

SUMMARY

The Sub-Fund is classified as a product that promotes environmental and social characteristics according to Article 8 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088, however it does not have as its objective sustainable investment. The Investment Manager will invest a minimum of 50% of assets that meet the environmental and social characteristics. For the purpose of promoting these characteristics, the Investment Manager monitors Environmental and Sustainability Risks and Green House Gases emissions and applies a sector exclusion list.

NO SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

This Sub-Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SUB-FUND

The environmental and or social characteristics of this Sub-Fund include:

Environmental and Sustainability Risks (EnR):

The underlying companies in which the Sub-Fund invests may be subject to environmental risks and climate related risks. Such risks include for example, investments located in coastal regions may be affected by any future increases in sea levels or in the frequency or severity of hurricanes and tropical storms, whether such increases are caused by global climate changes or other factors. There may be significant physical effects of climate change that have the potential to have a material effect on the underlying company's business and operations. Physical impacts of climate change may include: increased storm intensity and severity of weather (e.g., floods or hurricanes); sea level rise; and extreme temperatures. As a result of these physical impacts from climate-related events, the Sub-Fund may be vulnerable to the following: risks of property damage to the Sub-Fund's investments; indirect financial and operational impacts from disruptions to the operations of the Sub-Fund's investments from severe weather; increased insurance premiums and deductibles or a decrease in the availability of coverage, for investments in areas subject to severe weather; decreased net migration to areas in which investments are located, resulting in lower than expected demand for the products and services of the investments; increased insurance claims and liabilities; increase in energy cost impacting operational returns; changes in the availability or quality of water or other natural resources on which the business depends; decreased consumer demand for consumer products or services resulting from physical changes associated with climate change (e.g., warmer temperature or decreasing shoreline could reduce demand for residential and commercial properties previously viewed as desirable).

The underlying companies in which the Sub-Fund invests may also be exposed to sustainability risks from time to time. A sustainability risk refers to an environmental, social or governance ("ESG") event or condition that could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of investments. The universe of sustainability events or conditions is very broad, and their relevance, materiality and impact on investments will depend on a number of factors such as asset location and/or sector. Depending on the circumstances, examples of sustainability risks can include but are not limited to supply chain disruptions, improper labour practices, lack of board diversity and corruption. If they materialize, sustainability risks can reduce the value of the Company and could have a material impact on the performance and returns of the Sub-Fund.

The Investment Manager assesses the materiality of EnR ("EnR Materiality") during selection of securities.

The Sustainability Committee of the Investment Manager and its chairperson, the Chief Sustainability Officer, set the High EnR Materiality Threshold for the Sub-Fund in connection with the ESG Committee of the Management Company.

Should the Sub-Fund exceed its High EnR Materiality Threshold, the investment team will seek the Investment Manager's Chief Sustainability Officer's review and approval. Each approval will be valid for a period of 30 calendar days. The investment team will take appropriate actions to remediate the excess exposure so that the High EnR Materiality Threshold is no longer exceeded.

The Investment Manager engages with the investee companies to understand their EnR management strategy and their efforts to transition towards more sustainable policies and practices. Where appropriate, the Investment Manager actively engages and supports investees in their transition journey.

Green House Gases emissions:

The Investment Manager also tracks the carbon intensity of the portfolio by tracking the scope 1 and scope 2 Green House Gases (“GHG”) emissions of investments. The GHG emission may include scope 3 emissions, if available. However, scope 3 GHG emissions are not required. The Investment Manager calculates the Sub-Fund’s carbon exposures as a representation of carbon emissions normalized by the portfolio’s market value and expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (CO₂e) per million dollars invested.

Sector exclusions:

The Investment Manager will not invest on behalf of the Sub-Fund in companies involved in production, sales and distribution of cluster bombs, anti-personnel mines, chemical or biological weapons and other controversial weapons which are prohibited under applicable international treaties or conventions. The Investment Manager will not invest in high-risk jurisdictions subject to a call for action from the Financial Action Task Force.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Sub-Fund follows a long/short Asia credit strategy which seeks alpha through three sub-strategies:

- Event driven: This strategy aims to capture mispricing opportunities triggered by idiosyncratic company events, capital market activities, media headlines and other catalysts.
- Relative value: This strategy aims to capture arbitrage opportunities within similar asset classes and across capital structures and markets.
- Opportunistic long/short: This strategy takes long positions in securities with prices expected to outperform comparables. It also takes single-name alpha short positions and portfolio hedges through OTC derivatives.

The Sub-Fund seeks to invest primarily in long and short positions, either directly or indirectly through derivatives in the case of long positions or indirectly through derivatives only in the case of short positions, in debt instruments and publicly-traded equities. The Sub-Fund is not limited to any particular industry or sector in pursuing its investment objectives.

The Sub-Fund is authorised to utilise a broad range of securities, derivatives and investment techniques, which include, among others: debt securities and instruments of government and corporate issuers – both investment grade and non-investment grade, including unrated, high yield and distressed securities (such distressed securities not being expected to exceed 10% of the Sub-Fund’s Net Asset Value); convertible bonds, AT1 bonds and contingent convertible bonds (such AT1 bonds and contingent convertible bonds will not exceed 20% of the Sub-Fund’s Net Asset Value); total return swaps, credit default swaps, options, warrants, futures and index derivatives; credit-linked notes and asset backed securities (such asset-backed securities will not exceed 10% of the Sub-Fund’s Net Asset Value); equities and equity related securities; currencies (including FX); cash and cash equivalents, including but not limited to short-term corporate or government obligations and Money Market Instruments as well as money market funds.

Consideration of ESG factors is embedded in the investment processes. In evaluating an existing or prospective investment, the investment professionals of the Investment Manager generally seek to:

- a) identify ESG issues that may affect the investment;
- b) analyse the relative importance of, and risk posed by, any identified ESG issue;
- c) consider the costs and benefits of potential remedial measures; and
- d) assess the Sub-Fund’s ability to influence change.

PROPORTION OF INVESTMENTS

The minimum proportion of the investments used to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund is 50% of the net asset value.

Such exposure is reached through direct investment into target companies.

MONITORING OF ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

EnR Materiality:

The Investment Manager will continuously manage its environmental risk exposures by reviewing the Environmental and Sustainability Risks Materiality ("EnR Materiality"). The EnR Materiality of the Sub-Fund is performed using qualitative and quantitative tools and metrics. The EnR Materiality is composed of materiality score on industry level and ESG score on issuer or security level. External data may be used to assess the EnR Materiality of an issuer or security. An EnR Materiality rating of low, medium or high is assigned to each security of this Sub-Fund. An overall threshold for securities with High EnR Materiality rating ("High EnR Materiality Threshold") will be set for this Sub-Fund which is reviewed by the Investment Manager regularly. Should the Sub-Fund exceed its High EnR Materiality Threshold, the investment team will seek the Investment Manager's Chief Sustainability Officer's review and approval. Each approval will be valid for a period of 30 calendar days. The Investment Manager will take appropriate actions to remediate the excess exposure so that the High EnR Materiality Threshold is no longer exceeded. A report of the exposure of EnR Materiality with respect to the Sub-Fund will be submitted by the Sustainability Committee to the Board of the Investment Manager on a periodic basis.

Sector exclusions:

Sector-based exclusions (as further detailed above) prevent investments into activities that are deemed to be inappropriate for the strategy.

The binding elements are documented and monitored on an ongoing basis.

METHODOLOGIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

The Investment Manager calculates the EnR Materiality (as defined above) of the portfolio on a quarterly basis based on the individual EnR materiality of each investment.

The Investment Manager also tracks the carbon intensity of the Sub-Fund by tracking the scope 1 and scope 2 Green House Gases ("GHG") emissions of investments.

The Investment Manager reviews the sector of activity of each individual company and any of them being active in any sector listed above will be excluded from the environment universe.

DATA SOURCES AND PROCESSING

The EnR Materiality is composed of materiality score on industry level and ESG score on issuer or security level. Portfolio Carbon Footprint ("PCF") for the GHG emissions of investments of the Sub-Fund is a representation of carbon emissions normalized by the portfolio's market value and expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (CO₂e) per million dollars invested.

To obtain data and quantitative information, the Investment Manager relies on external providers such as Bloomberg and utilizes the materiality map provided by SASB. This data comes in different formats, including Excel files, and is obtained either directly from websites that contain the necessary information or through links to relevant reports.

LIMITATIONS TO METHODOLOGIES AND DATA

An EnR Materiality rating of low, medium or high is assigned to each security of the Sub-Fund except well-established financial index and its derivatives, currency and its derivative and other financial instruments that the Investment Manager is deemed to not have control of the index. Where there is no ESG score for certain issuer or security, the ESG score of such issuer will be estimated and assessed based on the industry's average ESG score and the issuer's country of operation (if necessary).

Due to the non-public nature of certain securities, the market capitalisation of the issuer is not publicly available for the calculation of PCF. Therefore, the enterprise value is calculated based on the total equity of such entities, instead of the market capitalisation.

DUE DILIGENCE

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ENGAGEMENT POLICIES

The Investment Manager sees engagement as an integral part of their investment process.

The Investment Manager seeks to advance ESG practices through the interactions of its investment professionals with the management of existing and prospective portfolio companies and their advisors. The Investment Manager seeks to ensure that portfolio company management appreciates the financial ramifications of ethical issues and understand its perspective with respect to the approaches being taken across a wide variety of industries and companies.

The Investment Manager shall engage with its investee companies to understand their environmental and climate risk management strategy and their efforts to transition towards more sustainable policies and practices. Where appropriate, the Investment Manager shall actively engage and support investees in their transition journey. The Chief Sustainability Officer shall be responsible for identifying potential investees for active engagement, by using factors such as, the Investment Manager's sustainable development, the potential financial impact of the environmental and climate risks on the investee, the Investment Manager's size of investments and urgency of matter.

DESIGNATED REFERENCE BENCHMARK

No index has been designated as a reference benchmark to meet the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

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