

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

This document provides you with the information required under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. It is not marketing material. This information is required by law to help you understand the environmental and/or social characteristics this product promotes. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

ESG Characteristics

The characteristic promoted by the product is a reduction in carbon emissions intensity.

ESG Investment strategy

The product will invest at least 70% of its assets in the equities and investments similar to equities of Japanese companies. In selecting these investments, the Investment Manager will apply an active systematic optimisation strategy to identify companies which allow the product to:

1. Reduce exposure to carbon-intensive activities or companies which have a significant carbon footprint compared to the Topix Dividends Index (JPY) - Net Returns (the "Index").
2. Exclude companies with significant involvement in coal-related activities (>10% of revenue derived from mining thermal coal or power generation from coal).

Index

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

Data

Data will be sourced from independent vendors as well as publicly available information which may include company reports. Carbon Data (i.e. Weighted Average Carbon Intensity) is currently sourced from MSCI ESG Research Inc. ESG Risk Scores and UNGC Principle alignment data are sourced from Sustainalytics.



Implementation and methodologies

Carbon exposure

The product will not invest in any company in the Index that makes more than 10% of its revenue from coal power generation or thermal coal production.

The Investment Manager calculates a carbon score using Carbon Footprint data to evaluate the carbon exposure of a company. Based on this evaluation, the product will seek to reduce exposure to companies that engage in carbon-intensive activities or have a high Carbon Footprint.

The product will always have at least 20% less carbon exposure than the Index using the Carbon Footprint of the product as a percentage relative to the Carbon Footprint of the Index.

"Carbon Footprint" means Carbon Emissions in metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂-e), divided by company revenue (USD).

"Carbon Emissions" means: (i) Scope 1 (direct emissions): activities owned or controlled by an organisation that release carbon emissions straight into the atmosphere; and (ii) Scope 2 (energy consumption): carbon emissions released into the atmosphere associated with consumption of purchased electricity, heat, steam and cooling. These are a consequence of a company's activity that occur at sources the company does not own or control.

Good Governance

The Investment Manager will invest in companies that follow good governance practices by international standards.

The Investment Manager utilizes data from a reputable third-party service provider to identify corporations which are aligned to the United Nations Global Compact Principles ("UNGC Principles") and therefore deemed to meet international standards for good governance. In limited circumstances, the Investment Manager may invest in companies not currently aligned with the UNGC Principles. Such investment is allowed where, following engagement

with and a holistic review of the company by the investment manager, it considers that the company exhibits good governance practices.



Achievement of environmental and/or social characteristic(s)



Sustainability indicators

The indicators used are:

- Aggregate Carbon Footprint of the portfolio at least 20% better than the Index.

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

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