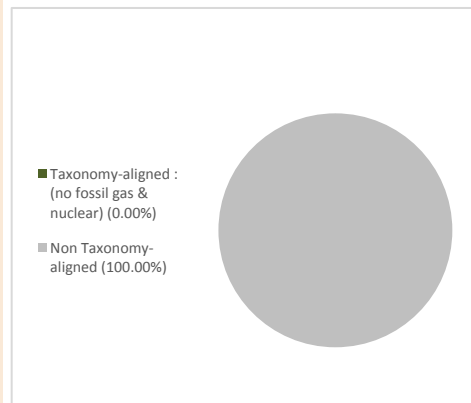
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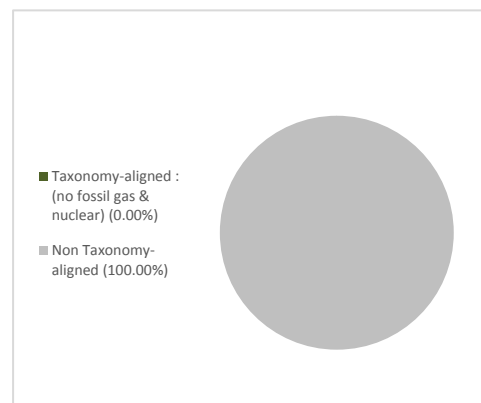
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*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - BONDS EUR QUALITY SHORT TERM

Legal entity identifier:

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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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and environmental protection).
- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.
- excluding countries that do not respect a minimum of democratic requirements.

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- **For direct investments (in corporate bonds):**

- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with Global Standards;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity.

- **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirements.

For more details, see the section below “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?”

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?**

**X** Yes,

• **For direct investments (in corporate bonds) :**

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund’s investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds) :**

Yes, the Sub-fund takes into consideration the environmental and social PAIs listed in table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The first PAI is related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral part of the country sustainability model developed by DPAM for its sovereign bond strategies. It is therefore included in the country sustainability score and can influence the country sustainability score positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution relative to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM’s engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

The second PAI is related to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model observes several indicators on this issue such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence in the country, commitment to major labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc.

These different indicators are included in the country sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution per country. These different indicators are included in the country’s sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution compared to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries

concerned according to DPAM's engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

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Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No

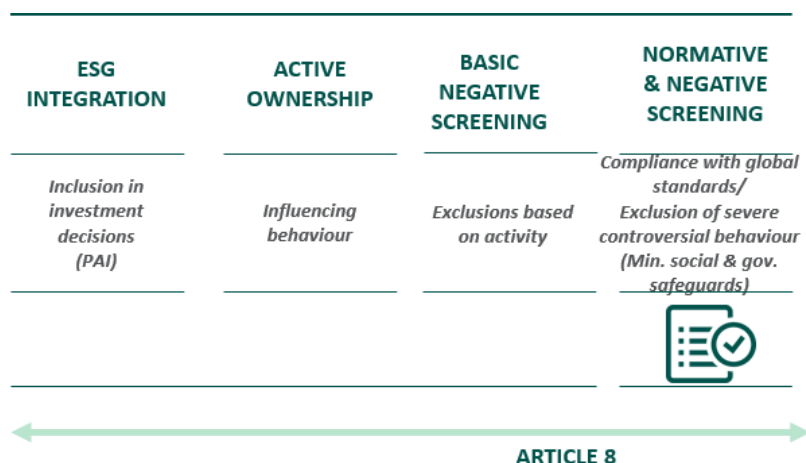
## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.



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



### ● 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?

#### • For direct investments (in corporate bonds):

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel



mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal. These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment. Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems. Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration.

There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from extra-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most severe controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies. In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

The Sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet these minimum requirements the manager applies a methodology which is primarily based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "Sovereign Bonds") which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

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

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

not applicable

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

• **For direct investments (in corporate bonds) :**

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways:

i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four

main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: Good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Qualitative ESG approach: DPAM's fundamental research is largely devoted to corporate governance and governance issues.

iv. DPAM's voting policy helps to promote good corporate governance practices (separation of powers, independence and adequacy of the board of directors, respect for minority shareholders' rights, quality of internal and external audit, etc.). DPAM's engagement policy is linked to this voting policy and applies its principles.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which can be accessed via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds) :**

Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.



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

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 80% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”).

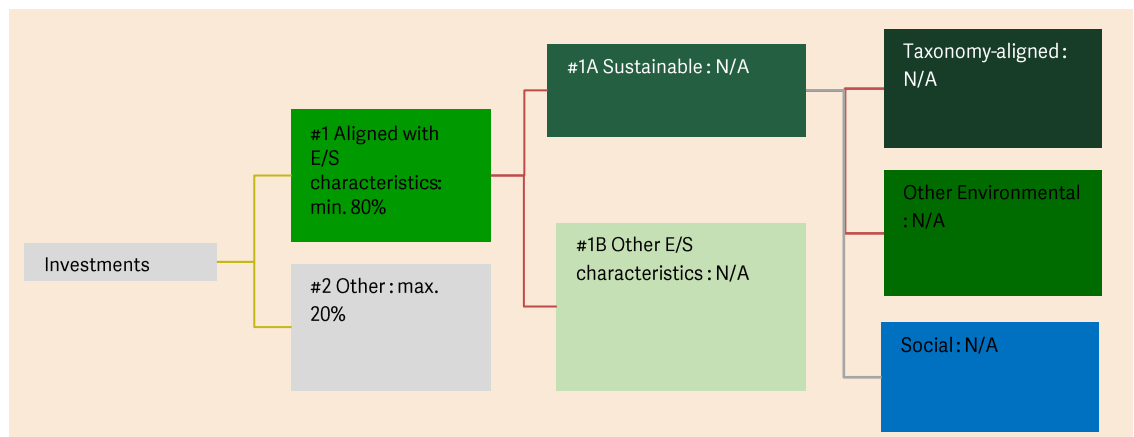
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to

promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

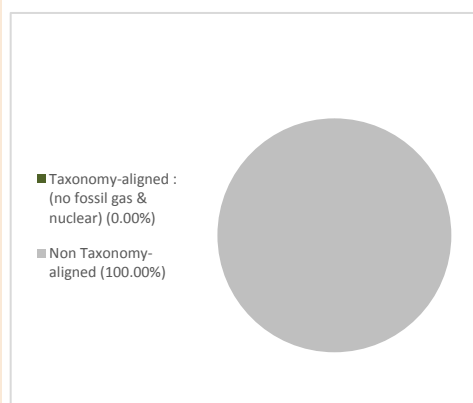
This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

### ● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy?<sup>1</sup>

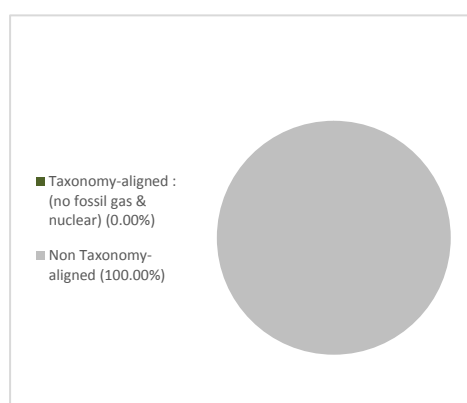
- Yes
- In fossil gas  In nuclear energy
- No

*The two graphs below show in green 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\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 20% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - DEFENSIVE STRATEGY

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?**

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics by investing at least 75% of its net assets in (1) collective investment schemes or their sub-funds (hereinafter collectively referred to as "UCIs"), managed by DPAM or third party managers, which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 (indirect investments); and/or (2) securities which meet the environmental and social characteristics promoted by it (direct investments).

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds ):**

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with Global Standards;
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));and
- c. Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirement.

• **For investments in UCIs:**

Exposure to sub-funds which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or sub-funds of UCIs which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088.

For more details, see the section below "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?"

- ***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?***

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- ***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?***

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?

**X** Yes,

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):**

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund’s investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds) :**

Yes, the Sub-fund takes into consideration the environmental and social PAIs listed in table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The first PAI is related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral part of the country sustainability model developed by DPAM for its sovereign bond strategies. It is therefore included in the country sustainability score and can influence the country sustainability score positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution relative to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM’s engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

The second PAI is related to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model observes several indicators on this issue such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence in the



country, commitment to major labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc.

These different indicators are included in the country sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution per country. These different indicators are included in the country's sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution compared to other issuing countries.

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• **For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. As indicated above, among its ESG investments, the Sub-fund may invest in UCIs that are classified as financial products that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088.

The PAIs and the way they are taken into account may vary from one UCI to another. DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No




**What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

<b>ESG INTEGRATION</b>	<b>ACTIVE OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING</b>	<b>NORMATIVE &amp; NEGATIVE SCREENING</b>
<i>Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)</i>	<i>Influencing behaviour</i>	<i>Exclusions based on activity</i>	<i>Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social &amp; gov. safeguards)</i>
			

←————— **ARTICLE 8** —————→

● **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?**

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds) :**

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal. These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment. Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems. Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from extra-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most severe controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

The Sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet these minimum requirements the manager applies a methodology which is primarily based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "Sovereign Bonds") which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

• **For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. As indicated above, among its ESG investments, the Sub-fund may invest in UCIs that are classified as financial products that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment

objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088. In selecting these UCIs for the Sub-fund, DPAM therefore takes into account the integration of environmental, social and/or governance criteria by the third party manager in the management of these funds.

The list of collective investment schemes in which the Sub-fund may invest is updated on a regular basis by DPAM and on an ad hoc basis in case of deterioration. At least once a year, DPAM conducts an analysis of the underlying collective investment schemes in order to verify the extent to which their selection methodology is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that the Sub-fund aims to promote.

In addition, DPAM engages in a regular dialogue with the managers of these collective investment schemes. If a UCI no longer has the aforementioned classification (Article 8 or Article 9 according to Regulation 2019/2088) according to the information declared in its prospectus or information document, DPAM will sell the investment in the UCI concerned in the interest of the Sub-fund's shareholders within six months if such a sale is necessary in order to comply, at the overall level of the Sub-fund, with the promoted environmental and social characteristics.

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

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

not applicable

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

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds) :**

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways :

i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

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• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds) :**

Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.

**For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. The promotion of environmental and social characteristics through investments in UCIs is done via UCIs that promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of

Regulation 2019/2088 or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of that Regulation.

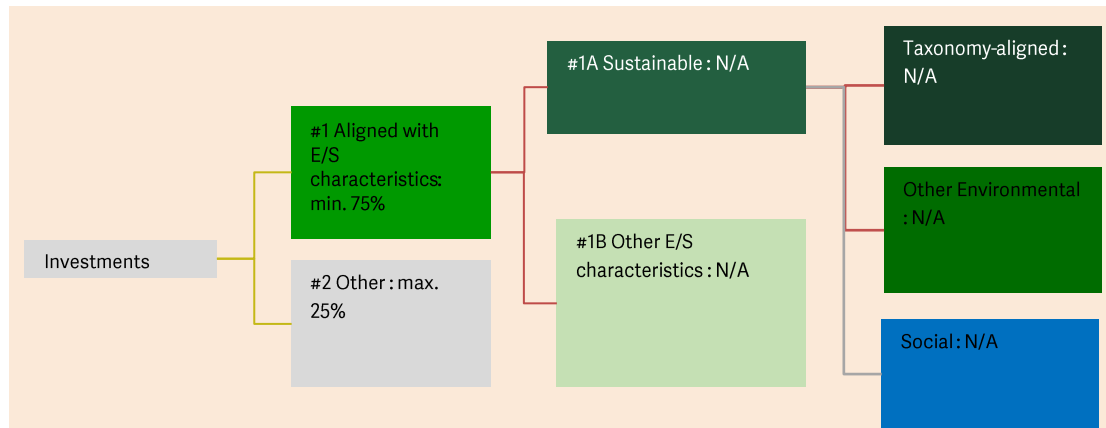
In accordance with Regulation 2019/2088, the companies in which investments are made by these UCIs must apply good governance practices. The way in which compliance with this requirement is verified may vary from one UCI to another.



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

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 75% of its assets:

- in securities that satisfy the environmental and social characteristics it promotes; or
- in UCIs which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of Regulation 2019/2088 or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Article 9 of Regulation 2019/2088.



**#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?

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

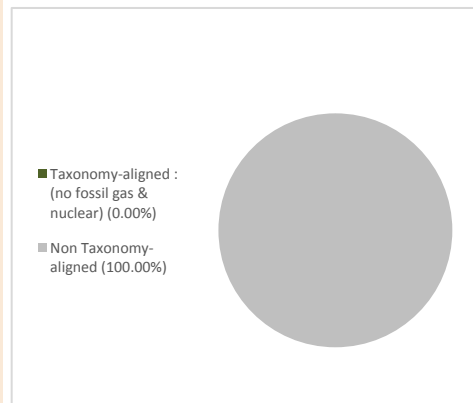
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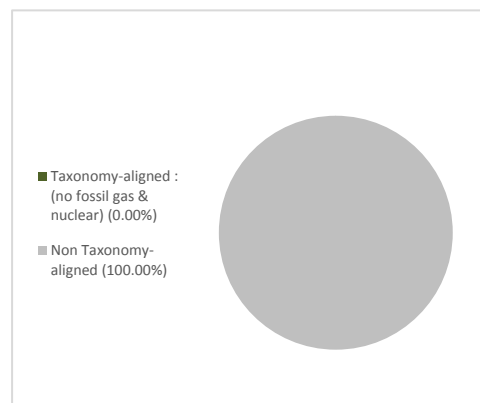
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\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Issuers (including Collective investment undertakings) that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 25% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - BALANCED LOW STRATEGY

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics by investing at least 75% of its net assets in (1) collective investment schemes or their sub-funds (hereinafter collectively referred to as “UCIs”), managed by DPAM or third party managers, which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 (indirect investments); and/or (2) securities which meet the environmental and social characteristics promoted by it (direct investments).

Finally, by incorporating ESG factors into its investment process, the Sub-fund aims to promote environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.



- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds ):**

- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with Global Standards;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity.

- **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirement.

- **For investments in UCIs:**

Exposure to sub-funds which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or sub-funds of UCIs which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088.

For more details, see the section below “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?”

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?

**X** Yes,

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):**

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund’s investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

**For direct investments (in sovereign bonds) :**

Yes, the Sub-fund takes into consideration the environmental and social PAIs listed in table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The first PAI is related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral part of the country sustainability model developed by DPAM for its sovereign bond strategies. It is therefore included in the country sustainability score and can influence the country sustainability score positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution relative to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM’s engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

The second PAI is related to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model observes several indicators on this issue such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence in the

country, commitment to major labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc.

These different indicators are included in the country sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution per country. These different indicators are included in the country's sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution compared to other issuing countries.

The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM's engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

**For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. As indicated above, among its ESG investments, the Sub-fund may invest in UCIs that are classified as financial products that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088.

As a result of their classification, these UCIs may take into account certain PAIs on sustainability factors listed in Table 1 of Annex I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs and the way they are taken into account may vary from one UCI to another. DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No

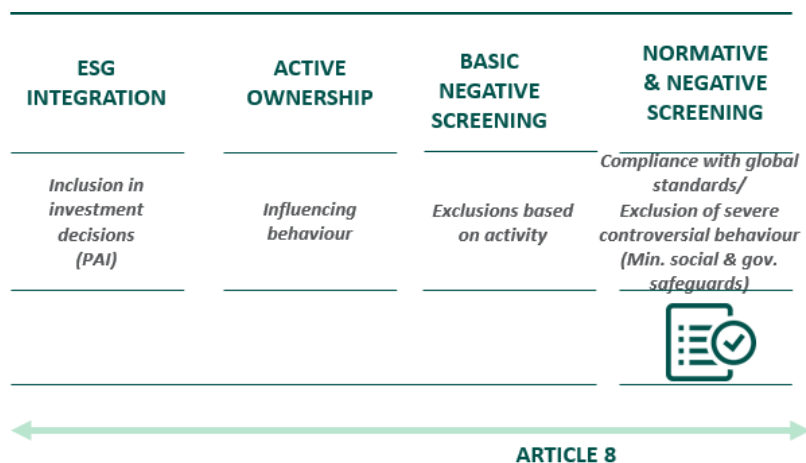
**What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.



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



● **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?**

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):**

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal. These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment. Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems. Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from extra-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most severe controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

The Sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet these minimum requirements the manager applies a methodology which is primarily based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime"). This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "Sovereign Bonds") which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

• **For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. As indicated above,

among its ESG investments, the Sub-fund may invest in UCIs that are classified as financial products that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088.

In selecting these UCIs for the Sub-fund, DPAM therefore takes into account the integration of environmental, social and/or governance criteria by the third party manager in the management of these funds. The list of collective investment schemes in which the Sub-fund may invest is updated on a regular basis by DPAM and on an ad hoc basis in case of deterioration.

At least once a year, DPAM conducts an analysis of the underlying collective investment schemes in order to verify the extent to which their selection methodology is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that the Sub-fund aims to promote.

In addition, DPAM engages in a regular dialogue with the managers of these collective investment schemes. If a UCI no longer has the aforementioned classification (Article 8 or Article 9 according to Regulation 2019/2088) according to the information declared in its prospectus or information document,

DPAM will sell the investment in the UCI concerned in the interest of the Sub-fund's shareholders within six months if such a sale is necessary in order to comply, at the overall level of the Sub-fund, with the promoted environmental and social characteristics.

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

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

not applicable

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

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):**

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal. These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems. Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies.

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DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds) :**

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways :

i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: Good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Qualitative ESG approach: DPAM's fundamental research is largely devoted to corporate governance and governance issues.

iv. DPAM's voting policy helps to promote good corporate governance practices (separation of powers, independence and adequacy of the board of directors, respect for minority shareholders' rights, quality of internal and external audit, etc.). DPAM's engagement policy is linked to this voting policy and applies its principles.

Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which can be accessed via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

• **For direct investments in sovereign bonds :**

Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.

• **For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. The promotion of environmental and social characteristics through investments in UCIs is carried out through UCIs which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of that Regulation.

In accordance with Regulation 2019/2088, the companies in which investments are made by these UCIs must apply good governance practices. The way in which compliance with this requirement is verified may vary from one UCI to another.

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

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 75% of its assets:

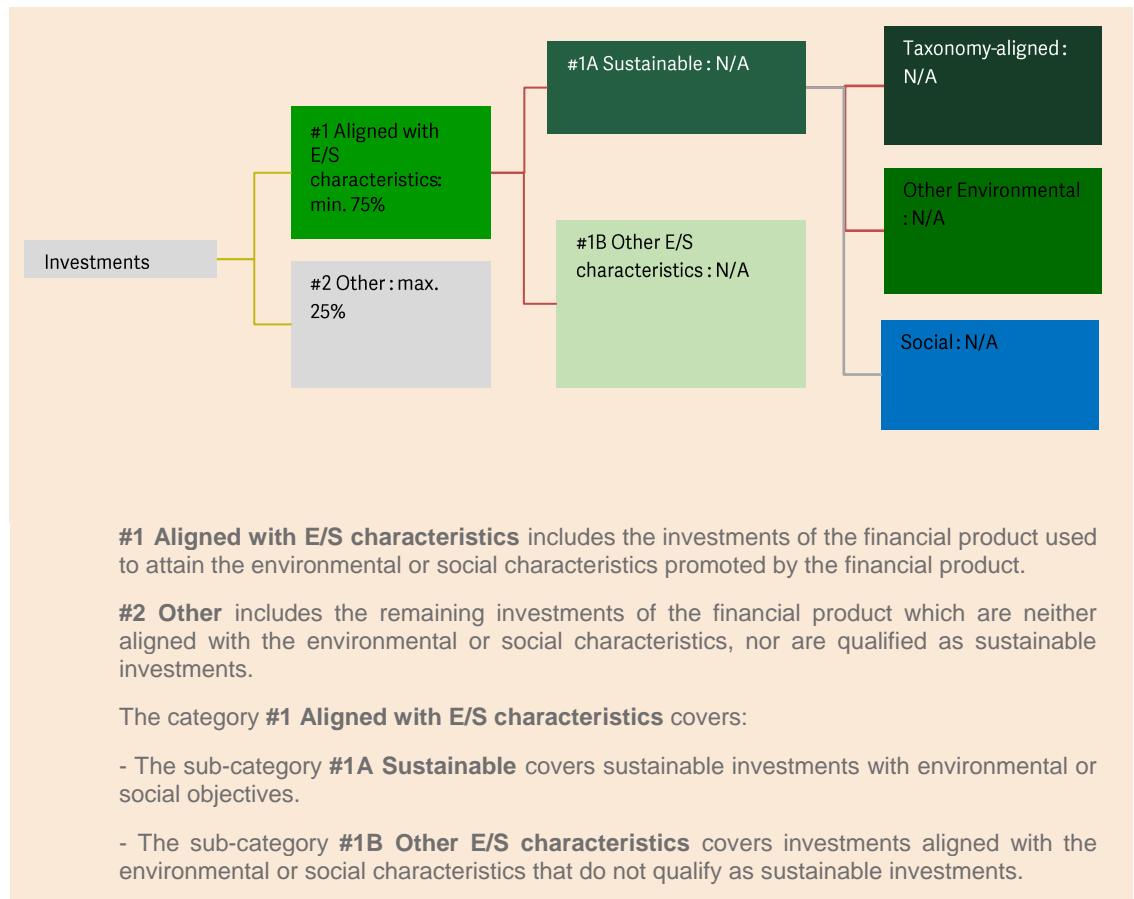
- in securities that satisfy the environmental and social characteristics it promotes; or
- in UCIs which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of Regulation 2019/2088 or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Article 9 of Regulation 2019/2088.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.



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

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

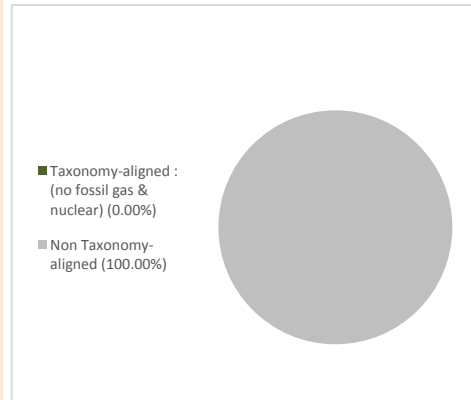
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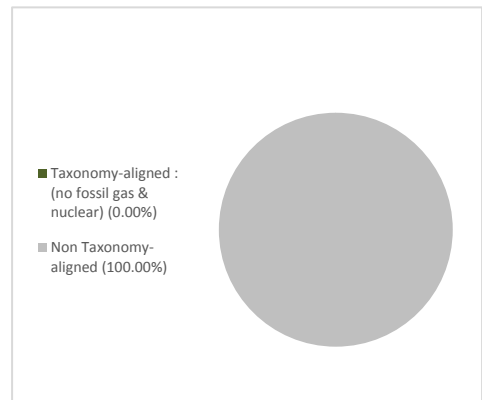
No

*The two graphs below show in green 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\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Issuers (including Collective investment undertakings) that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

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There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - DPAM B Balanced Strategy

Legal entity identifier:

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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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

Yes
   No

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

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

The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics by investing at least 75% of its net assets in (1) collective investment schemes or their sub-funds (hereinafter collectively referred to as “UCIs”), managed by DPAM or third party managers, which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 (indirect investments); and/or (2) securities which meet the environmental and social characteristics promoted by it (direct investments).

Finally, by incorporating ESG factors into its investment process, the Sub-fund aims to promote environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds ):**

- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with Global Standards;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity.

- **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirement.

- **For investments in UCIs:**

Exposure to sub-funds which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or sub-funds of UCIs which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088.

For more details, see the section below “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?”

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

*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?

**X** Yes,

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):**

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund’s investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds) :**

Yes, the Sub-fund takes into consideration the environmental and social PAIs listed in table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The first PAI is related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral part of the country sustainability model developed by DPAM for its sovereign bond strategies. It is therefore included in the country sustainability score and can influence the country sustainability score positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution relative to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM’s engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

The second PAI is related to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model observes several indicators on this issue such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence in the

country, commitment to major labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc.

These different indicators are included in the country sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution per country. These different indicators are included in the country's sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution compared to other issuing countries.

The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM's engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

• **For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. As indicated above, among its ESG investments, the Sub-fund may invest in UCIs that are classified as financial products that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088.

As a result of their classification, these UCIs may take into account certain PAIs on sustainability factors listed in Table 1 of Annex I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs and the way they are taken into account may vary from one UCI to another. DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006836/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

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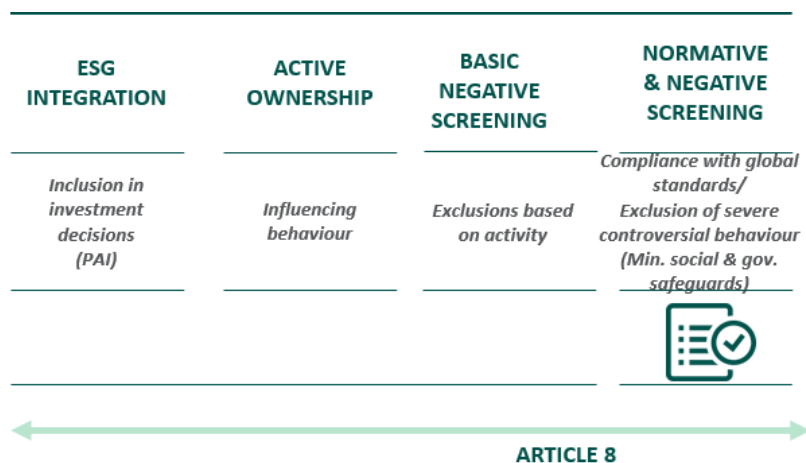


**What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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



● **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?**

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds) :**

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal. These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems. Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration.

There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies. DPAM uses ESG research from extra-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most severe controversies.

DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months. • For direct investments (in sovereign bonds): The Sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements.

To determine whether a country does not meet these minimum requirements the manager applies a methodology which is primarily based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime").

This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "Sovereign Bonds") which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

• **For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. As indicated above, among its ESG investments, the Sub-fund may invest in UCIs that are classified as financial products that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088.

In selecting these UCIs for the Sub-fund, DPAM therefore takes into account the integration of environmental, social and/or governance criteria by the third party manager in the management of these funds.

The list of collective investment schemes in which the Sub-fund may invest is updated on a regular basis by DPAM and on an ad hoc basis in case of deterioration.

At least once a year, DPAM conducts an analysis of the underlying collective investment schemes in order to verify the extent to which their selection methodology is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that the Sub-fund aims to promote.

In addition, DPAM engages in a regular dialogue with the managers of these collective investment schemes. If a UCI no longer has the aforementioned classification (Article 8 or Article 9 according to Regulation 2019/2088) according to the information declared in its prospectus or information document, DPAM will sell the investment in the UCI concerned in the interest of the Sub-fund's shareholders within six months if such a sale is necessary in order to comply, at the overall level of the Sub-fund, with the promoted environmental and social characteristics.

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

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

not applicable

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

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds)**

: Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways :

i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: Good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Qualitative ESG approach: DPAM's fundamental research is largely devoted to corporate governance and governance issues.

iv. DPAM's voting policy helps to promote good corporate governance practices (separation of powers, independence and adequacy of the board of directors, respect for minority shareholders' rights, quality of internal and external audit, etc.).

DPAM's engagement policy is linked to this voting policy and applies its principles. Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which can be accessed via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds) :**



Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.

**For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. The promotion of environmental and social characteristics through investments in UCIs is done via UCIs that promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of that Regulation.

In accordance with Regulation 2019/2088, the companies in which investments are made by these UCIs must apply good governance practices. The way in which compliance with this requirement is verified may vary from one UCI to another.



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

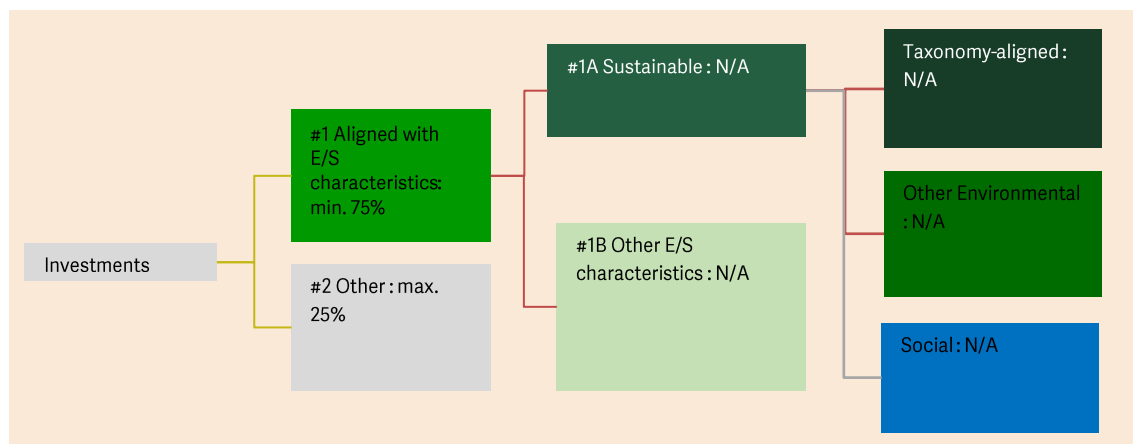
By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 75% of its assets:

- in securities that satisfy the environmental and social characteristics it promotes; or
- in UCIs which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of Regulation 2019/2088 or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Article 9 of Regulation 2019/2088.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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?**

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

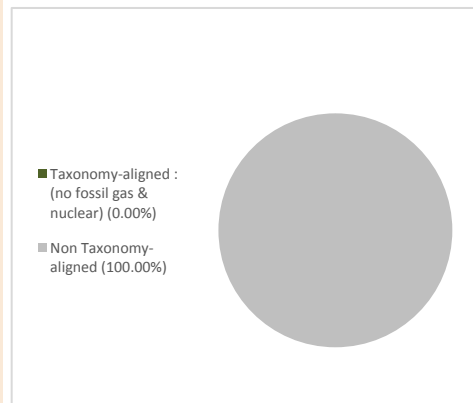
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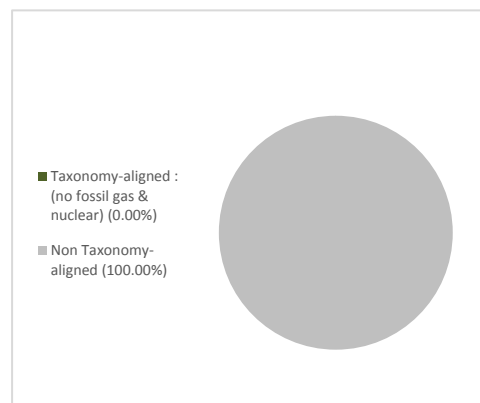
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*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Issuers (including Collective investment undertakings) that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 25% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

DPAM B - ACTIVE STRATEGY

Legal entity identifier:

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### 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 0 % 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?

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Finally, by incorporating ESG factors into its investment process, the Sub-fund aims to promote environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.

- **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of all environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions:

- **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds ):**

- Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with Global Standards;
- Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial activities according to the definitions and thresholds stipulated by DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy (available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf));
- Zero exposure to companies facing ESG controversies of maximum severity.

- **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

Zero exposure to issuers that do not meet minimum democratic requirement.

- **For investments in UCIs:**

Exposure to sub-funds which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or sub-funds of UCIs which have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088.

For more details, see the section below “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?”

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

- **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

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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?

**X** Yes,

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):**

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. The PAIs are intrinsically linked to DPAM’s commitment to reduce the negative impact of the Sub-fund’s investments by avoiding activities or behaviours that may significantly undermine sustainable and inclusive growth. This commitment is embedded throughout the research and investment process from its inception.

In concrete terms, PAIs are incorporated into the various stages of upstream portfolio construction via exclusions and the resulting eligible universe (i), and through the investment process via fundamental analysis, controversy monitoring and ongoing dialogue with investees (ii):

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) they are analysed and monitored at the level of the investee issuers, particularly with regard to PAIs related to greenhouse gas emissions and energy performance, including through research of DPAMs in the context of the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). b) after that, the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to environmental issues, such as the environmental impact of company operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

2) Secondly, social PAIs are systematically analysed throughout the research and investment process:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and the prevention of corruption.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (definitions and thresholds according to DPAM’s Controversial Activities Policy). (accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)).

c) In addition, the screening and analysis based on the main ESG controversies in which companies may be involved also includes controversies related to social issues, i.e. society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

Yes, the Sub-fund takes into consideration the environmental and social PAIs listed in table 1 of Appendix I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The first PAI is related to environmental issues and focuses on the greenhouse gas emission intensity of the investee countries. The indicator is an integral part of the country sustainability model developed by DPAM for its sovereign bond strategies. It is therefore included in the country sustainability score and can influence the country sustainability score positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution relative to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM’s engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

The second PAI is related to social issues and focuses on issues of social violations. Our country sustainability model observes several indicators on this issue such as respect for civil liberties and political rights, respect for human rights and the level of violence in the country, commitment to major labour law conventions, the issue of equal opportunities and distribution of wealth, etc. These different indicators are included in the country

sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution per country. These different indicators are included in the country's sustainability score and can influence it positively or negatively depending on its level and evolution compared to other issuing countries. The results of the country sustainability scores are eventually discussed with the countries concerned according to DPAM's engagement policy via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf).

• **For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. As indicated above, among its ESG investments, the Sub-fund may invest in UCIs that are classified as financial products that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088. As a result of their classification, these UCIs may take into account certain PAIs on sustainability factors listed in Table 1 of Annex I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

The PAIs and the way they are taken into account may vary from one UCI to another.

DPAM's approach and processes are further described in its Sustainable and Responsible Investments Policy and in the TCFD report available via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_Sustainable\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Investment.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_Sustainable_and_Responsible_Investment.pdf) and [DPAM\\_report\\_TCFD.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_report_TCFD.pdf) (cloudinary.com).

Information on the PAIs taken into consideration by the Sub-fund will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No





**What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The Portfolio promotes environmental and social characteristics through exclusions, fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue according to the following scheme of portfolio construction steps as schematized at the end of the section.

A more general description of the Sub-fund's investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV's prospectus.

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

ESG INTEGRATION	ACTIVE OWNERSHIP	BASIC NEGATIVE SCREENING	NORMATIVE & NEGATIVE SCREENING
<i>Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)</i>	<i>Influencing behaviour</i>	<i>Exclusions based on activity</i>	<i>Compliance with global standards/ Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (Min. social &amp; gov. safeguards)</i>
			
 <b>ARTICLE 8</b>			



● **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?**

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds):**

The binding investment restrictions apply to (a) companies that do not comply with the principles of the Global Standards described below, (b) companies involved in controversial activities, and (c) companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity:

a) Compliance of the portfolio with Global Standards: The Sub-fund does not invest in companies that do not comply with the 10 principles of the Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles, ILO instruments, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the underlying conventions and treaties.

b) Exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also excludes securities of companies which have material exposure to the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment for the production of tobacco, the mining of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal. These exclusions and their thresholds are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which are accessible via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf)

c) Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: companies involved in ESG controversies of maximum severity are not eligible for investment.

Exclusion lists of individual companies excluded under criteria (a), (b) and (c) above are regularly updated and feed into the portfolio investment monitoring systems. Security exclusions based on the binding criteria of the investment strategy apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio.

At each data series collection, DPAM establishes exclusion lists which are updated at least quarterly and on an ad hoc basis in case of position deterioration. There is one exclusion list per constraint and per strategy group, with DPAM applying a similar exclusion/restriction threshold. DPAM's risk management department is responsible for applying the necessary prevention (ex-ante risk) and control (ex-post risk) mechanisms to effectively enforce the exclusion lists in the investment portfolios of DPAM's strategies.

DPAM uses ESG research from extra-financial rating agencies to assess the severity of controversies to which companies are exposed and excludes the most severe controversies. DPAM also produces internal analyses of ESG controversies to which companies are exposed. DPAM reserves the right to exclude companies that it considers to be involved in sufficiently serious controversies.

In the event of a deterioration in the ESG profile of a company leading to its downgrading to Global Standards status or the emergence of a controversy of maximum severity regarding the company, the manager will sell the relevant investment in the interests of the Sub-fund's shareholders within three months.

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds):**

The Sub-fund does not invest in countries considered not to meet minimum democratic requirements. To determine whether a country does not meet these minimum requirements the manager applies a methodology which is primarily based on the classifications of the International NGO Freedom House ("not free") and The Economist Intelligence Unit ("authoritarian regime"). This exclusion and the underlying methodology are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "Sovereign Bonds") which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

• **For investments in UCIs:**

depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the underlying UCI. As indicated above, among its ESG investments, the Sub-fund may invest in UCIs that are classified as financial products that promote, inter alia, environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 and/or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088. In selecting these UCIs for the

Sub-fund,

DPAM therefore takes into account the integration of environmental, social and/or governance criteria by the third party manager in the management of these funds. The list of collective investment schemes in which the Sub-fund may invest is updated on a regular basis by DPAM and on an ad hoc basis in case of deterioration.

At least once a year, DPAM conducts an analysis of the underlying collective investment schemes in order to verify the extent to which their selection methodology is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that the Sub-fund aims to promote. In addition,

DPAM engages in a regular dialogue with the managers of these collective investment schemes.

If a UCI no longer has the aforementioned classification (Article 8 or Article 9 according to Regulation 2019/2088) according to the information declared in its prospectus or information document, DPAM will sell the investment in the UCI concerned in the interest of the Sub-fund's shareholders within six months if such a sale is necessary in order to comply, at the overall level of the Sub-fund, with the promoted environmental and social characteristics.

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

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

not applicable

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

• **For direct investments (in equities or corporate bonds) :**

Good governance criteria are an integral part of DPAM's active ownership, engagement and sustainable and responsible investment policies and are included in the investment decision process through the different steps described in the section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to achieve each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above.

DPAM takes these criteria into account in the following ways :

i. Portfolio compliance with Global Standards: Prevention of corruption is one of the four main themes of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact.

ii. Portfolio exposure to ESG controversies of maximum severity: Good governance criteria (business ethics, political lobbying, corporate governance, corruption and accountability of governance bodies on ESG aspects) are the subject of the analysis of controversies, their severity and corrective measures.

iii. Qualitative ESG approach: DPAM's fundamental research is largely devoted to corporate governance and governance issues.

iv. DPAM's voting policy helps to promote good corporate governance practices (separation of powers, independence and adequacy of the board of directors, respect for minority shareholders' rights, quality of internal and external audit, etc.).

DPAM's engagement policy is linked to this voting policy and applies its principles. Governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably through DPAM's voting policy and engagement policy, which can be accessed via the links [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM\\_policy\\_engagement.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006835/DPAM_policy_engagement.pdf)

• **For direct investments (in sovereign bonds) :**

Good governance criteria such as the electoral process, civil liberties, national and local democratic governance are included in the models used by the International NGO Freedom House and the Economist Intelligence Unit.

**For investments in UCIs: depending on the consideration of the PAIs by the**

## underlying UCI.

The promotion of environmental and social characteristics through investments in UCIs is done via UCIs that promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Regulation 2019/2088 or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of that Regulation. In accordance with Regulation 2019/2088, the companies in which investments are made by these UCIs must apply good governance practices.

The way in which compliance with this requirement is verified may vary from one UCI to another.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

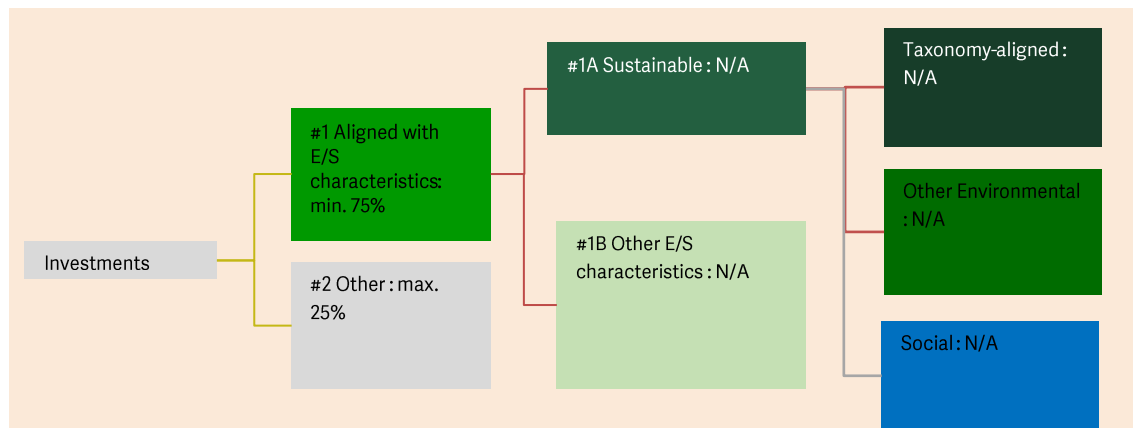
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **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.

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

By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 75% of its assets:

- in securities that satisfy the environmental and social characteristics it promotes; or
- in UCIs which promote, inter alia, environmental or social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of Regulation 2019/2088 or have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Article 9 of Regulation 2019/2088.



**#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?

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

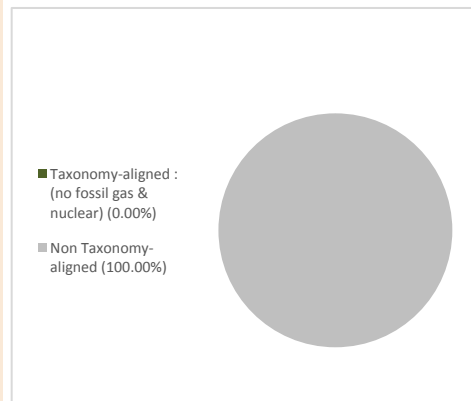
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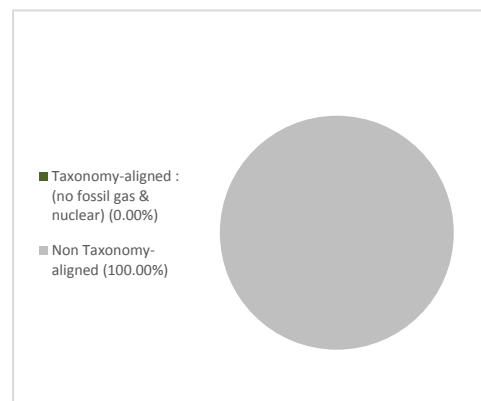
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*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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\*



This graph represents 0 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or 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?

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity (excluding treasury bills)
- Derivative instruments
- Issuers (including Collective investment undertakings) that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 25% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



## 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?

N/A

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

N/A

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

N/A

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

N/A

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

N/A

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



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/"Sustainability transparency" tab).

Product name:

Legal entity identifier:

DPAM B - Equities Japan ESG Leaders Index

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**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 0 % 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?**

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

The Sub-fund is passively managed and aims to physically replicate the MSCI Japan ESG Leaders Index in Euro ("the Index").\* The Index provides exposure to Japanese large and mid-cap companies with high ESG performance relative to their peers in the same sector ("best-in class" 50%).

Through construction of the replicated Index, the Sub-fund aims to improve the environmental and social characteristics compared to the starting universe, namely the parent MSCI Japan Index ("Parent Index").

In addition, the Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through a rigorous methodology aimed at:

- defending fundamental rights (human rights, labour law, prevention of corruption and

environmental protection).

- not funding controversial activities and behaviour that could affect the long-term reputation of the investments.
- promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices.

● **What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

The sustainability indicators used to measure the achievement of the set of environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-fund correspond to the binding investment restrictions of the Index it aims to replicate (some of the indicators are compared to the Parent Index):

- a. Zero exposure to companies deemed to be non-compliant with the UN Global Compact and international standards (as defined for example in the UN Declaration of Human Rights, or the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work);
- b. Zero exposure to companies involved in controversial economic activities, based on the exposure limits imposed by the index construction methodology (in particular unconventional, controversial or illegal armaments, tobacco and handguns, nuclear power, gambling and alcohol, thermal coal (coal mining and power generation));
- c. Zero exposure to companies involved in severe ESG controversies.

The methodologies used to construct the indices are available on the MSCI.com website: <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology> (“MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes Methodology”).

Further information, including methodologies for calculating ESG scores and controversy levels, can be found on the MSCI website: [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

● **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

● **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?**

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

**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.

— → *How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

— → *How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments.

*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?

Yes,

Yes, the Sub-fund considers all the principal adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors (hereinafter “PAIs”) listed in Table 1 of Annex I of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

In concrete terms, the PAIs are integrated into the different stages of the construction of the Index which the Sub-Fund replicates passively:

1) Firstly, with regard to environmental PAIs:

a) the Global Standards compliance filter includes a filter on environmental protection.

b) the filtering of companies involved in economic sectors and activities that are subject to debate as to their ethical and sustainable character (among others: nuclear energy production, tobacco, thermal coal, non-conventional oil and gas).

c) the filter on ESG score and level of controversy as defined by MSCI also includes controversies related to environmental issues such as the environmental impact of the company’s operations (emissions, waste, energy use, biodiversity and water consumption), the environmental impact on the supply chain and the impact of products and services (carbon and environmental impact).

d) the best-in-class ranking, which is based on an analysis of the ESG profile based in particular on the environmental PAIs.

2) Secondly, with regard to social PAIs:

a) the global standards compliance filter is structured around human rights, labour rights and prevention of corruption. In addition, the filter for companies involved in the selection of key ESG controversies includes controversies related to social issues, namely society and community, customer and employee, and controversies related to governance issues such as business ethics, including corruption and bribery.

b) the exclusion filter for companies involved in controversial activities (among others: exclusion of companies involved in unconventional armaments).

c) the exclusion filter for companies involved in severe ESG controversies on social issues.

d) the best-in-class ranking, which is based on an analysis of the ESG profile based in particular on the social PAIs.

The approach and processes are described in more detail in the documents available at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

The methodologies used to construct the indices can be found at <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology> (“MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes Methodology”).

Information on the PAIs will be available in the annual report of DPAM B, the SICAV to which the Sub-fund belongs.

No

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

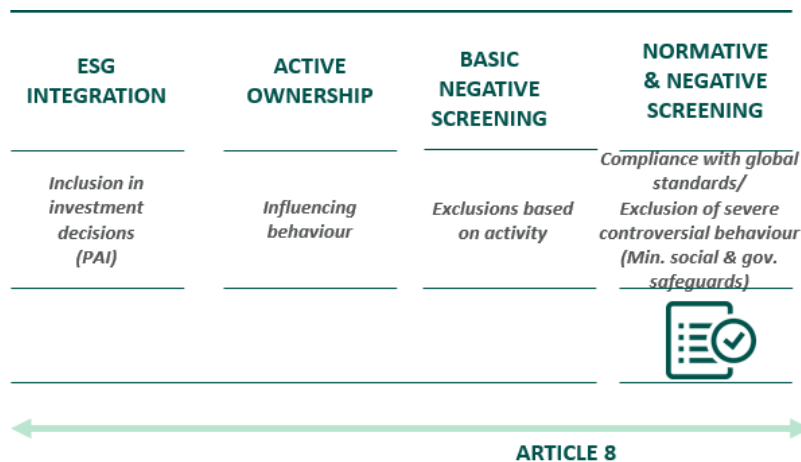


The Sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through physical replication of the Index which applies a process combining stock exclusion and a “best-in-class” selection of companies included in the MSCI Japan Parent Index.

In addition, environmental and social characteristics are also promoted by the Sub-fund through fundamental research, voting and engaged dialogue.

A more general description of the Sub-fund’s investment strategy can be found in the individual Sub-fund factsheet in the SICAV’s prospectus.

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



● **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?**

The Replicated Index is constructed by, among other things, applying a process combining stock exclusion and a best-in-class selection of companies from the MSCI Japan Parent Index:

a) The exclusion process includes:

- Companies that do not have an MSCI ESG rating of “BB” or above. Companies must maintain an MSCI ESG rating of “BB” or above to remain in the index.
- Companies that are not in compliance with Global Standards and corruption prevention.
- Companies involved in economic sectors and activities that are controversial in terms of their ethical and sustainable character (e.g. alcohol, gambling, nuclear energy production, tobacco etc.).
- Companies involved in severe ESG controversies: securities must have a score (according to the MSCI ESG Research methodology) of at least 3 to be eligible for inclusion.

b) The MSCI best-in-class selection process is applied to the remaining eligible securities in the selection universe:

The Index targets similar sector weights to the Parent Index in order to limit the systematic risk introduced by the ESG screening process. The methodology aims to include stocks of companies with the highest ESG rating up to 50% of the market capitalisation of each sector in the “parent” index.

Further information on the Index and its composition is available at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com). The weighting of stocks in the Index will be based on their free float adjusted market capitalisation.

In addition to the investment restrictions related to the replication of the Index, the Sub-fund adopts the following constraints:

- a) Exclusion of securities involved in controversial activities: The Sub-fund excludes securities whose business is the manufacture, use or possession of anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour, chemical or biological weapons. The Sub-fund also applies binding investment restrictions to the

securities of companies whose business is the production or distribution of tobacco or raw materials and equipment necessary for the production of tobacco, the extraction of thermal coal, or the generation of electricity from coal.

These exclusions apply both at the time of purchase of a position and during the holding of the position in the portfolio and are detailed in DPAM's Controversial Activities Policy (section on "conventional" strategies) which can be accessed via the link [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM\\_policy\\_Controversial\\_activities.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006839/DPAM_policy_Controversial_activities.pdf).

The Sub-fund follows a passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all securities in the index or a representative sample of these securities, holding each security in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the Index.

The tracking error compared to the benchmark (the Index) is around 1.5%.

MSCI is in charge of ESG selection based on ESG analysis, ratings, scores and exposure provided by MSCI ESG Research.

The annual review of the ESG indices takes place in May. The eligible universe is updated at this review. The ESG indices are also reviewed in August, November and February. This rebalancing may also take place at other times to reflect transactions such as mergers and acquisitions.

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

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

The methodology of the index aims to include the securities of companies with the highest ESG ratings making up 50% of the market capitalisation of the parent index. The securities excluded from the parent index therefore represent on average around 50% of the market capitalisation of each sector.

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

Good governance criteria are an integral part of MSCI's approach:

- By exclusions on the basis of compliance with global standards and prevention of corruption;
- By excluding companies involved in controversial activities; and
- By determining and integrating governance aspects into the ESG score / rating via the choice and hierarchy of themes and key issues identified for each industry and company.

In addition, governance issues are also an integral part of the monitoring of investments, notably via DPAM's Voting policy / Engagement policy, which are available at [https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM\\_policy\\_voting.pdf](https://res.cloudinary.com/degroof-petercam-asset-management/image/upload/v1614006838/DPAM_policy_voting.pdf) and

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

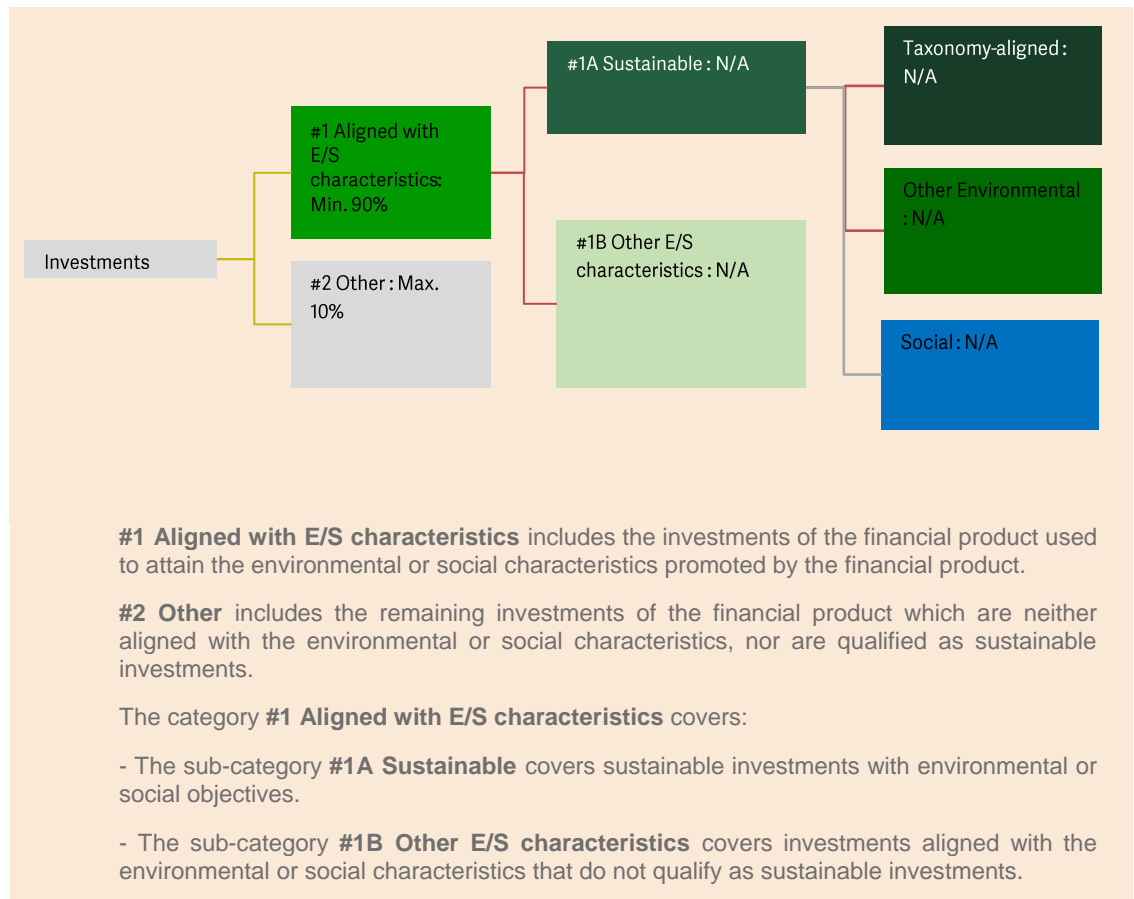
By applying the investment strategy described above, the Sub-fund invests a minimum of 90% of its assets in securities that meet the environmental and social characteristics it promotes (in the table referred to as "#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics").



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.



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

Derivative products, if any, used to achieve the investment objectives will not be used to promote the environmental and/or social aspects.



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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments and makes no commitment to align its investments with the European taxonomy.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>**

Yes

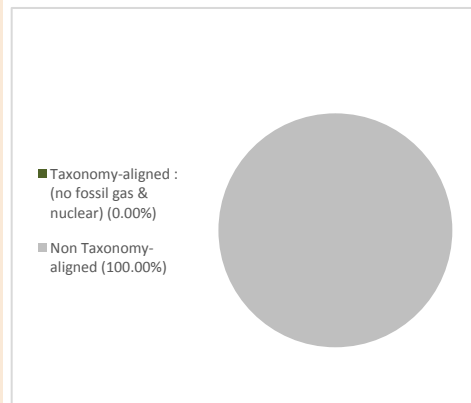
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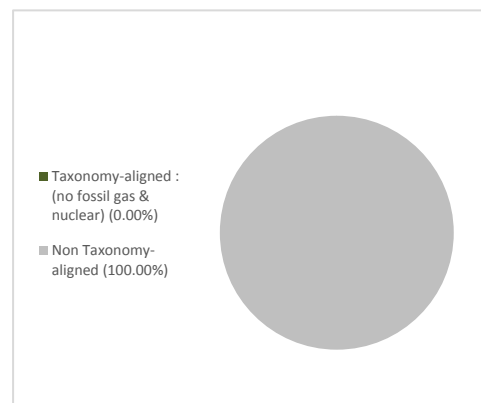
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*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment 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\*



This graph represents 100 % of the total investments.

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

**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.

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

This Sub-fund does not seek to make sustainable investments or invest in enabling and/or transitional activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objectives - 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.



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

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make socially sustainable investments.



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?

Not applicable. This Sub-fund does not seek to make socially sustainable investments.



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

Binding ESG screenings carried out in accordance with the investment strategy described above are applied to the entire Sub-fund, excluding:

- Liquidity
- Derivative instruments
- Collective investment undertakings
- Issuers that do not report sufficient information or are insufficiently covered by ESG research to judge their environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Sub-fund may invest or hold these types of assets in order to achieve its investment objectives, for portfolio diversification, liquidity management and for risk hedging purposes.

The remaining proportion will not exceed 10% of the Sub-fund.

There are no minimum environmental or social guarantees.



### 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?

N/A

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

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

The Sub-fund replicates the performance of the Index. The tracking error is approximately 1.5%. The tracking of the Index may be affected by transaction costs, reinvestment of dividends and general expenses incurred by the Sub-fund.

The Sub-fund follows a passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all securities in the Index or a representative sample of these securities, holding each security in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the Index.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

The Sub-fund follows a passive investment management strategy investing physically and non-synthetically in all securities in the index or a representative sample of these securities, holding each security in a proportion approximately identical to its weight in the Index.

In addition, DPAM uses an ex-ante and ex-post risk control and optimisation model. The aim of the optimisation is to build a portfolio that best tracks the Index while minimising the ex-ante tracking error (following subscriptions/redemptions or various corporate actions).

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

The Index is constructed using a combination of stock exclusion and best-in-class selection of companies from the MSCI Japan Parent Index. The Index targets similar sector weights to the Parent Index in order to limit the systematic risk introduced by the ESG selection process.

The methodology aims to include stocks of companies with the highest ESG rating up to 50% of the market capitalisation of each sector of the Parent Index (after excluding companies involved in very severe ESG controversies or controversial activities).

Further information on the Index and its composition is available at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

The methodologies for constructing the indices can be found at [www.MSCI.com](http://www.MSCI.com):

<https://www.msci.com/index-methodology> (“MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes Methodology”).

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

More product-specific information can be found on the website: [www.dpamfunds.com](http://www.dpamfunds.com) (Fund/Sub-fund/Share class/“Sustainability transparency” tab).0

