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Xtrackers MDAX ESG Screened UCITS ETF

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

Capitalised terms used in this document shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the latest version of the prospectus of the Company (the "Prospectus"), unless the context otherwise requires. This disclosure document is provided in summary form, for more detailed information please see the Prospectus or the document titled "Publication pursuant to SFDR – Details", available on the financial product's webpage on www.Xtrackers.com.

No sustainable investment objective

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

The financial product commits to partially invest in sustainable investments. Investments that fail to meet DWS' do no significant harm ("DNSH") thresholds will not be considered towards the sustainable investment share of the financial product, which includes, but is not limited to, involvement in harmful business activities, violation of international norms or involvement in very severe controversies, and violation of certain principal adverse indicator thresholds.

As part of the DNSH assessment, the Reference Index of the financial product (as defined below) includes criteria to reduce exposure to or to exclude securities which are negatively aligned with certain principal adverse indicators, as defined in the pre-contractual disclosure for the financial product.

Any securities violating the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights are excluded by the financial product's Reference Index.

Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The financial product promotes environmental and social characteristics and qualifies as a financial product subject to Article 8(1) SFDR by tracking the Reference Index (as defined below) which includes environmental and/or social considerations. The financial product holds a portfolio of equity securities that comprises all, or a substantial number of, the securities comprised in the Reference Index. In order to be eligible for inclusion in the Reference Index, companies must be eligible for inclusion in the Parent Index (as defined below) and must meet certain environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards. The Reference Index excludes companies from the Parent Index, which are: (i) assigned as ISS ESG Rating of D- or below; (ii) identified as 'Red' by ISS ESG in their Norms Based Screening; (iii) have any involvement in controversial weapons; (iv) classified by ISS ESG as breaching certain revenue thresholds in business activities, including, but not limited to, tobacco, thermal coal mining, oil sands, nuclear power, civilian firearms, military equipment, coal expansion, oil fuels, gaseous fuels, and power generation; and/or (v) have missing ESG data. The ESG Criteria comprise the requirements as laid out in Article 12(1)(a) to (g) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 (PAB Exclusions).

Investment strategy

The investment objective of the financial product is to track the performance before fees and expenses of the "Reference Index",

which is the MDAX ESG Screened Index. The Reference Index is based on the MDAX® Index (the "Parent Index") which is designed to reflect the performance of the shares of medium-capitalisation segment of companies traded on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange which follow large-capitalisation companies included in the DAX® index with regard to market capitalisation or companies that are not eligible for inclusion in the DAX® index because they don't fulfil the DAX® profitability requirements. The Reference Index consists of companies from the Parent Index which meet certain minimum Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") standards.

The Reference Index incorporates the ESG characteristics outlined above and described in more detail in the Prospectus. To assess good governance practices of investee companies, the Reference Index excludes companies which breach certain international norm standards (including governance controversies) using ISS-ESG data, and companies that have an ISS ESG Rating (which assesses, amongst other things, how well companies manage governance risks and opportunities) below a certain threshold or have missing ESG data.

Proportion of investments

This financial product invests at least 90% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics. Within this category, at least 1% of the financial product's assets qualify as sustainable investments in the sense of article 2(17) SFDR. Up to 10% of the investments are not aligned with these environmental or social characteristics. A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this financial product can be found in the Prospectus. Financial derivative instruments may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes as ancillary investments.

Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The Reference Index applies the ESG criteria outlined above. DWS performs a regular independent verification of the ESG credentials of the Reference Index, incorporating two key elements: (i) that the composition of the financial product's portfolio is closely aligned with the ESG standards of the Reference Index, and (ii) that the Reference Index is correctly applying the stated ESG criteria.

Investors should note that whilst the financial product and the Reference Index seek to ensure compliance with such criteria at each rebalance or review date, between these reviews or rebalances, securities which no longer meet these criteria may remain included in (i) the Reference Index until they are removed at the subsequent rebalance or review or, (ii) the portfolio of the financial product until it is possible and practicable to divest such positions.

Methodologies

The attainment of the promoted environmental and social characteristics promoted by the financial product is measured using the following sustainability indicators:

- Exposure to Very Severe Controversies
- Exposure to Worst-in-Class issuers
- Controversial Weapons Involvement
- Tobacco involvement

More details on these sustainability indicators are available in the Prospectus.

Data sources and processing

The Reference Index uses ESG data from Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS ESG").

Limitations to methodologies and data

The Reference Index's ESG standards limit the number of securities eligible for inclusion in the Reference Index. As a result, the Reference Index, and as such the financial product, may be more concentrated and underperform the market as a whole or underperform other funds screened for environmental, social and governance standards, or which do not screen for such standards.

The Reference Index solely relies on analysis from the Index Administrator or other data providers (as applicable) in relation to sustainability considerations. Neither the Company, nor any of its service providers, makes any representation with respect to the accuracy, reliability, correctness of the sustainability related data or the way that these are implemented.

Due Dilligence

With regards to the selection of any new reference indices for Xtrackers ETFs, DWS will conduct a due diligence process that includes the assessment of sustainability risks, and endeavour to work in conjunction with benchmark providers to embed certain sustainability risks into the construction of new indexes for both new financial products and also reference indexes considered as a potential reference index in case of substitution for an existing financial product. As part of this process, minimum ESG standards will be applied.

Engagement policies

Active engagement with our investee issuers, using proxy voting and engagement to drive change for the benefit of clients is a key part of DWS Group's approach to sustainable investment. DWS applies an Engagement Policy and Corporate Governance & Proxy Voting Policy.

Designated reference benchmark

The financial product has designated the MDAX ESG Screened Index as the reference benchmark. Additional information on the Reference Index can be found on www.stoxx.com.

Important Information

The MDAX ESG Screened Index (the "Index") is the intellectual property (including registered trademarks) of STOXX Ltd., Qontigo Index GmbH, or their licensors, and is used under a license. Xtrackers MDAX ESG Screened UCITS ETF is neither sponsored nor promoted, distributed or in any other manner supported by STOXX Ltd., Qontigo Index GmbH or their licensors, research partners or data providers and STOXX Ltd., Qontigo Index GmbH and their licensors, research partners or data providers do not give any warranty, and exclude any liability (whether in negligence or otherwise) with respect thereto generally or specifically in relation to any errors, omissions or interruptions in the Index or its data.

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