# Supplement

### for the

#### **Preferred Securities Fund**

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# **Principal Global Investors Funds**

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Preferred Securities Fund (the "**Fund**"), a Fund of the Principal Global Investors Funds (the "**Unit Trust**"), an open-ended umbrella type unit trust authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "**Central Bank**") as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities pursuant to the Regulations.

The Directors of the Manager, whose names appear in the Prospectus, accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of the information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

This Supplement forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Unit Trust dated 14 December 2023 (the "Prospectus"). Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

An investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial portion of an investor's overall investment strategy and it may not be appropriate for all investors.

Dividends may be declared out of the capital of Income Plus Units and/or fees and expenses may be paid out of the capital of the A2, D2, N2 and Income Plus Unit classes, in each case in order to preserve cash flow to Holders and this will have the effect of lowering the capital value of a Holders investment. In any such cases, there is a greater risk that capital may be eroded (and also that the value of future returns may be diminished) and distribution will be achieved/fees will be paid in a manner that foregoes the potential for future capital growth of your investment. This cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. The likelihood is that due to capital erosion, the value of future returns would also be diminished. Distributions out of capital may have different tax consequences to distributions of income and it is recommended that you seek appropriate advice in this regard.

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# 1 INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, POLICIES AND PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR

# 1.1 Investment Objective

The overall objective of the Fund is to provide a return consisting of income consistent with capital preservation.

#### 1.2 Investment Policies

The Fund seeks to achieve its overall objective by investing primarily in a portfolio of US dollar denominated preferred securities and debt securities. Within this, the Fund may invest, in particular, in convertible bonds and contingent convertible securities (**CoCos**). CoCos are hybrid bonds that may, when the issuer's capital ratio falls below a predetermined trigger level, be written down, written off or converted into an equity security. At the time of the Fund's investment, the majority of these securities will be rated as investment grade quality and may be listed or unlisted. The Fund's investments (other than permitted unlisted investments) will be listed on the exchanges and on markets listed in **Appendix E** to the Prospectus, although it is anticipated that the majority will be issued by US and/or European issuers.

The Fund seeks to add value primarily through security selection, including credit analysis. Its investment process involves in depth proprietary research, and strategic and disciplined portfolio construction.

The Fund may also hold ancillary liquid assets such as bank deposits. However, no more than one third of the net assets of the Fund may be held in aggregate in ancillary liquid assets or non-preferred or debt securities or instruments, as referred to above.

The Fund's investments will generally be denominated in U.S. dollars, and any exposure to currencies other than U.S. dollar will be hedged back to U.S. dollars.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in UCITS eligible collective investment schemes, including money market funds and exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), the constituents of which may comprise the instruments and markets described above and therefore is an alternative means through which the Fund may gain exposure to these types of instruments and markets. The Fund will only invest in AIFs per the Central Bank's Guidance in relation to UCITS Acceptable Investment Funds.

Subject to any stricter criteria as set out in the SFDR Annex appended to this Supplement, the Fund applies the Manager's Exclusions Policy. Further details are set out in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Part G – Exclusions Policy" of the "Sustainable Finance Disclosures" in section 2 (General Information).

Investors' attention is drawn to the information set out in the Prospectus under the headings **General Information** and **Special Investment Considerations and Risks**.

# 1.3 Disclosures for the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR")

This Fund is classified as an ESG Orientated Fund (as defined in the Prospectus). The purpose of this section is to provide certain disclosures for the purposes of the SFDR in relation to the Fund. The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics as defined in the SFDR.

The environmental characteristics considered by the Fund are greenhouse gas emissions reduction and transitioning to renewable sources of power. The social characteristics considered by the Fund are health and safety and product liability.

The Sub-Investment Manager analyses potential investee companies identified pursuant to the investment decision making process with ESG considerations which are promoted by the Fund.

Further information about the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund is available in the SFDR Annex appended to this Supplement.

The Investment Manager and Sub-Investment Manager are signatories to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (the "UNPRI") as part of the Principal Global Investors Group. As a signatory to the UNPRI the good governance practices of investee companies are assessed prior to making an investment and periodically thereafter. UNPRI responsible investing reporting can be found at https://www.principalam.com/eu/about-us/esg.

# 1.4 Taxonomy Disclosure

While the Fund promotes environmental characteristics, the Fund's investments do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities, including enabling or transitional activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation. As such, a minimum of 0% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund shall be invested in Taxonomy-aligned investments.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the Fund that take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation. The investments underlying the remaining portion of the Fund do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation.

#### 1.5 How the Fund References an Index or Benchmark

The Fund is actively managed with reference to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate USD TR (the "Index") on the basis that the Fund seeks to outperform the Index. However, the Index composition is not factored, either directly or indirectly, into the investment management process. The Sub-Investment Manager maintains full discretion to select investments for the Fund in line with the above investment policy.

The Index does not take environmental or social characteristics into account and considerations of the environmental and social characteristics, as further outlined in section 1.3 above, are recognised independently of the Index. Information on the methodology used for the calculation of the Index can be found from the Index provider's website <a href="https://www.msci.com">www.msci.com</a>.

# 1.6 Hedged Unit Classes

The Fund will offer Units in Hedged Unit classes, details of which are set out below, and investors' attention is drawn to the relevant information set out in the Prospectus under the headings **General Information** and **Special Investment Considerations and Risks** pertaining to such Units.

# 1.7 **Profile of a Typical Investor**

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking a return consisting of income consistent with capital preservation and who are prepared to accept, in normal market conditions, a medium degree of volatility of net asset value per annum.

All investors must be able to afford to set aside the invested capital for a medium term. The Fund is suitable as an investment in a well diversified portfolio.

### 2 INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The general investment restrictions set out in **Appendix A** of the Prospectus shall apply.

The Fund will not invest more than 20% of its net assets in securities traded on markets/exchanges located in emerging markets.

The Fund will not invest more than 20% of its net assets in securities which at the time of investment are below investment grade.

# 3 EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

The Fund will utilise certain techniques and instruments from the Asset Replication Strategy and investors' attention is drawn to the relevant information pertaining to this set out in the Prospectus under the headings **General Information** and **Special Investment Considerations and Risks**.

The Fund will utilise additional derivative techniques and instruments for the Hedged Unit classes and may do so for the purposes of efficient portfolio management in accordance with the investment restrictions, conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank and investors' attention is drawn to the relevant information pertaining to these classes set out in the Prospectus under the headings **General Information** and **Special Investment Considerations and Risks**.

### 4 BORROWINGS

In accordance with the general provisions set out under the heading **General Information** – **Borrowings** of the Prospectus, the Fund may borrow up to 10% of its net assets on a temporary basis.

#### 5 INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Manager has appointed Principal Global Investors, LLC ("Principal Global Investors" or the "Investment Manager") as Investment Manager to the Fund pursuant to the Investment Manager Agreement (as amended and novated) described in the Prospectus under the heading Material Contracts. This agreement may be terminated by either party on giving 6 months' written notice to the other although, in certain circumstances, the agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing by either party to the other.

Principal Global Investors is a diversified asset management organization and a member of the Principal Financial Group®. Its investment capabilities encompass an extensive range of equity, fixed income and real estate investments as well as specialized overlay and advisory services.

### 6 SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Investment Manager has, in turn, appointed Spectrum Asset Management, Inc. ("Spectrum" or the "Sub-Investment Manager"), 2 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905, USA, to act as a Sub-Investment Manager to the Fund pursuant to a Sub-Investment Manager Agreement. Pursuant to this Sub-Investment Manager Agreement, the Investment Manager has delegated to the Sub-Investment Manager overall responsibility for the Fund's investments in preferred and debt securities and related aspects of the management of the Fund, which may include (but are not limited to) security selection and/or portfolio construction responsibilities, as the parties may from time to time agree.

The Investment Manager has retained responsibility for managing exchange rate risk for the Hedged Unit classes in the Fund.

The Sub-Investment Manager Agreement may be terminated by either party on giving 60 days' written notice to the other although, in certain circumstances, the agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing by either party to the other.

Spectrum is regulated by the U.S. Securities and Exchanges Commission.

# 7 RISK FACTORS

The general risk factors set out under the heading **Special Investment Considerations and Risks** of the Prospectus apply to the Fund. In addition the further risk considerations in respect of the use

of the Asset Replication Strategy, the Contingent Convertible Instruments ("CoCos") Risk and the Sustainable Finance Disclosures Risks are also applicable and investors' attention is drawn to the relevant information pertaining to these set out in the Prospectus.

### 8 DISTRIBUTION POLICY

The general distribution policy set out under the heading **Distribution Policy** of the Prospectus applies to the Fund.

Distributions on the Income Units in the Fund, with the exception of the A2, D2, N2 and Income Plus Unit classes, will be declared and paid quarterly within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter.

Distributions on the A2, D2, N2 and Income Plus Unit classes in the Fund will be declared and paid monthly within 30 days of the end of each calendar month. Such distributions may be paid in units or in cash. In case of cash payment, the distribution will be paid by telegraphic transfer to the nominated account of the holder at its risk and expense.

Income Plus Units are units that seek to distribute a stable and consistent amount of net income earned and attributable to the Income Plus Units at each Distribution Date. Further details on Income Plus Units are set out under the heading **Distribution Policy** of the Prospectus.

# 9 KEY INFORMATION FOR BUYING AND SELLING

### **Base Currency**

**US** dollars

# Initial Issue Price in respect of any unlaunched classes of Units

US\$10 per Unit (or 10 units of the relevant currency for all classes denominated in currencies other than US dollars, with the exception of Japanese Yen classes which have an initial issue price of JPY 1,000).

### Initial Offer Period in respect of any unlaunched classes of Units

From 9.00 a.m. on 22 April 2024 to 5.30 p.m. on 21 October 2024 as may be shortened or extended by the Manager and in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

# **Business Day**

Any day on which banks are open for business in Ireland other than Saturday or Sunday.

### **Dealing Day**

Any Business Day and/or such other day or days as the Manager may with prior notification to the Holders determine that any particular Business Day is not a Dealing Day provided that there shall be at least one per fortnight.

### **Valuation Point**

The Valuation Point shall, until further notice, be 11.00 p.m. Dublin time on the relevant Dealing Day.

Foreign exchange rates used to value the assets of the Fund shall be rates taken at 4.00 p.m. London time on the relevant Dealing Day.

# **Dealing Deadline**

In relation to any particular place means such time or times of day in that place as the Manager may from time to time determine and, in relation to Hong Kong, shall until further notice, be 5:00 p.m. Hong Kong time and in relation to Dublin shall, until further notice, be 10:00 a.m. Dublin time in each case on the relevant Dealing Day.

# **Settlement Currency for Brazilian Real Hedged Unit Classes**

The Settlement currency for Subscriptions and Redemptions relating to the Brazilian Real Hedged I Class Accumulation and the Brazilian Real Hedged I Class Income Unit Classes is the Base Currency for the Fund (USD).

# 10 CHARGES AND EXPENSES

10.1 The Sub-Investment Manager's fees are paid by the Investment Manager from its annual fee.

Units	Minimum Initial Subscription (Relevant class currency)			Marketing and Distribution Fee (% per annum)	Annual Trustee Fee (% per annum)	Administration Fee (% per annum)
А	1,000	5.00	0.90	0.00	Not more than 0.0220	0.15
A2	1,000	5.00	0.90	0.00	Not more than 0.0220	0.15
D	1,000	5.00	0.60	0.60	Not more than 0.0220	0.15
D2	1,000	5.00	0.60	0.60	Not more than 0.0220	0.15
I	2,000,000	0.00	0.40	0.00	Not more than 0.0220	0.00
F	1,000	0.00	0.60	1.10	Not more than 0.022	0.15
F2	1,000	0.00	0.60	1.10	Not more than 0.0220	0.15
P	1,000	0.00	0.60	0.10	Not more than 0.0220	0.15
N	1,000	0.00	0.50	0.00	Not more than 0.0220	0.15

N	12	1,000	0.00	0.50	Not more than 0.0220	0.15
X		1,000,000,000	0.00	0.00	Not more than 0.0220	0.00

10.2 For A2, D2, N2 and Income Plus Unit classes, the Manager shall be entitled to charge fees and expenses (in whole or in part) to the capital of the Fund attributable to the A2, D2, N2 and Income Plus Unit classes instead of income in order to provide greater flexibility in the payment of fees and expenses attributable to those classes.

For Income Plus Units, the Manager shall be entitled to declare dividends out of the Fund's capital instead of income in order to provide greater flexibility in the payment of dividends attributable to those classes.

- 10.3 In circumstances where such dividends and/or fees and expenses are charged to capital and/or dividends are declared out of capital, there may be reduced potential for capital growth meaning the capital value of the investment of a Holder in the A2, D2, N2 and Income Plus Unit classes (as relevant) may be eroded and due to such capital erosion the value of future returns may also be diminished. As such, income may be achieved by reducing the potential for future capital growth.
- 10.4 No annual management fee will be attributable to the X Class Units. The X Class Units are only available at the discretion of the Manager, to investors who have agreed specific terms of business. Please refer to the Prospectus under the **heading General Information**; **Income Units**, **Income Plus Units and Accumulation Units**.
- 10.5 Further details of charges and expenses payable out of the assets of the Fund are set out in the Prospectus under the heading **Charges and Expenses**.

# 11 OTHER INFORMATION

11.1 The following classes of Units in the Fund are available for issue:

Unit Classes	Class Currency			
Base Currency	US Dollar			
A Class Accumulation	Hedged: Australian Dollar, Euro, Japanese Yen, Singapore Dollar, Swiss Franc Unhedged: US Dollar, Hong Kong Dollar			
A Class Income	Hedged: Australian Dollar, Euro, Singapore Dollar, Sterling, Swiss Franc Unhedged: US Dollar			
A2 Class Income	Hedged: Singapore Dollar Unhedged: US Dollar			
A2 Class Income Plus	Hedged: Singapore Dollar Unhedged: US Dollar			
D Class Accumulation	Hedged: Euro Unhedged: US Dollar			

D Class Income	Hedged: Euro Unhedged: US Dollar			
D2 Class Income	Hedged: N/A Unhedged: US Dollar, Hong Kong Dollar			
D2 Class Income Plus	Hedged: N/A <u>Unhedged</u> : US Dollar, Hong Kong Dollar			
F Class Accumulation	Hedged: Euro, Sterling Unhedged: US Dollar			
F Class Income	Hedged: N/A Unhedged: US Dollar			
F2 Class Accumulation	Hedged: N/A Unhedged: US Dollar			
F2 Class Income	Hedged: N/A Unhedged: US Dollar			
I Class Accumulation	Hedged: Australian Dollar, Brazilian Real, Danish Kroner, Euro, Japanese Yen, Singapore Dollar, Sterling, Swedish Kroner, Swiss Franc <u>Unhedged</u> : US Dollar			
I Class Income	Hedged: Australian Dollar, Brazilian Real, Danish Kroner, Euro, Japanese Yen, Singapore Dollar, Sterling, Swedish Kroner, Swiss Franc  Unhedged: US Dollar			
N Class Accumulation	Hedged: Danish Kroner, Euro, Singapore Dollar, Sterling, Swedish Kroner, Swiss Franc Unhedged: US Dollar			
N Class Income	Hedged: Danish Kroner, Euro, Singapore Dollar, Sterling, Swedish Kroner, Swiss Franc Unhedged: US Dollar			
N2 Income	Hedged: N/A Unhedged: US Dollar			
P Class Accumulation	Hedged: N/A Unhedged: US Dollar			
P Class Income	Hedged: N/A Unhedged: US Dollar			
X Class Accumulation	Hedged: N/A Unhedged: US Dollar			

V Class Income	Hedged: N/A
X Class Income	<u>Unhedged</u> : US Dollar

# 12 SFDR ANNEX

Template pre-contractual 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 Taxonomv** 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.

Product name: Preferred Securities Fund Legal entity identifier: 549300QIHU45DUO1RL56

#### Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?					
		Yes	• •	×	No
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		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			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
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# What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?



The environmental characteristics considered by the Fund are greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction and transitioning to renewable sources of power. The social characteristics considered by the Fund are health and safety and product liability.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purposes of attaining the above characteristics promoted by the Fund.

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

The Sub-Investment Manager uses the following indicators to measure the attainment of each of the characteristics promoted by the Fund:

financial product are attained.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative

investment decisions on

relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for

sustainability factors

human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

impacts of

For assessing an investee company's practice on GHG emissions, the Sub-Investment Manager considers indicators on GHG emissions, carbon footprint, GHG intensity of investee companies and exposure levels for companies active in the fossil fuel sector.

For assessing an investee company's practice on transitioning to renewable sources of power, the Sub-Investment Manager considers indicators on their share of non-renewable energy production.

For assessing an investee company's practice on product liability and practice on health and safety, the Sub-Investment Manager considers indicators on violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable as the Fund does not intend to make sustainable investments.

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

Not applicable as the Fund does not intend to make sustainable investments.

- How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?
  - Not applicable as the Fund does not intend to make sustainable investments.
- How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable as the Fund does not intend to make sustainable investments.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



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

- ✓ Yes, the Sub-Investment Manager considers principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors by combining internal analysis of the Fund's holdings and third-party data against the following indicators:
  - PAI 1 GHG emissions
  - PAI 2 carbon footprint
  - PAI 3 GHG intensity of investee companies

- PAI 4 Exposure levels for companies active in the fossil fuel sector
- PAI 10 Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors are considered as part of the Sub-Investment Manager's proprietary ESG scoring methodology and as such, the indicators are reviewed at regular intervals or when newly reported information becomes available.

Consideration of principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors will be confirmed as part of the periodic reporting to be disclosed in the annual report of the Fund.

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# What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance. The Fund seeks to achieve its overall objective by investing primarily in a portfolio of US dollar denominated preferred securities and debt securities. Within this, the Fund may invest, in particular, in convertible bonds and contingent convertible securities (CoCos). At the time of the Fund's investment, the majority of these securities will be rated as investment grade quality and may be listed or unlisted.

The Fund seeks to add value primarily through security selection, including credit analysis. Its investment process involves in depth proprietary research, and strategic and disciplined portfolio construction.

In order to address the environmental characteristic promoted, the Sub-Investment Manager applies binding screening criteria to the selection of underlying assets as part of its investment decision making process. This selection criteria may not be disapplied or overridden by the Sub-Investment Manager.

The Sub-Investment Manager employs an approach based on assigning a tiered ESG risk level, as further described below, to each holding considered within the Fund. This assessment is subsequently incorporated in the fundamental analysis integral to investment decision making. Companies assigned with a high risk level could support a change in the underlying credit recommendation. Companies with a medium risk level can have material ESG challenges, but the Sub-Investment Manager believes these are typically manageable. Companies assigned a low risk level have effective ESG policies and relatively minor issues.

The Sub-Investment Manager's proprietary analysis to identify this tiered risk level for each company incorporates a review of a company's ESG risk-mitigation policies, ESG performance data and goal disclosures, supported by management discussions. This is supported with further third party data and research, such as Bloomberg and MSCI. However, the Sub-Investment Manager will consider, but does not rely on, rating agency and other third-party research opinions to solely make its determination.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The binding elements of the Fund's investment strategy are as follows:

- Average rating The average MSCI ESG rating of the Fund (based on the percentage
  of net assets of the Fund and the corresponding MSCI ESG rating of the parent
  company/issuer) will be BBB or better.
- 2. Minimum rating No more than 20% of the net assets of the Fund will be invested in securities issued by companies with an MSCI ESG rating of BB or lower at any time.

N.B. In the absence of an MSCI ESG rating, the Sub-Investment Manager shall apply an estimated comparable rating, based on research inputs including MSCI. External ESG ratings will not be applied to cash, cash equivalents, and US Treasuries.

- A set of fixed exclusion criteria is in place to exclude companies from consideration for investment:
  - . where their revenue is significantly derived from involvement in:
    - i. producing thermal coal,
    - ii. tobacco,
    - iii. firearms,
    - iv. gambling (as defined by the GICS Industry Sector classification), and
    - v. adult entertainment sectors (as defined by the GICS Industry Sector classification).
  - b. The Fund will exclude companies that are direct producers of or are associated with:
    - i. controversial chemicals such as herbicides and pesticides deemed as health hazards,
    - ii. minerals such as those which have been proven to be carcinogenic, and
    - iii. products such as opioids and other addictive substances as defined by the Sub-Investment Manager's proprietary standards.
  - c. The Fund will exclude holdings where an investee company's involvement in controversial weapons is identified as defined by the ISS Controversial Weapons Research methodology.

This screening and exclusion policy will apply across all securities holdings as described in the investment policy and does not specifically align itself to external guidelines or principles.

Please refer to the Prospectus for further information on the Exclusions Policy which is also applicable for the Fund's investments in addition to any Fund specific exclusions.

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

Not applicable as there is no committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of investments.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The Sub-Investment Manager identifies governance considerations as integral to the investment philosophy and process and has the expectation that management is acting responsibly and ethically. Factors included in the Sub-Investment Manager's analysis of corporate governance include management oversight and accountability, risk management, financial disclosure and accounting standards, board quality, ethics and business conduct, political contributions, shareholder rights and a commitment to compliance and cybersecurity. This analysis is supported by resources including company financials and other disclosures, meetings with company management, third-party research, and industry conferences. The Sub-Investment Manager also engages with investee companies on an ongoing basis to ensure stewardship and progress towards addressing environmental and social concerns.



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

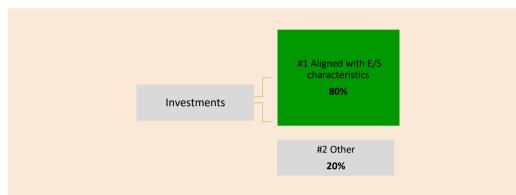
Asset allocation describes the share of investments in

specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- capital
   expenditure
   (CapEx) showing
   the green
   investments made
   by investee
   companies, e.g. for
   a transition to a
   green economy.
- operational
   expenditure
   (OpEx) reflecting
   green operational
   activities of investee
   companies.

In accordance with the binding elements of the investment strategy, 80% of investments made will be aligned to the E/S characteristics, whilst the remaining 20% will be cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments and/or investments that may not be aligned with the E/S characteristics promoted by the Fund.



**#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 characteristic, have no minimum environmental or social safeguards, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

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

Not applicable as derivatives are not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics.

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



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

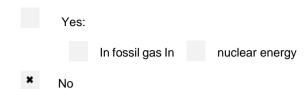
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Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

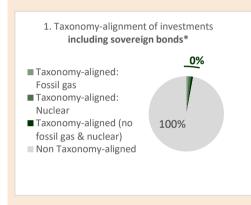
Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

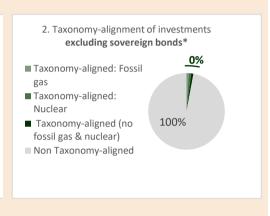
are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

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



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.
- What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

0%



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

0%



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy 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.



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

The investments included under "#2 Other" are cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments which are not subject to environmental and/or social screening or any minimum environmental or social safeguards. and/or investments that may not be aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund. Cash and cash equivalents do not affect the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund. The assessment of issuers and of counterparties for cash and hedging instruments focusses on the creditworthiness of these parties, which can be impacted by sustainability risks.



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?

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote. No. There is no specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether the Fund is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

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

Not applicable. There is no specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether the Fund is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

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

Not applicable. There is no specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether the Fund is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

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

Not applicable. There is no specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether the Fund is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

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

Not applicable. There is no specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether the Fund is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.



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