

# COMGEST GROWTH ASIA PAC EX JAPAN EUR DIS - IE00BZORSJ02

NAV per share: €7.87

31 March 2024

#### **KEY DIFFERENTIATORS**

- Quality comes first, we seek growth that can endure
- Team-based approach, rather than starmanager fund, which we believe leads to greater consistency
- ESG integrated into the investment process leveraging proprietary ESG research
- Culture matters. Comgest's broad partnership structure incentivises long-term thinking, an ESG mindset, teamwork and low employee turnover

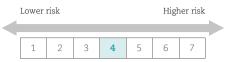
#### INVESTMENT TEAM



Gary Pinge, Bhuvnesh Singh, Adam Hakkou, David Raper

Team may include advisors from affiliates within the Comgest Group.

#### RISK PROFILE



The indicator represents the risk profile presented in the PRIIPs Key Information Document. The indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years otherwise the actual risk can vary significantly.

## **INVESTMENT POLICY**

The objective of the Sub-Fund ("the Fund") is to increase the value of the Fund (capital appreciation) over the long term. The Fund intends to achieve this objective through investment in a portfolio of high-quality, long-term growth companies quoted or traded on Asian or world regulated markets. The Fund will invest at least two-thirds of its assets in securities issued by companies that have their headquarters in, or principally carry out their activities in Asia excluding Japan but including the Indian sub-continent, Australia and New Zealand.

The Fund is actively managed. The index is provided for comparative purposes only.

The Fund is aimed at investors with a long-term investment horizon (typically 5 years or more).

## **CUMULATIVE PAST PERFORMANCE (REBASED TO 100)**



## **ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%)**

## Annualised

	1 Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.
Fund	2.1	1.0	1.0	-6.2	-10.1	-2.6		2.6
Index	2.8	4.4	4.4	5.9	-2.4	3.6		6.7
Fund Volatility				12.1	15.4	16.9		15.6
Index Volatility				11.5	14.0	15.9		15.1

## **CALENDAR YEAR PAST PERFORMANCE (%)**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund	27.8	-16.0	16.3	14.8	-10.7	-11.6	-5.6
Index	20.3	-9.6	21.3	12.3	4.5	-12.1	3.7

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT QUARTER END

							1Q22 -1Q23	
Fund	27.3	6.7	1.3	-13.3	39.2	-19.5	-3.8	-6.3
Index	25.9	5.0	5.7	_133	48 1	-5 R	-6.7	5.9

Performance data expressed in EUR. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. Index: MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan - Net Return. The index is used for comparative purposes only and the Fund does not seek to replicate the index.

## Past performance does not predict future returns.

Performance figures are calculated net of investment management fees, administrative fees and all other fees with the exception of sales charges. If taken into account, sales charges would have a negative impact on performance.

The cumulative graph and "Since Inception" data may refer to the last relaunch date of the share class which may differ from its actual inception date. Calendar year past performance is only shown for years for which a full calendar year of past performance is available.

## **SFDR CLASSIFICATION:** Article 8

The Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics.

## **ESG LABELS**



The LuxFLAG ESG label has been granted from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024. Investors must not rely on the label with regard to investor protection issues and LuxFLAG cannot incur any liability related to financial performance or default of the labelled fund.

## CARBON FOOTPRINT<sup>1</sup>



Source: MSCI as at 31/12/2023,  $tCO_2e$  per USD m invested.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT<sup>1</sup>**



Source: Trucost as at 31/12/2023, estimation of the environmental costs per USD m invested.

Please see risks and other important information on following pages

<sup>1</sup> Calculation methodology and scope on page 5.

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Source: CAMIL / FactSet financial data and analytics, unless otherwise stated. All information and performance data is as at 31/03/2024, unless otherwise indicated, and is unaudited.



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#### **FUND COMMENTARY**

Global inflation continued to show signs of peaking in Q1'24, with the markets focused on the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) rate easing cycle and the timing and magnitude of the rate cuts. From a regional standpoint, cuts to US rates would have a positive impact on markets such as the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam where consumer sentiment has been weak. The other important factors which influenced markets were whether there would be any government support in China to stoke consumer sentiment and if a recovery in regional tourism from the Chinese traveller would be seen. From a China standpoint there has been little direct policy support from the government to prop up the market. Instead, we have seen continued easing of monetary policy and injection of liquidity into the economy. However, neither of these measures have driven a recovery in consumer sentiment. The Chinese New Year period also saw a continuation of trade down activity in consumption, with retail sales data disappointing the market.

2024 is an important year for regional elections. Indonesia, the third largest democracy in the world, held its elections in mid-February with very little controversy. The elected president (Prabowo Subianto) comes from the existing president Jokowi's party and as such little change is expected in the economic and political direction of Indonesia. The country continues to benefit from foreign investment in the mining and downstream sectors of the electric vehicle (EV) supply chain. Foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2023 was up 14% year-on-year to US\$47bn and this strength is expected to continue into 2024.

India will hold elections in Q2'24 as Modi seeks to be re-elected. This will mark an important event for India as it continues to benefit from the expectations of increasing investment and supply chains expanding outside of China. Consensus expectations are that Modi should be re-elected with little controversy.

Our portfolio continues to hold a high exposure to China where we think that the market is not fully appreciating the quality of earnings in companies. That said, we are taking the opportunity of depressed valuations to move into companies that we think are better positioned to the "new norm" of China's consumption. As such, we started a position in Yum China during the quarter following concerns around competition impacting the company's share price. In our opinion, while competition remains tough in China amidst a frugal consumer, Yum China's moats remain strong with the company having shown its ability to manage through difficult cycles and also manage for the long term. Also in China, we started a position in Centre Testing, the largest provider of industrial testing for companies. Some of these purchases were funded by sell downs in Alibaba and L'Occitane.

The portfolio has a lower exposure to Taiwan and India than the reference index. In Taiwan, we think that the market remains over excited about the AI thematic. While we are believers in the long-term structural growth of natural language processing models and the monetisation of artificial intelligence, we think that the market is seeing things through very rose-coloured glasses. In the case of India, valuations relative to growth remain a challenge for us.

L'Occitane was among the top contributors to performance over the quarter. The company continues to benefit from the rapid growth of its Sol de Janeiro and Elemis brands. There are also early signs that the higher marketing expense directed towards the L'Occitane brand is starting to bear fruit. Aside from this, IT services company FPT in Vietnam and gaming company NetEase in China were also strong contributors. Taiwanese firm Delta Electronics also rose on AI server demand growth.

Shandong Weigao, which continues to be impacted by the anticorruption crackdown in the healthcare space, detracted from performance during the quarter. Orion's share price fell as although the company's operations and expansion into regional markets continue to progress as expected, the consumer staple firm negatively surprised the market by investing a significant amount into an early-stage biotech company.

We increased our exposure to battery manufacturer CATL over the quarter. The company's share price has been negatively impacted by weak sentiment towards EVs and falling lithium prices (a red herring). However, our discussions with auto Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), battery manufacturers and industry players suggest that while the rate of growth may be easing, the outlook is still very bright for EV adoption and in particular the leading battery manufacturers which will benefit from subscale capacity exiting the market. The company's results showed stable unit profitability, which positively surprised

In addition to new positions in Yum China and Centre Testing, we also initiated a position in PT Semen Indonesia, the largest cement producer in Indonesia, which should benefit from structural steady demand growth and limited supply growth in the sector.

The focus for the rest of 2024 will be on how the relationship between China and the US continues to evolve. The upcoming US presidential elections and the potential for a Trump victory may result in tensions escalating further. The market will also be focused on the US interest rate cycle and the pace of any Fed rate cuts. These cuts will give other Asian central banks ammunition to lower rates and bolster consumption.

Investors will also be focused on the Indian elections. The re-election of Prime Minister Modi would add further stability to what is already a strong backdrop in India. His mandate for the next term should be similar to what we have seen so far and hence should be positive for foreign direct investment, overall economic growth and consumer sentiment. That said, one also needs to be aware of excesses building up in the system, especially with retail investors heavily exposed to the domestic stock market.

In China, on the one hand our focus is on finding global leaders which can benefit from China's scale and technology. On the other hand, we are also looking to invest in companies which we think will benefit from the increasing affordability and improving lifestyle of mid and low-end consumers in China, which is

Outside of China we are finding more opportunities in markets such as Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines. We continue to add to our positions in Taiwan where companies such as Sinbon are strong players in their respective fields with strong execution track records. Similarly in India we continue to identify opportunities with leaders in the healthcare and consumer spaces.

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## **RISKS**

This Fund has the following core inherent risks (non-exhaustive list):
• Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal.

- The value of all investments and the income derived therefrom can decrease as well as increase.
- There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved.
- To the extent that the Fund is invested in or denominated in a currency other than yours, the cost and return in your currency may increase or decrease due to exchange rate fluctuations.
- The Fund invests in emerging markets which tend to be more volatile than mature markets and the value of investments can therefore move sharply up or
- A more detailed description of the risk factors that apply to the Fund is set out in the Prospectus.

## Please see important information on following pages.

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# COMGEST GROWTH ASIA PAC EX JAPAN EUR DIS - IE00BZORSJ02

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## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Total Net Assets (all classes, m)	€60.3
Number of holdings	36
Average weighted market cap (bn)	€109.2
Weight of top 10 stocks	46.2%
Active share	77.7%
Holdings exclude cash and cash equivalents	

## **SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)**

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	Fund	Index
Information Technology	30.4	23.1
Consumer Discretionary	24.3	12.3
Financials	9.6	22.6
Communication Services	8.7	8.0
Consumer Staples	7.5	4.4
Health Care	5.0	4.7
Materials	4.9	7.5
Industrials	4.6	7.4
Utilities	2.9	2.6
[Cash]	2.0	
Energy		4.2
Real Estate		3.2
Source: Comgest / GICS sector classification		

## TOP 10 CURRENCY WEIGHTS (%)

	Fund	Index
HKD	25.0	21.5
KRW	18.2	12.4
CNY	17.4	4.1
TWD	14.9	17.1
VND	8.9	

## **TOP 5 QTD CONTRIBUTORS (%)**



## **TOP 5 HOLDINGS (%)**

	Fund
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Samsung Electronics	7.3
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	7.0
Inner Mongolia Yili Indl A	4.5
HDFC Bank	4.4
Delta Electronics	4.0
Above holdings are provided for information only, are subject to change and are not a	

## **TOP 10 COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%)**

	Fund	Index
China	40.3	24.3
Korea	18.2	12.4
Taiwan	14.9	17.1
Vietnam	8.9	
Hong Kong	5.4	4.1
India	4.4	17.1
Japan	2.9	
United States	2.2	
[Cash]	2.0	
Indonesia	1.0	1.8
Australia		16.5
Source: Comgest / MSCI country classification		

## TOP 10 CURRENCY WEIGHTS (%) - CONT.

	Fund	Index
USD	7.4	3.1
INR	4.4	17.1
JPY	2.9	
IDR	1.0	1.8
AUD		16.5
Breakdown based on currencies in which holdings are priced.		

## **BOTTOM 5 QTD CONTRIBUTORS (%)**





## COMGEST GROWTH ASIA PAC EX JAPAN

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## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT APPROACH**

We believe a responsible approach to environmental, social and governance issues has a positive impact on a company's long-term sustainable growth. ESG is part of our fundamental analysis and we have developed and implemented a three-pronged responsible investment strategy: Integration / Active Ownership / Partnership.

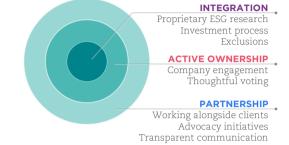
#### **MAIN EXCLUSIONS\***

Coal Exit Policy: Coal-exposed electricity producers & thermal coal mines

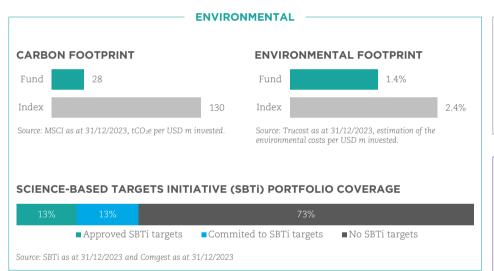
**Tobacco:** Producers & distributors

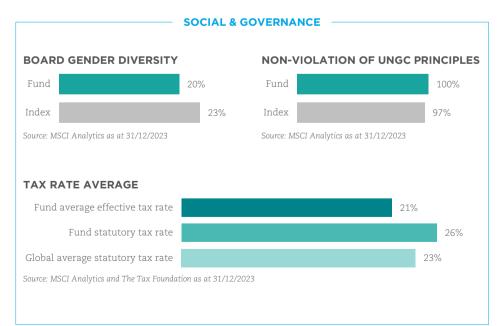
Weapons: Conventional & controversial

**UN Global Compact:** Severe violations without prospect for improvement **Controversial Jurisdictions:** High-risk jurisdictions & sanctions regime



\* Further information on the exclusion policies and applicable revenue thresholds may be found in the Prospectus and the Investment Manager's Responsible Investment Policy on the Comgest website at www.comgest.com/en/our-business/esg



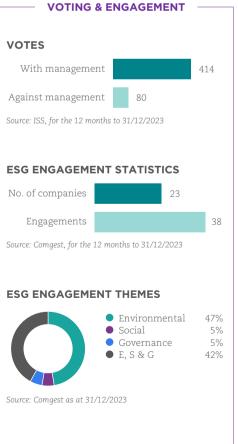


## ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY PREFERENCES

Sustainable investments (SFDR):

- Fund exposure: 28.8% of the NAV
- Minimum commitment: 15.0% of the NAV Consideration of Principal Adverse Impact Indicators: Yes

Source: Comgest as at 31/03/2024



Please see methodologies and glossary on following pages. The information above is based on available data and data may not be available for all portfolio holdings.



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#### **FUND DETAILS**

ISIN: IE00BZ0RSJ02 Bloomberg: CGAXEUD ID Domicile: Ireland

Dividend Policy: Distribution Fund Base Currency: USD Share Class Currency: EUR Inception Date: 03/03/2016

Index (used for comparative purposes only): MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan - Net Return Ongoing Charges: 1.72% p.a of the NAV Investment Manager's Fees (part of ongoing

charges): 1.50% p.a of the NAV Maximum Sales Charge: 4.00%

Exit Charge: None

Minimum Initial Investment: EUR 50

Minimum Holding: None

#### Contact for Subscriptions and Redemptions:

CACEIS Investor Services Ireland Limited Dublin\_TA\_Customer\_Support@caceis.com Tel: +353 1 440 6555 / Fax: +353 1 613 0401

Dealing Frequency: Any business day (D) when banks in Dublin are open for business

Cut Off: 5:00 pm Irish time on day D-2 An earlier deadline for receipt of application or redemption requests may apply if your request is sent through a third party. Please enquire with your local representative, distributor or other third party

NAV: Calculated using closing prices of D

NAV Known: D+1 Settlement: D+3

Legal Structure: Comgest Growth Asia Pac Ex Japan, a sub-fund of Comgest Growth plc (an open-ended investment company with variable capital authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland), is an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS)

Management Company: None as Comgest Growth plc is self-managed

Investment Manager: Comgest Asset Management International Limited (CAMIL) Regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and registered as an investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission SEC registration does not imply a certain level of skill or training

Sub-Investment Manager: Comgest Singapore

Regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the fund prospectus and to the PRIIPS KID before making any final investment decisions. UK investors should refer to the UCITS KIID. Tax applicable to an investment depends on individual circumstances. Depending on where you live, the Fund may not be available to you for subscription. In particular this Fund cannot be offered or sold publicly in the United States. Consult your financial or professional adviser for more information on

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Carbon Footprint: estimates the apportioned Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gases emissions of the portfolio holdings.

Environmental Footprint: estimates the apportioned ratio of annual costs linked to greenhouse gases, water abstraction, waste generation, air, land & water pollutants, and natural resource use associated with the portfolio holdings per USD m invested

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Science Based Targets Initiative Portfolio Coverage: calculates the % of the Fund's AUM invested in companies with SBTi approved targets or which have committed to set SBTi targets

Board Gender Diversity: this indicator represents the weighted average ratio of female board members to total board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of all board members.

Non-Violation of UNGC Principles: this indicator represents the percentage of investee companies that have not been involved in violations of the United Nations Global

Compact (UNGC) principles

Effective Tax Rate: an indicator of corporate responsibility and impact. Using MSCI data, Comgest calculates the average effective tax rate and average statutory tax rate of the portfolio's holdings.

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For more detailed information on ESG integration please consult our website: www.comgest.com/en/our-business/esg



# **Glossary**

Active Share: The percentage of fund holdings that is different from the reference index holdings. A fund that has no holdings in common with the reference index will have an active share of 100%, and a fund that has exactly the same holdings as the reference index considered will have an active share of 0%.

ADR - American Depositary Receipt: A negotiable security that represents securities of a foreign company and allows that company's shares to trade in the financial markets of the United States.

**Annualised:** A figure converted into an annual rate. Figures covering a period of more than one year are averaged to present a figure for a 12-month period

Bp(s) - Basis point(s): One basis point is equal to one hundredth of 1% (i.e. 0.01%).

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BV - Book Value: The value of the company assets minus its liabilities.

**CAGR - Compound Annual Growth Rate:** The rate of return that would be required for an investment to grow from its beginning balance to its ending balance, assuming the profits were reinvested at the end of each year of the investment's lifespan.

CapEx - Capital Expenditure: The money invested by a company to acquire or upgrade fixed, physical, non-consumable assets such as property, plants, buildings, technology, or equipment.

Cash Flow: The net amount of cash and cash equivalents being transferred in and out of a company. Cash received signifies inflows, and cash spent signifies outflows.

**CPI - Consumer Price Index:** An index that measures the overall change in consumer prices based on a representative basket of goods and services over time. It is the metric often used to measure inflation.

**DY - Dividend Yield:** A ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its share price.

EBITDA - Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation: Used to measure a company's core profitability and is calculated by adding interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation expenses to net income.

**EBIT - Earnings Before Interest and Taxes:** Used to measure a company's core profitability and is calculated by adding interest and tax expenses to net income

**EPS - Earnings Per Share:** The profits of a company attributed to each share, calculated by dividing profits after tax by the number of shares. EPS serves as an indicator of a company's profitability.

FCF - Free Cash Flow: The cash generated by a company from its normal business operations after subtracting any money spent on capital expenditures.

**GDP** - **Gross Domestic Product:** The total market value of all the finished goods and services produced within in a country's border in a specific time period.

GDR - Global Depositary Receipt: A certificate issued by a bank that represents shares in a foreign stock on two or more global markets. A GDR is similar to an American depositary receipt (ADR), except an ADR only lists shares of a foreign country in the markets of the United States.

LTM - Last 12 Months: LTM multiples are backward-looking and are based on historical performance.

Market Cap(italisation): A measure of a company's size, calculated by multiplying the total number of shares in issue by the current share price. Companies are commonly grouped according to size, such as small cap, mid cap, large cap or all cap. There is no consensus on the definition of these groupings and they may vary from portfolio to portfolio depending on the country of investment.

NAV - Net Asset Value: The current market value of the portfolio's assets minus the portfolio's liabilities.

NTM - Next 12 Months: NTM multiples are forward-looking and are based on projected performance.

Ongoing Charges: A fund's operational costs over a year. Ongoing Charges are calculated as a percentage of the average fund size over the year and include, for example, investment manager's fees, administration fees and custody costs.

Operating Margin: Measures how much profit a company makes on a dollar (or relevant currency) of sales after paying for variable costs of production, such as wages and raw materials, but before paying interest or tax.

Operating Profit: A company's gross income less operating expenses and other business-related expenses, such as wages, cost of goods sold (COGS) and depreciation.

**Organic Growth:** Growth a company achieves by increasing output and enhancing sales through the business' own operations and internal processes. This does not include profits or growth attributable to mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and foreign exchange but rather an increase in sales and expansion through the company's own resources.

**Organic Sales:** Sales generated from within a company that are a direct result of the company's existing operations and internal processes. Organic sales do not include the impacts of mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and foreign exchange.

P/B or P/BV - Price-to-Book Value Ratio: Measures the market's valuation of a company relative to its book value. P/B or P/BV is calculated by dividing the company's stock price per share by its book value per share.

P/E - Price-to-Earnings Ratio: A ratio used to value a company's shares. It is calculated by dividing the current market price by the earnings per share.

P/S - Price-to-Sales Ratio: A valuation ratio that compares a company's stock price to its revenues. It is an indicator of the value that financial markets have placed on each dollar of a company's sales or revenues.

**PEG - Price/Earnings-To-Growth Ratio:** A stock's price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio divided by the growth rate of its earnings for a specified time period. The PEG ratio is used to determine a stock's value while also factoring in the company's expected earnings growth.

**PMI - Purchasing Managers' Index:** An index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors.

**Reference Index:** Index against which a fund's performance is compared.

ROE - Return On Equity: Measures financial performance and is calculated by dividing net income by shareholders' equity. ROE is a gauge of a company's profitability and how efficiently it generates those profits.

ROIC - Return On Invested Capital: Calculation

**ROIC - Return On Invested Capital:** Calculation used to assess a company's efficiency at allocating the capital under its control to profitable investments.

SME - Small- Or Medium-Sized Enterprise: A company, or companies considered as a group, that are neither very small nor very large and which employ fewer than a given number of employees. This number varies across countries.

**Volatility:** Measures the movements of an asset up and down over time. Volatility is generally considered to be a measure of risk.

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## **ESG Glossary**

**Engagement:** Proactive, targeted dialogue with companies or other industry stakeholders (e.g. policymakers, industry bodies) in order to make known areas of concern and to incite tangible, positive change to improve outcomes for stakeholders.

**Environmental Factors:** Issues related to pollution, climate change, energy efficiency, natural resource use, waste management, biodiversity and other environmental challenges and opportunities.

**ESG** - Environmental, Social and Governance: The three key factors when measuring the sustainability and ethical impact of an investment in a business or company.

**GHG - Greenhouse Gases:** Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere and warm the planet. The best known greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and fluorinated gases.

Governance Factors: Governance refers to a set of rules or principles defining rights, responsibilities and expectations between different stakeholders in the governance of corporations. Governance factors include a company's leadership, executive pay, audits, internal controls and shareholder rights.

**Net Zero:** Achieving a balance between emitting carbon and absorbing carbon from the atmosphere. This balance, or net zero, will be achieved when the amount of carbon added to the atmosphere is no more than the amount removed

atmosphere is no more than the amount removed PAI - Principal Adverse Impact: A list of sustainability factors that firms need to take into account for their investment policies and decisions. These indicators relate to environmental and social topics.

**Proxy Voting:** A form of voting whereby a shareholder delegates their vote to another who votes on their behalf at company meetings. This allows the shareholder to exercise their right to vote without being physically present.

RI - Responsible Investment: The integration of environmental, social and governance factors (ESG) into the selection and management of investments.

**Scope 1 Emissions:** Emissions directly generated by a company, such as an airline emitting exhaust fumes.

Scope 2 Emissions: Emissions indirectly generated by a company, such as emissions from the electricity or energy used to heat and cool a company's office.

Scope 3 Emissions: All other indirect emissions that occur in the value chain of a company and are not already included within scope 2. These emissions are a consequence of the company's business activities but occur from sources the company does not own or control. For example, emissions from a company's employees commuting to work. Scope 3 emissions are often difficult to measure.

SFDR Classification: SFDR product classifications fall under three categories and aim to make the sustainability profiles of funds more comparable and easier to understand by investors.

SFDR - EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure

SFDR - EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation: An EU regulation which aims to make the sustainability profile of funds more comparable and better understood by endinvestors. The regulation requires firms to advise whether principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors are considered in their investment decision making process.

Social Factors: Factors that examine how a

**Social Factors:** Factors that examine how a company communicates with employees, suppliers, customers, governments, regulators and the communities where it operates.

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tCO2e: Tonnes (t) of carbon dioxide (CO2)
equivalent. Carbon dioxide equivalent is a
standard unit for counting greenhouse gas
emissions regardless of whether they are from
carbon dioxide or another gas, such as methane.

**UNGC** - **UN Global Compact**: A voluntary pact of the United Nations (UN) to encourage businesses and firms worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies, and to report on their implementation.

UN Global Compact (UNGC) Principles: Ten principles defined as part of the UNGC framework to promote responsible investment. Companies, investors and other participants are called upon to align their strategies and operations with the principles in the areas of human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption.

Voting: A mechanism for active owners to influence companies, usually done with the aim of influencing a company's governance or operations. Public equity investors typically have the right to vote on company and shareholder resolutions at annual and extraordinary general meetings (AGMs and EGMs).

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