

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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 include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Product name(s):
Sustainable Plus Mandate (Conservative)
Sustainable Plus Mandate (Balanced)
Sustainable Plus Mandate (Growth)

Legal entity identifier(s):
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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

 No

<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 sustainable investments with a social objective: __%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 6.00 % of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments
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What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

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

In addition to the return and risk characteristics, we integrate responsible investment criteria in all investment decisions underlying this investment product. The VP Bank Sustainability Score (VPSS) forms the basis for the promotion of ecological and/or social characteristics. The starting point for the VP Bank Sustainability Score is the ESG rating of the provider MSCI. In turn, it is made up of the basic components of environment (E), social (S) and governance (G). ESG factors show, for example, to what extent a company is prepared for future risks such as climate change or changes in society, such as consumer behaviour. Depending on the industry and type of asset class, relevant indicators for the sector are used.

Under the VPSS, environmental and/or social features are promoted by avoiding investments that do not meet our minimum standards in the following areas:

- minimum standards on the ESG profile of investments
- adherence to international standards and norms
- responsible business activities

The VPSS also promotes investments with a higher value if the following criteria are met:

- Improvement in ESG performance over time (ESG Momentum).
- Share of business activities that contribute to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

A detailed description of the VPSS methodology can be found online:
<https://www.vpbank.com/de/vp-bank-nachhaltigkeitsscore>

In addition, "Special Investments" are added to the investment product to promote environmental and/or social features. Special Investments as part of this financial product include all of the following three building blocks:

- Green Bonds, these contribute to a wide range of environmental objectives.
- Social bonds, these contribute to a wide range of social objectives.
- Microfinance investments, these focus on social objectives and contribute positively to financial inclusion and resilience.

No benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the E/S characteristics promoted by this financial product.

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

We use the following sustainability indicators to measure the achievement of the environmental and/ or social characteristics promoted by this financial product:

- At least 70% of the investments must have a VPSS of greater than 3.
 - Weighted average VPSS at portfolio level must be greater than 5.
 - Portfolio share of "special investments" must be greater than 5%.
- ***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?***

The objective of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, is to contribute to one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or to be involved in economic activities that contribute to at least one of the climate and environmental objectives defined by the EU Taxonomy.

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.

- ***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?***

In order to ensure that the sustainable investments considered in this financial product do not cause significant harm (DNSH), we have implemented standards- and activity-based checks based on the following environmentally and socially relevant criteria, whereby violation of any of these criteria will result in exclusion:

- Business activities in the thermal coal sector (turnover threshold 5%).
- Business activities in tobacco (turnover threshold 5%)
- Business activities in controversial weapons (turnover threshold 0%)
- Very serious ESG-related controversies

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

This financial product takes into account the adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors within the framework of the VP Bank Sustainability Score (VPSS). More information can be found in our Principle Adverse Sustainability Impacts (PASI) Statement at: www.vpbank.com/sfdr

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

As part of the VP Bank Sustainability Score (VPSS) investments in business with documented practices that are illegal or in breach of specific international standards and norms are excluded. Specifically, we exclude investments in violation of:

- UN Global Compact
- United Nations Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights
- International Labour Organization (ILO) Labour Standards

This approach is applied to all investments, including but not limited to "sustainable investment".

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 Union EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU Union 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, This financial product considers the following adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors in the investment strategy:

- Share of companies involved in violation of "UN Global Compact Principles" and "OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises".
- Share of Investments involved in controversial weapons.

No



What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

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

The objective of this financial product is to generate a financial return that is consistent with the product's risk profile. The product is implemented as a multi-asset class portfolio using cash holdings, bonds, equities, collective investments, and currency hedging transactions. The investment strategy of the VP Bank "Sustainable Plus" product consists of constructing a portfolio that is broadly diversified across several asset classes and promotes E/S characteristics.

• 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 investment strategy is subject to the following bindings elements to attain each E/S characteristic promoted by the product:

- No exposure to investments with a ESG rating of CCC or B
- No exposure to investments in violation of "UN Global Compact"
- No exposure to investments in violation of "United Nations Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights"
- No exposure to investments in violation of "International Labour Organization (ILO) Labour Standards"
- No exposure to investment with business activities in tobacco, gambling, thermal coal and nuclear weapons (revenue threshold 5%)
- No exposure to investments with business activities in controversial weapons (revenue threshold 0%)

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

An investment receives a pass on the "Good Governance Test" if it has an ESG Rating of BB or higher. This generally indicates a company's ability to manage resources, mitigate key ESG risks and opportunities and meet baseline corporate governance expectations.

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



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

At least 70% of the investments in this financial product are made in instruments aligned with E/S characteristics defined.

A minimum quota of 6% is defined with respect to sustainable investments.

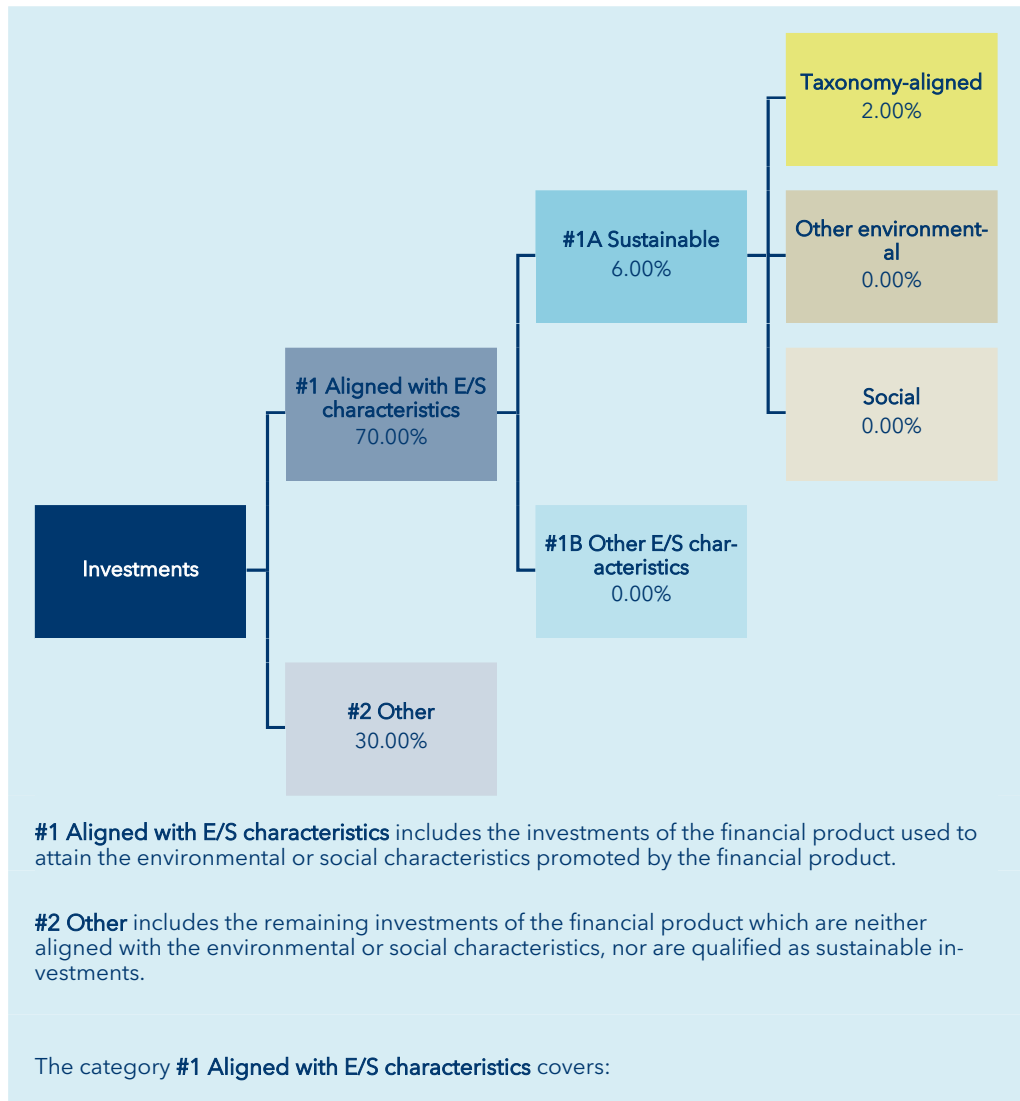
A minimum quota of 2% is defined with respect to EU taxonomy-aligned investments.

The remaining investments can deviate from above classification, e.g. cash, futures and swaps as well as investment with limited data availability. A maximum of 30% of the total investments can be assigned to this category.

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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.



#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 category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

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

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

Bei diesem Finanzprodukt werden keine Derivate eingesetzt, um die geförderten ökologischen und/oder sozialen Eigenschaften zu erreichen.



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

A minimum quota of 2% is defined with respect to EU taxonomy-aligned investments with an environmental objective. In general, a taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable investment also qualifies as a sustainable investment under SFDR. In case of transitional investments differences can arise. The percentage of taxonomy-aligned investments stated in this reported has not been subject to an independent, external audit.

- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy'?**

Yes:

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

No

This financial product does not seek, nor explicitly exclude, to invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

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

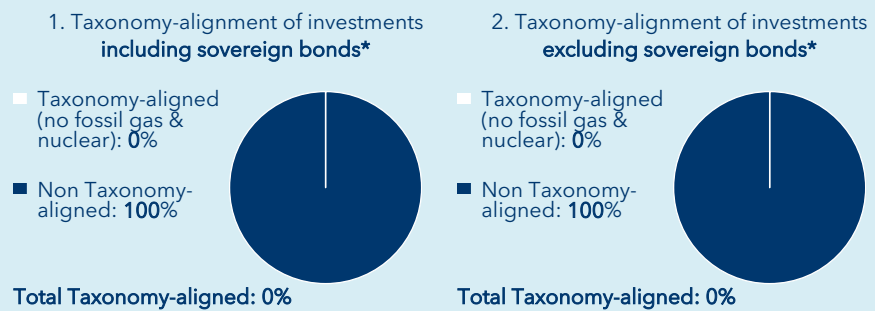
Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



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



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.



The graph represents -% of the total investments.

* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

¹Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objectives - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

• **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

This financial product currently has no minimum share defined for this category.



What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Investments in this category can include cash position, futures and swaps as well as investment with limited data availability, which do not allow for a clear contribution to the E/S objectives as defined for this financial product.

Where can I find more product specific information online?

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

<https://www.vpbank.com/en/private-clients/investing/wealth-management>