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This financial product promotes environmental and social characteristics and qualifies as product in accordance with Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088.

No sustainable investment objective

This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The E/S characteristics promoted can be environmental and/or social and include the following features:

ESG scoring The product promotes E/S characteristics by investing in companies or issuers with favourable ESG scores. Investee companies or issuers have been analysed and scored by Nordea Asset Management (NAM) or by an external provider to ensure that only securities issued by companies that meet the minimum required ESG score are eligible for inclusion and that ESG laggards are excluded. The binding measures and thresholds are further described in section "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?"

Sector- and value-based exclusions The product promotes E/S characteristics by excluding companies that are deemed to be inappropriate based on their business activities or corporate behaviour. The exclusion criteria are further described in the section "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?"

NAM's Paris-Aligned Fossil Fuel Policy The product promotes E/S characteristics by refraining from investing in companies that have significant exposure to fossil fuels unless they have a credible transition strategy. More information can be found in the section "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?"

There is no reference benchmark designated for the purpose of attaining the E/S characteristics of the product.

Investment strategy

This sub-fund pursues a strategy based on equities as main investment strategy. The sub-fund invests globally and at least 75% of its net assets in equities and equity related securities (such as Preferred Shares, Depositary Receipts (ADR and GDR), closed-ended listed US REITs, dividend right certificates, equity rights and Participation Certificates). Up to 25% of the sub-fund's total assets can be invested in emerging market countries including investments in China A-shares via the Shanghai- Hong Kong Stock Connect program and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect program. Up to 25% of the sub-fund's net assets may be invested in money market instruments and bank balances. Further details regarding the main investment strategy, including investment universe and benchmark, are specified in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

The E/S characteristics that are promoted by the sub-fund, are integrated in the investment process on a binding basis as described in the section "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?"

ESG laggards are avoided as ESG scores are taken into consideration as part of the security selection. The strategy applies sector and value-based exclusions and it does not invest in companies that are on Nordea's exclusion list based on their business activities or conduct as further detailed in NAM's Responsible Investment Policy available via the link provided in the section "Where can I find more product specific information online?". Exposure to companies involved in fossil fuel related activities is restricted through NAM's Paris aligned Fossil Fuel Policy.

At least 90% of the sub-fund's net assets are allocated to investments that meet the promoted environmental and social characteristics as described in the following sections. The alignment of the portfolio with the binding elements of the investment strategy used to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics is continuously controlled via the sub-fund's investment guidelines monitoring.



Proportion of investments

This sub-fund invests at least 90% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics. Up to 10% of the sub-fund's net assets may be invested in assets that are not aligned with these characteristics. A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this sub-fund can be found in the Special Section of the Sales Prospectus.

Derivatives are currently not used to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund.

Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The inherent limitations on the investment universe resulting from the investment strategy as well as the ESG investment limits are controlled, documented and monitored on an ongoing basis. Separately, NAM has in place risk management processes to control financial regulatory risks and ensure appropriate escalation of any potential issues within a clear governance structure.

Methodologies

To measure the attainment of the environmental or social characteristics, the sub-fund management will use the following indicators:

- % of investments, aligned with the E/S characteristics, with an ESG score that does not meet the minimum threshold of A and B
- % of investments, aligned with the E/S characteristics, that do not comply with Sector and Value Based Exclusions
- % of investments, aligned with the E/S characteristics, that do not comply with NAM's Paris-Aligned Fossil Fuel Policy

Data sources and processing

NAM uses a range of external data providers of ESG data, as well as internal research and their proprietary ESG scoring platform. NAM evaluates the quality of all internal and external data on an ongoing basis, and continuously assess if new data providers can improve the analysis and models. NAM has also implanted a Supplier Code of Conduct and request that data provider respect it. Prior to a data provider being chosen as a supplier extensive market research is conducted, and the potential data providers are assessed on issues such as: data quality, coverage, security, methodology, price, reliability and conflict of interest.

Limitations to methodologies and data

Limitations to sustainability data originate mainly from the fact that they may carry a high amount of subjectivity (e.g. with qualitative ESG ratings or estimation processes for numerical data). NAM aims to mitigate that challenge by utilising multiple vendors.

Due Diligence

NAM conducts a thorough due diligence on external data vendors to clarify applied methodologies and verify data quality. However, as the regulation and standards of non-financial reporting is rapidly developing, data quality, coverage and accessibility remains challenging – especially for smaller companies and less developed markets.

Engagement policies

An engagement activity can be initiated with the individual issuers regarding matters such as strategy, financial and non-financial performance, risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact as well as corporate governance including topics like disclosure, culture and remuneration. The engagement activity can be exercised by company meetings.

Designated reference benchmark

This sub-fund has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether it is aligned with the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes.