

# State Street Ireland Unit Trust

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## State Street IUT Catholic Values Global Equity Fund

### Supplement No. 23

A Fund of State Street Ireland Unit Trust (the “Trust”), an open-ended umbrella fund constituted as a unit trust with segregated liability between sub-funds, authorised and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the Unit Trusts Act, 1990 and as a retail investor alternative investment fund under the AIFMD Regulations.

**This Supplement forms part of the Prospectus dated 1 December 2023, as amended from time to time (the “Prospectus”) in relation to the Trust. This Supplement should be read together with the Prospectus.** It contains information relating to State Street IUT Catholic Values Global Equity Fund (herein, the “Fund”) and its available Classes.

Unless otherwise defined herein or unless the context otherwise requires, all defined terms used in this Supplement shall bear the same meaning as in the Prospectus. Prospective investors should review the entire Supplement Prospectus and KID, (where relevant) carefully. If you have any questions, you should consult your stockbroker, investment consultant, or independent financial and/or tax advisor. Potential investors should consider the risk factors set out in the Prospectus and in this Supplement before investing in this Fund. The Directors listed in the “*Management and Administration*” section of the Prospectus, accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement.

#### Fund Characteristics

Base Currency	EUR
Investment Manager	State Street Global Advisors Europe Limited
Sub-Investment Manager	State Street Global Advisors Limited
SFDR Fund Classification	Integrates Sustainability Risk/Article 8

#### Dealing Information

Dealing Deadline	Subscriptions, redemptions and switches: 3.00 p.m. (Irish time) one (1) Business Day prior to the relevant Dealing Day
Settlement Deadline	5.00 p.m. (Irish time) on the second Business Day after the relevant Dealing Day, or such later date as may be determined by the Management Company and notified to Unitholders.

#### Index Information

Index (ticker)	MSCI World Index (MSDUWI)
Index Rebalance Frequency	Quarterly
Additional Index Information	Further details of the Index and its performance can be found at: <a href="http://www.msci.com/products/indices/licensing/constituents.html">http://www.msci.com/products/indices/licensing/constituents.html</a>

#### Valuation Information

Valuation Pricing Used	Last traded prices
Valuation Point	10.15 p.m. (Irish time) on each Dealing Day

**Unit Class Information**

Class	Gross
Class Currency	Euro
Accumulating	✓
Management Fee*	0.00%
Minimum Holding	€50,000

\* Unitholders should refer to the “**Fees and Expenses**” section of the Prospectus for further information on the fees incurred by the Fund.

## Investment Objective and Policy

**Investment Objective:** The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to outperform the performance of the MSCI World Index (the "Index") over the long term.

**Investment Policy:** The Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager, on behalf of the Fund, will invest actively using the Fundamental Value Equity Strategy as further described in the "Investment Strategies" section of the Prospectus, while screening out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to catholic values and ESG criteria (i.e. violation of United Nations Global Compact ("UNGC") Principles (the "UNGC Principles"), controversial weapons, civilian firearms, severe ESG controversies, thermal coal, arctic drilling, oil and tar sands, shale energy and oil and gas, adult entertainment, tobacco and military contracting) as defined by the Investment Manager and further detailed in the SFDR Annex appended to this Supplement.

The Fundamental Value Equity Strategy uses a proprietary process which is fundamentally driven and uses bottom-up research to identify companies with a pricing dislocation between the estimate of the intrinsic value of the company and the price of the company's equity security. The Fundamental Value Equity Strategy seeks to exploit valuation anomalies in the belief that, in the long-term, share prices should ultimately reflect a company's intrinsic value.

The performance of the Fund will be measured against the Index. As the Fund is actively managed and seeks to outperform the Index, its holdings will differ from the Index. The securities in the portfolios are primarily selected from the securities in the Index. Further details on the types of securities the Fund invests in can be found in the "Permitted Investments" section below. Non-index securities may be held in the portfolios. Each portfolio's weighting to securities will be usually set without taking into account the weightings of securities in the respective Index. The Fund's return will typically differ from, and may under-perform, the return of the Index.

As at the date of this Supplement the Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager consider the principal adverse impacts of its investment decisions at the Fund level in order to seek to reduce negative externalities that may be caused by its underlying investments.

This Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics in accordance with SFDR Article 8. These environmental and social characteristics are detailed in the SFDR Annex appended to this Supplement and include an allocation of a minimum 25% portion of the Fund's portfolio to sustainable investments, seeking to invest in companies such that the Fund's portfolio overall exhibits lower carbon

emissions than the Index as measured using Weighted Average Carbon Intensity ("WACI"); avoidance of investments in issuers which show an involvement in activities which are deemed non-compliant with the Investment Manager's ESG criteria such as violations of the UNGC Principles and exclusion of issuers active in thermal coal, arctic oil & gas exploration, shale energy exploration, oil & gas exploration and oil sands extraction and companies associated with controversial weapons, civilian firearms, severe ESG controversies, adult entertainment, tobacco and military contracting,

## Permitted Investments

**Equities:** The securities in which the Fund invests may include equities, or equity-related securities such as American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) or Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs). ADRs and GDRs are typically used instead of local shares, where owning the local shares represented in the Index is not possible or prohibitively expensive. The Fund may also invest in China A-Shares via Stock Connect or the RQFII quota.

**Other Funds / Liquid Assets:** The Fund may invest in other regulated open-ended funds (including Money Market Funds) which are unleveraged, including alternative investment funds and exchange traded funds, where the objectives of such funds are consistent with the objective of the Fund and where such funds are authorised in member states of the EEA, USA, Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man or the United Kingdom and where such funds comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Central Bank.

The Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets such as cash or deposits.

The Fund shall not invest more than 30% of its net assets in collective investment schemes.

**Derivatives:** The Fund may use financial derivative instruments ("FDIs") for currency hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes. Any use of FDIs by the Fund shall be limited to futures and forward foreign exchange contracts (including non-deliverable forwards). Efficient portfolio management means investment decisions involving transactions that are entered into for one or more of the following specific aims: the reduction of risk; the reduction of cost; the generation of additional capital or income for the Fund with an appropriate level of risk, taking into account the risk profile of the Fund; or the minimisation of tracking error, i.e. the risk that the Fund return varies from the Index return. FDIs are described in the "Investment Objectives and Policies – Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" section of the Prospectus.

**ESG Investing:** The Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager integrates Sustainability

Risk into its investment decisions and employs a negative and norms-based ESG screen prior to the construction of the portfolio of the Fund and on an ongoing basis, as further described in the “**ESG Integration**” and “**ESG Screening**” subsections of the “**ESG Investing**” section of the Prospectus.

In assessing potential investments, the Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager assesses the good governance practices of the relevant securities and / or issuers.

Integrating Sustainability Risk into the Fund’s investment process does not assure the mitigation of any or all Sustainability Risk. Any deterioration in the financial profile of an underlying investment affected by a Sustainability Risk may have a corresponding negative impact on the Net Asset Value and/or performance of the investing Fund.

**Taxonomy Regulation:** While this Fund promotes environmental characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the SFDR, it does not currently commit to investing in any “sustainable investment” within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation. The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the Fund that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The Fund does not commit to invest more than 0% of its Net Asset Value in Taxonomy-aligned investments.

The environmental and social characteristics to be promoted by the Fund are detailed in the Annex to this Supplement.

## **Securities Lending, Repurchase Agreements, Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Total Return Swaps**

The Fund currently does not engage in the Securities Lending Programme, though it is entitled to do so. The Fund also currently does not engage in repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and total return swaps, though it is entitled to do so. The Fund’s exposure to securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements and total return swaps is as set out below (as a percentage of Net Asset Value).

	Expected	Maximum
Securities Lending	0-50%*	70%
Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements	0%	0%
Total Return Swaps	0%	0%

\* Depending on market conditions and opportunities

The expected proportions are not limits and the actual percentages may vary over time depending on factors including, but not limited to, market conditions.

## **Investment and Borrowing Restrictions**

Unless expressly stated in this Supplement, the investment and borrowing restrictions set out in the section of the Prospectus entitled “**Borrowing Policy**” and “**Investment Restrictions and Limits**” apply in their entirety to the Fund. While the Fund may be leveraged as a result of its investments in derivative instruments, such leverage will not exceed 100% of the Fund’s total Net Asset Value. The Fund will not utilise borrowing other than on a temporary basis for settlement reasons. The Fund’s global exposure and leverage is calculated using the commitment approach.

## **Investor Profile**

The typical investors of the Fund are expected to be institutional and intermediary investors with a medium or long term horizon who want to gain exposure to the performance of the global equity markets and are prepared to accept the risks associated with an investment of this type.

## **Investment Risks**

Investment in the Fund carries with it a degree of risk. Investors should read the “**Risk Information**” section of the Prospectus. The following are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

**Concentration Risk:** When the Fund focuses its investments in a particular region, the financial, economic, business, and other developments affecting issuers in that region will have a greater effect on the Fund than if it was more diversified. This concentration may also limit the liquidity of the Fund. Investors may buy or sell substantial amounts of the Fund’s Units in response to factors affecting or expected to affect a region in which the Fund focuses its investments.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Risks of investing in emerging markets include, among others, greater political and economic instability, possible trade barriers, less governmental supervision and regulation, greater volatility in currency exchange rates, currency transfer restrictions or difficulties in gaining currency exposure, less developed securities markets, legal systems and financial services industries, differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, and greater dependence on revenue from particular commodities or international aid.

**Equity and Equity related securities Risk:** The market prices of equity and equity related securities may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The value of these securities may

decline for reasons that directly relate to the issuer and/or due to general industry or market, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates, or adverse investor sentiment generally. Equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**ESG Risk:** If the Fund invests in companies taking into account environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) criteria, then the performance of the Fund may trail the returns of a portfolio of such securities. Investing only in a portfolio of securities that comply with such ESG criteria may affect the Fund's exposure to certain types of investments and may adversely impact the Fund's performance.

**Management Risk:** The Investment Manager's and/or Sub-Investment Manager's judgment about the implementation of the investment strategy or a hedging strategy may prove to be incorrect, and may cause the Fund to incur losses. There can be no assurance that the Investment Manager and/or Sub-Investment Manager's investment techniques and decisions will produce the desired results.

**PRC Investments Risk:** In addition to the risks of investing in emerging markets, risks of investing in PRC Investments include, among others, trading suspensions, currency transfer/exposure restrictions, limits on holdings of PRC Investments and use of brokers, untested concepts regarding treatment of beneficial ownership, reliance on Access Programmes which may be discontinued or substantially changed, technology system risks and controls associated with such Access Programmes, custody risks including lack of sufficient segregation of assets from those of the applicant, other intermediaries under the relevant Access Programmes, and the relevant Sub-Custodians and tax uncertainty.

**Screening Risk:** There is a risk that the screen provider may make errors, such as incorrect assessment of the screen criteria and/or include incorrect/exclude correct constituents in the screening process or discontinue its screening services. In such circumstances, the Management Company may change the screen provider although there is no guarantee that a replacement screen provided would result in a similar screening process to that intended or would be available at all.

**Securities Lending Risk:** If the Fund engages in securities lending, there is a risk that the borrower may default its obligations to return equivalent securities to the loaned securities. In this way the Fund is exposed to counterparty risk. In this event, the Fund could also experience delays in recovering the securities and may incur a capital loss. The Fund could also lose money if the value of collateral held against the loaned securities falls.

**SFDR – Fund Classification Risk:** The SFDR has phased implementation from 10 March 2021 and imposes new disclosure obligations on financial

market participants. As at the date of this Supplement, the implementing Regulatory Technical Standards (Level 2) for SFDR have been adopted by the European Commission but certain concepts introduced by SFDR are not currently the subject of centralised implementing standards, local guidance or established market practice. The Fund has been assessed and classified in good faith based on the relevant information currently available. As these standards and guidance develop, the SFDR related disclosures and the Article 8 classification indicated in this Supplement and on the SSGA website are subject to change and may no longer apply.

## Subscriptions, Redemptions and Switches

Investors may subscribe for, switch or redeem launched Units in the Fund on each Dealing Day at the Subscription Price or Redemption Price as applicable with an appropriate provision for any redemption fee, as determined by the Board of Directors and in accordance with the provisions in the "Units" section of the Prospectus.

For all subscriptions, consideration, in the form of cash or cleared in kind securities, together with the relevant form must be received by the Administrator by the Dealing Deadline. For redemptions, a written redemption request signed by the Unitholder is required to be received by the Administrator by the Dealing Deadline.

## Fees and Expenses

### Investment in other funds

As the Fund may invest in other collective investment schemes, the Fund may also incur charges at the underlying fund level. The Fund will not be subject to any preliminary/initial/redemption charge in respect of investments made in any other collective investment scheme whose manager is an affiliate. In addition, any commission that the Investment Manager receives by virtue of an investment the Fund into another collective investment scheme must be paid into the assets of the Fund. Please note, for investments into Money Market Funds managed by the Investment Manager or an affiliate, mandated redemption fees may be imposed under MMF Regulations

## Index Disclaimer

Please see Appendix 4 of the Prospectus for the MSCI index disclaimer.

**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 Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** State Street IUT Catholic Values Global Equity Fund (the "Fund")

**Legal entity identifier:** 5493006NTSBRJG89CB86

### Environmental and/or social characteristics

#### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

**Yes**

**No**

It will make a minimum of **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 will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective**: \_\_\_%

**It promotes Environmental/ Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 25\_\_\_% 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 promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

#### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund promotes environmental characteristics related to reduction of environmental footprint and adverse social impacts by excluding investments in companies that are involved in thermal coal, arctic oil & gas exploration, shale energy exploration, oil & gas exploration, oil sands extraction, severe ESG controversies, as well as the companies which violate United Nations Global Compact ("UNGC") principles (the "**UNGC Principles**") relating to the environment (principles 7 to 9).

The Fund promotes social characteristics related to: (a) reduction of the availability of weapons by excluding investment in companies associated with controversial weapons, civilian firearms and military contracting, (b) reduction of adverse health impacts by excluding investment in companies associated with tobacco, (c) support for human rights, labour standards and anti-corruption by excluding investment in companies which violate UNGC Principles relating to human rights (Principles 1 and 2), labour (principles 3 to 6) and anti-corruption (principle 10) as well as companies associated with adult entertainment and severe ESG controversies.

The UNGC Principles is the world largest corporate sustainability initiative aimed at companies to align their strategies and operations with universal principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and take actions that advance societal goals.

Business involvement in relation to each activity set out above is determined using the Investment Manager's proprietary methodology by way of considering the revenue a company generates from such business activity that exceeds a percentage of revenue or a defined total revenue threshold, or any exposure to the activity regardless of the amount of revenue generated.

The specific list of applicable exclusions may evolve and may be amended from time to time at the Investment Manager's absolute discretion. Such change may be implemented without notice to the Shareholders if deemed aligned with the screen criteria described in this section.



For further details of the exclusions applied by the Investment Manager at any time please refer to the link included in the last question in this Annex.

The Fund also promotes the following environmental and social characteristics related to the reduction of carbon emissions by seeking to invest in companies such that the Fund's portfolio overall exhibits lower carbon emissions than the Index as measured using Weighted Average Carbon Intensity ("WACI").

The Fund allocates minimum 25% of the Fund's portfolio to sustainable investments. In order for the security to qualify as a sustainable investment for the Fund, it must be classified as a "Leader" or "Outperformer" as determined by the Investment Manager using the ESG score generated by its proprietary ESG scoring process (the "ESG Score").

No reference benchmark has been designated to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

#### Sustainability indicators

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

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

The attainment of the environmental characteristics is measured through achieving a higher exposure of the Fund's portfolio to companies such that the Fund's overall portfolio exhibits lower carbon emissions (relative to the MSCI World Index ("Index") as measured using WACI. The WACI measures a portfolio's exposure to carbon intensive companies. Calculating the portfolio's WACI is achieved by calculating the carbon intensity (scope 1+2 emissions/\$M sales) for each portfolio company and calculating the weighted average by portfolio weight. Carbon emissions are apportioned based on portfolio weights/exposure, rather than the investor's ownership share of emissions or sales.

- % of the portfolio invested in securities that are included in the negative and norms based screen specifically related to environmental characteristics, namely companies violating UNGC Principles in regards to the environment and which are active in thermal coal, arctic oil & gas exploration, and oil sands extraction

The attainment of the social characteristics promoted by the Fund is measured through:

- % of the portfolio invested in securities that are included in the negative and norms based screen specifically related to social characteristics, namely companies violating UNGC Principles and companies associated with controversial weapons, civilian firearms, military contracting, severe ESG controversies, adult entertainment and tobacco.

○ **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?**

The objectives of the sustainable investments made by the Fund are to invest in securities that are classified as:

- "Leaders" or "Outperformers" as determined by the Investment Manager using the ESG score generated by its proprietary ESG scoring process (the "ESG Score").

An ESG Score for each stock in the eligible universe of the Fund is generated using the Investment Manager's proprietary ESG scoring system and this ESG Score is used in the construction of the Fund's portfolio to tilt its composition towards securities with favourable exposures to the relevant factors, as well as ESG criteria.

The ESG Score designations are defined by our ESG team based on percentile of companies scored monthly, broken out into five categories. Leaders and Outperformers are within the two highest categories of the ESG Score. Securities that are scored within the remaining categories i.e. Average Performers, Underperformers, Laggards or are not scored do not qualify as Sustainable Investments.

The ESG Score leverages multiple data sources and aligns them to widely accepted, transparent materiality frameworks to generate a unique ESG score for listed companies. It measures the performance of a company's business operations and governance as it relates to financially material ESG challenges facing the company's industry.

The Investment Manager draws on data from multiple ESG data providers and leverages the Sustainable Accounting Standards Board's ("SASB") - widely accepted, transparent materiality framework to generate the unique score that measures the performance of a company's business operations and governance as it relates to industry-specific ESG Factors. The SASB materiality framework focuses on

financial materiality of certain ESG metrics as defined by specific industry. The ESG Score allows for a global comparison of companies' ESG performance within a sector or industry.

In order for the security to qualify as a sustainable investment, the company must be a "Leader" or "Outperformer" as determined by the Investment Manager using the ESG Score generated by its proprietary process. Companies qualified as "Leaders" or "Outperformers" are deemed to manage and mitigate long-term, financially-material sustainable risks better than its peers and thus operate a more sustainable business model.



○ ***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?***

Sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make should not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective. In this respect, the Investment Manager considers the mandatory principal adverse indicators ("PAIs") on sustainability factors by combining the incorporation of the SASB materiality framework in the Investment Manager's proprietary ESG Score and the application of the negative and norms-based screens to the sustainable investments included in the Fund's portfolio. By investing in securities classified as "Leaders or Outperformers" in accordance with the Investment Manager's proprietary ESG Score and applying the relevant negative and norms-based screens, the Investment Manager deems the Fund's sustainable investments not to cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective.

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

The mandatory PAIs are considered both through the incorporation of the SASB materiality framework in the Investment Manager's proprietary ESG Score and the application of the negative and norms-based screens in the criteria that the Investment Manager has developed for a security to be considered as a sustainable investments in order to exclude investments which are determined as being harmful to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective.

All of the Fund's investments are screened against pre-determined negative and norms-based screens and companies identified as being non-compliant with UNGC Principles (relating to environmental protection, human rights, labour standards, anti-corruption), and companies associated with severe ESG controversies, controversial weapons, civilian firearms, thermal coal, arctic oil & gas exploration, and oil sands extraction and tobacco are excluded.

Further on, the Fund's portfolio is constructed following the generation of the proprietary ESG Score for the investable universe. The companies classified as "Leaders or Outperformers" under the Investment Manager's proprietary ESG Score, which leverages on the SASB materiality framework, are considered to be sustainable investments and accordingly, not to cause any significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective.

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

The Fund excludes companies that the Investment Manager has deemed to violate UNGC Principles as part of the negative screening utilised by the Fund. The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights are considered as part of the UNGC Principles assessment.

*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

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

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 Fund pursues a reduction of negative externalities caused by the underlying investments and in that context considers the PAIs on sustainability factors as part of the consideration of sustainable investments in selecting the securities for the Fund and by applying the negative and norms-based ESG screens prior to the construction of the portfolio. Specifically, the Fund considers:

- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector
- Violations of UNGC Principles
- Exposure to controversial weapons

**No**

Further information on the PAIs will be found in the periodic reports for the Fund.

#### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Investment Manager, on behalf of the Fund, will invest actively using the Fundamental Value Equity Strategy as further described "Investment Strategies" section of the Prospectus. This strategy uses a proprietary fundamentally driven and bottom up research process to identify companies with a dislocation between the intrinsic value of the company and the price of its equity security while evaluating an investee company carbon emissions.

In implementing this strategy, the Investment Manager applies the negative and norms-based ESG screen prior to the construction of the portfolio of the Fund and on an ongoing basis. The Fund will screen out securities of issuers that fail to comply with UNGC Principles relating to environmental protection, human rights, labour standards and anti-corruption or are associated with severe ESG controversies, controversial weapons, civilian firearms, tobacco, thermal coal, arctic oil & gas exploration, shale energy exploration, oil & gas exploration, oil sands extraction, military contracting, adult entertainment,.

The Fund may use additional ESG screens from time to time in order to exclude securities of issuers based on their involvement with an activity that is deemed non-compliant with one or more of such ESG criteria referred to in the previous sentence

The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

○ ***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?***

In order to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund, the Investment Manager applies a negative and norms-based ESG screen prior to the construction of the portfolio and on an ongoing basis as described in the previous section.

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

N/A

○ ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

The assessment of good governance practices is considered by the Investment Manager as part of the assessment of potential investments when implementing the Investment Objective and Policy of the Fund. The Investment Manager deploys a proprietary governance assessment framework that includes a governance scorecard and a qualitative assessment. The framework considers factors such as board independence, diversity and experience as well as the configuration of executive compensation and

accounting and tax compliance. The assessment of good governance practices is further implemented through the negative screening utilised by the Fund. Companies deemed by the Investment Manager to not violate UNGC principles are considered to exhibit good governance. The Investment Manager will only invest in companies that they deem to follow good governance practices



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

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

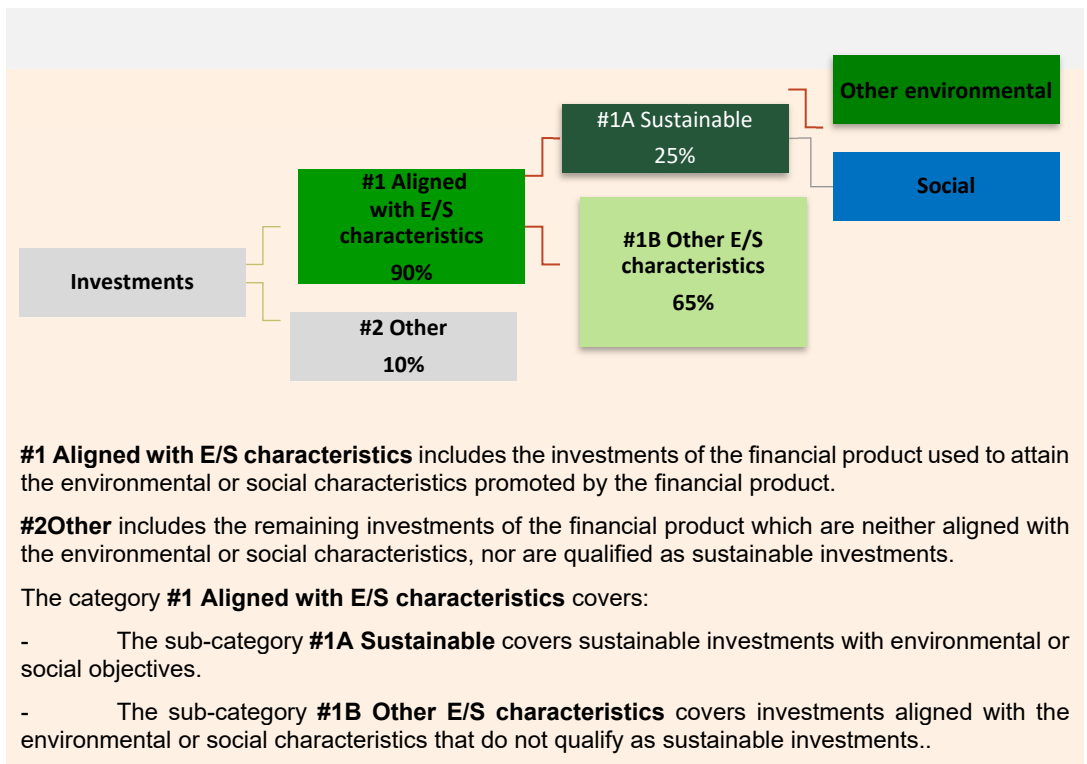
The Investment Manager employs a binding ESG methodology which aims to build a portfolio where at least 90% of the Fund's assets are invested in securities which are #1 Aligned with environmental and social characteristics as outlined in the table above. It is intended that, within such portion of the portfolio, at least 25% of the Fund's assets are invested in securities which are sustainable investments with environmental and / or social objectives. The remaining portion (<10%) of the portfolio, consisting of cash as well as cash equivalents, including financial derivative instruments employed for efficient portfolio management or hedging purposes, in place held at the Investment Manager's discretion, will be classified under #2 Other in the above table and will not be aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics.

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.



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



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

To the extent that the Fund may use financial derivative instruments, these will not be used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

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

The Fund does not currently commit to investing in any “environmentally sustainable investment” within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation. However, the position will be kept under periodic review giving due consideration to market developments as the availability of reliable data increases over time.

**Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>**

Yes:

In fossil gas



In nuclear energy

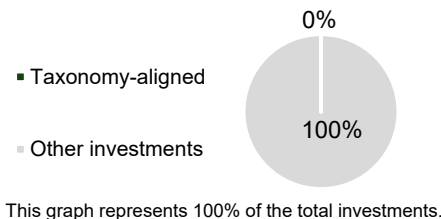
No

*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.*

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



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



\* For the purpose of these graphs, ‘sovereign bonds’ consist of all sovereign exposures

**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.

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

As the Fund does not commit to invest any “environmentally sustainable investment” within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation, the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is therefore also set at 0%.



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

The Fund intends to invest a minimum of 25% of the Fund’s securities in sustainable investments with an environmental and /or social objective, that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy. The assessment of the Fund’s investments qualifying as sustainable is typically determined on a monthly basis as ESG scores are updated.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do

<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 Regulations (EU) 2022/1214.

not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund intends to invest a minimum of 25% of the Fund's securities in sustainable investments with an environmental and/or social objective, that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy. The assessment of the Fund's investments qualifying as sustainable is typically determined on a monthly basis as ESG scores are updated.



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

The Fund may hold a portion of its assets in cash or cash equivalents, including financial derivative instruments employed for efficient portfolio management or hedging purposes, at the Investment Manager's discretion, which are classified under #2 Other in the above table. Given the nature of cash or cash equivalents or including financial derivative instruments employed for efficient portfolio management or hedging, such assets will not be aligned with environmental and social characteristics nor will there be any environmental or social safeguards in place.



### 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.

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A



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