

Information

from Erste Asset Management GmbH (the “Management Company”) about the sustainable investment objective of ERSTE WWF STOCK ENVIRONMENT and about the methodologies used to assess, measure, and monitor the relevant sustainability indicators

To enhance the transparency of investments in investment funds that pursue sustainability objectives pursuant to Art 9 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (Disclosure Regulation), the unit-holders are being informed of the sustainable nature of this investment fund pursuant to Art 10 of the Disclosure Regulation.

a) Description of the sustainable investment objective

The Fund strives to make sustainable investments and in this way to have a positive impact on the environment and society. The core sustainable objective is to promote environmental technologies and in this way to generate a positive environmental impact. To this end, the Management Company has defined three themes – energy, water, and recycling/resources – and the target companies must be active in one or more of these areas to a predominant degree. Further information on each of these themes can be found in the “Sustainability principles” annex to the prospectus.

To meet this goal, the Fund only invests in issues from companies that meet sustainable investment criteria and that have been categorised by the Management Company as sustainable on the basis of a predefined screening process.

The Management Company makes the investment decisions for this Fund on the basis of the investment universe defined through the screening process.

Further information on the investment strategy, screening process, sustainable investment objective, and any exclusion criteria that apply can be found in item 12 of the prospectus and in the “Sustainability principles” annex to the prospectus.

b) Information on the methodologies used to assess, measure, and monitor the environmental or social characteristics or the impact of the sustainable investments selected for the Fund, including its data sources, screening criteria for the underlying assets and the relevant sustainability indicators used to measure the environmental or social characteristics or the overall sustainable impact of the financial product;

The Fund selects securities based on the environmental and social profile of each issuer. In this, particular attention is paid to the activities and business areas of the company that promote environmental or social sustainability aspects in the themes covered by the sustainable objectives of the Fund. In any case, the issuers must be active in one or more of these areas at least to a predominant degree. If the target instrument is intended to finance specific projects, the contribution this makes to promoting the sustainable objectives of the Fund is taken into account.

The Fund is potentially exposed to sustainability risks. The sustainability risks are not depicted as a separate risk type but are included in the existing risk categories.

The Management Company took sustainability risks into account in its investment decisions. First, it identified the relevant sustainability risks. Next, it “translated” them into the existing risk categories and measured and assessed them during this process. The sustainability risks were then incorporated into the definitions of the risk indicators and ratings. The Management Company also collects raw sustainability data from external providers to use as inputs for its own analyses. Before use, these raw data are assessed for correctness, quality, quantity, granularity, and the suitability of the individual factors. The Management Company regularly assesses what sustainable impact an investment has and the likely investment-related risk situation. Then, decisions are taken as to which investments to add to the investment universe and which to exclude based on sustainability considerations.

In general, the Management Company may use ESG tools to account for sustainability risks in executing its investment process. The minimum standards are applied to all retail funds that the Management Company actively manages. The use of other ESG tools is decided independently for each investment fund depending on the respective investment strategy and the associated expected risk potential.

The application of these tools and the active reduction of sustainability risks are intended to help the Fund attain its sustainable objective.

Further information on “sustainability risks” can be found in the “Material risks” section of the prospectus.

Detailed information on the Management Company’s sustainable approach, the Sustainability Guide, and other sustainability guidelines can be found on the website at <https://www.erste-am.at/en/private-investors/sustainability>.

c) The information referred to in Article 9 of the Disclosure Regulation

Information on how the defined sustainability objective is to be met can be found in the “Sustainability principles” annex to the prospectus.

d) The information referred to in Article 11 of the Disclosure Regulation

Information on how the environmental or social characteristics were met and information on the overall sustainable impact of the Fund can be found in the annual reports for periods starting on or after 1 January 2022.