Information

from Erste Asset Management GmbH (the "Management Company") about the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund and about the methodologies used to assess, measure, and monitor the relevant sustainability indicators

To enhance the transparency of investments in investment funds that promote environmental or social characteristics pursuant to Art 8 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 environmental or social characteristics

Sustainability factors are integrated into the Fund's investment process, or the Fund only purchases financial instruments that have been categorised as sustainable by the Management Company on the basis of a predefined screening process. The Management Company makes the investment decisions for this Fund on the basis of the integration of sustainability factors and on the basis of the investment universe defined through the screening process.

The screening process especially aims to reduce the carbon intensity of the investments, minimise complicity in violations of international standards, and improve the quality of corporate governance. Additional environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria may also be taken into account. An active dialogue strategy is employed with the issuers regarding their ESG risk profile to promote the environmental and social quality of the investments.

The sustainability factors comprise environmental, social, and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption, and anti-bribery matters.

Further information on the investment strategy, screening process, investment objective, and any exclusion criteria that apply can be found in item 12 of the prospectus or of the Information for Investors pursuant to § 21 AIFMG and in the "Sustainability principles" annex to the prospectus or to the Information for Investors pursuant to § 21 AIFMG.

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 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.

Through the application of these tools and the active reduction of sustainability risks, the Fund should promote environmental or social characteristics.

Further information on “sustainability risks” can be found in the “Material risks” section of the prospectus or of the Information for Investors pursuant to § 21 AIFMG.

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 8 of the Disclosure Regulation

Information on how the environmental or social characteristics of the Fund are promoted can be found in the “Sustainability principles” annex to the prospectus or to the Information for Investors pursuant to § 21 AIFMG.

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.