

# Acadian Sustainable Global Managed Volatility 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 Sustainable Global Managed Volatility Equity UCITS (the "Fund") are:

- (i) investments in companies that exhibit socially responsible characteristics; and
- (ii) exclusion of companies whose main business involves the extraction or manufacture of fossil fuels.

#### Investment strategy

The Fund will invest 70% of its assets in equities listed or traded on regulated markets worldwide. The money manager of the Fund, Acadian Asset Management LLC ("Acadian"), uses a quantitative analytical model (the "Acadian Model") which applies an objective selection process in order to identify and exploit perceived mis-pricings of equities as determined by a quantitative analytical model. The equity securities will be selected from a proprietary database covering over 40,000 securities globally. A quantitative analysis will be undertaken on the securities to forecast the expected returns of the securities whilst reducing portfolio risk.

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

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

#### Index

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

#### 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 MSCI, Bloomberg and/or 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)



#### Implementation and methodologies

#### Socially Responsible characteristics

Acadian will use quantitative data to analyse and evaluate each security on Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") characteristics which 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 weapons, gambling, adult entertainment, tobacco and alcohol.

#### 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 MSCI World Index (the "Index").

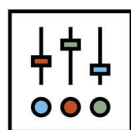
#### ESG integration

Acadian wholly incorporates ESG investing throughout the investment process utilised 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:** Acadian 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. Acadian also finds that labour practices in commodity sectors are a relevant consideration in assessing corporate asset quality.

**Governance:** Acadian believes that investing in companies with strong governance profiles has the potential to enhance returns. Acadian utilises a related factor in its 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 weapons, gambling, adult entertainment, tobacco and alcohol.
- 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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## Achievement of environmental and/or social characteristic(s)

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## Additional information

Acadian's Responsible Investing policy can be found on its [website](#).