

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

Product name: BL Global Flexible EUR

Legal entity identifier: 549300YU581XU1Q0JQ17

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<p style="margin: 0;"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes </p> <p style="margin: 0;"> <input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ____% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <p style="margin: 0;"> <input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with a social objective: ____% </p> </p>	<p style="margin: 0;"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p style="margin: 0;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted Environmental and/or /Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 48.3%¹ of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective <p style="margin: 0;"> <input type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments </p> </p>

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 lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

¹ Unless indicated otherwise, all the figures in this document are given at the year-end of the financial product concerned.



To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Due to the bottom-up approach adopted by the fund manager, based on the selection of individual securities, the fund promotes a combination of environmental and/or social characteristics, without targeting any particular characteristics.

During the period under review, by taking ESG criteria into account in the investment process, the manager was able to identify companies with solid financial fundamentals and which also serve the interests not only of shareholders but also of their employees, suppliers and customers, as well as the environment and the wider community.

The environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the fund are a result of the manager's investment strategy, which promotes sustainability in three ways: integrating sustainability into its management decisions, applying the exclusion policy, and active engagement. The aim is to invest in companies with a favourable ESG profile.

In order to protect the financial value of the investments made and the reputation of the fund and its investors, the fund manager has applied exclusions on the grounds of controversy and non-compliance with the United Nations Global Compact, as well as controversial weapons sectors. Additional exclusions for sustainable assets according to the SFDR are applied to companies whose activity in the following sectors represents more than 10% of their turnover:

- Hydrocarbon production chain (extraction, refining, energy production);
- Thermal coal (extraction and energy production);
- Armaments;
- Gambling;
- Alcohol;
- Tobacco;
- Gold mining.

Sovereign issuers have been subject to an extra-financial analysis resulting in an ESG rating that has been taken into account by the fund manager in its analysis and selection of individual issuers. A proprietary approach was taken, which aimed to track sustainability risks and promote an issuer's ESG characteristics.

Although the fund does not have sustainable investment as an objective, at the end of the period under review, 48.3% of the portfolio's investments were in sustainable assets.

Sustainability indicators

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

● **How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

The product does not promote any specific environmental or social characteristics.

The fund manager has integrated sustainability factors into its buy/sell discipline by systematically adjusting the intrinsic value of companies according to their ESG performance, using the ESG rating system established by MSCI ESG Research. The intrinsic value of companies with a favourable ESG profile has been revised upwards, while that of candidates with a lagging ESG profile has been revised downwards. As the buy/sell discipline is based on the intrinsic value of companies, the balance has been shifted in favour of companies with a favourable sustainability profile.

In terms of bond investments, the manager invested exclusively in sovereign issuers that have signed, ratified or acceded to the provisions of the Paris Agreement.

Indicators:

		30/09/2024	30/09/2025
E/S factors: intrinsic value adjustment			
	% of stock market assets in the portfolio	81.7	88.9
	% of the portfolio	75.7	84.8
% of portfolio investments made in sustainable assets		35.7	48.3
Sustainability risks			
	# companies with red controversy	0	0
	# companies with UNGC non-compliance	0	0
	# companies invested in controversial weapons	0	0
	# sovereign issuers not aligned with the provisions of the Paris agreement	0	0
Exclusions			
	# companies present on GCEL *	0	0
	# companies present on GOGEL* whose hydrocarbon production from unconventional deposits and techniques exceeds 20% of their total hydrocarbon production	0	0
		*as defined in the BLI Exclusion Policy published here	

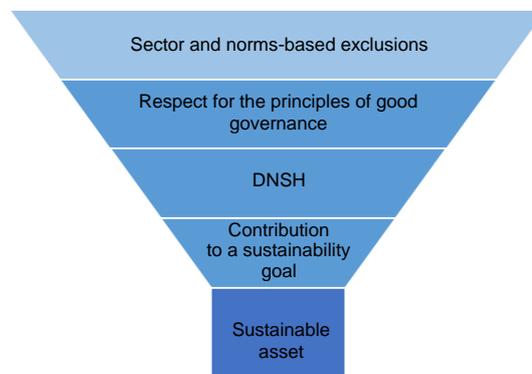
The values used in monitoring sustainability indicators have not been reviewed by a third party.

● **... and compared to previous periods?**

The performance of the sustainability indicators during the period under review is comparable to the previous year. The percentage of the portfolio's investments in sustainable assets has increased significantly.

● **What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

Sustainable investments are selected through a multi-stage analysis process.



The guiding principles of the first three stages of the analysis process are:

- Sectoral and regulatory exclusions,
- Respect for the principles of good governance,
- DNSH

are described in more detail in related policies and methodologies available on the fund manager's website: www.banquedeluxembourginvestments.com, under the "Sustainable and Responsible Investment" tab.

Contribution to a sustainability objective was analysed according to a double materiality approach:

- the impact upon the company of material sustainability risks ("outside-in" materiality);
- the environmental or social material impact that the company and its products and services could have on its stakeholders ("inside-out" materiality);

and an analysis of material controversies.

“Outside in” materiality:

The impacts of sustainability themes on issuers take two distinct forms:

- Risks – such as climate risks, social and regulatory aspects, disappearance of markets... ; and
- Opportunities – such as the creation of new markets, regulatory compliance...

BLI uses indicators developed by the MSCI ESG Research, an external and independent data provider, to assess these risks and opportunities as well as the positioning of issuers relative to them.

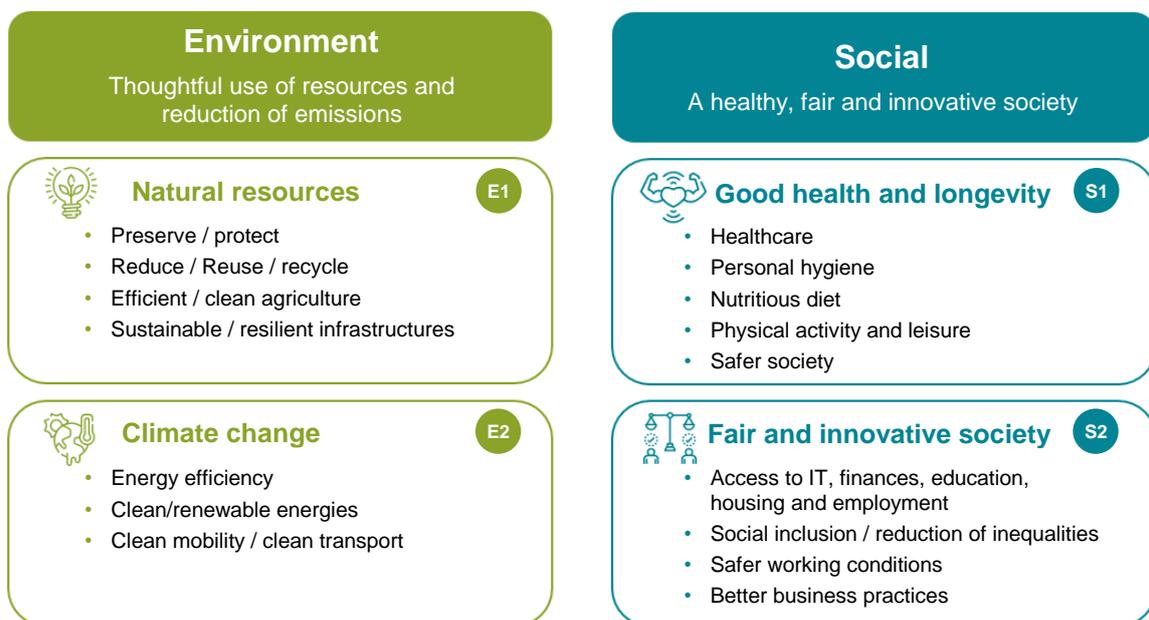
In addition, BLI has developed a methodology to highlight the transition risks associated with the CO₂ price for issuers.

Inside-out materiality:

BLI takes this dimension into account in the way the issuers selected are aligned with the SDGs. An activity can be directly aligned with specific SDGs, demonstrate potential alignment or misalignment.

In order to inform our reflections, tools such as Matter, a company that develops and provides ESG and sustainable development solutions to the financial markets sector, MSCI ESG Research and in-house research help to structure the analysis and identify investment opportunities.

The target is to have at least 30% of turnover aligned or potentially aligned and a maximum of 15% of turnover misaligned with one or more SDGs. For companies selected in the sustainable asset universe following the analysis steps described above, BLI’s analysts and managers carry out a qualitative and conviction-based analysis of the effect that products and services have on the SDGs. This analysis classifies companies into one of the four categories below – two environmental (E1, E2) and two social (S1, S2) – based on the associated themes and impacts.



Based on data from the Company ESG Dashboard, developed in-house, several exceptional cases may arise:

- Alignment threshold is met ($A > 30\%$), but the misalignment threshold is not met ($MA > 15\%$)
- Alignment threshold is not met ($A < 30\%$), or no alignment at all
- Alignment threshold is not met ($A < 30\%$) and misalignment threshold is not met ($MA > 15\%$)

BLI has chosen to treat these exceptional cases on the basis of individual analyses. Indeed, it is not wise to base conviction analyses solely on quantitative data from one single supplier who analyses thousands of companies using a proprietary model. In order to ensure the robustness of decisions that run counter to the alignment values proposed by Matter, these decisions are validated within the internal ESG Investment working group.

Analysis of controversies:

In addition to the steps already described, companies in the portfolio are monitored on an on-going basis to detect any controversies to which they may be exposed. Controversies are ESG events likely to affect the company's business model, its reputation and therefore potentially BLI's investment thesis. The data provider MSCI ESG Research classifies company controversies by severity level from green (low severity level) to red (very high severity level).

Companies classified as “red” by MSCI ESG Research are excluded from BLI’s global investment universe. Companies classified as “orange” are reviewed using various sources of information such as internal research, external research providers, the media and company information. Based on this proprietary analysis carried out by research and management teams, an opinion as to how material the controversy is to the company’s long-term business model and BLI’s investment thesis, is formulated and materialised.

Information relating to controversies is made available to analysis and management teams on the Company ESG Dashboard. For the analysis of corporate sustainability characteristics, the manager used an internal methodology to define sustainable assets. This is available on the fund manager’s website: www.banquedeluxembourginvestments.com, under the “Responsible Investment” tab.

Concerning bonds issued or guaranteed by governments, the manager uses a proprietary model to assess the sustainability characteristics of sovereign issuers on the basis of a score for each sovereign issuer relative to its universe of comparable issuers in the following areas: environment, social and governance.

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 did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The manager has defined a methodology for taking into account Principal Adverse Impacts (PAIs) to ensure that any investment contributing to one area of sustainability does not cause significant harm to others. In this context, the manager tested each potential sustainable investment across all PAIs by applying thresholds that made it possible to assess whether an issuer’s activities significantly undermined sustainability objectives.

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

In its analysis of the 14 mandatory PAIs applicable to private issuers, the manager identified 9 numerical indicators and 5 binary indicators. The manager also selected one additional numerical indicator and one additional binary indicator, which were treated in the same way as the mandatory indicators.

For each of the mandatory and additional numerical indicators used, the manager has defined thresholds above which

it is considered that there is “significant harm” to a sustainability objective. In order to treat all companies fairly, each was compared with its peers in the same GICS sector and geographical region. The manager has set the “Do No Significant Harm” (DNSH) threshold for each numerical indicator at the limit of the fifth quintile of values for all companies in the same sector and geographical region. Thus, an issuer has passed the DNSH test for a PAI if it is among the top 80% of issuers in its sector and geographical region.

The five mandatory binary indicators are examined individually. The information reported by the binary PAIs reflects basic concepts that any company will have to respect in order to claim that no significant harm has been done to another sustainability objective.

The framework adopted by BLI for sovereign and parastatal issuers echoes that applied to private issuers. The DNSH concept also requires sovereign issuers to decide when an issuer’s reported indicators are significantly detrimental to a sustainability objective.

In its analysis of the two mandatory PAIs applicable to sovereign issuers, BLI distinguishes one numerical indicator and one binary indicator, whose criteria and analysis methods will also differ depending on their category. The management company also selected one additional numerical indicator and one additional binary indicator.

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

The manager has excluded companies that do not comply with international human rights or labour standards as defined by the United Nations Global Compact. In practice, companies that did not comply with the United Nations Global Compact, did not comply with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, did not comply with the principles and rights set out in the International Labour Organisation Declaration and the International Bill of Human Rights, or which were highly controversial, were not included in the universe of sustainable assets.

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For the numerical indicator used, the manager has defined thresholds above which it is considered that the status of "significant harm" has been reached.

Concerning the binary indicators, the manager has excluded issuers involved in violations of social rights and/or freedom of expression from the universe of sustainable assets.

Sovereign issuers have been subject to an extra-financial analysis resulting in an ESG rating that has been taken into account by the management team in its analysis and selection of individual issuers.

To do this, a proprietary approach was devised, which aimed to track sustainability risks and promote an issuer's ESG characteristics. The purpose of the ESG sovereign rating is to assess the level of sustainability factors of a government, its economy and the reforms implemented.

By comparing the proprietary rating of the financial data and the ESG rating, the management team has identified quality issuers from both a financial and an ESG standpoint. Given similar fundamental characteristics and returns, the management team favoured the issuer with the highest ESG rating.

The manager relied on an internal methodology taking into account PAIs. This is available on the fund manager's website: www.banquedeluxembourginvestments.com, under the "Responsible Investment" tab.

It used data provided by MSCI ESG Research, an independent external data provider.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union 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 Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.



How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The manager has defined a methodology for taking into account PAIs to ensure that any investment contributing to one area of sustainability does not cause significant harm to others. In this context, the manager tested each potential sustainable investment across all PAIs by applying a threshold to measure the level of negative impact.

Based on this PAI evaluation methodology, the manager has developed a tool that aggregates PAI indicators at portfolio level. This tool has enabled the manager to optimise its portfolio in terms of PAI indicators.

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Processing numerical indicators

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More details on this assessment model are available on the fund manager’s website: www.banquedeluxembourginvestments.com, under the “Responsible Investment” tab.



What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, i.e. 01 October 2024 – 30 September 2025 – classification of sectors according to the GICS nomenclature for the equities part and BICS for the bonds segment.

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
US TIPS 2.375% 15-10-2028	Bonds	4.5%	United States of America
Roche Holding	Healthcare	4.5%	Switzerland
US TIPS 1.375% 15-7-2033	Bonds	4.2%	United States of America
Franco Nevada	Materials	4.1%	Canada
US TIPS 15-02-2050	Bonds	2.9%	United States of America
Alibaba Group	Discretionary consumption	2.8%	China
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp	Materials	2.8%	Canada
Invesco Physical Gold	Gold	2.6%	Ireland
Enbridge	Energy	2.6%	Canada
TSMC	Information technology	2.6%	Taiwan
SGS	Industry	2.3%	Switzerland
Royal Gold	Materials	2.2%	United States of America
Nestle	Basic essentials	2.1%	Switzerland
Hong Kong Exchange & Clearing	Finance	2.1%	Hong Kong
Tencent Holding	Communication services	2.0%	China

The information in the table above was based on average data calculated from the sub-fund’s holdings at the end of each quarter of the reporting period – classification of sectors according to the GICS nomenclature for the equity part and BICS for the bond part.

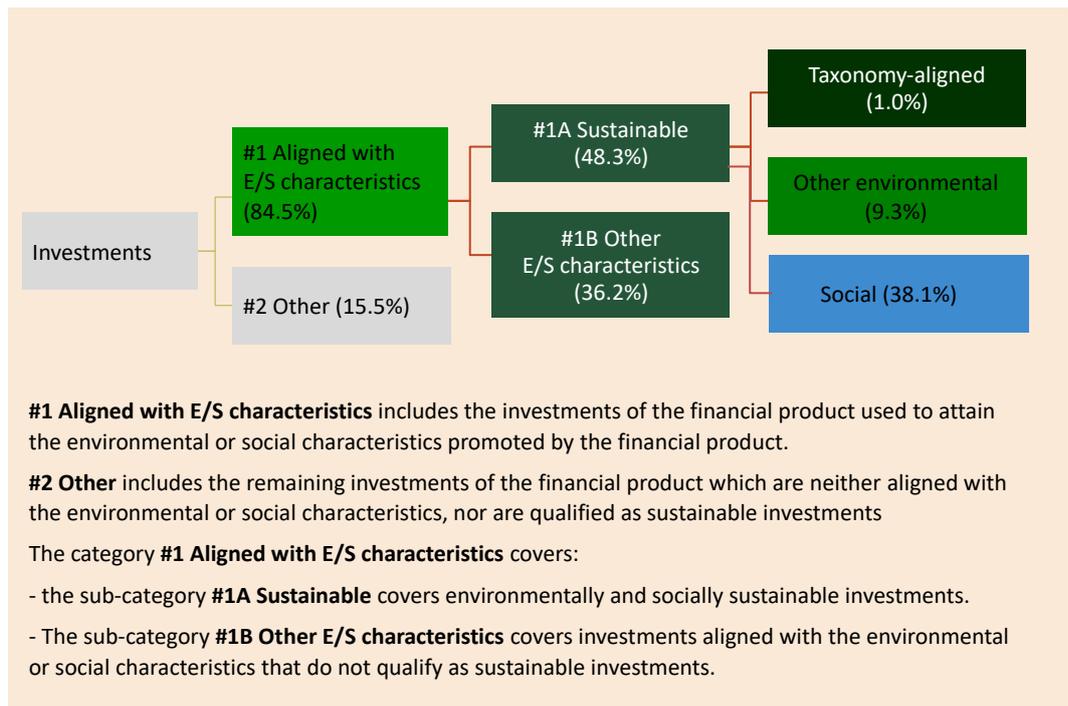


What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

48.3% of the net assets of the financial product.

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

● *What was the asset allocation?*



	09/2023	09/2024	09/2025
#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics	99.0%	78.6%	84.5%
#1A Sustainable	45.9%	35.7%	48.3%
- Taxonomy-aligned	0%	0.1%	1.0%
- Other environmental	9.6%	6.9%	9.3%
- Social	36.3%	28.6%	38.1%
#1B Other E/S characteristics	53.1%	43.0%	36.2%
#2 Other	1.0%	21.4%	15.5%

● *In which economic sectors were the investments made?*

Equities	71.3%
Government bonds	12.5%
Precious metals	13.2%
Cash assets	2.7%

Sector		Sub-sector	
Equities			
Information technology	14.9%	Software and services	7.2%
		Semi-conductors and equipment for semi-conductors	5.7%
		Technology-related materials and equipment	2.0%
Materials	14.4%	Materials	14.4%
Industry	14.3%	Capital goods	7.4%
		Commercial and professional services	3.8%
		Transport	3.1%
Healthcare	13.1%	Pharmaceutical, biotechnological and biological sciences	7.5%
		Health equipment and services	5.5%
Discretionary consumption	7.9%	Distribution and retail of non-essential products	4.2%
		Consumer durables and clothing	3.7%
Basic essentials	6.4%	Food, beverages and tobacco	3.1%
		Domestic and personal care products	2.5%
		Distribution and retail of basic necessities	0.8%
Financial products	4.8%	Financial services	4.5%
		Insurance	0.3%
Communication services	3.4%	Media and entertainment	3.4%
Energy	2.6%	Energy	2.6%
Sovereign bonds	12.5%	Sovereign bonds	12.5%
Gold-related companies	13.2%	Gold-related companies	13.2%
Cash assets	2.6%	Cash assets	2.6%

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The manager's sectoral exclusions prohibit investments in companies listed on the Global Oil & Gas Exit List whose production of hydrocarbons from unconventional deposits and techniques exceeds 20% of their total hydrocarbon production. NB: Companies in other sectors may potentially derive some of their revenue from fossil fuel-related activities.

The 2.6% of the Fund's assets in the energy sector are invested in a Canadian oil pipeline company.

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.



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

The financial product has not committed to holding sustainable investments with an environmental objective in line with the EU taxonomy. Irrespective of the above, the fund has no investments in activities linked to fossil gas and/or nuclear energy.

The investments aligned with the EU taxonomy are calculated in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

The data used by the manager comes from an external data provider that provides the figures reported by the companies analysed. These figures have not been reviewed by any third party.

● **Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy²?**

Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

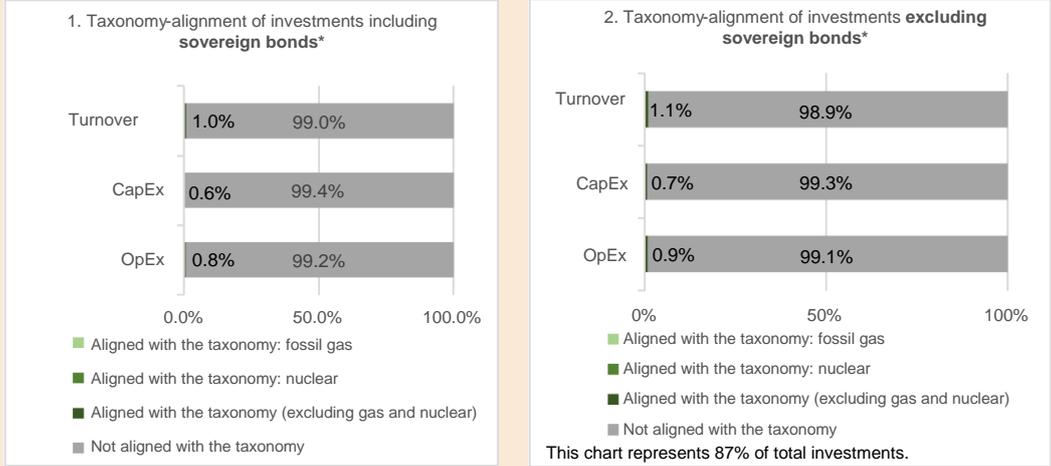
No

² Fossil gas and/or nuclear 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. All the criteria applicable to economic activities in the fossil gas and nuclear energy sectors that comply with the EU Taxonomy are set out in Commission delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were 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.

● **What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**

0%.

● **How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?**

At the end of September 2025, 1.0% of investments were aligned with the EU taxonomy. For the previous financial year, this rate was 0.1%. This information was not available at the end of September 2023.

The percentage of investments aligned with the EU taxonomy is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

9.3% of the net assets of the financial product.

These investments have been classified as sustainable on the basis of BLI's methodology for defining sustainable investments under Article 2(17) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088.

The financial product has not made any commitment to the EU taxonomy and continues to face an environment of incomplete and/or erroneous data.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

38.1% of the net assets of the financial product.



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Investments included under "#2 Other" are made up of two types of assets:

- Cash assets and
- ETC positions on physical precious metals.

Cash assets are necessary for proper management of the inflows and outflows of the financial product. ETC positions on physical precious metals are held with the aim of diversifying the portfolio.

Due to the nature of these positions, no environmental or social guarantees could be applied.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The SRI approach implemented by BLI has enabled the manager:

- to exclude issuers based on the exclusion policy and on the qualitative analyses of its ESG profile;
 - to identify engagement possibilities in order to focus on opportunities with significant potential for change and enter into active dialogue with issuers;
- During the period under review, the manager continued to engage with investee companies regarding their SBTi (Science Based Target initiative) status and their signature of the UN Global Compact.

- to vote at general meetings of invested securities in accordance with its voting policy based on sustainability principles;

as well as, in the context of the bond segment of the portfolio,

- to monitor potential issuer risks using an in-house ESG sovereign rating;
- to measure the impact of a portfolio whose impact investments are matched with one or more of the SDGs targeted;

to build the portfolio through an investment process that places the quality of the issues at the heart of its approach, whether in terms of the quality of the projects financed or the credit quality of the issuers selected.

These topics are discussed by the Sustainable and Responsible Investment Committee and the ESG Investment Working Group for all of the management company's financial products.

The management company has subscribed to a bespoke "Climate" policy with "Sustainability" elements from a provider of professional advice on how to exercise voting rights.

For the financial year under review, 97% of the votes cast for the financial product concerned the Governance pillar. 8% of the votes were against the management's suggestions on matters relating to governance issues, such as diversity within the Executive Committee.

The appropriate methodologies, the engagement and voting policies and the annual SRI activity reports are available on the fund manager's website: www.banquedeluxembourginvestments.com, under the "Responsible Investment" tab.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

N/A

- ***How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?***

N/A

- ***How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?***

N/A

- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?***

N/A

- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?***

N/A

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics it promotes.