

**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.

Product name : BNP PARIBAS FUNDS Energy Transition

Legal Entity Identifier: 213800MKBV8QXZDC9E79

## SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes    No

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It made a sustainable investment with an environmental objective: 97.1%*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with a social objective: 24.8%*</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of __ % of sustainable investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments</p>
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Unless otherwise specified, all actual data, within this periodic report are expressed as a quarterly weighted average.

\*A portfolio security classified as sustainable investment may, taking into account all its activities, both contribute to a social objective and to an environmental objective (aligned or not with the taxonomy of the EU) and the figures shown take this into account. However, the same issuer can only be recognised once for sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).



### To what extent was the sustainable investment objective of this financial product met?

The sustainable investment objective of the BNP Paribas Energy Transition fund is to participate in the transition into a sustainable world by investing in companies which provide environmental solutions facilitating the transition to a low carbon economy with the aim to deliver a positive environmental contribution. As such, the selection of the underlying issuers will be made by focusing on generating a net reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate catastrophic climate change.

At all times, this financial product invests in equities and/or equity equivalent securities issued by worldwide companies that have at least 20% of their economic activities (measured via Revenue, CapEx or OpEx) aligned to the provision of energy transition solutions.

Energy transition themes include, but are not limited to renewable energy production, energy technology & materials and energy infrastructure & mobility.

Renewable Energy Production: This theme relates to decarbonising the energy system through production of renewable energy and carbon capture. Examples include clean power, hydrogen production, and renewable installation.

Energy Technology & Materials: This theme relates to digitalising the energy system through electrification, efficiency and technology. Examples include batteries for electric vehicles, environmental data analytics, and critical raw materials.

Energy Infrastructure & Mobility: This relates to decentralising the energy system through new infrastructure, distributed energy, and battery storage. This includes electric vehicle charging, hydrogen mobility and micro eMobility.

The share of financial product investments considered by the SFDR regulation to be sustainable investments contributes in the proportions described in the question on the allocation of assets to the environmental objectives defined in the European Regulation on Taxonomy in force to date: climate change mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable Investment objective of the the financial product.

### ● *How did the sustainability indicators perform?*

The following sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the financial product:

- The percentage of the financial product’s portfolio compliant with the BNP Paribas Asset Management Responsible Business Conduct policy (RBC Policy): **100% of the equity portfolio**
- The financial product shall invest in companies with at least 20% of revenue, profit or invested capital aligned with the financial product’s thematic;: **100% of the equity portfolio**
- The percentage of the financial product’s assets covered by the ESG analysis based on the proprietary ESG methodology (excluding ancillary liquid assets): **96.2% of the equity portfolio**
- The percentage of the financial product’s portfolio invested in “sustainable investments” as defined in Article 2 (17) of the SFDR regulation: **98.1%**
- The percentage of the financial product’s portfolio aggregate Revenue which is “EU Taxonomy Aligned” as defined by Regulation (EU) 2020/852: **36.5%**

### ● *...and compared to previous periods ?*

Indicator	2022*	2023**	Comment
The percentage of the financial product’s portfolio compliant with the BNP Paribas Asset Management Responsible Business Conduct policy (RBC Policy)	100%	100%	In line with the financial product’s commitment
The financial product shall invest in companies with at least 20% of revenue, profit or invested capital aligned with the financial product’s thematic	100%	100%	In line with the financial product’s commitment
The percentage of the financial product’s assets covered by the ESG analysis based on the proprietary ESG methodology (excluding ancillary liquid assets)	100%	96.2%	In line with the financial product’s commitment
The percentage of the financial product’s portfolio invested in “sustainable investments” as defined in Article 2 (17) of the SFDR regulation	92.0%	98.1%	In line with the financial product’s commitment
The percentage of the financial product’s portfolio aggregate Revenue which is “EU Taxonomy Aligned” as defined by Regulation (EU) 2020/852	28.1%	36.5%	In line with the financial product’s commitment

\*Figures reported in 2022 were calculated on the closing date of the accounting year

\*\* Figures reported in 2023 are expressed as a quarterly weighted average

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

## *How did the sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any sustainable investment objective?*

Sustainable investments that the product partially intends to make should not significantly harm any environmental or social objective (DNSH Principle). In this respect, the investment manager commits to consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors by taking into account indicators for adverse impacts as defined in SFDR where these are relevant and material to the investment strategy, and to not invest in companies that do not meet their fundamental obligations in line with the OECD Guidelines and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

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

The investment manager ensures that throughout its investment process, the financial product takes into account all the principal adverse impact indicators that are relevant to its investment strategy to select the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make by systematically implementing the sustainable investment pillars defined in the BNP Paribas Asset Management Global Sustainability Strategy (GSS) into its investment process and as further detailed below in this document; RBC policy, ESG integration guidelines, Stewardship, the forward-looking vision – the '3Es' (Energy transition, Environmental sustainability, Equality & Inclusive Growth).

The RBC policy establishes a common framework across investments and economic activities that help identify industries and behaviours presenting a high risk of adverse impacts in violation of international norms. As part of the RBC Policy, sector policies provide a tailored approach to identify and prioritize principal adverse impacts based on the nature of the economic activity, and in many cases, the geography in which these economic activities take place.

The ESG Integration Guidelines includes a series of commitments, which are material to consideration of principal adverse sustainability impacts, and guides the internal ESG integration process. The proprietary ESG scoring framework includes an assessment of a number of adverse sustainability impacts caused by companies in which we invest. The result of this assessment leads to the exclusion of companies that are not aligned with the SDGs.

The Forward-looking perspective defines a set of objectives and developed performance indicators to measure how the researches, portfolios and commitments are aligned on three issues, the "3Es" (Energy transition, Environmental sustainability, Equality & inclusive growth) and thus support investment processes.

Furthermore, the Stewardship team regularly identifies adverse impacts through ongoing research, collaboration with other long-term investors, and dialogue with NGOs and other experts.

The financial product considers and addresses or mitigates the following principal adverse sustainability impacts indicators:

### Corporate mandatory indicators:

1. GreenHouse Gas (GHG) Emissions
2. Carbon footprint
3. GHG intensity of investee companies
4. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector
5. Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
6. Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector
7. Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas
8. Emissions to water
9. Hazardous waste ratio

**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.

10. Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
11. Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
12. Unadjusted gender pay gap
13. Board gender diversity
14. Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

Corporate voluntary indicators:

Environment

4. Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives

Social

4. Lack of a supplier code of conduct
9. Lack of a human rights policy

Sovereign mandatory indicators

15. GHG intensity
16. Investee countries subject to social violations

More detailed information on the manner in which principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors are considered can be found in the [BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT SFDR disclosure statement: sustainability risk integration and Principal Adverse Impacts considerations](#).

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

The investment universe of the financial product is periodically screened with a view to identify issuers that are potentially in violation or at risk of violation of the UN Global Compact Principles, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights, including the principles and rights set out in the eight fundamental conventions identified in the Declaration of the International Labour Organisation on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the International Bill of Human Rights. This assessment is conducted within the BNPP AM Sustainability Centre on the basis of internal analysis and information provided by external experts, and in consultation with BNP Paribas Group CSR Team. If an issuer is found to be in serious and repeated violations of any of the principles, it will be placed on an “exclusion list” and will not be available for investment. Existing investments should be divested from the portfolio according to an internal procedure. If an issuer is at risk of violating any of the principles, it is placed on a “watch list” monitored, as appropriate.



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

The product considers principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors by systematically implementing the sustainable investment pillars defined in the GSS into its investment process. These pillars are covered by firm-wide policies that set criteria to identify, consider and prioritise as well as address or mitigate adverse sustainability impacts caused by issuers.

The RBC policy establishes a common framework across investments and economic activities that help identify industries and behaviours presenting a high risk of adverse impacts in violation of international norms. As part of the RBC Policy, sector policies provide a tailored approach to identify and prioritize principal adverse impacts based on the nature of the economic activity, and in many cases, the geography in which these economic activities take place.

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Furthermore, the Stewardship team regularly identifies adverse impacts through ongoing research, collaboration with other long-term investors, and dialogue with NGOs and other experts.

Actions to address or mitigate principal adverse sustainability impacts depend on the severity and materiality of these impacts. These actions are guided by the RBC Policy, ESG Integration Guidelines, and Engagement and Voting Policy which include the following provisions:

- Exclusion of issuers that are in violation of international norms and conventions and issuers that are involved in activities presenting an unacceptable risk to society and/or the environment;
- Engagement with issuers with the aim of encouraging them to improve their environmental, social and governance practices and, thus, mitigate potential adverse impacts;
- In case of equity holdings, voting at Annual General Meetings of companies the portfolio is invested in to promote good governance and advance environmental and social issues;
- Ensuring all securities included in the portfolio have supportive ESG research.

Based on the above approach, and depending on composition of the financial product's portfolio (i.e. the type of issuer), the financial product considers and addresses or mitigates the following principal adverse sustainability impacts:

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

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets*	Country
SUNNOVA ENERGY INTERNATIONAL INC	Utilities	9,54%	United States
PLUG POWER INC	Industrials	7,50%	United States
SUNRUN INC	Industrials	7,49%	United States
SIEMENS ENERGY N AG	Industrials	4,96%	Germany
FLUENCE ENERGY INC CLASS A A	Industrials	4,77%	United States
ARRAY TECHNOLOGIES INC	Industrials	4,43%	United States
BYD LTD H H	Consumer Discretionary	3,52%	China
RENEW ENERGY GLOBAL PLC CLASS A	Utilities	3,29%	United Kingdom
ALBEMARLE CORP	Materials	3,10%	United States
CONTEMPORARY AMPEREX TECHNOLOGY CO LTD A	Industrials	2,64%	China
QUANTUMSCAPE CORP CLASS A A	Consumer Discretionary	2,23%	United States
BLOOM ENERGY CLASS A CORP A	Industrials	2,16%	United States
GREEN PLAINS INC	Energy	1,97%	United States
OERSTED	Utilities	1,89%	Denmark
TESLA INC	Consumer Discretionary	1,89%	United States

The list includes investments constituting the **greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is: from 01.01.23 to 29.12.23

Source of data: BNP Paribas Asset Management, expressed as a quarterly weighted average.

The largest investments are based on official accounting data and are based on the transaction date.

\* Any percentage differences with the financial statement portfolios result from a rounding difference.

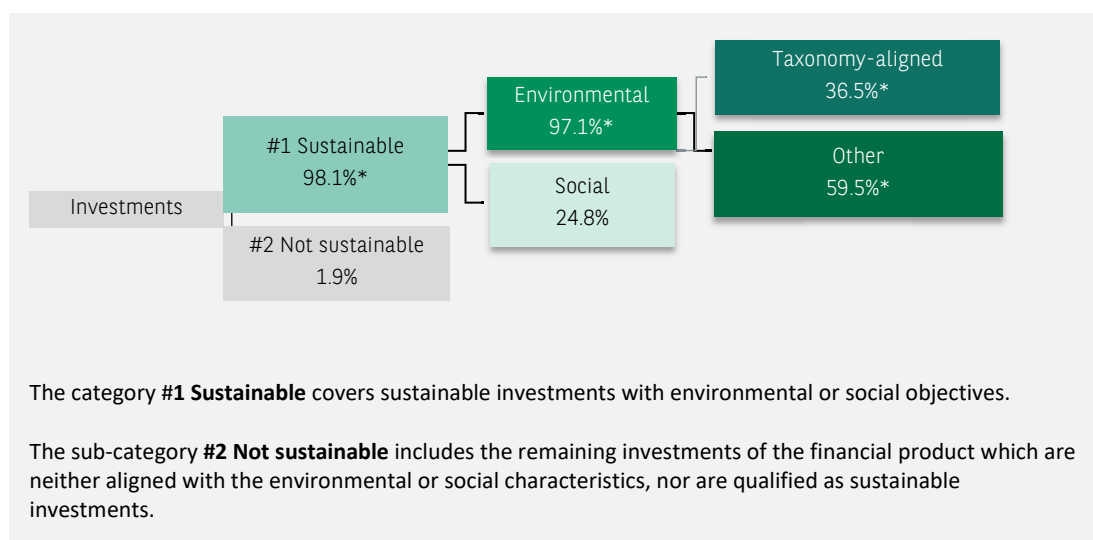
\*\* Any difference with the portfolio statements above are coming from the use of different data's sources.



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

### ● What was the asset allocation ?

The proportion of the investments used to meet the sustainable investment objective in accordance with the binding elements of its investment strategy is **98.1%**.



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets

● *In which economic sectors were the investments made ?*

Sectors	% Asset
Industrials	51,06%
Utilities	17,31%
Materials	11,27%
Consumer Discretionary	9,53%
Information Technology	3,95%
Energy	2,84%
Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing	2,74%
Coal & Consumable Fuels	0,09%
Cash	2,10%
Financials	1,80%
Consumer Staples	0,61%
Derivatives	-0,47%

Source of data: BNP Paribas Asset Management, expressed as a quarterly weighted average.  
The largest investments are based on official accounting data and are based on the transaction date.

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.



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

The two graphs below illustrate, according to the data available, the extent to which sustainable investments with an environmental objective are aligned with the EU Taxonomy and contribute to the environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The management company uses data from third-party providers to measure the proportion of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Providers collect companies' self-reported alignment KPIs and may use equivalent information where these are not readily available in public disclosures. More information on BNPP AM the methodology and the providers used can be found here: <https://docfinder.bnpparibas-am.com/api/files/OEE37EC2-8612-48A5-8AA1-D5C09CCB58DD>

The management company is improving its systems for collecting data in line with the EU Taxonomy to ensure the accuracy and adequacy of published sustainability information under the European Taxonomy Regulation. Further updates of the prospectus and the alignment of commitments with the EU Taxonomy may be made accordingly.

Economic activities that are not recognised by the EU taxonomy are not necessarily harmful to the environment or unsustainable. Moreover, not all activities that can make a substantial contribution to environmental and social objectives are yet integrated into the EU Taxonomy.

The compliance of those investments with the requirements laid down in article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation) has not been subject to an assurance provided by an auditor or review by a third party.

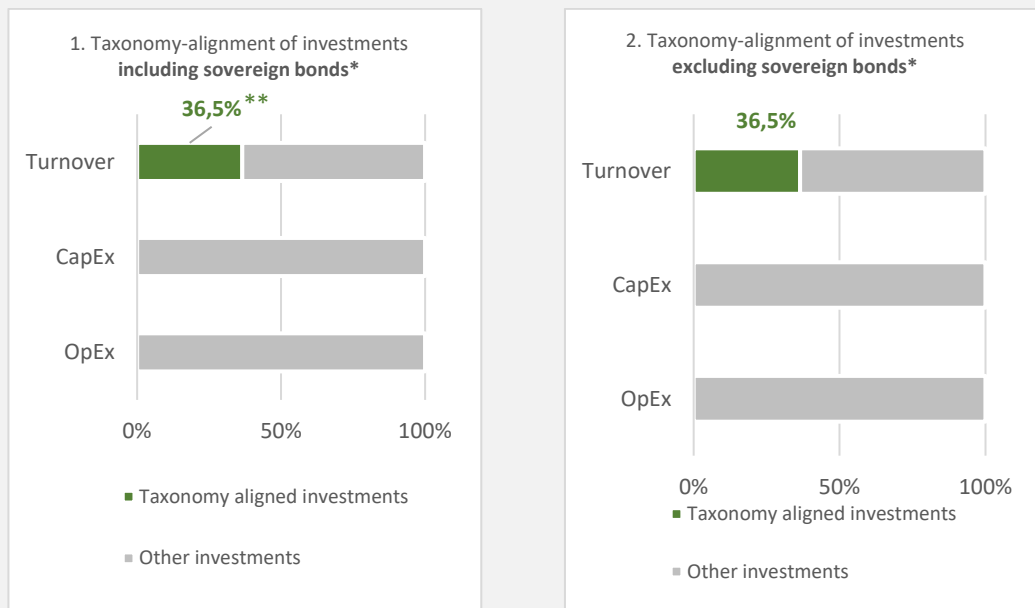


● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy <sup>1</sup>?**

- Yes:
  - In fossil gas
  - In nuclear energy
- No:
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The data covering the proportion of taxonomy-aligned activities related to fossil gas and nuclear energy and on which the report is based in this respect were solely available starting from the last quarter of the accounting year.

*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\*, 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

\*\* Real taxonomy aligned

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

The share of investments in transitional and enabling activities within the meaning of the Regulations Taxonomy is 0% for transitional activities and 0% for enabling activities.

<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 objective - 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.


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.

**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.

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

	Revenue
2022*	28.1%
2023**	36.5%

\*Figures reported in 2022 were calculated on the closing date of the accounting year  
 \*\* Figures reported in 2023 are expressed as a quarterly weighted average.

The proportion of taxonomy-aligned economic activities in CapEx or OpEx are not disclosed given the current level of data at the disposal of the management company related to such information.



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

The share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the European Taxonomy Regulation is **59.5%**.

The management company is improving its systems for collecting data in line with the EU Taxonomy to ensure the accuracy and adequacy of published sustainability information under the European Taxonomy Regulation. Meanwhile, the financial product will invest in sustainable investments whose environmental objective is not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



**What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

Socially sustainable investments represent **24.8%** of the financial product..



**What investments were included under 'not sustainable', what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

The remaining proportion of the investments is made in instruments used for liquidity and/or hedging purposes, such as cash, deposits and derivatives.

The investment manager will ensure that those investments are made while maintaining the sustainable investment objective of the financial product. In addition, those investments are made in compliance with our internal processes, including the following minimum environmental or social safeguards:

- the risk management policy. The risk management policy comprises procedures as are necessary to enable the management company to assess for each financial product it manages the exposure of that product to market, liquidity, sustainability and counterparty risks. And
- the RBC policy, where applicable, through the exclusion of companies involved in controversies due to poor practices related to human and labour rights, environment, and corruption, as well as companies operating in sensitive sectors (tobacco, coal, controversial weapons, asbestos,...), as these companies are deemed to be in violation of international norms, or to cause unacceptable harm to society and/or the environment.



## What actions have been taken to attain the sustainable investment objective during the reference period ?

- The financial product shall comply with the RBC Policy by excluding companies involved in controversies due to poor practices related to human and labor rights, environment, and corruption, as well as companies operating in sensitive sectors (tobacco, coal, controversial weapons, asbestos,...), as these companies are deemed to be in violation of international norms, or to cause unacceptable harm to society and/or the environment.

More information on the RBC Policy, and in particular criteria relating to sectoral exclusions, can be found on the website of the investment manager: [Sustainability documents - BNPP AM Corporate English \(bnpparibas-am.com\)](https://www.bnpparibas-am.com).

- The financial product shall invest in companies with at least a 20% of revenues aligned with the financial product's thematics;
- At least 20% of the initial thematic universe is reduced in order to define the final thematic universe (based on SDG alignment and DNSH criteria);
- The financial product shall have at least 90% of its assets (excluding ancillary liquid assets) covered by the ESG analysis based on the proprietary ESG methodology;
- The financial product shall have at least 90% of its assets covered by the SDG alignment and DNSH analysis based on the proprietary sustainable investments methodology (excluding ancillary liquid assets);
- The financial product shall invest at least 85% of its portfolio in "sustainable investments" as defined in Article 2 (17) of the SFDR regulation. Criteria to qualify an investment as "sustainable investment" and the quantitative and qualitative thresholds are indicated in the main part of the Prospectus.
- The financial product's shall invest at least 10% of its assets in companies "EU Taxonomy Aligned".



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

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

- *How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?*  
Not applicable
- *How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the sustainable objective?*  
Not applicable
- *How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?*  
Not applicable
- *How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?*  
Not applicable

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable objective