

# Acadian CIMAgo Sustainable Equity Selection

Russell Investments Company PLC

## Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation Information



### Article 8 Financial product promoting environmental and/or social characteristic(s)

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#### Fund Description

The characteristics promoted by the Acadian CIMAgo Sustainable Equity Selection are as follows:

- (i) investments in companies that exhibit socially responsible characteristics;
- (ii) exclusion of companies that generate more than 10% of their revenue from certain activities that are not deemed to be socially responsible, as set out in more detail below; and
- (iii) investment in companies which will on average have 80% of the level 1 and 2 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions versus the companies contained in the MSCI World Minimum Volatility (USD) Index (the "Index").

#### Investment strategy

The Fund will invest at least 70% of its assets in a diversified portfolio of low-risk equities and equity related securities.

The money manager of the Fund, Acadian Asset Management LLC ("Acadian"), uses a quantitative analytical model (the "Acadian Model") to identify the portfolio of securities in which the Fund will invest.

The Acadian Model together with lists/data provided by data providers, as set out in more detail below, are used to:

- (i) Identify companies that exhibit socially responsible characteristics.
- (ii) Exclude companies that violate Socially Responsible Investing (SRI) norms or that do not exhibit sustainable business practices.
- (iii) Exclude companies whose main business involves the extraction or manufacturing of fossil fuels.

#### Index

You can find information about the Index [here](#). The Index is a broad market index which does not focus on the environmental and/or social characteristics.



### Implementation and methodologies

#### Socially Responsible Characteristics

Acadian will use quantitative data to analyse and evaluate each security on its Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") characteristics that have demonstrated material and significant forecasting ability of future operating performance. ESG characteristics include companies with prudent management behaviour with respect to external transparency, internal controls, and compliance with international norms on environment, human rights, labour rights, corruption and inhumane weapons.

The Fund will not invest in companies which earn more than 10% of their revenue from the production or distribution of military weapons, gambling, adult entertainment, tobacco, cannabis, adult entertainment, nuclear power, for profits prisons, controversial weapons, animal mistreatment, thermal coal, oil sands and alcoholic products.

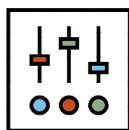
#### Fossil Fuels

The Fund will invest in securities which on average will have no more than 80% of level 1 and 2 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions versus the companies contained in the Index.

Acadian wholly incorporates ESG investing throughout the investment process utilized for the Fund. ESG considerations are integrated through factors in our bottom-up and top-down forecasting frameworks. Acadian integrates ESG factors into the Fund's investment process along each dimension:

- **Environmental:** We account for environmental considerations in a variety of ways; examples include our carbon tax on high emitting companies and further investment options for risk controls.
- **Social:** Acadian monitors political profiles to impact country exposures in developing markets. We also find that labour practices in commodity sectors are a relevant consideration in assessing corporate asset quality.

- **Governance:** We believe that investing in companies with strong governance profiles has the potential to enhance returns. We utilize a related factor in our bottom-up framework that includes considerations of board independence, litigation and fraud potential.



## Sustainability indicators

### The indicators used are:

- Invest in securities of companies that exhibit socially responsible characteristics.
- No companies which earn more than 10% of their revenue from the production or distribution of military weapons, gambling, adult entertainment, tobacco, cannabis, adult entertainment, nuclear power, for profits prisons, controversial weapons, animal mistreatment, thermal coal, oil sands and alcoholic products.
- No companies which violate the UN Global Compact.
- No companies which are determined to be in the poorest 5% in terms of controversial behaviour (involvement in notable ESG controversies such as lawsuits, disputes and regulatory actions related to the company's operations and/or products and possible breaches of international norms and principles).
- Fund investments on average will have no more than 80% of level 1 and 2 CO2 emissions versus the companies contained in the Index.

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## Data

Acadian sources data used in the Fund's investment process – inclusive of ESG-related data – directly from financial statements and from third-party vendors including Bloomberg and Sustainalytics. Where information is missing, it is estimated and imputed by Acadian. For further information please refer to [www.acadian-asset.com](http://www.acadian-asset.com).



## Achievement of environmental and/or social characteristic(s)

The information will be provided in accordance with the timelines required by the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.

### Additional information

Acadian's Responsible Investing policy can be found on our website: <https://www.acadian-asset.com/investment-strategies/responsible-investing>.