#### Sustainable

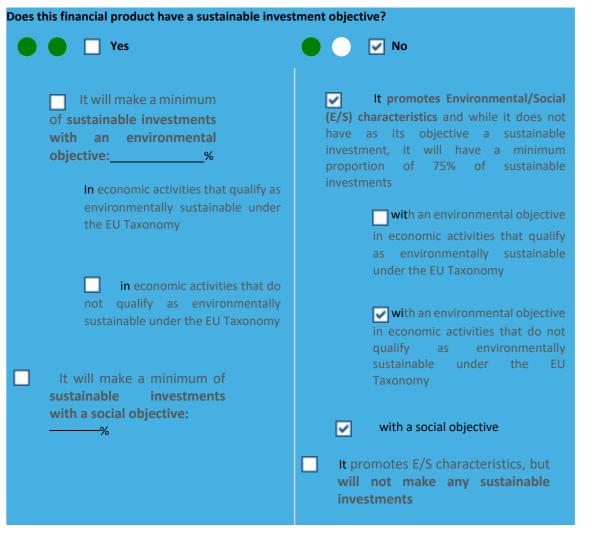
investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective that the and investee companies follow good governance practices.

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

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## Environmental and/or social characteristics



#### What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

# Sustainability indicators

measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained. The following environmental and social characteristics are promoted by the financial product:

- Limit investments in companies that do not adhere to internationally recognised standards related to human rights, labour rights, the environment, and anti-corruption.
- Limit investments in companies involved in controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, biological weapons, chemical weapons, cluster munitions, depleted uranium, white phosphorus, and nuclear weapons in the case of issuers linked to countries that are not signatories to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)).
- Limit investments in securities issued by countries subject to European Union (EU) arms embargoes.
- A minimum proportion of sustainable investments.
- A minimum proportion of the equity allocation invested in third party funds which have a EU climate Transition Benchmark or EU Paris-aligned benchmark.
- A minimum proportion of the fixed income allocation invested in third party funds which invest in Green, Social or Sustainable (GSS) bonds.

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

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

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

- Investee companies that violate the United Nations Global Compact principles.
- Investee companies involved in controversial weapons.
- Investment instruments issued by countries subject to EU arms embargoes.
- Sustainable investments made by the financial product.
- Proportion of the equity allocation invested in third party funds which have a EU climate Transition Benchmark or EU Paris-aligned benchmark.
- Proportion of the fixed income allocation invested in third party funds which invest in Green, Social or Sustainable (GSS) bonds.

These sustainability indicators are measured in the form of a percentage of investments.

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The main objective of the sustainable investments made by the financial product is to contribute to the transition to a more sustainable economy by investing in issuers or projects whose economic activities substantially contribute to this transition, without causing significant harm in other areas. This contribution can be linked to different environmental and social objectives, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following areas: climate action, healthy ecosystems, access to basic needs, human capital development and one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The UN SDGs are 17 goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

Given that the sustainable investments in this financial product are made via third party funds, Quintet applies its proprietary sustainable investment framework and extensive third party fund sustainability due diligence process to ensure that third party fund managers can demonstrate that the sustainable investments they make contribute to explicit environmental or social objectives, meet the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) requirement, and meet Good Governance practices (for investments in companies). Also, through this process Quintet ensures that the identified objectives of the sustainable investments made by the third party funds are aligned with the environmental and social objectives of Quintet's proprietary sustainable investment framework.

The sustainable investments that the third party funds make can contribute to the beforementioned objectives in various ways, including through investments in companies that through their economic activities or their operations contribute substantially to achieving these objectives, through investments in Green, Social or Sustainable (GSS) bonds (these are debt instruments for which the use of proceeds is exclusively used to achieve pre-defined sustainability objectives), and through investments that measurably contribute to the transition to a low-carbon economy, such as by investing in accordance with the EU climate Transition Benchmark or EU Paris-aligned benchmark.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The sustainable investments made by the third party funds that the financial product invests in need to meet a number of requirements, including various criteria related to assessing there is no significant harm to any environmental or social objectives. Funds making sustainable investments are required to have policies in place regarding their own research and investment process to ensure that sustainable investments do not cause significant harm. Principal adverse impacts should be considered when assessing do no significant harm, and any sustainable investments made in investee companies should be aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

To achieve this, Quintet investigates various aspects of the third party funds' approach. This includes reviewing how third party funds determine whether a sustainable instrument does not cause significant harm and the specific methods they employ, such as exclusions or setting any thresholds at the issuer or instrument level. This ensures that sustainable investments made by the financial product do not cause significant harm.

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

Where third party funds that the financial product invests in make sustainable investments, these funds have to take into account indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors as part of the do no significant harm assessment. The way they are taken into account can differ, as the SFDR does not prescribe a specific methodology and there is no single market approach for this. Therefore, across the third party funds that the financial product invests in, different approaches are applied, which include, where possible and feasible, quantitative and/or qualitative assessments of the indicators listed in table 1 of Annex I of the Delegated Regulation 2022/1288. In addition, the way indicators are considered can depend on various factors, such as whether the specific indicator is relevant for the investment and the availability of (reliable) data.

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, anticorruption and anti-bribery matters.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?

Where third party funds make sustainable investments, the financial product only invests in third party funds for which the third party fund manager ensures that the sustainable investments made are aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. This should be done in a structural manner as part of the investment process.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomyaligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

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

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



Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

🕨 Yes,

The financial product takes into account the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors by ensuring that the third party funds that the product invests in consider principal adverse impacts, which is achieved through different methods. Third party fund managers must engage, where possible and feasible, with companies held in their funds, and vote in company AGMs. This can be done at the product level or holistically at the third party fund manager level. Other examples of taking into account principal adverse impacts are the use of exclusions and alignment with international standards (such as the Paris Agreement). The third party funds that the financial product invests in must commit to addressing the principal adverse impacts and must have a formal policy on how this is addressed. Information on how the financial product has addressed principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors is published in the financial product's annual report.





#### The **investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

#### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The financial product invests indirectly via third party funds (Active mutual funds, IMFs & ETFs) in equities and in interest rate products and cash. Interest rate products include, among others, bonds, money market instruments and structured products based on interest rate products.

The proportion allocated to equities may vary from 15 to 35% of the net assets of the financial product and the proportion allocated to interest rate products and cash from 0 to 85% of the net assets of the financial product.

In addition, the financial product may invest up to 100% of its net assets in units of UCIs of all classifications and in structured products giving exposure to other asset classes such as currencies and/or commodities.

The assets of the financial product are invested without restriction of economic sector or geographical origin.

The financial product integrates environmental and social criteria into the investment process through an extensive due diligence process on third party funds. This includes reviewing the robustness of the investment process, the people responsible for the strategy, the risk-adjusted return characteristics, the third party fund manager and the sustainability practices of the fund. The due diligence is composed of 5 pillars:

- Intentionality: explicit and intentional links to sustainable investment;
- Portfolio characteristics: sustainable characteristics among invested companies;
- Research: sufficient skills and tools, integrated into methods and processes;
- Active ownership: voting and high-quality dialogue, supported by clear policies; and
- Transparency: frequent reporting on commitment and progress towards sustainable goals.

The extensive sustainability due diligence process is conducted prior to investing in a third party fund. However, also after the investment is made Quintet interacts actively with the third party fund managers and collects data on their portfolios on a regular basis to ensure compliance with the financial product's environmental and social characteristics. Through the due diligence and selection process, Quintet ensures that the sustainable investments made by third party funds are aligned with Quintet's own sustainable investment framework.

Quintet uses the sustainable investment disclosures of third party funds in order to determine the percentage of sustainable investments which third party funds are invested in. For more information on Quintet's proprietary sustainable investment framework or the sustainability due diligence process please see the link to the website in the last section of this document.

• What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The financial product has the following binding elements:

- 1. A minimum of 50% of the equity allocation of the financial product will be invested in third party funds which have a EU climate Transition Benchmark or EU Parisaligned benchmark.
- 2. A minimum of 50% of the fixed income allocation of the financial product will be invested in third party funds which invest in Green, Social or Sustainable (GSS) bonds.
- 3. Third party funds should have an active ownership policy with respect to investments in companies, where possible and feasible, i.e., voting activities and engagement practices for equities, and engagement for corporate bonds.
- What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

Not applicable.

What is the policy to assess the good governance practices of investee companies?

Where investments are made in companies, these companies need to meet good governance practices, for example in relation to corporate governance, ethical business conduct, responsible accounting and tax practices and employee relations. Quintet expects all third party funds that the financial product invests in to assess whether investee companies indeed follow good governance practices. Quintet validates that third party funds consider good governance practices by assessing their formal good governance policy.

Where a third party fund does not have a formal good governance policy, the fund's holdings are assessed by Quintet at the company level to determine whether the companies in which the third party fund invests do in fact follow good governance practices.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets

Activities aligned with the taxonomy are expressed as a percentage of: -Turnover to reflect the share of revenues from green activities of investee companies;

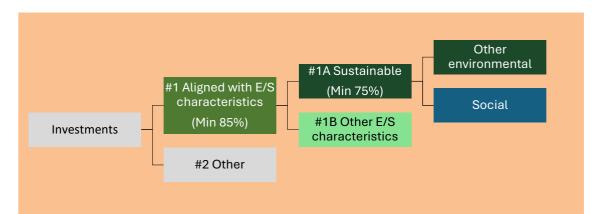
### - capital

expenditure (CapEx) to show the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. in the transition to a green economy • Operating expenses (OpEx) reflecting the

reflecting the green operational activities of investee companies.

#### What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

At least 85% of the investments are aligned with the environmental and social characteristics of the financial product. The remaining portion of the investments is intended for diversification, hedging, and is also made up of cash that is held on an ancillary basis. It could include funds held for diversification purposes (including ETCs and ETFs) that are not aligned with the environmental and social characteristics of the financial product. There are no minimum environmental or social safeguards for these investments. The minimum proportion of sustainable investments in the financial product is 75%.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2** Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

#### The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The subcategory **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives;

- The subcategory **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to ranowable How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Not applicable



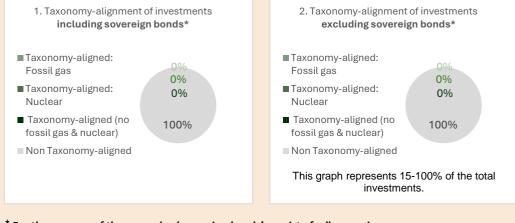
To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU taxonomy?

The financial product intends to partly make sustainable investments but does not specifically strive to make EU Taxonomy aligned investments. As such, the minimum extent of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.

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



The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are 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

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

0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.





The symbol represents sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the FU taxonomy.







Reference benchmarks are indices to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote. What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU taxonomy?

The financial product intends to partly make sustainable investments, but does not specifically strive to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU taxonomy. As such, the minimum extent of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.

What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

The financial product intends to partly make sustainable investments, but does not specifically strive to make socially sustainable investments. As such, the minimum extent of socially sustainable investments is 0%.

What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any environmental or social safeguards?

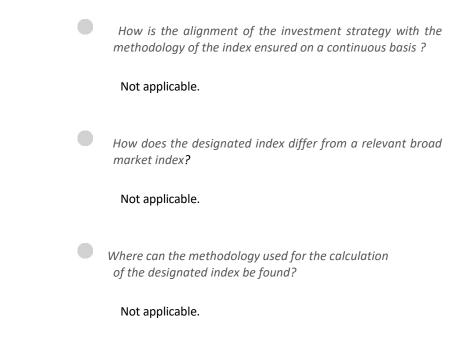
Investments included in the category "#2 Other" relate to derivatives held for diversification and hedging purposes, and cash held for ancillary liquidity purposes. They also could include funds held for diversification or hedging purposes (including ETCs and ETFs) that are not aligned with the environmental and social characteristics of the financial product. For example, third party funds that do not have a sustainable investment objective and do not promote environmental and/or social characteristics, and commodity ETCs can fall into this category. There are no minimum environmental or social safeguards for these investments.

Is a specific index designated a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

No

How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Not applicable.



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