

Periodic disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraph 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: Xtrackers ESG USD Emerging Markets Bond Quality Weighted UCITS ETF

Legal entity identifier: 549300BQBF21JCBVKV46

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> it made sustainable investments with an environmental objective : ____%	<input type="checkbox"/> It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of ____% of sustainable investments.
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with a social objective : ____%	<input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

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

The financial product promoted environmental and social characteristics and qualified as a financial product subject to Article 8(1) SFDR by tracking the iBoxx MSCI ESG USD Emerging Markets Sovereigns Quality Weighted Index (the "Reference Index") which included environmental and/or social considerations. The financial product held a portfolio of securities that comprised all or a representation of the securities comprised in the Reference Index or unrelated transferable securities or other eligible assets. The Reference Index was designed to offer a targeted coverage of the USD denominated emerging market sovereign bonds universe with adjusted weights, by allocating higher weights to countries with relatively solid fundamentals and higher MSCI ESG Government Ratings while reducing weights of countries with relatively weak fundamentals and lower MSCI ESG Government Ratings, with a minimum of 20% of the eligible universe being excluded solely on the basis of the MSCI ESG Government Ratings.

The weighting methodology aimed to achieve an index country weight reflecting the relative fundamental strength and higher MSCI ESG Government Rating of each of the underlying index countries. Relative fundamental scores were utilised to determine the index country weights in the Reference Index.

Following the application of financial screening criteria, the Reference Index normalised country weights such that they added up to 100% and ranked countries which were still eligible for inclusion by their MSCI Government ESG Rating. The MSCI Government ESG Rating assessed a country's exposure to and management of environmental, social and governance risks and explained how these factors might impact the long-term sustainability of its economy. The factors which measured a country's exposure to and management of ESG risks included but were not limited to: efficiency of resource utilisation, performance in relation to socio-economic factors, financial management, corruption control, political stability. These factors took into account a wide range of underlying data points, covering sub-factors including but not limited to: energy security risk, water resources, vulnerability to environmental events, higher education and technological readiness, the judicial and penal system, and governance effectiveness.

By providing a long-term view on sustainability the ratings aimed to complement traditional government debt analysis in order to analyse a country's credit worthiness. Starting with the lowest MSCI Government ESG Rating, countries were excluded until the cumulative market value weight of such exclusions reached a minimum 20% threshold (effectively a "best-in-universe" approach).

The remaining eligible country weights were then normalised again so that the cumulative weightings in the Reference Index added up to 100%.

How did the sustainability indicators perform?

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Indicators	Description	Performance December 30, 2024
Country Environment Pillar Score	The weighted average of the financial product's portfolio's market value sovereign environmental risk score, assessing issuers' overall performance on environmental risk factors as measured by MSCI.	5.27
Country Governance Pillar Score	The weighted average of the financial product's portfolio's market value sovereign governance risk score, assessing issuers' overall performance on governance risk factors as measured by MSCI.	5.99
Country Social Pillar Score	The weighted average of the financial product's portfolio's market value sovereign social risk score, assessing issuers' overall performance on social risk factors as measured by MSCI.	6.2

...and compared to previous periods?

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Indicators Performance 29/12/2023 30/12/2022

Country Environment Pillar Score	5.41	5.66
Country Governance Pillar Score	5.35	5.40
Country Social Pillar Score	5.60	5.66

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

N/A – The financial product did not intend to make sustainable investments and invested solely into sovereign debt, therefore the financial product did not invest in sustainable economic activities that contributed to an environmental and/or social objective, in accordance with Article 2(17) of SFDR. Sustainable economic activities refer to the proportion of an issuer's economic activities that contribute to an environmental objective and/or a social objective, provided that such investments do not significantly harm any of those objectives and that issuers follow good governance practices.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

N/A – Given the financial product did not intend to make sustainable investments and invested solely into sovereign debt, the financial product did not invest in sustainable economic activities that contributed to an environmental and/or social objective, in accordance with Article 2(17) of SFDR.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

N/A – Given the financial product did not intend to make sustainable investments and invested solely into sovereign debt, indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors were not taken into account for the purposes of determining sustainable economic activities that contribute to an environmental and/or social objective, in accordance with Article 2(17) of SFDR.

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

N/A - Given the financial product did not intend to make sustainable investments and invested solely into sovereign debt, the financial product did not invest in sustainable economic activities that contribute to an environmental and/or social objective, in accordance with Article 2(17) of SFDR.

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 Union Criteria.

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



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.

How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Reference Index of the financial product included criteria to reduce exposure to or to exclude securities which were negatively aligned with the following principal adverse indicators:

- Investee countries subject to social violations (no. 16).



What were the top investments of this financial product?

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Largest investments	Breakdown by sector according to NACE Codes	in % of average portfolio volume	Breakdown by country
Qatar 18/23.04.48 Reg S	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1.3 %	Qatar
Qatar 19/14.03.49 Reg S	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1.2 %	Qatar
Uruguay 14/18.06.50	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1.2 %	Uruguay
Kuwait 17/20.03.27 Reg S	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1.1 %	Kuwait
Qatar 20/16.04.50 Reg S	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.9 %	Qatar
Qatar 19/14.03.29 Reg S	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.8 %	Qatar
Uruguay 18/20.04.55	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.8 %	Uruguay
Poland, Republic of 23/04.10.2033	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.8 %	Poland
Republic of Poland 23/04.04.2053	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.7 %	Poland
Uruguay 22/28.10.2034	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.7 %	Uruguay
Qatar 16/02.06.26 Reg S	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.7 %	Qatar
Abu Dhabi, Emirate of 17/11.10.27 MTN Reg S	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.7 %	United Arab Emirates
Peru 20/23.01.31	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.7 %	Peru
Uruguay 19/23.01.31	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.7 %	Uruguay
Colombia 15/15.06.45	O - Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	0.6 %	Colombia

for the period from January 01, 2024, through December 30, 2024

The list includes the investments constituting **the greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is:
for the period from January 01, 2024, through December 31, 2024



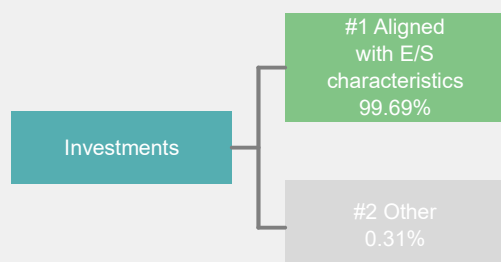
What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

What was the asset allocation?

As at 31.12.2024, this financial product invested 99.69% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

0.31% of the investments were not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other).



#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

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NACE-Code	Breakdown by sector according to NACE Codes	in % of portfolio volume
C	Manufacturing	2.4 %
H	Transporting and storage	0.2 %
K	Financial and insurance activities	4.1 %
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	92.2 %
NA	Other	1.2 %
Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector*		0.0 %

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*The financial product's exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was derived as the aggregate weight of any companies with any revenues from fossil fuel, including secondary activities, and is distinct from the economic sectors defined in accordance with the NACE classification system. The calculation is only applicable to securities classified as corporates. The data is obtained from various data vendors and may result in a divergence, if any, from other disclosures related to fossil fuel exposure as disclosed in this report.



To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

N/A – There was no minimum proportion for sustainable investments with an environmental objective that were consistent with the EU Taxonomy. For this reason, the share of environmentally sustainable investments in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation) is considered to be 0% of the financial product's assets. It may, however, have been the case that some sustainable investments were nevertheless compliant with the environmental objective of the Taxonomy Regulation.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

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

Transitional activities are economic activities for yet low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and that have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

Yes:

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

No

While it is considered that no relevant investments were made, it is possible the financial product may have made some investments in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy.

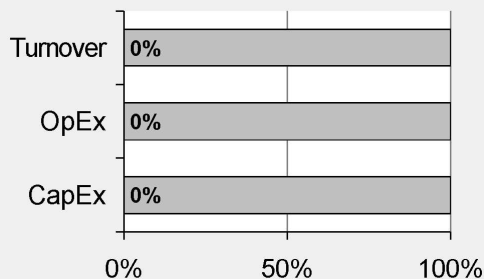
¹ Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do no significant harm to any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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 the green operational activities of investee companies.

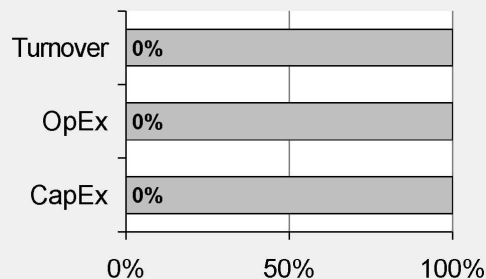
The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product 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*



Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas	0.00%
Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear	0.00%
Taxonomy-aligned (no gas and nuclear)	0.00%
Taxonomy-aligned	0.00%
Non Taxonomy-aligned	100.00%

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds*



Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas	0.00%
Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear	0.00%
Taxonomy-aligned (no gas and nuclear)	0.00%
Taxonomy-aligned	0.00%
Non Taxonomy-aligned	100.00%

This graph represents 100% of the total investments.

*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

N/A – There was no minimum proportion for sustainable investments with an environmental objective that were consistent with the EU Taxonomy. For this reason, the share of investments in transitional and enabling activities in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation) is considered to be 0% of the financial product's assets. It may, however, have been the case that some sustainable investments were in transitional and enabling activities.

How did the percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

N/A



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The financial product did not make an allocation to sustainable economic activities that contribute to an environmental objective.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

The financial product did not make an allocation to sustainable economic activities that contribute to a social objective.



What investments were included under “other”, what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The financial product predominantly promoted asset allocation in investments that were aligned with environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

Those investments included under “#2 Other”, included any ancillary liquid assets for the purpose of efficient portfolio management, including any secured and/or unsecured deposits and/or units or shares of other UCITS or other collective investment schemes which pursued a money market or cash strategy, or financial derivative instruments. It also included (i) any securities which have been recently downgraded by the relevant ESG data provider used in the construction of the Reference Index but could not be removed from the Reference Index until the next Reference Index rebalance and could therefore not be removed from the portfolio until that time and (ii) any securities for which the relevant ESG data provider (a) did not provide a rating or (b) provided a rating that diverged from the Reference Index ESG data provider.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Reference Index promoted environmental and social characteristics by adjusting weights, by allocating higher weights to countries with relatively solid fundamentals and higher MSCI ESG Government Ratings while reducing weights of countries with relatively weak fundamentals and lower MSCI ESG Government Ratings, with a minimum of 20% of the eligible universe being excluded solely on the basis of the MSCI ESG Government Ratings. In order to seek to achieve the investment objective, the financial product adopted a “Direct Investment Policy” which means that the financial product will aimed to track, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Reference Index by holding a portfolio mainly comprised of fixed rate USD denominated government bonds issued by emerging market countries that comprised all or a representation of the securities comprised in the Reference Index or unrelated transferable securities or other eligible assets. Any unrelated transferable securities held by the financial product were typically similar to the securities comprised in the Reference Index.

Active engagement with investee issuers to drive change for the benefit of clients is a key part of DWS Group’s approach to sustainable investment. DWS applied an Engagement Policy, which sets out types and methods of engagement, escalation strategies and expectations regarding communication with inter alia DWS as an investor and DWS on behalf of its clients on a number of topics, including ESG.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference sustainable benchmark?

The financial product has designated the iBoxx MSCI ESG USD Emerging Markets Sovereigns Quality Weighted Index as the reference benchmark. Please see below for the performance comparison between the financial product and the reference benchmark.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How did the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

The Reference Index differs from a broad market index representing the performance of USD denominated sovereign bonds issued by emerging markets by adjusting weights, allocating higher weights to countries with relatively solid fundamentals and higher MSCI ESG Government Ratings while reducing weights of countries with relatively weak fundamentals and lower MSCI ESG Government Ratings.

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How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

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Indicators	Performance Financial Product Xtrackers ESG USD Emerging Markets Bond Quality Weighted UCITS ETF	Performance iBoxx MSCI ESG USD Emerging Markets Sovereigns Quality Weighted Index
Country Environment Pillar Score	5.27	5.27
Country Governance Pillar Score	5.99	5.98
Country Social Pillar Score	6.2	6.2

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How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Reference benchmark comparison	Financial Product	Benchmark
	Xtrackers ESG USD Emerging Markets Bond Quality Weighted UCITS ETF	iBoxx MSCI ESG USD Emerging Markets Sovereigns Quality Weighted Index
Performance	-0.51%	-0.09%

Performance (during the period January 01, 2024 , through December 31, 2024)

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Broad market index comparison	Financial Product	Broad market index
	Xtrackers ESG USD Emerging Markets Bond Quality Weighted UCITS ETF	Markit iBoxx USD Emerging Markets Sovereigns Quality Weighted Index
Performance	-0.51%	1.26%

Performance (during the period January 01, 2024 , through December 31, 2024)