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# Vontobel Fund - Global Environmental Change H (hedged), USD

(Formerly named Vontobel Fund - Clean Technology H (hedged), USD)

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## Investment objective

This equity fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth as well as to invest in companies that have a positive impact on the environment, while respecting risk diversification.

## Key features

The fund invests worldwide mainly in stocks of companies with long-term growth potential which address environmental challenges by providing solutions that can contribute to a sustainable objective in areas like resource-efficient industry, clean water, clean energy infrastructure, low-emission transportation, building technology, and lifecycle management for products.

## Approach

The seasoned investment specialist team takes longer-term high-conviction investment decisions based on in-depth analyses. The team integrates sustainability indicators as a central pillar in the investment process, seeking to improve the portfolio's long-term risk-return characteristics and at the same time achieve an environmental objective (impact). The team actively adapts portfolio positions to seize attractive new opportunities while controlling the risks, always in line with their latest assessment of investment conditions.

## Risk and reward profile



Portfolio management	Pascal Dudle
Fund domicile, legal structure, SFDR	Luxembourg, UCITS, Art. 9
Currency of the fund / shareclass	EUR / USD
Launch date fund / shareclass	17.11.2008 / 02.06.2017
Fund size	EUR 1,978.15 mio
Net asset value (NAV) / share	USD 207.68
Ref. index	MSCI World Index TR net
ISIN / WKN / VALOR	LU1618348079 / A2JKKQ / 36844119
Ongoing charges (incl. Mgmt. fee) as of 31.08.2023	2.10%
Maximum entry / switching / exit fee <sup>1)</sup>	5.00% / 1.00% / 0.30%
Distribution policy	reinvesting

<sup>1)</sup> Refer to fund distributor for actual applicable fees, if any.

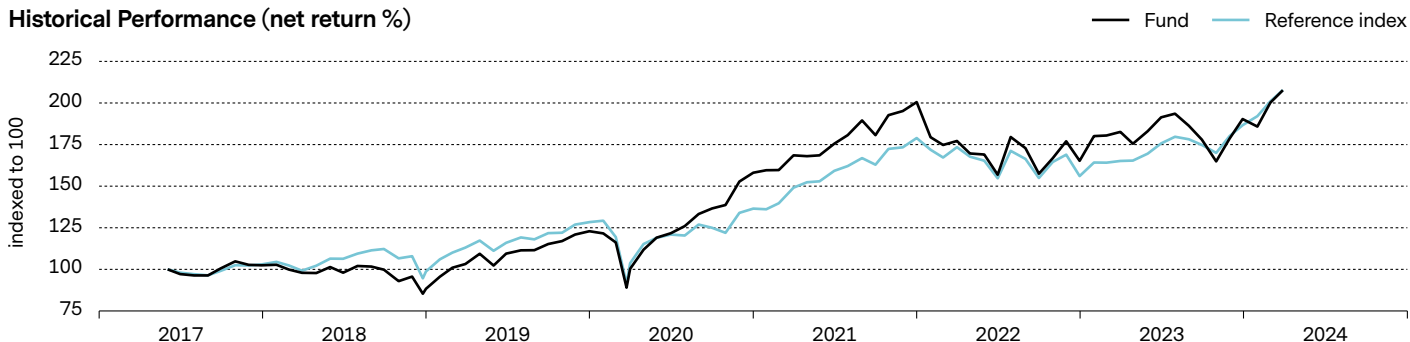
Portfolio Characteristics	Fund	Ref. index
Volatility, annualized <sup>2)</sup>	19.31%	13.68%
Sharpe ratio <sup>2)</sup>	0.22	
Information ratio <sup>2)</sup>	negative	
Beta <sup>2)</sup>	1.30	
Tracking error, ex-post <sup>2)</sup>	8.65%	

<sup>2)</sup> calculated over 3 years



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## Historical Performance (net return %)

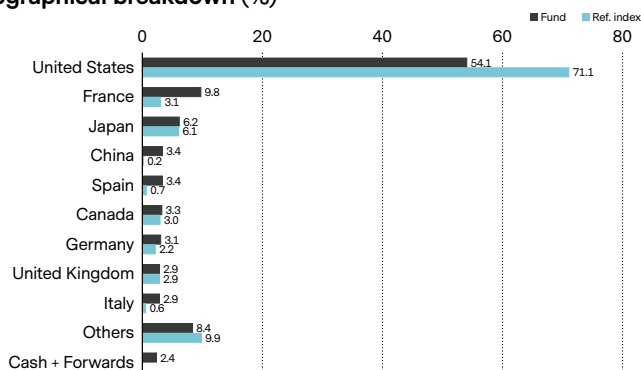
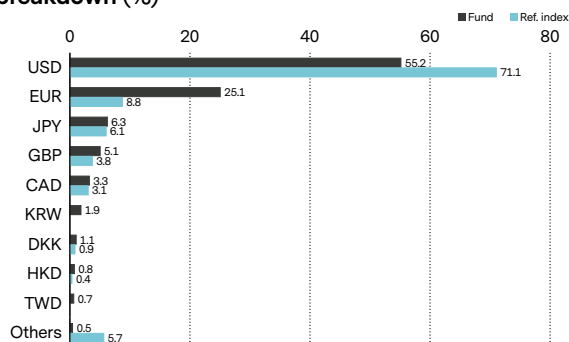
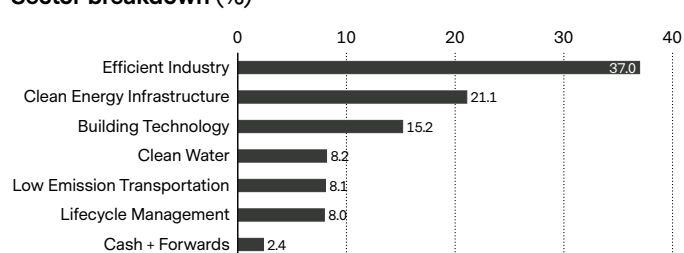


	1 m	year to date	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	3 yrs p.a.	5 yrs p.a.	since inception
Fund	3.7	9.1	15.2	-17.6	26.9	28.6	39.2	-13.8	2.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.2	15.0	107.7
Ref. index	3.4	11.3	19.6	-12.8	31.1	6.3	30.0	-4.1	3.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.7	12.9	107.8

Past performance is not a guide to current or future performance. Performance data does not take account of the entry / exit commissions and costs incurred, and reflects gross distributions reinvested. Performance of a fund can rise or fall, i.e. as a result of currency fluctuations. The investment policy was changed as at 15.02.2022.

**Major positions**

	(%)
Applied Materials Inc	3.6
Linde Plc Shs	3.3
Prysmian Spa	2.9
Air Liquide Sa	2.7
Iberdrola Sa	2.7
Compagnie De Saint Gobain	2.6
Xylem Inc	2.6
Quanta Services Inc	2.5
Asml Holding Nv	2.4
Trane Technologies Plc	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.6</b>

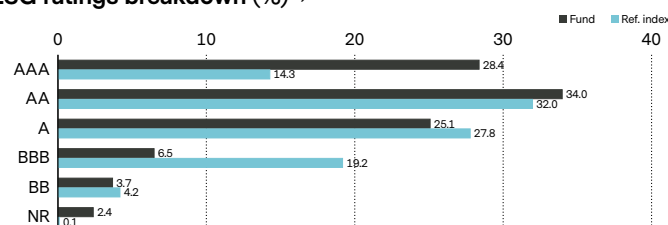
**Geographical breakdown (%)****Currency breakdown (%)****Sector breakdown (%)****ESG profile<sup>3)</sup>**

	Fund	Ref. index
ESG rating	AA	A
ESG ratings coverage	97.6%	99.9%
ESG score	7.8	6.9
Environmental score	6.0	6.1
Social score	5.6	5.0
Governance score	6.5	5.8
CO <sub>2</sub> Intensity, wt. avg (t CO <sub>2</sub> /\$M Sales)	184.4	98.4

<sup>3)</sup> Details on MSCI ESG methodology: [vontobel.com/esg-valuation](https://www.vontobel.com/esg-valuation).  
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**ESG characteristics of the fund**

ESG integration	✓
Exclusion economic activities	✓
Active ownership	✓
Impact	✓

**ESG ratings breakdown (%)<sup>3)</sup>****Exclusion of Economic Activities<sup>4)</sup>**

Adult entertainment



Alcohol



Norm based  
exclusions  
Sovereign level  
exclusions



Coal  
Other fossil fuels



Gambling



Nuclear energy



Palm oil



Tobacco



Conventional  
weapons  
Unconv. /  
controv. weapons



Unsustainable wood pulp

<sup>4)</sup> Thresholds may apply. Please see [vontobel.com/sfdr](https://www.vontobel.com/sfdr) and each fund's website for further details.

**Risks**

- Limited participation in the potential of single securities.
- Investments in foreign currencies are subject to currency fluctuations.
- Success of single security analysis and active management cannot be guaranteed.
- It cannot be guaranteed that the investor will recover the capital invested.
- Derivatives entail risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit fluctuations, illiquidity and volatility.
- Price fluctuations of investments due to market, industry and issuer linked changes are possible.
- There is no guarantee that all sustainability criteria will always be met for every investment. Negative impact on subfund's performance possible due to pursuing sustainable economic activity rather than a conventional investment policy.
- The sub-fund's investments may be subject to sustainability risks. The sustainability risks that the sub-fund may be subject to are likely to have an immaterial impact on the value of the sub-funds' investments in the medium to long term due to the mitigating nature of the sub-fund's ESG approach.

- The sub-funds' performance may be positively or negatively affected by its sustainability strategy.
- There is a risk of inaccurately assessing a security or issuer based on inaccurate or incomplete data from third party ESG research data providers.
- Information on how sustainable investment objectives are achieved and how sustainability risks are managed in this Sub-Fund may be obtained from [vontobel.com/SFDR](https://vontobel.com/SFDR).

## Glossary

**Beta** is a measure of a fund's sensitivity compared to a market (represented by its reference index). A beta of 1.05 means that a fund's prices move 5% more than the index when the market rises or falls. **Derivative** is a financial security whose price is determined based on an underlying benchmark or asset such as stocks, bonds, commodities, currencies, interest rates, or market indexes. Examples are futures, options and credit default swaps. **Distribution policy** of a fund defines the dividend distribution for its share classes to investors. Accumulating share classes reinvest the income received from the fund holdings back into the fund and do not distribute to shareholders. Distributing shares typically make cash payments to shareholders on a periodic basis. **Environmental, social and governance (ESG)** criteria are a set of metrics or ratings that are used to screen potential investments for issues that might affect the financial performance and/or have a material impact on environment and society. ESG metrics reported in this document are for informative purposes and may not be part of the fund's investment process. **ESG rating** is provided by MSCI and aims to measure a company's management of financially relevant ESG risks and opportunities. They use a rules-based methodology to identify industry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers. The ESG rating of MSCI ranges from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC). **ESG score** is provided by MSCI and is a measurement of a company's level of sustainability. The calculation is based on many factors and is measured on a scale range, e.g. from 0 (very poor) to 10 (very good). **Forward**, or forward contract, is an agreement between two parties to buy or sell an asset at a specified price on a future date, and is often used for hedging purposes or commodities trading, where a forward contract can be customized to an amount, delivery date, and commodity type (e.g. food, metals, oil or natural gas). **Future**, or futures contract, is a legal agreement to buy or sell a particular commodity asset, currency or security at a predetermined price at a future point in time. They are standardized contracts in terms of quality and quantity which facilitates trading on a futures exchange. **Index** is a portfolio that holds a broad range of securities, based on pre-defined rules. Indexes such as the FTSE 100 or DAX 30 are used to represent the performance of particular markets and thus act as a reference point for performance measurement of other portfolios. An index used as reference for performance comparisons, is called a "reference index". **Information ratio** is a measurement of portfolio returns in excess of the reference index per unit of return volatility. It is used to measure a portfolio manager's ability to generate excess returns relative to a reference index. **ISIN** (International Securities Identification Number) is a unique code that identifies a specific financial security. It is assigned by a country's respective national numbering agency (NNA). **Net Asset Value (NAV) / share** also known as the share price of a fund, represents the value per share of the fund. It is calculated by dividing the fund's assets less its liabilities by the number of shares outstanding. For most funds it is calculated and reported daily. **Ongoing charges** expresses the sum of the costs of running a fund on an ongoing basis, like the management fee and various legal and operating costs. It is calculated retroactively over a period of 12 months as a percentage of the fund assets. If the available data is insufficient, for example, for newly launched funds, ongoing charges may be estimated using data from funds with similar characteristics. **Option** is a derivative, financial instrument whose price derives from the value of underlying securities, like stocks. Call/put options give buyers the right (but not the obligation) to buy/sell an underlying asset at an agreed price and date. **Share class** is a compartment of a fund with a distinct client type, distribution policy, fee structure, currency, minimum investment, or other characteristics. The characteristics of each share class are described in the fund prospectus. **Sharpe ratio** measures excess return per unit of risk. The ratio is the average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility. A portfolio with a higher Sharpe ratio is considered superior relative to its peers. **SRRI** is a value based on a sub fund's volatility, providing a gauge of the overall risk and reward profile of the sub fund. **Tracking error** is the standard deviation of the difference between the returns of a fund and its reference index, expressed as a percentage. The more actively a fund is managed, the higher the tracking error. **VALOR** is an identification number issued by SIX Financial Information and assigned to financial instruments in Switzerland. **Volatility** measures the fluctuation of a fund's performance over a certain period. It is most commonly expressed using the annualized standard deviation. The higher the volatility, the riskier a fund tends to be. **Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI)** reports the carbon emissions of companies held in a portfolio relative to the revenues they generate, excluding emissions from supply chains and products / services. **WKN** (or Wertpapierkennnummer) is an identification code of securities registered in Germany, issued by its Institute for Issuance and Administration of Securities.

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