

**“PRE-CONTRACTUAL DISCLOSURE ARTICLE 8 DISCLOSURE REGULATION”**

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

<b>Product name: Univest – Global Sustainable Edge Equity Sub-Fund</b>		<b>Legal entity identifier (LEI-Code): 549300Q0T5WF7R0G0P93</b>	
<b>Environmental and/or social characteristics</b>			
<b>Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b>			
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<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective:</b> _____%  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective:</b> _____%		<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes <b>Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>	



**Which environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**

This Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the Disclosure Regulation.

The Sub- Fund has the following E/S characteristics:

ESG Objective of the Sub- Fund is to invest more in companies who are well prepared for the climate transition(based on company research) and to consider S and G factors. In addition, the

**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.

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

Sub-Fund excludes companies on the basis of controversial behaviour and controversial products (controversial weapons, conduct and coal).

The Sub-Fund strives for economic results, while at the same time taking into account the following environmental, social and governance characteristics:

- Climate including a 20% reduction in carbon intensity from inception of the portfolio to 31 December 2024, alignment with 2 degree C scenario and over and under-weighting companies based on forward looking carbon data;

- Governance, which may include, but not limited to board/management quality, structure and integrity, ownership & shareholder

rights, remuneration, reporting and stakeholder governance;

- Social, which may include, but not limited to diversity, discrimination, freedom of association, human rights and gender pay equality.

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

The Sub-Fund applies activity-based exclusions. Companies with the following activities are excluded:

- Coal (Production) > 50 % Revenue
- Unconventional Weapons (Production) > 0% revenue

The Sub-Fund applies norm-based screening in connection with “UN Global Compact”.

The sub-fund considers the following E/S indicators:

- \* Exclusion list applies.
- \* ESG metrics: Co2 scope 1 and 2 intensity (on basis of WACI), CDP score for 3 most carbon intensive sectors (materials, energy and utilities), long term net zero emission target.
- \* Engagement and voting by Sub-Funds external specialist.
- \* Engagement by Investment Managers expected.

WACI is the Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (weighted as tCO2e/\$Mio revenues).

● ***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?***

Not applicable.

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- **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?**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

*How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable.

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 Sub Fund takes some of the PAI's on sustainability factors into consideration. These are included in the investment policy of the Sub Fund and the agreements with the investment managers of the Sub Fund (carbon reduction target, social and governance targets). Not all investments in the portfolio have to consider the PAI's. In addition, the investment managers must consider ESG factors when selecting, retaining and selling investments as well as to consider compliance with the 10 principles as outlined in the UN Global Compact when selecting, retaining and selling investments. The Sub Funds maintains a exclusion list which exclude Coal, Controversial Weapons and Conduct Based companies.

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The following PAI are considered:

- GHG\_Intensity\_Of\_Investee\_Companies\_Scope12
- Share\_Of\_Companies\_Involved\_In\_Violation\_Of\_UN\_Global\_Compact\_Principles\_And\_OECD\_Guidelines\_For\_Multinational\_Enterprises
- Share\_Of\_Investments\_Involved\_In\_Controversial\_Weapons
- GHG\_Intensity
- Investing\_In\_Companies\_Without\_Carbon\_Emission\_Reduction\_Initiatives\_Investment\_Weight

Information on PAI is available in the annual report of the Sub-Fund (annual reports as of 01.01.2023).

No



The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

***What investment strategy does this financial product follow?***

ESG Objective of the Sub- Fund is to invest more in companies who are well prepared for the climate transition (based on company research) and to consider S and G factors. In addition, the Sub- Fund excludes companies on the basis of controversial behaviour and controversial products (controversial weapons, conduct and coal).

In order to do so, the Sub-Fund strives for economic results, while at the same time taking into account the environmental, social and governance characteristics More information on the Investment guidelines can be found in the prospectus of Univest FCP, and more specific in Appendix 1 under 6.

- ***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 sustainability indicators, as described above, for measuring the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of the Sub- Fund are the binding elements of the investment strategy of the Sub-Fund.

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

Not applicable.

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**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

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

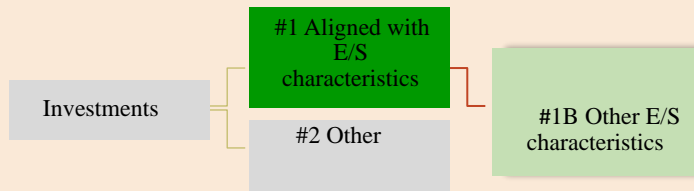
The Sub Fund believes that the integration of ESG risk analysis could help to enhance long-term risk adjusted returns for investors. The Investment Manager shall assess whether the companies in which the investments are made follow good governance practices. The Investment Manager must report on this. In addition, the Sub Fund excludes companies based on conduct. The Investment Managers are required to monitor governance metrics reported by third party ratings agencies.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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

The asset allocation of the Sub-Fund and the extent to which the Sub-Fund has direct or indirect exposures in investee entities can be found in the investment limits and guidelines.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

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

**Taxonomy-aligned** activities are expressed as a share of:


- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies

- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.

- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

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

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

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



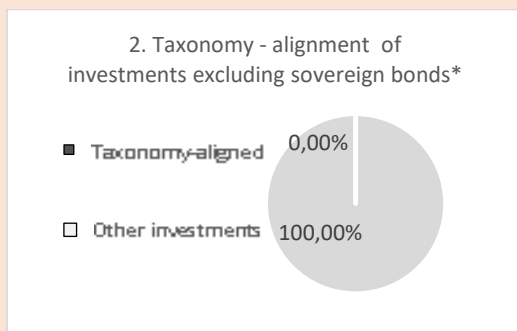
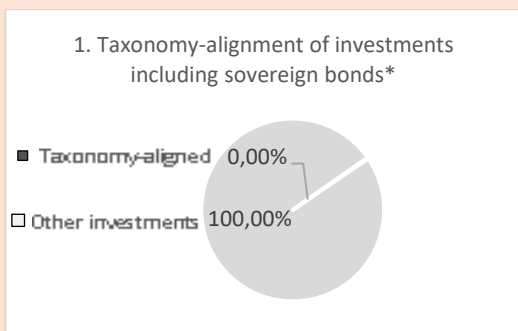
Derivatives are used in accordance with the requirements of the investment limits and guidelines. For the sustainability strategy, derivatives are neutral positions in the portfolio and are not explicitly used to attain the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Sub-Fund.

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

The minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective as defined by the EU Taxonomy is 0%

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental and/or social features but does not target sustainable investments and therefore does not take into account the criteria of Article 2 (17) of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) or 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?**

Not applicable.



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

Not applicable.



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

Not applicable.



**Which investments are included under „#2 Other“, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

Cash or hedging instruments. Cash is for liquidity management and hedging instruments are to manage currency exposure of the Sub-Fund.

For other investments that are not part of the Sub-Fund's sustainability strategy, there are no binding criteria to consider minimum environmental and/or social safeguards. This is either due to the nature of the assets, where at the time of the preparation of the Sub-Fund's documents there are no legal requirements or standard market procedures on how to consider minimum environmental and/or social safeguards for such assets or investments are specifically excluded from the sustainability strategy, which are then also not subject to the consideration of minimum environmental and/or social safeguards.



**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?**

Not applicable.

- **How is the reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

**Where can I find more product specific information online?**



**More product-specific information can be found on the website:**

[https://www.universal-investment.com/-/media/Project/Universal-Investment-Reference-Page/Universal-Investment/Fondsmittelungen/Univest-Global-Sustainable-Edge-Equity-Sub-Fund\\_ESG\\_Neu.pdf](https://www.universal-investment.com/-/media/Project/Universal-Investment-Reference-Page/Universal-Investment/Fondsmittelungen/Univest-Global-Sustainable-Edge-Equity-Sub-Fund_ESG_Neu.pdf)