

# Acadian European Equity UCITS



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## 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 European Equity UCITS (the "Fund") are as follows:

- (i) socially responsible characteristics in investee companies;
- (ii) reduction in carbon emissions; and
- (iii) environmentally friendly energy production.

#### Investment strategy

The Fund will invest at least 70% of its assets in a diversified portfolio of common stocks of European issuers listed or traded on equity markets in Regulated Markets.

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, is used to:

- (i) Identify companies that exhibit socially responsible characteristics.
- (ii) Ensure that the average carbon emissions of the Fund's holdings remain in line with the Fund's carbon emissions targets.
- (iii) Apply Fund exclusions (as set out in more detail below).

If a security already held is determined to not exhibit socially responsible characteristics or is included on an exclusions list, the security will be sold from the Fund portfolio as soon as possible.

#### Index

You can find information about the MSCI Europe Index (EUR) – Net Returns (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 exclude from investment the securities of companies that violate the UN Global Compact. These are companies that are considered to not exhibit socially responsible characteristics, such as prudent management behaviour with respect to external transparency, internal controls, and compliance with international norms on environment, human rights, labour rights and corruption.

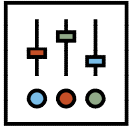
The Fund will not invest in companies that are involved in the manufacture of tobacco products or inhumane weapons which includes cluster munitions, anti-personal landmines, biochemical and nuclear weapon systems.

#### 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.

The money manager will apply a net zero decarbonization glide path to the Fund, aligned to recognized initiatives for net carbon such as the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change. The carbon glidepath aims to move the portfolio towards net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The money manager will exclude from investment certain energy companies which it does not consider to be engaged in environmentally friendly energy production, such as: (i) companies in the conventional oil and gas industry that have more than 60% of their fossil fuel reserves in oil; (ii) electricity generating companies that generate more than 30% of their electricity from nuclear sources; and (iii) companies with the worst in class carbon emission scores in the energy sector based on the money manager's rating of each company.



## Sustainability indicators

### The indicators used are:

- No investment in companies that violate the UN Global Compact.
- No investment in companies involved in the manufacture of tobacco products or inhumane weapons.
- Fund investments on average will have no more than 80% of level 1 and 2 CO2 emissions versus the companies contained in the Index.
- Progress towards net zero carbon emissions target.
- No investment in energy companies that are not engaged in environmentally friendly energy production (as defined by the money manager).



## 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 Sustainalytics, ISS and MSCI.

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Acadian will use and assess level 1 and 2 CO2 data received from independent data vendors and if data is unavailable, the CO2 emissions will be calculated using a proprietary imputation carbon approach.

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>.