

Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR") and Taxonomy Regulation Disclosures (continued)

**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**

**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.

**Product name:**  
Mercer Multi-Factor Global Equity Fund

**Legal entity identifier:**  
N/A

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

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

**Yes**

**No**

It made **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 made **sustainable investments with a social objective**: \_\_%

It **promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 72.3% 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 promoted E/S characteristics, but **did not make any sustainable investments**



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

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

The Sub-Fund's environmental characteristics are to avoid investing in companies with more than 1% of revenue generated from thermal coal extraction, arctic drilling or oil tar sand mining. The Sub-Fund's social characteristics are to avoid investing in companies involved in the manufacture, distribution or sales of controversial weapons and companies manufacturing tobacco products or generating more than 50% of their revenue from tobacco distribution or sales. The Sub-Fund has no exposure to companies identified as in violation of UN Global Compact ("UNGC") principles and in respect of which the Investment Manager has determined that there is no/low remediation opportunity of such issues by engagement within an acceptable timeframe. The Sub-Fund seeks to achieve its environmental and social characteristics by investing in the component securities of the MSCI World Diversified Multiple 3-Factor Select Index, (the "Benchmark Index") which applies a negative environmental and social screen in line with the environmental and social characteristics of the Sub-Fund.

The Sub-Fund commits to making a minimum allocation to sustainable investments of 20%. The Investment Manager measured the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics by

- assessing the extent to which the Sub-Fund tracked the benchmark
- assessing if the Sub-Fund met the minimum commitment to sustainable investments

Please refer to the section below, "How did the sustainability indicators perform?", which provides information about the extent that the Fund met such environmental and social characteristics

**How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

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The Sub-Fund was invested in line with the Benchmark Index, which it used as its reference benchmark. In this regard, the tracking error of the Sub-Fund versus the Benchmark Index over the reference period was 0.09%.

The exposure of the Sub-Fund, and by comparison the Benchmark Index, at each rebalancing date over the reference period to companies excluded by the environmental and social screens is set out under "How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?"

The Sub-Fund had no exposure to companies which the Investment Manager determined were UNGC violators with no/low remediation potential.

The Investment Manager assessed the Benchmark Index versus the MSCI World Index (the "Parent Index") to ensure the Benchmark Index remains aligned with the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund. In this regard the impact of the screens listed above on the Benchmark Index relative to the Parent Index is set out under "How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?":

The Sub-Fund met its minimum commitment to sustainable investments throughout the applicable reference period. The level of sustainable investments in the portfolio can be found in the table below as a quarterly average over the reference period.

Level of Sustainable Investment
72.30%

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

Level of Sustainable Investment
67.80%

The tracking error of the Sub-Fund versus the Benchmark Index over the previous reference period was 0.20%. The Sub-Funds level of sustainable investments for June 2024 is shown above.

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

The Sub-Fund's sustainable investments aimed to make a positive contribution to environmental objectives (namely, climate change adaptation and/or climate change mitigation) or social objectives (namely, the protection and/or advancement of economic, social and civil rights). Positive contribution to these objectives was measured under the Investment Manager's sustainable investments framework which requires positive alignment with reference to one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Investment Manager's set and applied an internal threshold for each of the environmental and social SDGs at a target level considered appropriate and representative of a sufficiently positive contribution.

During the period, the Investment Manager assessed (with ongoing monitoring) that those investments deemed to be sustainable investments, had a positive alignment exceeding the internal threshold set to one or more of the SDGs.

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**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impact 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 Investment Manager assessed the sustainable investments to ensure that each investment did no significant harm to any environmental or socially sustainable investment objective through a consideration and appropriate use of relevant principal adverse sustainability indicators ("PAI Indicators").

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

Each PAI Indicator has been individually assessed, and where relevant, an absolute threshold or a relative threshold was set to ensure that the investee company did not breach the "do no significant harm" principle.

The Investment Manager has set an absolute threshold on PAIs 4,7,10 and 14, and relative thresholds on PAIs 2, 3, 6 and 13.

Any investment determined as breaching these thresholds was no longer considered a sustainable investment.

For certain PAI Indicators, the Investment Manager has determined that setting a threshold is not appropriate to determine that the investment does not cause significant harm. For example, certain PAI Indicators have inferior levels of data coverage and availability which can undermine the value or integrity of the given PAI Indicator. This can arise where data for a PAI Indicator is based on voluntary and non-standardised reporting by investee companies, or where the methodologies employed by investee companies are not comparable or available.

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

For any potential sustainable investments, the Investment Manager considered the mandatory social PAIs (including PAI10 Violations of UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) in reaching its determination that how sustainable investments were aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The Investment Manager used a third-party data provider for information to assess and monitor companies for UNGC compliance.

Under the Investment Manager's framework any companies identified as UNGC violators are not considered sustainable investments.

*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 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.*

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

Where a Principal Adverse Impact (PAI) is integrated into investment considerations, engagement, exclusion from the index constituents, or management of the portfolio (via tracking the Benchmark Index) is completed with due consideration to reducing the negative impact of that indicator.

Identified PAIs and the impact of mitigating actions taken and any planned in respect of those PAIs are formally monitored at the quarterly investment risk management committee meetings and more regularly by the Portfolio Management team.

The PAIs for this financial product are set out below. These metrics are an average of each quarter end over the reporting period.

Indicator	Metric	Measure	Data Coverage %
Scope 1 GHG emissions	178,172.40	tCO2	96
Scope 2 GHG emissions	31,115.50	tCO2	96
Scope 3 GHG emissions	1,257,596.10	tCO2	96
Total GHG emissions	1,466,883.90	tCO2	96
Carbon footprint	389.2	tCO2 per M invested	96
GHG intensity of investee companies	749.7	tCO2	96
Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	5.9	Percentage	96
Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production	56.9	Percentage	95
Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector	19.9	GwH per million EUR invested	20
Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas	4.8	Percentage	95
Emissions to water	-	Tonnes per million EUR invested	96
Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio	0.3	Tonnes per million EUR invested	93
Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	0.1	Percentage	96
Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	0.1	Percentage	96
Unadjusted gender pay gap	15.4	Percentage	83
Board gender diversity	35.4	Percentage	96
Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	-	Percentage	96
GHG intensity of investee countries		tCO2	0
Investee countries subject to social violations (absolute)		Percentage	0
Investee countries subject to social violations (relative)		Percentage	0
Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives	32.2	Percentage	96
Lack of a human rights policy	5.5	Percentage	96
Average income inequality score	-	Ratio	0

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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 which is: The top investments of the Sub-Fund as at the reporting period are shown below.

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
APPLE INC COMMON STOCK USD.00001	Information Technology	5.94%	UNITED STATES
META PLATFORMS INC CLASS A COMMON STOCK USD.000006	Communication Services	4.77%	UNITED STATES
NETFLIX INC COMMON STOCK USD.001	Communication Services	3.16%	UNITED STATES
ALPHABET INC CL C COMMON STOCK USD.001	Communication Services	2.85%	UNITED STATES
NVIDIA CORP COMMON STOCK USD.001	Information Technology	2.72%	UNITED STATES
MICROSOFT CORP COMMON STOCK USD.00000625	Information Technology	2.58%	UNITED STATES
CISCO SYSTEMS INC COMMON STOCK USD.001	Information Technology	2.52%	UNITED STATES
ADOBE INC COMMON STOCK USD.0001	Information Technology	2.14%	UNITED STATES
AT+T INC COMMON STOCK USD1.0	Communication Services	2.12%	UNITED STATES
PROGRESSIVE CORP COMMON STOCK USD1.0	Financials	1.94%	UNITED STATES
GILEAD SCIENCES INC COMMON STOCK USD.001	Health Care	1.93%	UNITED STATES
HITACHI LTD COMMON STOCK	Industrials	1.84%	JAPAN
QUALCOMM INC COMMON STOCK USD.0001	Information Technology	1.76%	UNITED STATES
APPLIED MATERIALS INC COMMON STOCK USD.01	Information Technology	1.70%	UNITED STATES
UNICREDIT SPA COMMON STOCK	Financials	1.30%	ITALY

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

**What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?**

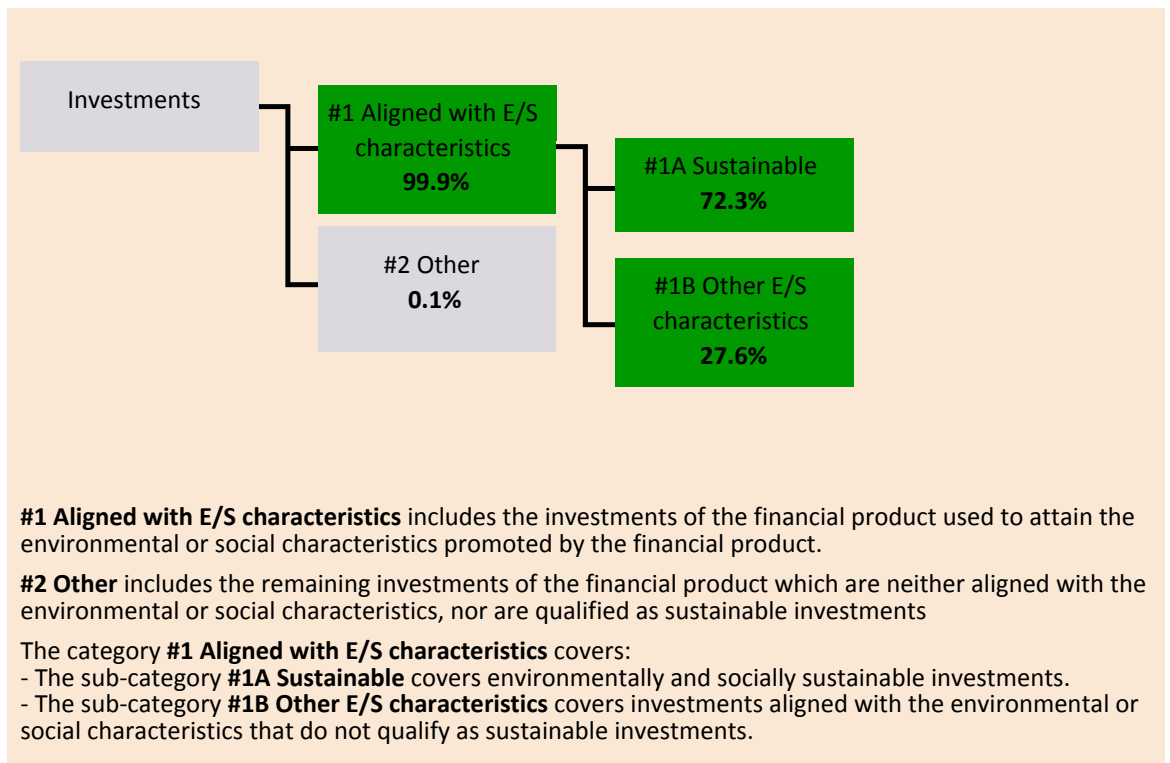
Please see the information below in this respect.

● **What was the asset allocation?**

99.9% of the Sub-Fund's assets were delegated to the appointed Sub-Investment Manager(s) to manage the Sub-Fund in line with the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund did not use derivatives to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund invested 72.3% in sustainable investments.

The remaining 0.10% of the Sub-Fund's assets are in other investments ("#2 Other"), which are not aligned with environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund.

These figures and the below table is as at the reporting date. The Sub-Fund met its expected asset allocation and minimum sustainable investment commitment at all times during the reporting period.



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

The sectors and sub-sectors where investments of the Sub-Fund were made are set out below. These figures are as at the reporting date.

Sector	Sub-Sector	% Assets
Information Technology	Technology Hardware & Equipmen	10.79%
Communication Services	Media & Entertainment	10.57%
Information Technology	Semiconductors & Semiconductor	9.74%
Financials	Insurance	8.80%
Financials	Financial Services	7.31%
Information Technology	Software & Services	6.69%
Financials	Banks	6.16%
Industrials	Capital Goods	5.33%
Health Care	Health Care Equipment & Servic	5.07%
Materials	Materials	3.82%
Health Care	Pharmaceuticals Biotechnology	3.06%
Communication Services	Telecommunication Services	2.77%
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Discretionary Distrib	2.38%
Utilities	Utilities	2.35%
Consumer Staples	Consumer Staples Distribution	2.06%
Industrials	Transportation	1.98%
Consumer Discretionary	Automobiles & Components	1.87%
Industrials	Commercial & Professional Serv	1.19%
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Durables & Apparel	1.10%
Real Estate	Real Estate Management & Devel	0.99%
Energy	Energy	0.81%
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Services	0.38%
Real Estate	Equity Real Estate Investment	0.24%
Consumer Staples	Food Beverage & Tobacco	0.18%

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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.

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.



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

The Sub-Fund does not commit to making environmentally sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy Regulation, and, accordingly, 0% of its sustainable investments with an environmental objective are considered as aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

**Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>(1)</sup>?**

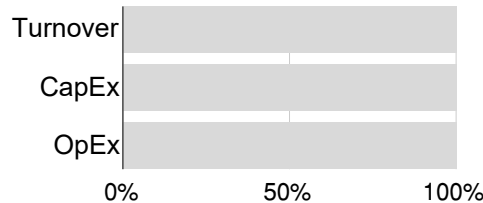
Yes:

In fossil gas       In nuclear energy

No

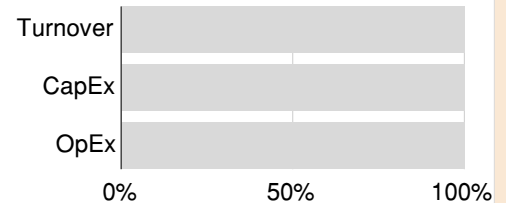
*The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product 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.*

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



- Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas  
Turnover: / CapEx: / OpEx:
- Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear  
Turnover: / CapEx: / OpEx:
- Taxonomy-aligned (no gas and nuclear)  
Turnover: / CapEx: / OpEx:
- Non Taxonomy-aligned  
Turnover: / CapEx: / OpEx:

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



- Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas  
Turnover: / CapEx: / OpEx:
- Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear  
Turnover: / CapEx: / OpEx:
- Taxonomy-aligned (no gas and nuclear)  
Turnover: / CapEx: / OpEx:
- Non Taxonomy-aligned  
Turnover: / CapEx: / OpEx:

This graph represents of the total Investments.

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

1 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 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.

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

For the purposes of this report, 0% of the Sub-Fund's investments were identified as being in transitional and enabling activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy Regulation.

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

In the previous reporting period, the Sub-Fund did not commit to making environmentally sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy Regulation, and, accordingly, 0% of its sustainable investments with an environmental objective were considered as 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 Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



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

The Sub-Fund had 72.3% in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy and/or sustainable investments with a social objective.

The Investment Manager's sustainable investments framework measures contribution to an environmental and/or social objectives of the sustainable investments through their positive contribution to one or more of the environmental and social SDGs. Consequently, the Sub-Fund does not distinguish between sustainable investments with an environmental or social objective. Accordingly, the Sub-Fund's proportion of sustainable investments is a mix of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that is not aligned with the EU Taxonomy or a social objective or a combination of both, and the exact composition may fluctuate.



● **What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

The Sub-Fund had 72.3% in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy and/or sustainable investments with a social objective.

The Investment Manager's sustainable investments framework measures contribution to an environmental and/or social objectives of the sustainable investments through their positive contribution to one or more of the environmental and social SDGs. Consequently, the Sub-Fund does not distinguish between sustainable investments with an environmental or social objective. Accordingly, the Sub-Fund's proportion of sustainable investments is a mix of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that is not aligned with the EU Taxonomy or a social objective or a combination of both, and the exact composition may fluctuate.



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

The 0.10% of assets which fell into the sub-category "#2 Other" represents the indirect exposures which were used for efficient portfolio management purposes only. Such assets were cash, FX and financial derivative instruments which are used for liquidity management, and such assets are not subject to any minimum environmental or social safeguards.



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

In addition to identification and analysis of PAIs, the Investment Manager utilised the following mechanisms and guiding principles in order to meet the Sub-Fund's environmental characteristics during the reference period:

**Investment Strategy:** As part of the selection and continued monitoring of investments in underlying funds, the Investment Manager completed initial and ongoing diligence of underlying fund exposures by appointed sub-investment managers to the underlying funds. Carbon emissions and intensity metrics were taken into account by the portfolio management team when making asset allocation changes with the aim of ensuring that investment decisions were made in line with the binding commitment of progressive decarbonisation.

The Investment Manager implemented the strategy through investing in underlying funds which delegate investment management activities to appointed third party sub-investment managers (directly or at underlying fund level). The Investment Manager applied its oversight to the underlying fund portfolios and activities of the sub-investment managers throughout the reference period to ensure that the investment processes were implemented effectively on a continuous basis in line with the Sub-Fund's binding commitments and monitored the Sub-Fund's portfolio exposures using the ongoing monitoring of the sustainability indicators.

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**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

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

For the reference period, the Fund has designated the Benchmark Index as a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund achieved the environmental and social characteristics it promotes through successfully tracking the Benchmark Index. See "How did the sustainability indicators perform?" for the relevant performance information.

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

The Benchmark Index, based on the methodology and assessment of the index provider, applies a negative screen to the overall constituents of the MSCI World Index or "Parent Index", to exclude at each rebalancing date those companies which:

- (i) are involved in the manufacture, distribution or sales of controversial weapons such as landmines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons, nuclear weapons and (semi) automatic civilian firearms; or
- (ii) manufacture tobacco products or generate more than 50% of their revenue from tobacco distribution or sales; or
- (iii) generate more than 1% of their revenue from thermal coal extraction, arctic drilling or oil tar sand mining.

Further details regarding the methodology of the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website at <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology>.

● **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?**

The Sub-Fund achieved the environmental and social characteristics it promotes through using an index-tracking strategy, where it invested in the constituent securities represented within the Benchmark Index.

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

Please see below. The table represents the Sub-Fund and Reference Benchmark as at the reporting date.

	Sub-Fund	Reference Benchmark
% market value exposure excluded based on screens	0%	0%

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

Please see below. The table represents the Sub-Fund and Broad Market Index (MSCI World Index) as at the reporting date.

	Sub-Fund	Broad Market Index
% market value exposure excluded based on screens	0%	5.66%