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Xtrackers World Net Zero Pathway Paris Aligned UCITS ETF

This financial product promotes environmental and social characteristics and qualifies as a financial 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.

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. To ensure those sustainable investments do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective, the following processes are implemented:

DNSH Assessment

In accordance with Article 2 (17) SFDR, any such sustainable investments must not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives and such sustainable investment issuers must follow good governance practices. Any investment that fails to meet the do no significant harm ("DNSH") thresholds will not be considered towards the sustainable investment share of the financial product. Such DNSH thresholds will include, but not be 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.

Integration of adverse impacts on sustainability factors

As part of the DNSH assessment under article 2(17) SFDR, the sustainable investment assessment integrates certain metrics related to principle adverse indicators and 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 the following principal adverse indicators:

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production (no. 5);

- Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas (no. 7);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).

Alignment with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

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 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. The Reference Index is designed to reflect the performance of large and medium capitalisation companies across global developed markets which are selected and weighted with the aim of seeking alignment with EU Paris-aligned Benchmark ("EU PAB") standards and certain net zero frameworks. The Reference Index is based on the Parent Index (as defined below).

The Reference Index aims to comply with the regulations laid out for EU PAB in the PAB Regulation. The Reference Index also seeks to implement recommendations published by the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change on their Net Zero Investment Framework which can be found on <https://www.iigcc.org> and <https://parisalignedinvestment.org>.

The Reference Index utilises ESG data from Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS"). ISS provides expertise across a variety of sustainable and responsible investment issues, including climate change, sustainable development goal ("SDG")

linked impacts, human rights, labour standards, corruption and controversial weapons.

Securities are removed from the Parent Index that do not meet certain ESG criteria, including those that are:

- Involved in severe and very severe controversies relating to the environment, human rights, corruption or labour rights;
- Have any involvement in controversial weapons, nuclear weapons, civilian firearm production or tobacco cultivation and production;
- Have involvement over a specific threshold in industries (as set out in the minimum standards for EU PAB) or in certain industries as determined by the Index Administrator to be industries with a high potential for negative environmental, health and/or social impact. These include, but are not limited to:
 - Coal mining and power generation;
 - Fossil fuel production, servicing, exploration, distribution, or power generation;
 - Oil sands production;
 - Civilian firearms distribution;
 - Tobacco related products; and
 - Military weapons;
- Are assigned an ISS ESG rating of D- or below; and
- Have a significant negative impact on United Nations SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption & Production), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 14 (Life Below Water), SDG 15 (Life on Land).

Please note that companies which cannot be evaluated on these criteria due to missing or insufficient data are also excluded.

Securities from the Parent Index that meet these ESG criteria are then assigned an initial weight in the Reference Index based on their market capitalisation, with each constituent's initial weight tilted based on a scoring process for each of the three pillars listed below (the "Tilted Weights"):

- Science-based targets relating to reducing carbon emissions;
- Climate disclosure standards; and
- Green revenue relating to SDG 13.

Additionally, constituent weights are further adjusted to align with the objectives of the EU PAB (including reducing the carbon intensity of the Reference Index). The carbon intensity of the Reference Index is capped at the minimum of the carbon intensity of the decarbonization trajectory on the selection day and 50% of the carbon intensity of the Parent Index on the selection day. The decarbonization trajectory is defined by an annual minimum carbon intensity reduction of 7% compared to the carbon intensity of the Reference Index on the base day in a geometric progression. Under this process, weightings are subject to capping of up to 5%, with individual weight deviations and sector weight deviation limits applied to the Tilted Weights to minimise, to the extent possible, the deviations against the Parent Index.

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 Solactive ISS ESG Developed Markets Net Zero Pathway Index, which is designed to reflect the performance of large and medium capitalisation companies across global developed markets which are selected and weighted with the aim of seeking alignment with EU Paris-aligned Benchmark ("EU PAB") standards and certain net zero frameworks. The Reference Index is based on the Solactive GBS Developed Markets Large & Mid Cap Index (the "Parent Index"). The Parent Index includes large and medium capitalisation companies across global developed markets, selected according to the Solactive country classification framework. Details on the classification of countries is available at <http://www.solactive.com>.

ESG Assessment

The investment objective of the financial product is to track the performance before fees and expenses of the Reference Index, which incorporates the ESG characteristics outlined above.

Policy to assess Good Governance

The investment objective of the financial product is to track the performance before fees and expenses of the Reference Index which excludes companies with verified failure to respect established norms as well as severe or very severe controversies (including governance controversies) using the ISS Norm-Based Research, 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 do not have an ISS ESG Rating.

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 10% 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 ("FDIs") may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes. It is not intended to use FDIs for the attainment of the financial product's objective but rather as ancillary investments to, for example, invest cash balances pending rebalance or investment in constituents of the Reference Index. Any exposures obtained through the use of FDIs for these ancillary purposes will be aligned with the investment objective of the financial product and would conform to ESG standards substantially similar to those of the Reference Index, or would fall within the quoted percentage of the investments that are not aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics.

Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The Reference Index applies the ESG criteria outlined above. DWS performs a regular assessment of the ESG alignment of the financial product, 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 (although some deviations may be observable due, amongst other factors, to: efficient portfolio management, portfolio optimisation, cash balances, and/or recent rebalances); and
- (ii) That the Reference Index is correctly applying the stated ESG criteria through an independent verification of the constituents of the Reference Index against an appropriate ESG data source.

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:

- **Greenhouse Gas Intensity:** The financial product's portfolio's weighted average of its holding issuers' GHG Intensity (Scope 1, Scope 2 and estimated Scope 3 GHG emissions/EUR million revenue) , as determined by either MSCI or ISS. Details on the provider used are available upon request.
- **Exposure to Very Severe Controversies:** The percentage of the financial product's portfolio's market value exposed to companies facing one or more Very Severe controversies related to the environment, customers, human rights, labour rights and governance, including violation of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, as determined by either MSCI or ISS. Details on the provider used are available upon request.
- **Exposure to Worst-in-Class issuers:** The percentage of the financial product's portfolio's market value exposed to companies with a rating of "CCC" or "D-" or below, as determined by either MSCI or ISS. Details on the provider used are available upon request.
- **Exposure to Fossil Fuels:** The percentage of the financial product's portfolio's market value exposed to companies flagged for involvement in fossil fuels, which includes companies deriving revenue from thermal coal extraction, unconventional and conventional oil and gas extraction, oil refining, as well as revenue from thermal coal

based power generation, liquid fuel based power generation, or natural gas based power generation, as determined by either MSCI or ISS. Details on the provider used are available upon request.

Data sources and processing

The Reference Index utilises ESG data from Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS"). ISS provides expertise across a variety of sustainable and responsible investment issues, including climate change, SDG linked impacts, human rights, labour standards, corruption and controversial weapons.

Limitations to methodologies and data

The Reference Index's environmental, social and governance 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 heavily weighted in securities, industry sectors or countries that 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.

Investors should note that the determination that the financial product is subject to the disclosure requirements of a financial product under Article 8(1) of SFDR is made solely on the basis that the Reference Index promotes environmental and social characteristics. The Company is relying on the activities conducted by and information provided by the Index Administrator or other data providers to make this determination. Neither the Company, nor any of its service providers, makes any representation or otherwise as to the suitability of the Reference Index and the financial product in meeting an investor's criteria on minimum ESG standards or otherwise. Investors are advised to carry out their own review as to whether the Reference Index and the financial product accords with their own ESG criteria. Information on how the Reference Index is consistent with environmental, social and governance characteristics is contained in the Prospectus of the financial product.

Investors should note that whilst the financial product and the Reference Index seek to ensure compliance with the ESG 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 Fund until it is possible and practicable to divest such positions.

Investors should note that 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.

It should also be noted that analysis of companies' ESG performance may be based on models, estimates and assumptions.

This analysis should not be taken as an indication or guarantee of current or future performance.

ESG information from third-party data providers may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable. As a result, there is a risk that the Index Administrator or other data providers (as applicable) may incorrectly assess a security or issuer, resulting in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security in the Reference Index and therefore the portfolio of the financial product.

Due diligence

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 to drive change for the benefit of clients is a key part of DWS Group's approach to sustainable investment. DWS applies the following engagement policies.

Engagement Policy

The Engagement Policy establishes inter alia the engagement framework for DWS on how to engage with its investee issuers in relation to both equity as well as debt investments.

This policy 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.

Corporate Governance & Proxy Voting Policy

This policy details DWS's engagement framework in relation to its equity investments. It contains the core governance understanding, governance values and expectations including ESG relating to investee companies in line with the framework and principles as set out in the Engagement Policy as well as proxy voting guidelines. It includes guidelines on how to vote in relation to ESG topics such as ESG-related shareholder proposals.

Designated reference benchmark

The financial product has designated the Solactive ISS ESG Developed Markets Net Zero Pathway Index as the reference benchmark.

Alignment with environmental and social characteristics

The Reference Index promotes environmental and social characteristics by selecting and weighting the constituents with the aim of seeking alignment with EU Paris-aligned Benchmark ("EU PAB") standards and certain net zero frameworks and re-

moving securities from the Parent Index that do not meet certain ESG criteria as outlined above, as of each Reference Index rebalance.

Alignment of the methodology with the Investment Strategy

In order to seek to achieve the investment objective, the financial product will adopt a "Direct Investment Policy" which means that the financial product will aim to replicate or track, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Reference Index by holding a portfolio of equity securities that comprises all, or a substantial number of, the securities comprised in the Reference Index.

Methodology used for calculation of the designated index

Additional information on the Reference Index, its composition, calculation and rules for periodical review and rebalancing and on the general methodology behind the Reference Index can be found on www.solactive.com.

Important Information

Xtrackers, Xtrackers II and Xtrackers (IE) plc are undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations and set up as open-ended investment companies with variable capital and segregated liability between their respective compartments.

Xtrackers and Xtrackers II are incorporated in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, are registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies' Register under number B-119.899 (Xtrackers) and B-124.284 (Xtrackers II) respectively and have their registered office at 49, avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg. Xtrackers (IE) plc is incorporated in Ireland with registered number 393802 and has its registered office at 78 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland.

DWS Investment S.A. acts as the management company of Xtrackers, Xtrackers II and Xtrackers (IE) plc.

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