

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.

4 Annex “Environmental and/or social characteristics” to the Sub-Fund Vontobel Fund – Euro Corporate Bond

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

Product name: Vontobel Fund – Euro Corporate Bond
Legal entity identifier: 5299007O53L3LRN24X46

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?			
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Yes		No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 10 % of sustainable investments
	<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy		<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/>	It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with a social objective: ___%	<input type="checkbox"/>	It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments



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

The Sub-Fund promotes social transition through empowerment with a focus on pre-defined empowerment indicators. The Investment Manager will favor issuers that perform well in such indicators or are on their way to perform well in these indicators while excluding any issuers that are not aligned with the strategy. Issuers will be selected based on the Investment Manager’s ESG framework.

In addition, the Sub-Fund invests at least 10% of its net assets in sustainable investments by investing in securities of issuers that provide solutions to environmental and social challenges, namely to at least one of the actionable themes: climate change mitigation, responsible use of natural resources, addressing basic needs, empowerment.

By following this process, the Investment Manager promotes a combination of environmental (such as “greenhouse gas emissions”, “biodiversity” or “waste”) and social characteristics (such as “inequality”, “labour relations”, “investment in human capital”), for example because these aspects are integrated in the Investment Manager’s ESG assessment framework or because some of the applied mechanisms relate directly to one of these characteristics. The ESG assessment framework may not include all of these characteristics as the

aspects considered in this process may depend for example on the sector or geography the issuer is operating in.

The Sub-Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes.

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

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

- Percentage of investments in securities of corporate issuers that derive a non-negligible part of their revenues from products and/or activities excluded by the Sub-Fund (excluded products and /or activities are indicated under the investment strategy section)
- Percentage of investments in issuers that are in violation of certain global norms and standards promoted by the Sub-Fund or that are exposed to critical controversies (unless the Investment Manager believes reasonable progress can be attained, for example, through active ownership activities). Such controversies may be related to environmental, social or governance issues
- Percentage of investments in securities of corporate issuers that, in respect to the pre-defined empowerment related indicators (i.e. diversity oversight by management and programs, percentage of women in total workforce, ILO Labor core convention violations and percentage of employees to receive training provided by specialized third party ESG research), (i) perform well, or (ii) are on their way to perform well in these indicators, or (iii) where potential for improvement has been identified, based on the Investment Manager's analysis
- Sub-Fund's weighted average UN Global Compact profile, compared to the investment universe (i.e. euro investment grade corporate debt market)
- Percentage of securities covered by ESG analysis

● ***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 objective of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make is to invest in securities of issuers that provide solutions to environmental and social challenges, namely to at least one of the actionable themes: climate change mitigation, responsible use of natural resources, addressing basic needs, empowerment.

The assessment will be conducted by the Investment Manager, based on quantitative ESG indicators and qualitative assessment of products, technologies, services or projects. The qualitative assessment considers research related to peer group and scientific studies.

To qualify as sustainable investment, the issuer should have a significant part of its activities related to these solutions, linked to at least one of the actionable themes. The Investment Manager requires a minimum threshold of revenues or capital expenditure or operational expenditure or allocated funding of at least 20% (depending on the products, technologies, services or projects, an appropriate metric will be used; for example, for financial institutions, the Investment Manager would prefer "allocated funding" if relevant). If a security complies with this minimum requirement, the entire investment will be considered a sustainable investment (provided that do no significant harm and, where applicable, good governance criteria are met, as described below).

As an issuer can contribute to an environmental (climate change mitigation, responsible use of natural resources) and a social (addressing basic needs, empowerment) objective at the same time, an investment can be counted as sustainable investment with an environmental objective and sustainable investment with a social objective.

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

In order to ensure that the sustainable investments that Sub-Fund intends to partially make do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social investment objective, the Sub-Fund takes into account all the mandatory indicators for adverse impacts and ensures that the Sub-Fund's investments are aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

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

For the portion of sustainable investments, the Investment Manager takes into account all the mandatory adverse impact indicators and any relevant additional adverse impact indicators by applying the following process:

The Investment Manager identifies issuers that are exposed to principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors based on in-house research; data sources include ESG data providers, news alerts, and the issuers themselves. When no reliable third-party data is available, the Investment Manager may make reasonable estimates or assumptions.

Where the Investment Manager identifies an investment as having a critical and poorly managed impact in one of the considered principal adverse impacts areas, and where no signs of remedial action or improvement have been observed, an action by the Investment Manager must be taken. Action mechanisms may include: exclusion, active ownership, tilting.

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

The Investment Manager has established a monitoring process to track incidents or ongoing situations in which an issuer's activities may have adverse effects on environmental, social, and governance aspects.

This process intends to ensure the alignment with global norms such as the UN Global Compact principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. This process is initially based on the utilization of third-party data and subsequently entails a comprehensive structured review conducted by the Investment Manager. Securities of issuers are excluded where the Investment Manager has concluded that they (i) violate the norms and standards promoted by the Sub-Fund or (ii) are involved in critical controversies, including those related to governance matters. However, the Investment Manager recognizes that excluding such issuers from the Investment Manager's investments may not always be the best approach to mitigate the adverse effects of their activities. In these cases, the Investment Manager will monitor these issuers, where the Investment Manager believes that reasonable progress can be attained, for example, through active ownership activities, provided the issuer demonstrates good governance.

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, the Investment Manager considers certain selected principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors in the following areas: for corporate and supranational issuers social and employee matters, human rights, business ethics, biodiversity, waste and natural resources, water and for securities of sovereign issuers social matters.

The Investment Manager identifies issuers that are exposed to principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors based on in-house research; data sources include ESG data providers, news alerts, and the issuers themselves. When no reliable third-party data is available, the Investment Manager may make reasonable estimates or assumptions.

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.

Where the Investment Manager identifies an investment as having a critical and poorly managed impact in one of the considered principal adverse impacts areas, and where no signs of remedial action or improvement have been observed, an action by the Investment Manager must be taken. Action mechanisms may include: exclusion, active ownership, tilting.

Information on how principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were considered will be made available in the periodic reporting of the Sub-Fund.

No



What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

In order to attain the environmental and social characteristics, the Sub-Fund applies the following ESG framework: exclusion approach, monitoring of critical controversies, screening, partial investments in sustainable investments.

Exclusion approach:

The Sub-Fund excludes:

- securities of corporate issuers involved in products and activities related to: unconventional / controversial weapons (0%), nuclear weapons (0%), conventional weapons (10%), coal extraction (thermal, 10%) and coal power generation (thermal, 25%), tobacco (5%), adult entertainment (5%), gambling (5%). The percentages indicated in the context of the exclusions reflect the revenue thresholds applied related to the production of such products and/or activities. For selected products and/or activities, additional limits apply as disclosed on the website.

Monitoring of critical controversies:

- The Investment Manager has established a monitoring process to track incidents or ongoing situations in which an issuer's activities may have adverse effects on environmental, social, and governance aspects. This process intends to ensure the alignment with global norms such as the UN Global Compact principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. This process is initially based on the utilization of third-party data and subsequently entails a comprehensive structured review conducted by the Investment Manager. Securities of issuers are excluded where the Investment Manager has concluded that they (i) violate the norms and standards promoted by the Sub-Fund or (ii) are involved in critical controversies, including those related to governance matters. However, the Investment Manager recognizes that excluding such issuers from the Investment Manager's investments may not always be the best approach to mitigate the adverse effects of their activities. In these cases, the Investment Manager will monitor these issuers, where the Investment Manager believes that reasonable progress can be attained, for example, through active ownership activities, provided the issuer demonstrates good governance..

Screening:

- Issuer's performance on pre-defined empowerment related indicators: The Sub-Fund promotes social transition through empowerment and focuses on pre-defined empowerment indicators, i.e. diversity oversight by management and programs, percentage of women in total workforce, ILO Labor core convention violations and percentage of employees to receive training provided by specialized third party ESG research organizations. In order to qualify for investment, the issuer must meet one of the following criteria: (i) Good performance: The issuer performs well in these indicators based on the Investment Manager's analysis; (ii) In transition: The issuer is on its way to perform well (i.e. first improvements visible) in these indicators, based on the Investment Manager's analysis; (iii) Potential identified: Where the Investment Manager has identified potential for improvement, exceptions can be made for companies that perform poorly on empowerment related issues or lack transparency on these issues. In that case, more insights will be requested, issues of concern will be addressed, and progress will be expected.

Partial investments in sustainable investments:

- The Sub-Fund invests at least 10% of its net assets in securities of issuers that provide solutions to environmental and/or social challenges, namely to at least one of the actionable themes: climate change mitigation, responsible use of natural resources, addressing basic needs, empowerment. The assessment methodology is described above.

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

Sub-Fund level commitments:

- Sub-Fund's weighted average UN Global Compact profile, compared to the investment universe (i.e. euro investment grade corporate debt market).

Additionally, the Sub-Fund follows an active ownership approach, which takes into account relevant environmental, social and governance matters. The Investment Manager sees these activities as a way to support the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund is covered by the engagement pool of the Investment Manager's stewardship program, which is mainly based on a collaboration with a stewardship partner. The Investment Manager has limited influence on the stewardship partner's engagement program.

The securities will be analyzed based on the binding elements prior to investment and monitored on a continuous basis. The securities in the portfolio have their sustainability performance periodically revaluated using the above-described sustainability framework. If a security does not comply with the binding criteria described below, the Investment Manager divests from such an issuer within a time period to be determined by the Investment Manager without exceeding in principle three months after such breach was detected, considering prevailing market conditions, and taking due account of the best interests of the shareholders. The Board of Directors or the Management Company of Vontobel Fund may decide to further postpone the rectification of such a breach or decide to carry out the divestment in several instalments over a longer period of time in exceptional cases, provided this is considered to be in the best interests of the shareholders.

● ***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 excludes securities of corporate issuers that derive a non-negligible part of their revenues from excluded products and/or activities listed above.
- The Sub-Fund excludes securities of issuers that are in violation of certain international norms and standards promoted by the Sub-Fund or that are exposed to critical controversies (unless the Investment Manager believes reasonable progress can be attained, for example, through active ownership activities). Such controversies may be related to environmental, social or governance issues.
- The Sub-Fund invests in securities of corporate issuers that, in respect to the pre-defined empowerment related indicators (i.e. diversity oversight by management and programs, percentage of women in total workforce, ILO Labor core convention violations and percentage of employees to receive training provided by specialized third party ESG research), (i) perform well, or (ii) are on their way to perform well in these indicators, or (iii) where potential for improvement has been identified, based on the Investment Manager's analysis.
- The Sub-Fund partially invests in securities of issuers that provide solutions to environmental and/or social challenges, namely the actionable themes (climate change mitigation, responsible use of natural resources, addressing basic needs, empowerment) and that qualify as sustainable investments. The issuer should either already provide solutions to at least one of the actionable themes, or be on the way to launch such solutions.
- The Sub-Fund will have at least the same ESG score (the UN Global Compact profile) as the investment universe (i.e. euro investment grade corporate debt market).
- The ESG analysis covers at least 90% of the Sub-Fund's securities of issuers whose registered office is located in developed market countries and for large cap companies, and 75% for securities of issuers whose registered office is located in emerging market countries and for mid and small cap companies. The use of ESG data may be subject to methodological limits.

● ***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?***

The Investment Manager will assess investee companies' good governance practices, in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance, by applying a monitoring process of critical controversies. The Investment Manager has established a monitoring process to track incidents or ongoing situations in which an issuer's activities may have adverse effects on environmental, social, and governance aspects. This process intends to ensure the alignment with global norms such as the UN Global Compact principles, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. This process is initially based on the utilization of third-party data and subsequently entails a comprehensive structured review conducted by the Investment Manager. Securities of issuers are excluded where the Investment Manager has concluded that they (i) violate the norms and standards promoted by the Sub-

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

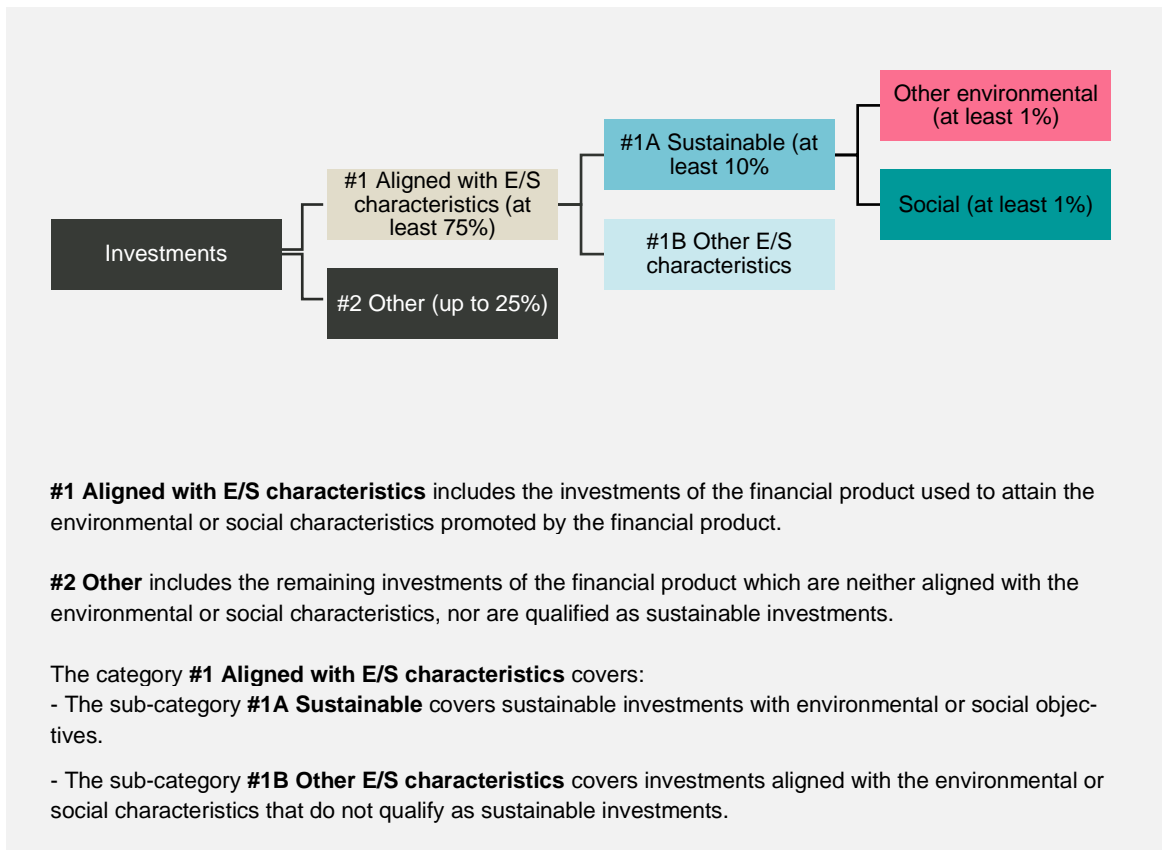
Fund or (ii) are involved in critical controversies, including those related to governance matters. However, the Investment Manager recognizes that excluding such issuers from the Investment Manager's investments may not always be the best approach to mitigate the adverse effects of their activities. In these cases, the Investment Manager will monitor these issuers, where the Investment Manager believes that reasonable progress can be attained, for example, through active ownership activities, provided the issuer demonstrates good governance. The Sub-Fund further intends to ensure good governance of the investee companies via active ownership. The Investment Manager puts best effort in engagement with regards to ESG policies and to promote sustainability awareness.



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The Sub-Fund invests at least 75% of its NAV in issuers that qualify as aligned with E/S characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics), under normal market conditions. This includes the minimum of 10% of the investments of the Sub-Fund that are sustainable investments.

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.

The percentages indicated above refer to the Sub-Fund's net asset value.

- **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**
Not applicable. Derivatives are not used for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund.



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

The Sub-Fund does not commit to invest a minimum share in sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy as defined by the EU Taxonomy regulation. Therefore, the Sub-Fund's minimum share of investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities in accordance with the EU Taxonomy regulation are indicated to be 0%.

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

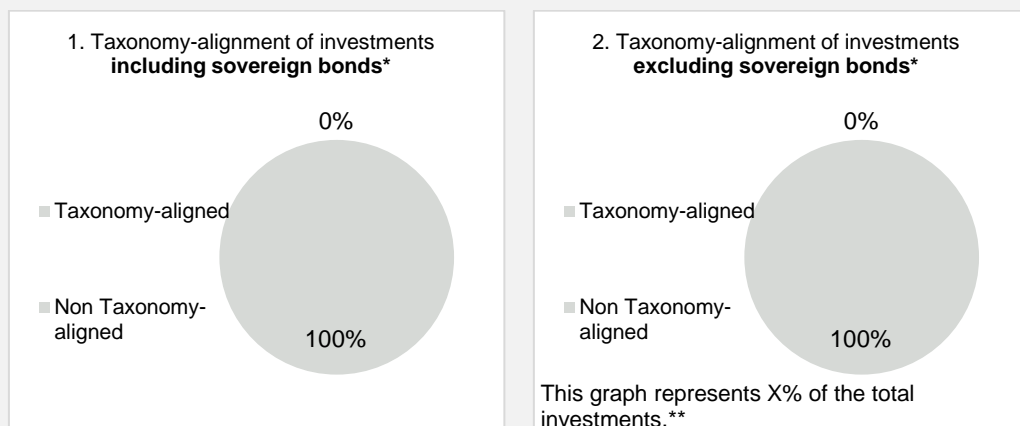
Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

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

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy¹?**

- 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.



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

**As the Sub-Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy, the proportion of sovereign bonds in the Sub-Fund's portfolio will not impact the proportion of sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy included in the graph.

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

The Sub-Fund does not commit to invest a minimum share in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Therefore, the Sub-Fund's minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities in accordance with the EU Taxonomy regulation are indicated to be 0%.

¹Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



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 sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Sub-Fund's minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is indicated to be 1%.

EU Taxonomy aligned sustainable investments are considered a sub-category of sustainable investments. If a sustainable investment is not Taxonomy-aligned since

- the economic activity is not yet covered under the EU Taxonomy,
- the positive contribution is not (fully) aligned with the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy,
- the issuer does not fall under the reporting scope of the EU Taxonomy, and the Investment Manager does not have sufficient equivalent information to conclude its assessment,

the investment can still be considered an Sustainable Investment with an environmental objective that is not aligned with the EU Taxonomy, provided it complies with all criteria of the SFDR.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Sub-Fund will invest at least 1% in socially sustainable investments.



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

The Sub-Fund may hold ancillary liquidity and use financial derivative instruments for the investment and hedging purposes. While these instruments are not expected to detrimentally affect the attainment of the Sub-Fund's environmental and social characteristics, no minimum environmental or social safeguards are applied. Other investments include also unscreened investments for diversification purposes or investments for which ESG data is lacking. The Sub-Fund may also invest in debt instruments issued by securities of sovereign issuers. For such instruments the monitoring process of critical controversies is applied.



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?

Not applicable.

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:

<http://am.vontobel.com/view/EUMYB#documents>, under “Sustainability Related Disclosures”.