# **Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF**

# Supplement to the Prospectus

This Supplement contains information in relation to Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF (the "**Fund**"), a sub-fund of Xtrackers (IE) plc (the "**Company**") an umbrella type open-ended investment company with segregated liability between sub-funds and with variable capital governed by the laws of Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "**Central Bank**").

This Supplement forms part of, may not be distributed unless accompanied by (other than to prior recipients of the prospectus of the Company dated 15 June 2023 (the "Prospectus")), the first addendum to the Prospectus dated 1 December 2023, and must be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus.

**Xtrackers (IE) plc** 

Dated 26 September 2024

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Fund is an ETF. The Shares of this Fund are fully transferable to investors and will be listed for trading on one or more stock exchanges.

# TERMS OF THE SHARES REPRESENTING INTERESTS IN THE FUND

# Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to track the performance before fees and expenses of an index which is designed to reflect the performance of the shares of listed companies from developed markets that are owners and operators of infrastructure assets, and which meet certain, environmental, social and governance ("**ESG**") criteria.

# **Investment Policy**

In order to seek to achieve the investment objective, the Fund will adopt a Direct Investment Policy and will aim to replicate or track, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Green Infrastructure Index (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 (the "**Underlying Securities**"). Further information on the Reference Index is contained under "General Description of the Underlying Asset". The Investment Manager reserves the right to exclude from the portfolio of the Fund any securities from the Reference Index that do not comply with the Investment Manager's policies or standards (examples of which are described in the Prospectus under the heading "Direct Investment Funds following a passive approach").

The Fund is managed according to a passive approach and is a Full Replication Fund (as described in the Prospectus under the heading "*Direct Investment Funds following a passive approach*"). Full disclosure on the composition of the Fund's portfolio will be available on a daily basis at <u>www.Xtrackers.com</u>.

There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Fund will actually be achieved.

The Underlying Securities are listed or traded on markets and exchanges which are set out at Appendix I of the Prospectus, with the Underlying Securities being bought by the Fund from any broker or counterparty who trades on the markets and exchanges listed at Appendix I of the Prospectus.

As further described in the 'Efficient Portfolio Management and Financial Derivative Instruments' section below and in the Prospectus, the Fund may also invest in securities which are not constituents of the Reference Index and/or financial derivative instruments ("**FDIs**") related to a constituent of the Reference Index, for efficient portfolio management purposes, where such securities and/or FDIs would achieve a risk and return profile similar to that of the Reference Index, a constituent of the Reference Index or a sub-set of constituents of the Reference Index.

The Fund may invest in ancillary liquid assets which will include secured and/or unsecured deposits, and/or units or shares of other UCITS or other collective investment schemes which pursue a money market/cash strategy or which are related to the Reference Index or constituents of the Reference Index.

The investments and liquid assets that the Fund may hold on an ancillary basis will, together with any fees and expenses, be valued by the Administrator on each Valuation Day in order to determine the Net Asset Value of the Fund in accordance with the rules set out in the Prospectus.

The value of the Fund's Shares is linked to the Reference Index, the performance of which may rise or fall. Hence, investors should note that the value of their investment could fall as well as rise and they should accept that there is no guarantee that they will recover their initial investment. The return that the Shareholder may receive will be dependent on the performance of the Reference Index.

The Fund will have no Final Repurchase Date. However, the Directors may decide to terminate the Fund in accordance with the terms set out in the Prospectus and/or the Articles of Association.

# Efficient Portfolio Management and Financial Derivative Instruments

The Fund may employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities under the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank from time to time and the conditions set out in the Prospectus and this Supplement for efficient portfolio management purposes.

The Fund may also invest in FDIs subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank for efficient portfolio management purposes and as described in the Prospectus. For details of any FDIs the Fund may use, please refer to the section entitled "Use of Derivatives by Direct Investment Funds" set out in the Prospectus.

The Company employs a risk management process which enables it to accurately measure, monitor and manage at any time the risks attached to the Fund's FDI positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the portfolio of assets of a Fund. The Company will, on request, provide supplementary information to Shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments in respect of the relevant Fund.

# Calculation of Global Exposure

The Fund will employ the commitment approach to assess the Fund's global exposure and to ensure that the Fund's use of derivative instruments is within the limits specified by the Central Bank. Global exposure will be calculated daily. While the Fund may be leveraged through the use of the FDIs, any such leverage will not be in excess of 100% of the Fund's Net Asset Value.

# **Investment Restrictions**

The general investment restrictions set out under "Investment Restrictions" in the Prospectus apply to the Fund.

Furthermore, the Fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in units or shares of other UCITS or other collective investment schemes in order to be eligible for investment by UCITS governed by the UCITS directive.

The Directors may from time to time impose such further investment restrictions as shall be compatible with or in the interests of Shareholders, in order to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries where Shareholders are located. Such investment restrictions will be included in an updated Supplement.

# Borrowing

The Company may only borrow, for the account of the Fund, up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund provided that such borrowing is for temporary purposes. The assets of the Fund may be charged as security for any such borrowings.

# Specific Risk Warnings

Investors should note that the Fund is not capital protected or guaranteed and that the capital invested is not protected or guaranteed and investors in this Fund should be prepared and able to sustain losses up to the total capital invested.

# Concentration of the Reference Index

The market which the Reference Index seeks to represent has a high concentration to one or more sectors. Therefore, investors should be aware that changes in the conditions affecting the concentrated sector or sectors may have an adverse impact on the performance of the Reference Index and the portfolio of transferable securities and eligible assets held by the Fund.

# Environmental, Social and Governance Standards

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 Fund, may be more heavily weighted in securities, industry sectors or countries that underperform the market as a whole or underperform other funds screened for ESG standards, or which do not screen for such standards.

Investors should note that the determination that the Fund 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 (as further described under the heading "General Description of the Underlying Asset", where applicable) 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 Fund 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 Fund accords with their own ESG criteria. Information on how the Reference Index is consistent with ESG characteristics is contained under "General Description of the Underlying Asset".

Investors should note that whilst the Fund and the Reference Index seek to ensure compliance with the criteria outlined under "General Description of the Underlying Asset" 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.

# Sustainability Data Risks

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 and carbon 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 Fund.

Investors will also bear certain other risks as described under the section "Risk Factors" in the Prospectus.

# Profile of a Typical Investor

Prospective investors in the Fund should ensure that they understand fully the nature of the Fund, as well as the extent of their exposure to risks associated with an investment in the Fund and should consider the suitability of an investment in the Fund.

Investment in the Fund may be appropriate for investors who have knowledge of, and investment experience in this type of financial product and understand and can evaluate the strategy and characteristics in order to make an informed investment decision. Further, they may have free and available cash for investment purposes and are looking to gain exposure to the securities making up the Reference Index. As the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund will fluctuate and may fall in value, investment in the Fund should be viewed as suitable for investors who seek a return over the medium to long term. However, prospective investors should be prepared and able to sustain losses up to the total amount of capital invested.

The Prospectus sets out statements on taxation regarding the law and practice in force in the relevant jurisdiction at the date of the Prospectus. The statements are by way of a general guide to potential investors and Shareholders only and do not constitute legal or tax advice to Shareholders or potential investors. Shareholders and potential investors are therefore advised to consult their professional advisers concerning any investment in the Fund particularly as the tax position of an investor and the rates of tax may change over time.

# **Dividend Policy**

The Fund does not intend to make dividend payments.

# **General Information Relating to the Fund**

Base Currency	USD
Cut-off Time	Means 4.30 p.m. (Dublin time) on the Business Day before the relevant Transaction Day.
Fund Classification (InvStG)	Equity Fund, target minimum percentage of 51%.
Initial Offer Period	The Initial Offer Period in respect of the "1C" Shares shall be from 9:00 a.m. on 27 September 2024 to 4:30 p.m. (Dublin time) on 26 March 2025, or such earlier or later date as the Directors may determine and notify in advance to the Central Bank.
Minimum Fund Size	USD 50,000,000.
Settlement Day	Means up to nine Settlement Days following the Transaction Day <sup>1</sup> .
Securities Lending	No
Securities Lending Transparency under SFDR	No The Fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental and social characteristics and is subject to the disclosure requirements of a financial product under Article 8(1) SFDR. Information on how the Reference Index is consistent with environmental, social and governance characteristics is contained under "General Description of the Reference Index". Please also refer to "Environmental, Social and Governance Standards" under "Specific Risk Warning" above, to the section entitled "Sustainability-related disclosures under SFDR and EU Taxonomy Regulation" set out in the Prospectus and the annex to this Supplement.

# **Description of the Shares**

	"1C"
ISIN Code	IE00BYZNF849
German Security Identification Number (WKN)	A2DH15
Currency	USD
Initial Issue Price	The Initial Issue Price will be calculated as corresponding to an appropriate fraction of the closing level of the Reference Index on the Launch

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the case that a Significant Market is closed for trading or settlement on any Settlement Day during the period between the relevant Transaction Day and the expected settlement date (inclusive), and/or settlement in the base currency of the Fund is not available on the expected settlement date, there may be corresponding delays to the settlement times indicated in this Supplement subject to the regulatory limit on settlement periods of 10 Business Days from the Cut-off Time. Earlier or later times may be determined by the Management Company at its discretion, whereby notice will be given on <a href="http://www.Xtrackers.com">www.Xtrackers.com</a>.

	Date. The Launch Date shall be the final day of the Initial Offer Period. The Initial Issue Price is available from the Administrator.
Launch Date	To be determined by the Board of Directors. The Launch Date will be available from the Administrator and via the website: <u>www.Xtrackers.com</u>
Minimum Initial Investment Amount	USD 50,000
Minimum Additional Investment Amount	USD 50,000
Minimum Redemption Amount	USD 50,000

# Fees and Expenses

	"1C"
Currency Hedged Share Class	No
Management Company Fee	Up to 0.23% per annum
Platform Fee	Up to 0.12% per annum
All-in Fee	Up to 0.35% per annum
Primary Market Transaction Costs	Applicable
Transaction Costs	Applicable
Anticipated Tracking Error	Up to 1.00% per annum

This section headed "Fees and Expenses" should be read in conjunction with the section headed "Fees and Expenses" in the Prospectus.

# GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERLYING ASSET

This section is a brief overview of the Reference Index. It contains a summary of the principal features of the Reference Index and is not a complete description of the Reference Index. In case of inconsistency between the summary of the Reference Index in this section and the complete description of the Reference Index, the complete description of the Reference Index prevails. Information on the Reference Index appears on the website identified below in "Further Information". Such information may change from time to time and details of the changes will appear on that website.

# **General Description of the Reference Index**

The Reference Index is based on the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Plus Index (the "**Parent Index**"), which is administered by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the "**Index Administrator**"). The Parent Index is designed to reflect the performance of companies from global developed markets that are owners and operators of infrastructure assets, identified by their cash flows from certain infrastructure sectors, as classified by the Index Administrator. The Reference Index seeks to minimize the difference in constituent weights relative to the Parent Index, while aligning with certain ESG and climate-related criteria through the use of optimisation constraints (as defined below) and excluding companies which do not fulfil certain ESG criteria.

# ESG Exclusions

The Reference Index applies an ESG exclusion approach where all of the companies from the Parent Index which breach the following ESG standards, amongst others, are excluded:

- Are classified by S&P Global Sustainable1's ("Sustainable1") Business Involvement Screens as breaching certain thresholds in controversial activities, including, but not limited to, tobacco, controversial weapons, oil sands extraction, thermal coal, and conventional weapons;
- Are classified by S&P Trucost Limited ("Trucost") in their sector revenue dataset as breaching certain thresholds in controversial activities, including, but not limited to, fossil fuel exploration, processing and generation;
- Fail to comply with the United Nations Global Compact principles as determined by Sustainalytics by Morningstar ("**Sustainalytics**"); and
- Are assessed by S&P Global, using RepRisk data, to have been involved in certain controversies or ESG risk incidents.

The Reference Index utilises ESG data and research from Sustainable1, Trucost, Sustainalytics and RepRisk for the ESG Exclusions.

# Sustainable1 Business Involvement Screens

Sustainable1 Business Involvement Screens aim to enable investors to align investment values with investment strategy by providing detailed assessments of common areas of concern pinpointing the level of involvement. For more details on S&P Global Business Involvement Screens, please refer to <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/">https://www.spglobal.com/</a> for more information.

# Sustainalytics

Sustainalytics, a Morningstar company, is a leading independent ESG and corporate governance research, ratings and analytics firm that supports investors around the world with the development and implementation of responsible investment strategies. Companies without Sustainalytics coverage are ineligible for index inclusion until they receive such coverage. Please refer to <a href="http://www.sustainalytics.com/">http://www.sustainalytics.com/</a> for more information.

# Trucost

Trucost (a part of S&P Global) is a leader in carbon and environmental data and risk analysis. Trucost

assesses risks relating to climate change, natural resource constraints, and broader environmental, social, and governance factors. Companies and financial institutions use Trucost intelligence to understand their exposure to these factors, inform resilience, and identify transformative solutions for a more sustainable global economy. Please refer to <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/">https://www.spglobal.com/</a> for more information.

# Reprisk

RepRisk, a leading data science company, is used for daily filtering, screening, and analysis of ESG risk incidents and controversial activities related to the companies which may result in further exclusions of companies from the Reference Index as determined by the Index Administrator. Please refer to <a href="http://www.reprisk.com/">http://www.reprisk.com/</a> for more information.

# Security Selection and Weighting

Securities from the Parent Index which pass the ESG Exclusions outlined above will constitute the eligible universe (the "**Eligible Universe**"). Securities from the Eligible Universe are selected and weighted following an optimisation-based approach subject to the following two objectives: (i) climate and other ESG objectives and (ii) diversification objectives.

# Climate and other ESG Objectives

Securities in the Eligible Universe are subject to climate and other ESG constraints including, but not limited to:

- A minimum improvement in the weighted average S&P Global ESG Score of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in the weighted average Trucost Total Impact Ratio of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in greenhouse gas ("GHG"), (expressed in CO2 equivalents) emissions intensity of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in the Physical Risk Score of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in Green-to-Brown Revenue Share of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index; and
- A minimum improvement in the weight of eligible Science Based Target Companies relative to the Parent Index.

The Reference Index utilises ESG data and research from S&P Global ESG and Trucost for the Climate and other ESG Objectives.

# S&P Global ESG

The S&P Global ESG Score is calculated by S&P Global Sustainable1 ("**Sustainable1**") using a company's 'Corporate Sustainability Assessment' ("**CSA**") which is derived using either company-provided data, publicly available information, or a combination thereof. Please refer to <u>https://www.spglobal.com/</u> for more information.

# Trucost

Trucost climate data, as defined above, is used for the Climate related Objectives. Additionally, the below two Trucost attributes are utilised in the climate and other ESG constraints:

- Trucost's Total Impact Ratio is a company level metric representing the sum of all the direct and indirect
  external environmental damage costs of a company, expressed as a percentage of revenue. Direct costs
  are those associated with a company's direct operations, while indirect costs are those that are borne in the
  company's supply chain. This includes coverage of the company's greenhouse gases, water use, waste
  generated, land, water and air pollutants generated, and natural resources used.
- Trucost's Green-to-Brown Revenue Share is the weighted average share of revenue derived from Green Sectors (including but not limited to renewable energy generation) over the weighted average share of revenue derived from Brown Sectors (including but not limited to non-renewable energy generation), as defined by Trucost Sectors.

# Diversification and Deviation Objectives

Securities in the Reference Index are subject to diversification constraints to ensure diversification and representativeness of, for example, constituent weightings and liquidity constraints compared to the Parent Index.

The underlying constituents of the Reference Index are listed in multiple currencies.

The Reference Index is reviewed and rebalanced on a quarterly basis and may also be rebalanced at other times in order to reflect corporate activity such as mergers and acquisitions.

The Reference Index is a total return net index. A total return net index calculates the performance of the index constituents on the basis that any dividends or distributions are reinvested after the deduction of any taxes that may apply.

The Reference Index is calculated in US Dollar on an end of day basis.

# **Further Information**

Additional information on the Reference Index, its composition, calculation and rules for periodical review and rebalancing and the general methodology behind the S&P indices is available on <u>https://www.spglobal.com</u>/.

S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC has been granted authorisation as a benchmark administrator for the Reference Index and is included in the register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by ESMA pursuant to the Benchmark Regulations.

# IMPORTANT

The "Dow Jones Brookfield Global Green Infrastructure Index" is a product of S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC or its affiliates ("SPDJI") and has been licensed for use by Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF. Standard & Poor's® and S&P® are registered trademarks of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"); Dow Jones® is a registered trademark of Dow Jones Trademark Holdings LLC ("Dow Jones") and these trademarks have been licensed for use by SPDJI and sublicensed for certain purposes by Xtrackers S&P Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF is not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by SPDJI, Dow Jones, S&P, any of their respective affiliates (collectively, "S&P Dow Jones Indices"). S&P Dow Jones Indices do not make any representation or warranty, express or implied, to the owners of Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF particularly or the ability of the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Green Infrastructure Index to track general market performance. Past performance of an index is not an indication or guarantee of future results. S&P Dow Jones Indices' only relationship to Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF with respect to the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Green Infrastructure Index is the licensing of the index and certain trademarks, service marks and/or trade names of S&P Dow Jones Indices and/or its licensors. The Dow Jones Brookfield Global Green Infrastructure Index is determined, composed and calculated by S&P Dow Jones Indices without regard to Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF. S&P Dow Jones Indices have no obligation to take the needs of Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF or the owners of Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF into consideration in determining, composing or calculating the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Green Infrastructure Index. S&P Dow Jones Indices are not responsible for and have not participated in the determination of the prices, the value of Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF or the timing of the issuance or sale of Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF or in the determination or calculation of the equation by which Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF is to be converted into cash, surrendered or redeemed, as the case may be. S&P Dow Jones Indices have no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF. There is no assurance that investment products based on the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Green Infrastructure Index will accurately track index performance or provide positive investment returns. S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC is not an investment or tax advisor. A tax advisor should be consulted to evaluate the impact of any tax-exempt securities on portfolios and the tax consequences of making any particular investment decision. Inclusion of a security within an index is not a recommendation by S&P Dow Jones Indices to buy, sell, or hold such security, nor is it considered to be investment advice.

S&P DOW JONES INDICES DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ADEQUACY, ACCURACY, TIMELINESS AND/OR THE COMPLETENESS OF THE DOW JONES BROOKFIELD GLOBAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INDEX OR ANY DATA RELATED THERETO OR ANY COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (INCLUDING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS) WITH RESPECT THERETO. S&P DOW JONES INDICES SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY DAMAGES OR LIABILITY FOR ANY ERRORS, OMISSIONS, OR DELAYS THEREIN. S&P DOW JONES INDICES MAKES NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE OR AS TO RESULTS TO BE OBTAINED BY XTRACKERS GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE ESG UCITS ETF, OWNERS OF XTRACKERS GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE ESG UCITS ETF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FROM THE USE OF THE S&P GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE INDEX OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY DATA RELATED THERETO. WITHOUT LIMITING ANY OF THE FOREGOING, IN NO EVENT WHATSOEVER SHALL S&P DOW JONES INDICES BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF PROFITS, TRADING LOSSES, LOST TIME OR GOODWILL, EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBLITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR OTHERWISE. THERE ARE NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES OF ANY AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN S&P DOW JONES INDICES AND XTRACKERS GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE ESG UCITS ETF, OTHER THAN THE LICENSORS OF S&P DOW JONES INDICES.

# ANNEX

Product name: Xtrackers Global Infrastructure ESG UCITS ETF

Legal entity identifier: 254900RTC4KIYT715444

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

#### that contributes to Environmental and/or social characteristics an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective? significantly harm any environmental Yes No × or social objective and that the investee It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) It will make a minimum of companies follow characteristics and while it does not have as sustainable investments with an governance good its objective a sustainable investment, it will environmental objective: % practices. have a minimum proportion of 10% of in economic activities that sustainable investments qualify as environmentally The EU Taxonomy is with an environmental objective in classification а sustainable under the EU economic activities that qualify as system laid down in Taxonomy Regulation (EU) environmentally sustainable under 2020/852, in economic activities that the EU Taxonomy establishing a list of do not qualify as environmentally with an environmental objective in ¥ sustainable environmentally economic activities that do not qualify economic activities. sustainable under the EU as environmentally sustainable under That Regulation does Taxonomy not include a list of the EU Taxonomy socially sustainable economic activities. with a social objective Sustainable investments with an It will make a minimum of It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not environmental objective might be make any sustainable investments sustainable investments with a aligned with the social objective: % Taxonomy or not.



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# What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this 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. The financial product specifically promotes, amongst others, the environmental characteristics of: a reduction in greenhouse gas ("GHG") intensity; and the social characteristics of: a reduction in human and labour rights controversy occurrences and a reduction in controversial weapon production.

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# ESG Exclusions

The Reference Index applies an ESG exclusion approach where all of the companies from the Parent Index which breach the following ESG standards, amongst others, are excluded:

- Are classified by S&P Global Sustainable1's ("Sustainable1") Business Involvement Screens as breaching certain thresholds in controversial activities, including, but not limited to, tobacco, controversial weapons, oil sands extraction, thermal coal, and conventional weapons;
- Are classified by S&P Trucost Limited ("Trucost") in their sector revenue dataset as breaching certain thresholds in controversial activities, including, but not limited to, fossil fuel exploration, processing, and generation;
- Fail to comply with the United Nations Global Compact principles as determined by Sustainalytics by Morningstar ("Sustainalytics"); and
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# Sustainalytics

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# Trucost

S&P Trucost Limited (a part of S&P Global) is a leader in carbon and environmental data and risk analysis. S&P Trucost Limited assesses risks relating to climate change, natural resource constraints, and broader environmental, social, and governance factors. Companies and financial institutions use Trucost intelligence to understand their exposure to these factors, inform resilience, and identify transformative solutions for a more sustainable global economy. Please refer to <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/">https://www.spglobal.com/</a> for more information.

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# Security Selection and Weighting

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# Climate and other ESG Objectives

Securities in the Eligible Universe are subject to climate and other ESG constraints including, but not limited to:

- A minimum improvement in the weighted average S&P Global ESG Score of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in the weighted average Trucost Total Impact Ratio of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in greenhouse gas ("GHG"), (expressed in CO2 equivalents) emissions intensity of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in the Physical Risk Score of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in Green-to-Brown Revenue Share of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index; and
- A minimum improvement in the weight of eligible Science Based Target Companies relative to the Parent Index.

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#### S&P Global ESG

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# Trucost

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- Trucost's Total Impact Ratio is a company level metric representing the sum of all the direct and indirect external environmental damage costs of a company, expressed as a percentage of revenue. Direct costs are those associated with a company's direct operations, while indirect costs are those that are borne in the company's supply chain. This includes coverage of the company's greenhouse gases, water use, waste generated, land, water and air pollutants generated, and natural resources used.
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# Sustainability

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

# What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

- 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, Sustainalytics, or RepRisk. Details on the provider used are available upon request.
- **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 Trucost. Details on the provider used are available upon request.
- Controversial Weapons Involvement: The percentage of the financial product's portfolio's market value exposed to companies with ties to cluster munitions, landmines, biological / chemical weapons, depleted uranium weapons, blinding laser weapons, incendiary weapons, and/or non-detectable fragments, as determined by either MSCI, Sustainalytics, or RepRisk. Details on the provider used are available upon request.
- **Tobacco involvement**: The percentage of the financial product's portfolio's market value exposed to companies flagged for involvement in tobacco, and includes all tobacco producers as well as tobacco distributors, suppliers, and retailers with a combined revenue in these areas of more than, or equal to, 5%, as determined by either MSCI or ISS ESG. Details on the provider used are available upon request.
- What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

While the financial product does not have sustainable investment as its objective, it will invest

a minimum proportion of its assets in sustainable investments as defined by Article 2 (17) SFDR.

At least 10% of the financial product's net assets will be invested in sustainable economic activities that contribute to an environmental and/or social objective, in accordance with Article 2 (17) 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 the investee companies follow good governance practices. The sustainability investment assessment uses data from one or multiple data providers and/or public sources to determine if an activity is sustainable. The environmental and/or social objectives are identified by activities that contribute positively to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals ("UN SDGs"), which may include, but is not limited to, (i) Goal 1: No poverty, (ii) Goal 2: Zero hunger, (iii) Goal 3: Good health and well-being, (iv) Goal 4: Quality education, (v) Goal 5: Gender equality, (vi) Goal 6: Clean water and Sanitation, (vii) Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy, (viii) Goal 10: Reduced inequality, (ix) Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities, (x) Goal 12: Responsible consumption, (xi) Goal 13: Climate action, (xii) Goal 14: Life below water, and (xiii) Goal 15: Life on land, are measured in terms of revenues, capital expenditure (CapEx) and/or operational expenditure (OpEx). The extent of contribution to individual UN SDGs will vary based on the actual investments in the portfolio.

# How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

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.

# - How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

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 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);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).
- -- How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?

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.

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.

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 EU criteria.

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

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



# Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

Yes, the financial product considers the following principle adverse impacts on sustainability factors from Annex I of the draft Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing the SFDR (C(2022) 1931 final):

- Carbon footprint (no. 2);
- GHG intensity of investee companies (no. 3);
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector (no. 4);
- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises (no. 10); and
- Exposure to controversial weapons (no. 14).
- No



What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The investmentstrategyguidesinvestmentdecisionsdecisionsbasedon factorssuch asinvestmentobjectivesobjectivesandrisk tolerance.

The investment objective of the financial product is to track the performance before fees and expenses of the "Reference Index", which is the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Green Infrastructure Index, which is designed to reflect the performance of the shares of listed companies from developed markets that are owners and operators of infrastructure assets, and which meet certain, environmental, social and governance criteria. The Reference Index is based on the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Plus Index (the "Parent Index"). The Parent Index is designed to reflect the performance of companies from global developed markets that are owners and operators of infrastructure assets, identified by their cash flows from certain infrastructure sectors, as classified by the Index Administrator. The Reference Index seeks to minimize the difference in constituent weights relative to the Parent Index, while aligning with certain ESG and climate-related criteria through the use of optimisation constraints and excluding companies which do not fulfil certain ESG criteria.

• 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?

The investment objective of the financial product is to track the performance before fees and

expenses of the Reference Index. The Reference Index is based on the Parent Index. The Reference Index seeks to minimize the difference in constituent weights relative to the Parent Index, while aligning with certain ESG and climate-related criteria through the use of optimisation constraints and excluding companies which do not fulfil certain ESG criteria.

# ESG Exclusions

The Reference Index applies an ESG exclusion approach where all of the companies from the Parent Index which breach the following ESG standards, amongst others, are excluded:

- Are classified by S&P Global Sustainable1's ("Sustainable1") Business Involvement Screens as breaching certain thresholds in controversial activities, including, but not limited to, tobacco, controversial weapons, oil sands extraction, thermal coal, and conventional weapons;
- Are classified by S&P Trucost Limited ("Trucost") in their sector revenue dataset as breaching certain thresholds in controversial activities, including, but not limited to, fossil fuel exploration, processing and generation;
- Fail to comply with the United Nations Global Compact principles as determined by Sustainalytics by Morningstar ("Sustainalytics"); and
- Are assessed by S&P Global, using RepRisk data, to have been involved in certain controversies or ESG risk incidents.

The Reference Index utilises ESG data and research from Sustainable1, Trucost, Sustainalytics and RepRisk for the ESG Exclusions.

#### Security Selection and Weighting

Securities from the Parent Index which pass the ESG Exclusions outlined above will constitute the eligible universe (the "Eligible Universe"). Securities from the Eligible Universe are selected and weighted following an optimisation-based approach subject to the following two objectives: (i) climate and other ESG objectives and (ii) diversification objectives.

## Climate and other ESG Objectives

Securities in the Eligible Universe are subject to climate and other ESG constraints including, but not limited to:

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- A minimum reduction in the weighted average Trucost Total Impact Ratio of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in greenhouse gas ("GHG"), (expressed in CO2 equivalents) emissions intensity of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in the Physical Risk Score of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index;
- A minimum reduction in Green-to-Brown Revenue Share of the Reference Index relative to the Parent Index; and
- A minimum improvement in the weight of eligible Science Based Target Companies relative to the Parent Index.

The Reference Index utilises ESG data and research from S&P Global ESG and Trucost for the Climate and other ESG Objectives.

#### S&P Global ESG

The S&P Global ESG Score is calculated by S&P Global Sustainable1 ("Sustainable1") using a company's 'Corporate Sustainability Assessment' (CSA) which is derived using either company-provided data, publicly available information, or a combination thereof. Please refer to <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/">https://www.spglobal.com/</a> for more information.

# Trucost

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# What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The financial product does not pursue a committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of investments considered prior to the application of the investment strategy.

# What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The investment objective of the financial product is to track the performance before fees and expenses of the Reference Index which excludes companies which breach certain international norm standards (including governance controversies) using Sustainalytics ESG data. The weighted average S&P Global ESG rating (which assesses, amongst other things, how well companies manage governance risks and

# Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations,

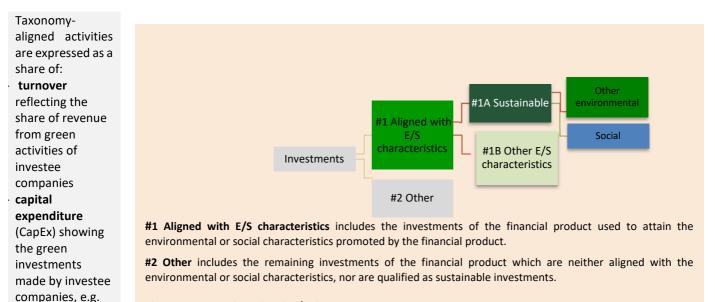
remuneration of staff and tax compliance. opportunities) of the index must be higher than the rating of the investment universe after eliminating at least 25% of the least well-rated securities.



# What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

This financial product invests at least 90% of its net assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). Within this category, at least 10% of the financial product's assets qualify as sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).

Up to 10% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other).



## The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

The sub-category #1A Sustainable covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
 The sub-category #1B Other E/S characteristics covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

# How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

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

for a transition to

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operational

expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee

companies.

investments that are not aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#2 Other).

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

While the financial product promotes environmental characteristics, it is not intended that its underlying investments take into account the EU Taxonomy Regulation criteria for the environmentally sustainable economic activities of climate change mitigation and/or climate change adaptation (the only two of the six environmental objectives under the EU Taxonomy Regulation for which technical screening criteria have been defined through delegated acts). As a result, the financial product does not intend to make investments within the scope of the EU Taxonomy Regulation.

# Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonom $y^2$ ?

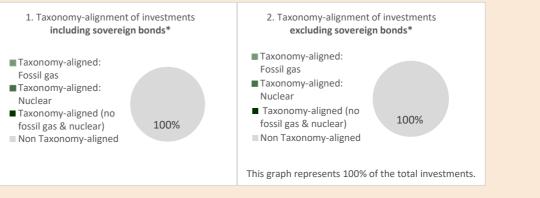
Yes

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

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

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are 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.



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

# What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

The financial product does not have a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities, as it does not commit to a minimum proportion of environmentally sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

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

To comply with

## Enabling

rules.

activities directly enable other activities to make substantial contribution to an invironmental objective.

Transitional

activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse emission gas levels corresponding to the hest performance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 not significantly harm 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.



sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

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# What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The financial product does not intend to make a minimum allocation to sustainable economic activities that contribute to an environmental objective. However, the share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments will in total be at least 10%.

# What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The financial product does not intend to make a minimum allocation to sustainable economic activities that contribute to a social objective. However, the share of environmentally and socially sustainable investments will in total be at least 10%.

# What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

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

Those investments included under "#2 Other", may include ancillary liquid assets for the purpose of efficient portfolio management, which may include, secured and/or unsecured deposits and/or units or shares of other UCITS or other collective investment schemes which pursue a money market or cash strategy, or financial derivative instruments. It may also include securities which have been recently downgraded by the relevant ESG data provider but will not be removed from the Reference Index until the next Reference Index rebalance and may therefore not be removed from the portfolio until that time.



# Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

Yes. The financial product has designated the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Green Infrastructure Index as the reference benchmark.

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

# How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

The Reference Index promotes environmental and social characteristics by excluding companies from the Parent Index which do not fulfil the specific ESG criteria and selecting and weighting eligible securities following an optimisation-based approach subject to certain climate and ESG objectives outlined above, as of each Reference Index rebalance.

# How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?

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.

# • How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?

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#### Sustainable1 Business Involvement Screens

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#### **Sustainalytics**

Sustainalytics, a Morningstar company, is a leading independent ESG and corporate governance research, ratings and analytics firm that supports investors around the world with the development and implementation of responsible investment strategies. Companies without Sustainalytics coverage are ineligible for index inclusion until they receive such coverage. Please refer to <a href="http://www.sustainalytics.com/">http://www.sustainalytics.com/</a> for more information.

## Trucost

S&P Trucost Limited (a part of S&P Global) is a leader in carbon and environmental data and risk analysis. S&P Trucost Limited assesses risks relating to climate change, natural resource constraints, and broader environmental, social, and governance factors. Companies and financial institutions use Trucost intelligence to understand their exposure to these factors, inform resilience, and identify transformative solutions for a more sustainable global economy. Please refer to https://www.spglobal.com/ for more information.

#### Reprisk

RepRisk is a leading data science company, is used for daily filtering, screening, and analysis of ESG risk incidents and controversial activities related to the companies which may result in further exclusions of companies from the Reference Index as determined by the Index Administrator. Please refer to http://www.reprisk.com/ for more information.

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# Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?

Additional information on the Reference Index, its composition, calculation and rules for periodical review and rebalancing and on the general methodology behind the S&P indices can be found on <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/">https://www.spglobal.com/</a>

# Where can I find more product specific information online?

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