

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

**Product name:** Edmond de Rothschild Goldsphere

**Legal entity identifier:** 969500L6ER4DJHPXTK58

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**



**Yes**



**X No**



At least \_\_\_% of the investments will be **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



At least \_\_\_% of the investments will be **sustainable investments with a social objective:**



It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while sustainable investment is not its objective, at least 10%\* its investments will be 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**

\*As a percentage of the UCITS' net assets

**A description of the sustainable investment methodology defined by Edmond de Rothschild Asset Management (France) is available on the website of the management company:**

<https://www.edmond-de-rothschild.com/SiteCollectionDocuments/Responsible-investment/OUR%20ENGAGEMENT/FR/EdRAM-Definition-et-methodologie-Investissement-durable.pdf>

**Sustainable investment** is defined as an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that it does not cause significant harm to either of these objectives and that the investee companies apply good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system introduced in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. The 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.



**Sustainability indicators**, which are used to determine if the financial product complies with the environmental or social characteristics it promotes.

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

The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics identified with our ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) analysis model, such as, in particular:

- Environment: environmental management strategy, energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, water, waste, pollution, green impact
- Social: job quality, human resources management, social impact, stakeholder relations, health and safety.

No benchmark has been designated for the purposes of achieving the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund.

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

Managers have access to portfolio monitoring tools providing climate and ESG indicators, such as the carbon footprint or temperature of the portfolio, exposure to the various United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and investments' environmental and social ratings. Our tools provide a consolidated view of the portfolio as well as an issuer-by-issuer analysis. Our ESG analyses, whether internal or from external providers, also assign scores to each of the environmental and social themes promoted by the Fund and available to managers.

### ● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product intends to make, and how do the investments contribute to these objectives?***

Sustainable investments are considered to be investments in (i) companies that make a positive contribution towards achieving an environment or social objective, (ii) companies that positively activate at least one of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a minimum activation threshold of  $\geq 2.5/10$  (source: MSCI), provided they comply with DNSH and good governance requirements.

For further information, please refer to the following document: <https://www.edmond-de-rothschild.com/SiteCollectionDocuments/Responsible-investment/OUR-ENGAGEMENT/FR/EdRAM-Definition-et-methodologie-Investissement-durable.pdf>.

### ● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product intends to make not cause significant harm to any environmentally or socially sustainable investment objectives?***

When making sustainable investments, the fund ensures that they cause no significant harm to a sustainable investment objective, particularly by:

- through the application of the Edmond de Rothschild Asset Management (France) exclusion policy, which encompasses controversial weapons, tobacco, thermal coal, non-conventional fossil fuels, and palm oil,
- ensuring that we do not invest in companies that violate the UN Global Compact<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> UN Global Compact: A United Nations initiative launched in 2000 to encourage companies around the world to adopt a socially responsible attitude by committing to implement and promote several principles relating to human rights, international labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption.

**Principal adverse impacts** correspond to the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors related to environmental, social and employee issues, respect for human rights and the fight against corruption and bribery.

--- How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Adverse impact indicators, and in particular the PAI indicators presented in Table 1 of Annex 1 of the RTS for the SFDR, are taken into account as part of the Fund's investment process, our ESG rating model, and our definition of sustainable investment (see the description of the sustainable investment methodology available on the website). They are integrated into the portfolio monitoring tools and checked by the Management team and the Risk Department.

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

Managers select sustainable investments in accordance with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights by excluding any company that violates the principles of the UN Global Compact.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle, which provides that Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives. The Taxonomy also contains specific EU criteria.*

*The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union 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.*

*All other sustainable investments must also do no significant harm to environmental or social objectives.*



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

Yes,

The fund takes into account the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors by first applying the Edmond de Rothschild Asset Management (France) exclusion policy, particularly concerning thermal coal and controversial weapons. The principal adverse impacts are also taken into account as part of the issuer ESG analysis model, whether this analysis is performed internally or by external providers, and impact the environmental and social scores as well as the overall ESG rating.

In accordance with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088, known as the "SFDR", the Fund's periodic reports, which describe the extent to which environmental or social characteristics are respected in particular, are available on the website [www.edmond-de-rothschild.com](http://www.edmond-de-rothschild.com), under "Fund Center".

No



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

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

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The ESG strategy of the UCITS aims to identify investment opportunities by identifying companies with a positive environmental or social impact and good non-financial performance. It also aims to detect non-financial risks that could materialize from a financial point of view.

To this end, the UCITS relies on an internal ESG rating or one provided by an external rating agency, combined with a negative screening process based on an exclusion list defined by the management company and available on its website.

- ***What are the binding elements in the investment strategy for selecting investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

At least 90% of portfolio companies have an ESG rating. This is either a proprietary ESG rating or a rating provided by an external non-financial data agency. This ratio is expressed as a capitalisation of the net assets of the collective investment. At the end of this process, the fund will have an ESG rating that is higher than that of its investment universe. Furthermore, the securities selection process also includes negative screening, which involves excluding (i) companies that contribute to the production of controversial weapons, in compliance with international agreements in this field, (ii) companies exposed to activities related to thermal coal, tobacco, palm oil and non-conventional fossil fuels, and (iii) companies that violate one of the 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), in accordance with the Edmond de Rothschild Asset Management (France) exclusion policy, which is available on its website. This negative screening process helps mitigate sustainability risk.

- ***What is the minimum share that the financial product is committed to reducing its investment scope by before applying this investment strategy?***

The Fund does not undertake to respect a committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of the investment strategy.

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

Good governance practices are assessed through a comprehensive analysis of the governance pillar as part of the issuer's ESG analysis as well as through the consideration of controversies affecting the issuer. A minimum governance score, provided by our internal ESG analysis or the ESG analysis from an external provider, is applied to the fund's sustainable investments.



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

At least 90% of the financial product's net assets will be invested in assets that were considered "eligible" based on the current ESG process – i.e. in assets that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

At least 10% of the financial product's net assets will be invested in assets that were considered to be sustainable investments (#1A Sustainables).

A detailed description of this financial product's asset allocation can be found in the product's prospectus.

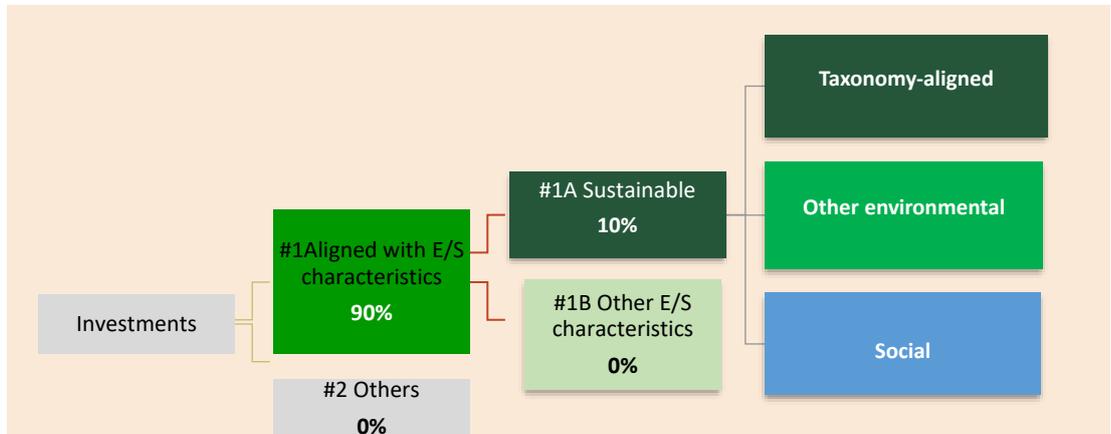
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a percentage of:

- **turnover**, to reflect the share of revenue from investee companies' green activities;

- **capital expenditure (CapEx)**, to reflect investee companies' green investments, e.g. for a transition to a green economy;

- **operational expenditure (OpEx)**, to reflect investee companies' green operational activities.



Category **#1 Aligned with E/S Characteristics** includes the financial product's investments used to achieve the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Others** includes the financial product's remaining investments which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor qualified as sustainable investments. This includes investments for hedging purposes and cash held as ancillary liquidity.

Category **#1 Aligned with E/S Features** includes:

- subcategory **#1A Sustainable** covering sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives;

- subcategory **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covering investments aligned with environmental or social characteristics that are not considered sustainable investments.

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

Single Name derivatives with long exposures only (including options, futures, CDS, CFDs, etc.) are taken into account as part of the proprietary ESG analysis methodologies and in the calculation of the Fund's share of sustainable investments according to the SFDR regulation. Exposure and hedging effects on the same underlying instrument from single-name derivatives are netted.



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

### ● Has the financial product invested in EU Taxonomy-compliant fossil fuels and/or nuclear energy activities? <sup>2</sup>

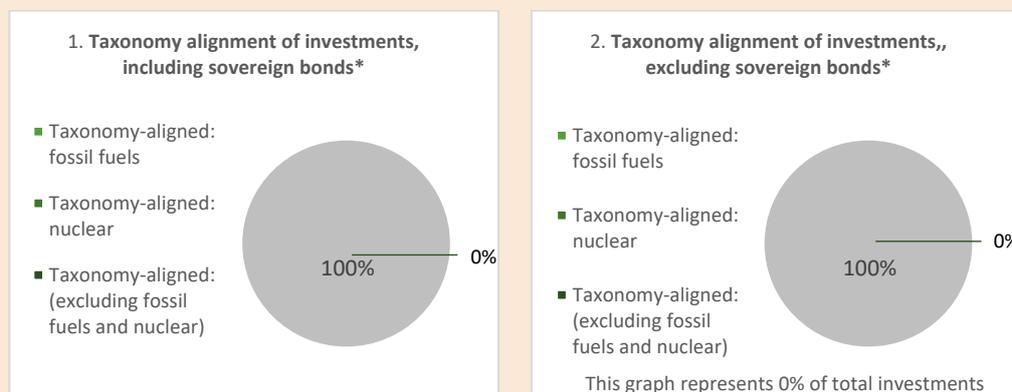
Yes

In fossil fuels  In nuclear energy

No

Given the current level of non-financial information provided by companies, we are not able at this stage to accurately identify and convey the underlying investments inherent in EU Taxonomy-compliant fossil fuel and/or nuclear energy activities.

*In the two graphs below, the minimum percentage of EU Taxonomy-aligned investments is shown in green. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment of all of the financial product's investments taken together, including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment of all of the financial product's investments, excluding sovereign bonds.*



\* For the purposes of these charts, "sovereign bonds" include all sovereign exposures.

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

Not applicable.

In order to comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil fuels** include emission limits and the switch to renewable electricity or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. As regards **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive rules on nuclear safety and waste management.

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

**Transitional activities** are those for which low-carbon alternatives do not yet exist and, among other things, whose greenhouse gas emission levels are on a par with the best achievable performance.



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

The minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental object that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.



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

Not applicable

The  symbol represents sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take account of the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

<sup>2</sup> Fossil fuels and/or nuclear activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy if they contribute to climate change mitigation and do no significant harm to any objective of the EU Taxonomy - see explanatory note in the left margin. All the criteria applicable to economic activities in the fossil fuel and nuclear energy sectors that comply with the EU Taxonomy are set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



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

#2 Others includes the financial product's remaining investments which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor qualified as sustainable investments. This includes investments for hedging purposes and cash held as ancillary liquidity.



## 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?

No benchmark has been designated for the purposes of achieving the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund.

**Benchmarks** are indices used to measure whether or not a financial product achieves the environmental or social characteristics it promotes.

- ***How is the benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

Not applicable

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

Not applicable

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

Not applicable

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

Not applicable



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

More product-specific information can be found on the website:

<https://funds.edram.com/funds-list>