

Information according to Art 10 SFDR

Name of the product: **ERSTE BOND CORPORATE PLUS**

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a) Summary

For improved readability, for the purpose of this document, "Taxonomy Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2020/852, "Disclosure Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2019/2088, and "RTS" means Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

Fund applies a broad interpretation of sustainability. Both environmental and social characteristics are promoted through the application of the Management Company's proprietary sustainability approach. This is ensured by the application of the ESG toolbox of Erste Asset Management GmbH as part of the investment process.

The sustainable investments that comprise part of this financial product do no significant harm to the environmental or social sustainable investment objectives because this Fund invests in financial products that have been categorised as sustainable by the Management Company on the basis of the applicable sustainable investment process. This categorisation sets forth that the financial products may have no significant adverse impacts on environmental or social factors, as such a violation would preclude an investment based on the binding ESG characteristics of this investment process.

The investment strategy of this Fund takes into account the principal adverse impacts (PAI) on sustainability factors.

The Fund invests at least 51% of its assets in financial instruments that have been categorised by the Management Company as sustainable on the basis of a predefined screening process.

In the screening process, issuers are assessed in terms of their environmental, social, and corporate governance risks. This analysis is completed on the basis of internal evaluation and using external research. These issuers must also comply with the exclusion criteria to be eligible for the Fund. The exclusion criteria that pertain to companies include human rights violations, child labour, forced labour, discrimination in employment and occupation, violations of the UN Global Compact, the manufacture and sale of controversial weapons, coal mining, electricity generation from coal, and the thermal conversion of coal. The Management Company may employ defined thresholds and operationalisation to facilitate the application of the exclusion criteria in terms of an identification limit and to ensure that the criteria have the desired effect. Details of the applicable exclusion criteria, including information on the thresholds and operationalisation, can be found at <https://www.erste-am.at/en/exclusioncriteria>. Only companies whose business policy demonstrates a sufficiently sustainable approach to the Management Company are categorised as sustainable. In terms of sovereigns, authoritarian regimes as defined by Freedom House are excluded from the investment universe. All individual securities issued by companies must meet the requirements for good governance at the time of purchase.

If a violation of the stated criteria becomes known after purchase, the affected financial instrument must be sold while protecting the interests of Unit-holders.

The Fund invests predominantly, in other words at least 51% of its assets, in corporate bonds and/or bonds from credit institutions; these bonds must be purchased directly, in other words not indirectly or directly through

investment funds or through derivatives. Within this focus, the Fund can in particular invest in subordinated bonds and hybrid bonds as well as in bonds in the form of money market instruments.

The specified financial instruments can feature a fixed or variable interest rate and can be denominated in euros or other currencies. Currency risks are hedged to a large degree.

The Management Company also exercises an active ownership function when it makes direct investments in securities.

Data from external providers are also used when gathering sustainability related data for internal analyses.

The external data may be incomplete, imprecise, or unavailable at times. The providers of sustainability ratings also take different influences into account and apply different weightings, meaning that a company that is the target of an investment can have different sustainability scores. There is therefore the risk of a security or issuer being assessed incorrectly.

A proprietary rating model called ESGenius is used to limit this risk. In this rating model, the predominant sustainability approaches in the market (ethically oriented approach versus a risk view) are combined into an overall view during the analysis. Combining the different providers reduces any data gaps and also verifies the plausibility of the different approaches.

Due to the investment process and the measures taken to ensure the quality of the data, the Management Company assumes that the previously mentioned restrictions will not have a material negative impact on the environmental and social characteristics.

No index has been designated as a reference benchmark for the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the investment fund.

Information on how the environmental or social characteristics of the fund are promoted can be found in the annex to the prospectus or the information for investors pursuant to § 21 AIFMG.

Information on how the environmental or social characteristics were met and information on the overall sustainability-related impact of the Fund can be found in the annual reports of the Fund.

Summary - romanian

În scopul unei bune înțelegeri, în sensul acestui document, "Regulamentul privind Taxonomia" înseamnă Regulamentul (UE) 2020/852, "Regulamentul privind transparența" înseamnă Regulamentul (UE) 2019/2088, iar "RTS" înseamnă Regulamentul delegat (UE) 2022/1288.

Acest produs financiar promovează caracteristici de mediu sau sociale, dar nu are ca obiectiv realizarea de investiții durabile.

Fondul aplică o interpretare largă a durabilității. Atât caracteristicile de mediu, cât și cele sociale sunt promovate prin aplicarea abordării de durabilitate, proprie Societății de administrare. Acest lucru este asigurat în cadrul procesului de investiții prin intermediul ESG Toolbox al Erste Asset Management GmbH.

Investițiile durabile care fac parte din acest Fond de investiții nu aduc prejudicii semnificative obiectivelor de investiții durabile de mediu sau sociale, deoarece acest Fond investește în instrumente financiare care au fost clasificate ca fiind durabile de către Societatea de Administrare pe baza procesului de investiții durabile aplicabil. Această clasificare stabilește că instrumentele financiare nu pot avea un impact negativ semnificativ asupra factorilor de mediu sau sociali, deoarece, datorită caracteristicilor ESG obligatorii ale acestui proces de investiții, o investiție ar fi inadmisibilă în cazul unei astfel de încălcări.

Strategia de investiții a acestui fond ia în considerare principalele efecte negative (PAI) asupra factorilor de durabilitate.

Se achiziționează, în proporție de cel puțin 51% din activele fondului, instrumente financiare, care sunt clasificate ca fiind sustenabile de către societatea de administrare, pe baza unui proces de selecție predefinit. În cadrul procesului de selecție, emitenții sunt evaluați în funcție de riscurile lor ecologice, sociale și de management. Această analiză se realizează prin analiză internă și evaluare, precum și cu ajutorul unor cercetări externe.

Suplimentar, acești emitenți trebuie să îndeplinească criteriile de excludere ale fondului pentru a fi investibili. În ceea ce privește societățile, criteriile de excludere includ, printre altele, încălcări ale drepturilor omului, exploatarea prin muncă a copiilor, munca silnică, discriminarea în legătură cu ocuparea forței de muncă și profesia, încălcări ale UN Global Compact, producția și comerțul de arme controversate, precum și conversia în energie electrică și transformarea cărbunelui termic. Pentru a menține criteriile de excludere realizabile la nivel operațional, în sensul unei limite de detecție, respectiv pentru a asigura acuratețea acestora, societatea de administrare poate folosi praguri definite și operaționalizări. Detalii privind criteriile de excludere aplicabile, inclusiv informații privind pragurile și operaționalizarea, pot fi găsite la adresa <https://www.erste-am.at/en/exclusioncriteria>. Se vor determina ca fiind sustenabile doar acele societăți în a căror politică de afaceri poate societatea de administrare să recunoască o orientare sustenabilă adecvată. În ceea ce privește statele, regimurile autoritare sunt excluse din universul investițional, potrivit Freedom House. La momentul achiziționării, toate titlurile individuale emise de societăți trebuie să îndeplinească cerințele în materie de bună administrare. În cazul în care după achiziție devine cunoscută o încălcare a criteriilor menționate, instrumentul financiar în cauză va fi înstrăinat în mod discreționar. Pentru activele fondului se achiziționează preponderent, adică în proporție de cel puțin 51% din activele fondului, obligațiuni ale societăților și/sau de la instituții de credit, sub formă de titluri individuale achiziționate direct, adică nu indirect sau direct prin fonduri de investiții sau prin derivate. În baza acestui punct central, pot fi achiziționate în special și obligațiuni secundare, respectiv obligațiuni hibrid, precum și obligațiuni sub formă de instrumente ale pieței monetare pentru activele fondului. Instrumentele financiare menționate pot avea o rată a dobânzii fixă sau variabilă, precum și să fie exprimate atât în euro, cât și în valută. Riscurile provenite din cursuri de schimb sunt asigurate în continuare.

Societatea de Administrare practică o proprietate activă în ceea ce privește investițiile directe în valori mobiliare.

Datele de la furnizori externi sunt, de asemenea, utilizate atunci când se colectează date legate de durabilitate pentru analize interne.

Datele externe pot fi uneori incomplete, imprecise sau indisponibile. Furnizorii de ratinguri de durabilitate țin cont și de diferite influențe și aplică diferite ponderi, ceea ce înseamnă că o companie în care se investește poate avea scoruri de durabilitate diferite. Astfel, există riscul ca un instrument financiar sau un emitent să nu fie corect evaluat.

Pentru a limita acest risc, se utilizează un model de rating propriu numit ESGenius. În acest model de rating, în timpul analizei sunt combinate, într-o viziune de ansamblu, abordările predominante ale durabilității de pe piață (abordarea orientată spre etică versus o viziune de risc). Combinarea informațiilor de la diferiți furnizori reduce eventualele lacune de date și, de asemenea, verifică plauzibilitatea diferitelor abordări.

Datorită procesului de investiții și a măsurilor luate pentru a asigura calitatea datelor, societatea de administrare presupune că restricțiile menționate mai sus nu vor avea un impact negativ semnificativ asupra caracteristicilor sociale și de mediu.

Nu a fost identificat niciun indice ca punct de referință pentru caracteristicile de mediu și/sau sociale promovate de fondul mutual.

Informațiile referitoare la modul în care Fondul promovează caracteristicile de mediu sau sociale pot fi consultate în anexa la Prospectul de emisiune sau în Informațiile destinate investitorilor în conformitate cu articolul 21 din AIFMG.

Informații despre modul în care au fost îndeplinite caracteristicile de mediu sau sociale sau informații despre impactul general asupra durabilității fondului de investiții pot fi găsite în rapoartele anuale ale fondurilor de investiții.

Summary - slovak

V záujme lepšej čitateľnosti na účely tohto dokumentu "Nariadenie o taxonómii" znamená nariadenie (EÚ) 2020/852, "Nariadenie o zverejňovaní" znamená nariadenie (EÚ) 2019/2088 a "RTS" znamená delegované nariadenie (EÚ) 2022/1288.

Tento finančný produkt presadzuje environmentálne alebo sociálne vlastnosti, ale jeho cieľom nie sú udržateľné investície.

Fond sa riadi širokou interpretáciou udržateľnosti. Uplatňovaním vlastného prístupu Správčovskej spoločnosti k udržateľnosti sú presadzované environmentálne aj sociálne vlastnosti. To je v rámci investičného procesu zabezpečené prostredníctvom súboru nástrojov ESG spoločnosti Erste Asset Management GmbH.

Udržateľné investície čiastočne uskutočnené týmto finančným produktom výrazne nenarúšajú environmentálne alebo sociálne udržateľné investičné ciele, pretože tento fond investuje do finančných produktov, ktoré Správčovská spoločnosť klasifikovala ako udržateľné z dôvodu aplikovania udržateľného investičného procesu. Z tejto klasifikácie vyplýva, že finančné produkty nesmú mať významný nepriaznivý vplyv na environmentálne alebo sociálne faktory, pretože záväzné ESG charakteristiky tohto investičného procesu by v prípade takéhoto porušenia neumožnili nadobudnúť túto investíciu.

Investičná stratégia tohto fondu zohľadňuje hlavné nepriaznivé vplyvy (PAI) na faktory udržateľnosti.

Minimálne 51 % majetku fondu je nadobudnutých vo finančných nástrojoch, ktoré správčovská spoločnosť na základe vopred definovaného procesu výberu klasifikuje ako udržateľné. V rámci procesu výberu sú emitenti hodnotení podľa svojich environmentálnych a sociálnych rizík, ako aj rizík súvisiacich s riadením podniku. Táto analýza sa vykonáva na základe interného hodnotenia a evalvácie, ako aj externého prieskumu. Títo emitenti musia navyše vyhovieť kritériám pre vylúčenie platné pre fond, aby ich bolo možné zaradiť do investičného procesu. Ku kritériám pre vylúčenie platným pre podniky sa zaraďujú okrem iného porušovanie ľudských práv, detská práca, nútená práca, diskriminácia v zamestnaní a povolani, porušovanie iniciatívy OSN Global Compact, výroba a obchodovanie s kontroverznými zbraňami, ako aj ťažba, produkcia elektrickej energie a spracovanie uhlia pre získavanie tepla. Na zachovanie operatívnej realizovateľnosti kritérií pre vylúčenie v zmysle dôkazného rámca, prípadne na zaistenie ich spoľahlivosti môže správčovská spoločnosť použiť definované prahové hodnoty a štandardy. Podrobnosti týkajúce sa aplikovateľných kritérií vylúčenia vrátane informácií o prahových hodnotách a štandardizácii sú k dispozícii na nahliadnutie na stránke <https://www.erste-am.at/en/exclusioncriteria>. Ako udržateľné môžu byť zaradené len také podniky, v ktorých obchodnej politike dokáže správčovská spoločnosť identifikovať dostatočne udržateľné nasmerovanie. Podľa Freedom House sú štáty s autoritárskym režimom vylúčené z investičného prostredia. Všetky jednotlivé tituly emitované podnikom musia v okamihu nadobudnutia spĺňať požiadavky koncepcie dobrého spravovania (good governance). Ak sa porušenie uvedených kritérií zistí po nadobudnutí titulov, je potrebné s príslušným finančným nástrojom naložiť spôsobom, ktorý zachová príslušné záujmy. Pre majetok fondu sa nakupujú prevažne, to znamená do minimálne 51 % majetku fondu, podnikové dlhopisy a/alebo dlhopisy vydávané úverovými inštitúciami, vo forme priamo nakupovaných jednotlivých titulov, nie teda priamo alebo nepriamo cez investičné fondy alebo deriváty. Na základe tohto ťažiska môžu byť nakupované pre majetok fondu taktiež najmä podriadené dlhopisy, príp. hybridné dlhopisy, ako aj dlhopisy v podobe nástrojov peňažného trhu. Uvedené finančné nástroje môžu byť záručiteľné fixne alebo variabilne a môžu znieť tak na eurá, ako aj na cudzie meny. Riziká spojené s cudzími menami sú zabezpečené rozsiahlym spôsobom.

Okrem toho Správčovská spoločnosť pri investovaní do cenných papierov vykonáva činnosti spojené s aktívnym vlastníctvom.

Údaje od externých poskytovateľov sa používajú aj pri zhromažďovaní údajov týkajúcich sa udržateľnosti pre interné analýzy.

Externé údaje môžu byť niekedy neúplné, nepresné alebo nedostupné. Poskytovatelia ratingov udržateľnosti tiež zohľadňujú rôzne vplyvy a uplatňujú rôzne váhy, čo znamená, že jedna a tá istá spoločnosť, do ktorej sa investuje, môže mať rôzne skóre udržateľnosti. Existuje teda riziko nesprávneho posúdenia cenného papiera alebo emitenta.

Na obmedzenie tohto rizika sa používa vlastný skóringový model s názvom ESGenius®. V tomto skóringovom modeli sa ako súčasť analýzy kombinujú do celkového pohľadu prevládajúce prístupy na trhu k udržateľnosti (eticky orientovaný prístup verzus perspektíva rizika). Kombináciou dát od rôznych poskytovateľov sa znižujú nedostatky v údajoch a tiež sa overuje vierohodnosť rôznych prístupov.

Vzhľadom na investičný proces a opatrenia prijaté na zabezpečenie kvality údajov Správčovská spoločnosť predpokladá, že uvedené obmedzenia nebudú mať významný negatívny vplyv na environmentálne a sociálne vlastnosti.

Na dosiahnutie environmentálnych a/alebo sociálnych cieľov nebol určený žiaden index ako referenčná hodnota.

Informácie o tom, ako sa podporujú environmentálne alebo sociálne vlastnosti vo фонде, možno nájsť v prílohe predajného prospektu fondu s názvom Zásady trvalej udržateľnosti.

Informácie o tom, ako boli naplnené environmentálne alebo sociálne vlastnosti fondu, alebo informácie o celkovom vplyve fondu na udržateľnosť, možno nájsť vo výročných správach fondu.

Summary - italian

Per una migliore leggibilità, ai fini del presente documento, "regolamento sulla tassonomia" indica il regolamento (UE) 2020/852, "regolamento sulla divulgazione" indica il regolamento (UE) 2019/2088 e "RTS" indica il regolamento delegato (UE) 2022/1288 .

Questo prodotto finanziario promuove caratteristiche ambientali o sociali, ma non ha come obiettivo un investimento sostenibile.

Il fondo d'investimento segue un'interpretazione ampia della sostenibilità. Applicando l'approccio di sostenibilità proprietario della società di gestione, vengono promosse sia le caratteristiche ambientali che quelle sociali. Ciò è garantito dall'applicazione del Toolbox ESG di Erste Asset Management GmbH come parte del processo di investimento.

Gli investimenti sostenibili che fanno parte di questo prodotto finanziario non danneggiano in modo significativo gli obiettivi d'investimento sostenibili dal punto di vista ambientale o sociale, poiché questo Fondo investe in prodotti finanziari che sono stati classificati come sostenibili dalla Società di gestione sulla base del processo d'investimento sostenibile applicabile. Questa categorizzazione stabilisce che i prodotti finanziari non possono avere impatti negativi significativi su fattori ambientali o sociali, in quanto una tale violazione precluderebbe un investimento basato sulle caratteristiche ESG vincolanti di questo processo di investimento.

La strategia di investimento di questo fondo tiene conto dei principali impatti negativi (PAI) sui fattori di sostenibilità.

Vengono acquistati per almeno il 51% del patrimonio del fondo strumenti finanziari che, in base a un processo di selezione prestabilito, la società di gestione classifica sostenibili. Nell'ambito del processo di selezione gli emittenti vengono valutati in base ai rispettivi rischi ambientali, sociali e di governance aziendale. Questa analisi avviene mediante una valutazione e un esame interni e sulla base di ricerche esterne. Per essere investibili, questi emittenti devono inoltre soddisfare i criteri di esclusione del fondo. In merito alle società, tra i criteri di esclusione rientrano tra l'altro le violazioni dei diritti umani, il lavoro minorile, il lavoro coatto, la discriminazione in ambito lavorativo e professionale, le violazioni del Global Compact dell'ONU, la produzione e il commercio di armi controverse nonché l'estrazione, l'utilizzo per la generazione di energia elettrica e la conversione di carbone termico. Per mantenere l'attuabilità operativa dei criteri di esclusione quali limiti di rilevanza e per garantirne la precisione, possono essere impiegate le soglie di valore e le operazionalizzazioni definite dalla società di gestione. Informazioni particolareggiate sui criteri di esclusione applicabili, incluse le indicazioni sui valori limite e sull'operazionalizzazione, sono consultabili all'indirizzo <https://www.erste-am.at/en/exclusioncriteria>. Vengono classificate sostenibili solo le società nella cui politica aziendale la società di gestione può ravvisare un sufficiente orientamento alla sostenibilità. In merito agli stati, sono esclusi dall'universo d'investimento i regimi autoritari secondo Freedom House. Tutti i singoli titoli emessi dalle società devono soddisfare i requisiti di buona governance al momento dell'acquisto. Se dopo l'acquisizione si viene a conoscenza di una violazione contro tali criteri, lo strumento finanziario interessato deve essere venduto mediante un ordine "curando". Per il patrimonio del fondo vengono acquistate principalmente, ovvero almeno il 51% del patrimonio del fondo, obbligazioni societarie e/o obbligazioni di istituti di credito sotto forma di titoli singoli acquistati direttamente, quindi non direttamente o indirettamente tramite fondi d'investimento o tramite derivati. Nell'ambito di tale focalizzazione possono essere acquistate in particolare per il patrimonio del fondo anche obbligazioni subordinate o obbligazioni ibride e obbligazioni sotto forma di strumenti del mercato monetario. Gli strumenti finanziari citati possono essere a reddito fisso o variabile e possono essere denominati in euro e in valute estere. I rischi di cambio vengono ampiamente coperti.

Negli investimenti diretti la società di gestione persegue inoltre una funzione di azionariato attivo.

Per la raccolta dei dati relativi alla sostenibilità vengono utilizzati anche dati di fornitori esterni, che vengono poi utilizzati per l'analisi della società di gestione.

I dati esterni possono essere incompleti, inesatti o temporaneamente non disponibili. Inoltre i fornitori dei rating sulla sostenibilità prendono in considerazione diversi fattori e ponderazioni, quindi una stessa azienda in cui si

investe nell'ambito dell'investimento può presentare punteggi di sostenibilità differenti. Esiste così il rischio di non valutare correttamente un titolo o un'emittente.

Per limitare tale rischio, si fa ricorso al modello di rating interno ESGenius. Questo modello di rating combina gli orientamenti alla sostenibilità dominanti sul mercato (approccio orientato all'etica e prospettiva del rischio) in una visione complessiva nell'ambito dell'analisi. La combinazione di diversi fornitori consente di ridurre le eventuali lacune nei dati, verificando nel contempo la precisione dei diversi approcci.

Grazie al processo di investimento e alle misure adottate per garantire la qualità dei dati, la Società di gestione presume che le restrizioni precedentemente menzionate non avranno un impatto negativo rilevante sulle caratteristiche ambientali e sociali.

Non è stato individuato alcun indice di riferimento per le caratteristiche ambientali e/o sociali promosse dal fondo comune.

Le informazioni su come vengono promosse le caratteristiche ambientali o sociali del fondo d'investimento sono riportate nell'appendice al prospetto o nelle informazioni per gli investitori ai sensi dell'art. 21 della direttiva GEFIA (gestori dei fondi di investimento alternativi).

Informazioni su come sono state soddisfatte le caratteristiche ambientali o sociali o informazioni sull'impatto complessivo sulla sostenibilità del fondo di investimento sono disponibili nelle relazioni annuali dei fondi di investimento.

b) No sustainable investment objective

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Exclusion Criteria			ESG Analysis / Best in Class		Integration	Engagement	Voting	Thematic funds	Focused sustainability Impact	Fulfill Austrian ecolabel or FNG label criteria
Minimum criteria	Exclusion criteria	Norm-based Screening	ESG Risk Analysis	Best in Class						
✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			Not applicable	

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The investment strategie of this Fund takes into account the principal adverse impacts (PAI) on sustainability factors.

Consideration and reduction of key adverse impacts on sustainability factors (Principle Adverse Impact - "PAI") is accomplished through the following procedures and methods:

- Application of social and/or environmental exclusion criteria.
- All issuers invested in the Fund are analysed and selected before acquisition on the basis of a predefined sustainability process. The proprietary ESGenius process provides a comprehensive ESG analysis of each issuer based on its specific ESG risk profile and the measures taken to mitigate these risks. Based on the results of this analysis, the ESGenius rating, only those issuers that achieve at least an ESGenius score on the predefined minimum score are eligible for investment. This minimum score can be higher depending on the sector of the economy in which the issuer is active. For investments for which no ESGenius rating is available, the application of the good governance requirements ensures that PAI is taken into account on a fundamental level.

All PAIs from Table 1 of the RTS, that apply to the investment fund were taken into account. The investment fund also takes the following PAIs from Tables 2 and 3, Annex I of the RTS into account:

- Indicator 8 (Table 2) - Exposure to areas of high water stress (share of investments in investee companies with sites located in areas of high water stress without a water management policy)
- Indicator 14 (Table 3) - Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents (number of cases of severe human rights issues and incidents connected to investee companies on a weighted average basis)

Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) that are managed by the Management Company or its group companies

Sustainable investments are made by applying the exclusion criteria described above and taking into account the ESG analysis of issuers following the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Details on the relevant criteria are available on the following website:

<https://www.erste-am.at/en/exclusioncriteria>

Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies

All invested mutual funds managed by external management companies must be classified as either Art. 8 or Art. 9 under the Disclosure Regulation or at least comply with the requirements for good corporate governance, if applicable. How the sustainable investments comply with OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights can be found in the documents of the external management companies.

In the event that third-party funds are held, the indicators for the adverse impacts on sustainability factors are taken into account in the manner defined by the respective manufacturers.

c) Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) that are managed by the Management Company or its group companies.

The focus topics of the ESG analysis, selection process, and active ownership practices are adapted to the specific ESG risk profile of each issuer.

At the level of the Fund, the Management Company is pursuing the objective of achieving improvements in the following key environmental and social aspects through its proprietary sustainability approach:

- The environmental footprint of the investments held by the Fund, in particular
 - the carbon footprint and the mitigation of climate change in general, and
 - the responsible use of the water as a resource.
- The avoidance of environmental risks
 - for the protection of biodiversity
 - the responsible management of waste and other emissions

- Social factors such as
 - the exclusion of any investments in companies that produce or deal in controversial weapons.
 - the promotion of human rights and exclusion of issuers complicit in human rights violations.
 - the promotion of good working conditions, for example in the areas workplace safety and training, and the exclusion of issuers that are complicit in labour law violations, in particular of the core standards of the ILO.
 - the promotion of diversity and the exclusion of issuers that practice discrimination.
 - the avoidance of corruption and fraud.

- The promotion of good corporate governance:
 - the independence of supervisory bodies
 - management remuneration
 - good accounting practices
 - the protection of shareholder rights

Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies

All invested financial products managed by external management companies must be classified as either Art. 8 or Art. 9 under the Disclosure Regulation, or at least comply with good governance requirements, if applicable.

Therefore the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by these investment funds are those declared by their respective producer in compliance with the Disclosure Regulation.

d) Investment strategy

The Fund invests at least 51% of its assets in financial instruments that have been categorised by the Management Company as sustainable on the basis of a predefined screening process.

In the screening process, issuers are assessed in terms of their environmental, social, and corporate governance risks. This analysis is completed on the basis of internal evaluation and using external research. These issuers must also comply with the exclusion criteria to be eligible for the Fund. The exclusion criteria that pertain to companies include human rights violations, child labour, forced labour, discrimination in employment and occupation, violations of the UN Global Compact, the manufacture and sale of controversial weapons, coal mining, electricity generation from coal, and the thermal conversion of coal. The Management Company may employ defined thresholds and operationalisation to facilitate the application of the exclusion criteria in terms of an identification limit and to ensure that the criteria have the desired effect. Details of the applicable exclusion criteria, including information on the thresholds and operationalisation, can be found at <https://www.erste-am.at/en/exclusioncriteria>. Only companies whose business policy demonstrates a sufficiently sustainable approach to the Management Company are categorised as sustainable. In terms of sovereigns, authoritarian regimes as defined by Freedom House are excluded from the investment universe. All individual securities issued by companies must meet the requirements for good governance at the time of purchase.

If a violation of the stated criteria becomes known after purchase, the affected financial instrument must be sold while protecting the interests of Unit-holders.

The Fund invests predominantly, in other words at least 51% of its assets, in corporate bonds and/or bonds from credit institutions; these bonds must be purchased directly, in other words not indirectly or directly through investment funds or through derivatives. Within this focus, the Fund can in particular invest in subordinated bonds and hybrid bonds as well as in bonds in the form of money market instruments.

The specified financial instruments can feature a fixed or variable interest rate and can be denominated in euros or other currencies. Currency risks are hedged to a large degree.

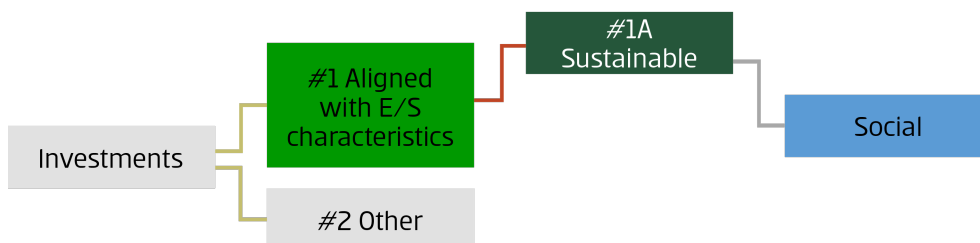
Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) that are managed by the Management Company or its group companies

The assessment of good corporate governance practices are determined by compliance with the exclusion criteria, the ESGenius minimum score (if available, or the Truevalue Labs minimum score, if applicable), and by checking for compliance with the UN Global Compact Principles.

Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies

The measures for assessing the good governance practices of the companies in which these financial products invest are specified and disclosed by the respective manufacturer in accordance with the Disclosure Regulation.

e) Proportion of investments



The Fund invests at least 51 % of the fund assets in sustainable investments in accordance with Article 2 number 17 of the Disclosure Regulation. This is ensured through compliance with the Fund’s sustainability approach.

Under the investment strategy described in lit. b), investments are held in direct or indirect risk positions in companies.

f) Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The ESG criteria are complied with continuously in terms of the environmental, social, and ethical exclusion criteria as well as in relation to the ESG analysis for direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) that are managed by the Management Company or its group companies. This is ensured by the quarterly review and updating of the eligible investment universe of the Fund.

All invested investment funds managed by external management companies must be classified as either Art. 8 or Art. 9 under the Disclosure Regulation or at least comply with the requirements for good corporate governance, if applicable.

The monitoring of environmental or social characteristics is ensured by the investment process applied and a daily review of the investment fund by Risk Management.

g) Methodologies

Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) that are managed by the Management Company or its group companies

All issuers in which the Fund invests are analysed and selected before acquisition on the basis of a predefined sustainability process. The proprietary ESGenius process provides a comprehensive ESG analysis of each issuer based on its specific ESG risk profile and the measures taken to mitigate these risks. Based on the results of this analysis, the ESGenius rating, only those issuers that achieve a score of at least 30 of 100 possible points are eligible for investment based on an ESG-risk-analysis approach. This minimum score can be higher depending on the sector of the economy in which the issuer is active. All issuers are also evaluated for violations of the Fund’s exclusion criteria. The investment universe is assessed for compliance with these criteria at least once per quarter and updated as needed. Compliance with the eligible investment universe is verified daily. Securities from issuers that no longer meet the sustainability criteria of the Fund are sold while protecting Unit-holder interests.

Investments in sovereign bonds are subject to similar, specific analysis. The minimum ESGenius Score for investment in sovereign bonds is 30 out of 100 points.

Moreover, social, and environmental characteristics are promoted by applying exclusion criteria.

The exclusion criteria of the fund are available on the following website:

<https://www.erste-am.at/en/exclusioncriteria>

The Management Company also exercises an active ownership function. Through Engagement with issuers in the analysed investment universe, contributions are made to the improvement of the environmental and social performance of these companies.

Investments in sovereign bonds are not covered by the fund management company's active ownership programmes.

Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies

All invested investment funds managed by external management companies must be classified as either Art. 8 or Art. 9 under the Disclosure Regulation or at least comply with the requirements for good corporate governance, if applicable.

Therefore the objectives of the sustainable investments that these investment funds partially intends to make and the ways the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives are those defined by their respective producers.

h) Data sources and processing

In addition to internal research based on information published by the issuers, data from external providers are also used when gathering sustainability-related data for the sustainability analysis.

The following data sources and providers are used, among others:

- MSCI ESG
- ISS ESG
- FactSet TrueValueLabs
- Sustainalytics
- ESGPlus

The careful selection of data providers and the consideration of data from different data providers ensures maximum data quality. For the investment funds that are managed by the Management Company, the data used are aggregated and analysed using the Management Company's proprietary sustainability approach (ESGenius) and/or additional research approaches of the Management Company. ESG data from the listed data providers may contain temporary estimates to a limited extent, depending on the type of sustainability-related data.

i) Limitations to methodologies and data

The external data may be incomplete, imprecise, or temporarily unavailable. The providers of sustainability ratings also take different influences into account and apply different weightings, meaning that a company that is the target of an investment can have different sustainability scores. There is therefore the risk of a security or issuer being assessed incorrectly.

A proprietary rating model called ESGenius is used to limit this risk. In this rating model, the predominant sustainability approaches in the market (ethically oriented approach versus a risk view) are combined into an overall view during the analysis. Combining the different providers reduces any data gaps and also verifies the plausibility of the different approaches.

Due to the investment process and the measures taken to ensure the quality of the data, the Management Company assumes that the previously mentioned restrictions will not have a material negative impact on the environmental and social characteristics.

j) Due diligence

The Management Company has drawn up procedures for fulfilling its due diligence obligations relating to the underlying assets.

The due diligence procedure consists primarily of

- the regular review of quantitative requirements and limits in risk management using
 - positive lists and/or
 - negative lists
- additional supporting (quantitative) evaluations in risk management for verifying the plausibility of assumptions and further (relevant) information for management
- the review of the processes and documentation as part of the regular OP risk, ICS, and compliance audits

Procedures for taking the relevant financial and sustainability risks into account have been integrated into the Management Company's processes.

k) Engagement policies

We understand active ownership to mean our responsibility to not only take sustainability criteria into account when selecting securities, but to also be an active investor that engages with the companies to promote measures that serve social responsibility, environmental protection, and enhanced transparency.

We differentiate here between engagement, in other words formal and informal dialogue with companies, and the exercise of voting rights at annual general meetings.

Engagement

As a committed investor, EAM seeks active dialogue with the management of relevant companies as part of its sustainability process where it holds direct investments. This puts the spotlight on weaknesses in the management of environment, social, and governance aspects and is intended to serve as a way to find a joint solution for improvement. Engagement is not only a question of responsibility, but also contributes to minimising risks and can thus improve long-term investment success. EAM can exclude companies that consistently refuse to enter into dialogue from the investment universe.

EAM employs three engagement strategies:

Local engagement: Promoting the integration of ESG criteria in management decisions of local and/or domestic companies through investor meetings/personal discussions.

Collaborative engagement: Combination of ESG interests with other investors to have a more powerful voice, especially with international corporate groups. International sustainability networks such as PRI and CRIC and the engagement service of a research services provider are used for this.

ESG dialogues: Promotion of the integration of ESG risks in management decisions of international companies via dialogues at the executive management level.

Voting

Voting, i.e. the exercise of voting rights associated with directly held shares, is a central pillar of the active ownership approach.

More detailed information about the voting policy can also be found on EAM's website at <https://www.erste-am.at/en/private-investors/sustainability/publications-and-guidelines>

To ensure transparency and consistency in voting behaviour, the voting behaviour is reported regularly on the EAM voting portal.

<https://www.erste-am.at/de/private-anleger/nachhaltigkeit/publikationen-und-richtlinien#/active-ownership>

l) Fixed reference value

No index has been designated as a reference benchmark for the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics.

m) 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 annex to the prospectus or the information for investors pursuant to § 21 AIFMG.

n) 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 sustainability-related impact of the Fund can be found in the annual reports of the investment funds.

Changelog:

The following changes have been made in this version:

Editorial changes.

For information about prior amendments see the previous version.