Periodic 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

Product name: Vontobel Fund - Euro Corporate Bond (FF\_00075) Legal entity identifier: 5299007053L3LRN24X46

## **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

#### 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.

•• Yes	• X No
It made <b>sustainable</b> <b>investments with an</b> <b>environmental objective:</b> %	It <b>promoted Environmental/Social</b> ( <b>E/S</b> ) <b>characteristics</b> and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments
in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
	with a social objective
It made <b>sustainable</b> investments with a social objective:%	<ul> <li>It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments</li> </ul>



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund were met. The Sub-Fund promoted social transition through empowerment with a focus on pre-defined empowerment indicators. The Investment Manager favored issuers that performed well in such indicators or were on their way to perform well in these indicators while excluding any issuers that were not aligned with the strategy. Issuers were selected based on the Investment Manager's ESG framework. The Sub-Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes. Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Value	Comment
Percentage of investments in securities of corporate issuers that derive a non-negligible part of their revenues from products and/or activities excluded by the Sub-Fund	0%	Excluded products and /or activities are indicated under the investment strategy section of the pre-contractual disclosure annex
Percentage of investments in securities of sovereign issuers with substantial UN or international sanctions	0%	
Percentage of investments in securities of corporate issuers that, in respect to the pre-defined empowerment related indicators (i.e. diversity oversight by management and programs, percentage of women in total workforce, ILO Labor core convention violations and percentage of employees to receive training provided by specialized third-party ESG research), (i) perform well, or (ii) are on their way to perform well in these indicators, or (iii) where potential for improvement has been identified, based on the Investment Manager's analysis	(i): 60.39% (ii): 17.62% (iii): 1.23%	
Percentage of investments in issuers that are in violation of certain international norms and standards promoted by the Sub-Fund or that are exposed to severe controversies (unless a positive outlook has been identified). Such controversies may be related to environmental, social or governance issues	0%	Two issuers were exposed to severe controversies (Glencore and Volkswagen). A positive outlook has been identified by the ESG Analyst and confirmed by Investment Risk.
Sub-Fund's weighted average UN Global Compact profile, compared to the investment universe (i.e. euro investment grade corporate debt market)	Sub-Fund: 82.75 Universe: 81.13	
Percentage of securities covered by ESG analysis	Exclusions and Screening: 100% Controversies and UNGC: 99.5%	

#### … and compared to previous periods ?

Sustainability Indicator	August 31, 2022
Percentage of investments in securities of corporate issuers that derive a non-negligible part of their revenues from products and/or activities excluded by the Sub-Fund	N/A
Percentage of investments in securities of sovereign issuers with substantial UN or international sanctions	N/A

Sustainability Indicator	August 31, 2022
Percentage of investments in securities of corporate issuers that, in respect to the pre-defined empowerment related indicators (i.e. diversity oversight by management and programs, percentage of women in total workforce, ILO Labor core convention violations and percentage of employees to receive training provided by specialized third-party ESG research), (i) perform well, or (ii) are on their way to perform well in these indicators, or (iii) where potential for improvement has been identified, based on the Investment Manager's analysis	N/A
Percentage of investments in issuers that are in violation of certain international norms and standards promoted by the Sub-Fund or that are exposed to severe controversies (unless a positive outlook has been identified). Such controversies may be related to environmental, social or governance issues	N/A
Sub-Fund's weighted average UN Global Compact profile, compared to the investment universe (i.e. euro investment grade corporate debt market)	N/A
Percentage of securities covered by ESG analysis	N/A

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not Applicable

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 did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

Were 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 Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



# How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager considered a set of principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors in the following areas: controversial weapons (Table 1 – PAI indicator 14: Exposure to controversial weapons), social matters and human rights (Table 1 – PAI indicator 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), environment-related indicators (Table 1 – PAI indicator 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas, PAI indicator 8: Emissions to water, PAI indicator 9: Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio), and social and employee rights (PAI indicator 13: Board gender diversity, and for sovereigns PAI indicator 16: Investee countries subject to social violations). The Investment Manager applied a process to identify issuers that are exposed to principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors based on in-house research and/or external data sources, including ESG data providers, news alerts, and the issuers themselves. No investment was identified as having a critical and poorly managed impact in any of the principal adverse impacts areas considered.



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: August 31, 2023

## What were the top investments of this financial product?

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
Vontobel Fund - Global High Yield Bond I EUR **	Investment or pension funds/trusts	2.14	Luxembourg
Vontobel Fund - Credit Opportunities E USD **	Investment or pension funds/trusts	1.02	Luxembourg
Portugal	Countries & central governments	0.97	Portugal
Spain	Countries & central governments	0.92	Spain
Spain	Countries & central governments	0.91	Spain
DH Europe Finance	Financial, investment & other diversified comp.	0.88	Luxembourg
American International Group	Insurance companies	0.82	United States
Heathrow Funding	Aeronautic & astronautic industry	0.80	Jersey
Heathrow Funding	Aeronautic & astronautic industry	0.77	Jersey
NatWest Group	Banks & other credit institutions	0.76	United Kingdom
Credit Agricole	Banks & other credit institutions	0.71	United Kingdom
Lonza Finance International	Financial, investment & other diversified comp.	0.70	Belgium
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	Banks & other credit institutions	0.66	France
Barclays	Banks & other credit institutions	0.64	United Kingdom
Siemens Finance	Financial, investment & other diversified comp.	0.62	Netherlands

### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?



#### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The proportion of sustainability-related investments was 94.70% (assets aligned with environmental and social characteristics).

#### What was the asset allocation?



94.70% of the investments of the financial product were used to attain the environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics)

#2 Other (5.3%)

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Economic sector

Banks & other credit institutions	27.45	
Financial, investment & other diversified comp.	24.98	
Insurance companies	9.32	
Energy & water supply	5.50	
Traffic & Transportation	5.40	
Telecommunication	4.75	
Real estate	3.90	
Countries & central governments	3.26	
Investment or pension funds/trusts	3.25	
Aeronautic & astronautic industry	1.82	
Vehicles	1.52	
Petroleum/Oil and natural gas	1.16	
Forestry, paper & forest products	1.10	
Internet, software & IT services	1.06	
Building materials & building industry	0.65	
Packaging industries	0.64	
Electrical appliances & components	0.64	
Graphics, publishing & printing media	0.62	
Mechanical engineering & industrial equip.	0.36	
Miscellaneous services	0.29	
Food & soft drinks	0.12	
Mortgage & funding institutions	0.07	
6.66% of the total value of investments (NAV) we	re in companies involved i	n

6.66% of the total value of investments (NAV) were in companies involved in sectors that could be connected to fossil fuels, like "Energy & water supply", "Mining, coal & steel" or "Petroleum/Oil and natural gas". It's important to note that even companies categorized under different sectors might still have some involvement with fossil fuel-related activities, even if it's not their main focus. Also, the Sub-Fund might invest in bonds labeled as green, social, or sustainability bonds. These bonds typically fund projects unrelated to fossil fuels, even if the companies issuing them can be active in sectors with potential links to fossil fuels.



To comply with the EU Taxonimy, 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.

# To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

× No

<sup>1</sup> Fossil 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.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds<sup>\*</sup>, 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

activities are expressed as a share of: - **turnover** reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today. - **capital expenditure** (CapEx) shows the green investments made by

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investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy. - **operational** 

expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.

#### 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.

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



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



## What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Activities	Investment share
transitional	0.00%
enabling	0.00%

## How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Period	Investment share
August 31, 2022	0.00%

# What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Investment share

0.00%

What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Investment share 0.00%



### What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Investments	Purpose	Minimum of environmental or social safeguards
Cash (0.97%)	Liquidity management	No minimum environmnetal or social safeguards were applied.
Derivatives (1.17%)	Hedging	No minimum environmnetal or social safeguards were applied.
Funds (3.25%)	Investment/ Diversification	Minimum environmental and social safeguards applied to one SFDR Art.8 fund (0.09%). No minimum environmental and social safeguards applied to the rest of the funds (3.16%).



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The binding elements of the investment strategy used for the selection of the investments to attain the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this Sub-Fund have been monitored throughout the reporting period.



# How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

The financial product has not designated a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

#### Reference benchmarks

are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.