

Product name:
Emerging Markets Sustainability Core Equity Fund

Legal entity identifier:
549300OY2XBGDINEI032

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

No

It made **sustainable investments with an environmental objective**: ___%

in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

It made **sustainable investments with a social objective**: ___%

It **promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of ___% of sustainable investments

with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

with a social objective

It promoted E/S characteristics, but **did not make any sustainable investments**

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 include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The fund attained the following E/S characteristics during the reference period:

1. Lower exposure to companies with high **greenhouse gas emissions**: The fund reduced its weighted average **carbon intensity** exposure relative to the fund's eligible market universe by at least 50%.
2. Lower exposure to companies owning **coal, oil and gas reserves**: The fund reduced its weighted average **potential emissions from reserves** exposure relative to the fund's eligible market universe by at least 75%.
3. Exclusion of companies with material involvement in (i) **environmentally harmful business activities** related to palm oil, factory farming and coal, or (ii) **severe environmental controversies** related to land use and biodiversity, toxic spills and releases, operational waste and water management: The exclusions were measured by determining the weight of companies with material involvement in the screened topics in the fund relative to the fund's eligible market universe.
4. Exclusion of companies with material involvement in (i) **socially harmful business activities** related to adult entertainment, alcohol, gambling, tobacco, civilian firearms, controversial weapons (e.g. cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, chemical and biological weapons or depleted uranium ammunition and armour), nuclear weapons and private prisons, or (ii) **severe social controversies** related to child labour: The exclusions were measured by determining the weight of companies with material involvement in the screened topics in the fund relative to the fund's eligible market universe.

Details on the promoted E/S characteristics and further sustainability-related disclosures are available at www.dimensional.com/SFDR.

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

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

The sustainability indicators are monitored on a regular basis to ensure that the E/S characteristics are maintained throughout the lifecycle of the fund. As at 30 November 2022, the indicators were as follows:

Sustainability indicator	Fund ¹	Market ²	Relative
Carbon intensity (weighted average, in tons CO ₂ e / \$m sales)	95	334	-72%
Potential emissions from reserves (weighted average, in megatons CO ₂)	–	420	-100%
Excluded environmental topics (weight)	–	4.7%	
Excluded social topics (weight)	–	2.3%	

1. Generally reflects the *financial assets at fair value through profit or loss* (the *total investments*) of the fund. Other remaining assets, such as cash and cash equivalents, are not considered in the table and are further outlined below. Holdings data is derived from the Investment Manager’s Investment Book of Record.

2. Represents the fund’s eligible market universe, which is a list of securities eligible for the fund prior to the application of the fund’s investment strategy, weighted according to their market capitalisation. The list generally consists of a broad and diverse group of securities traded in approved countries as defined in the Prospectus of the fund.

Companies where carbon intensity data is not available are assigned a sector average. Companies where potential emissions from reserves data is not available are assigned zero emissions. More information about the methodologies and limitations of the sustainability indicators are included in the fund’s website disclosure available at www.dimensional.com/SFDR.

● **What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

The fund did not make sustainable investments as per SFDR Article 2(17) and did not make EU Taxonomy-aligned investments based on available data that the Investment Manager considers reliable.

As at 30 November 2022, methodological uncertainties and inconsistent approaches existed across the industry in calculating sustainable investments. The Investment Manager therefore refrained from defining a method to determine sustainable investments as per SFDR Article 2(17) pending further regulatory guidance.

● **How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

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

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

The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do no significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned 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.



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

As at 30 November 2022, the fund considered the following principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (PAIs) as outlined in the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR):

PAI category	PAI	Actions taken
Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG)	GHG emissions ¹	Reduced carbon intensity and potential emissions from reserves exposure as outlined above.
	Carbon footprint ¹	
	GHG (emissions) intensity of investee companies ¹	
	Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector ²	
Biodiversity, water, waste	Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas	Exclusions based on severe environmental controversies as outlined above.
	Emissions to water	
	Hazardous and radioactive waste	
Social and employee matters	Violations of United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	If a company is deemed to be involved in a severe violation of business conduct standards that may pose a material risk to investors, then the Investment Manager may temporarily halt further investment in the company and seek further review within its Investment Stewardship Group.
	Exposure to controversial weapons	Exclusions based on socially harmful business activities as outlined above.

1. Scope 1 & 2 emissions.
 2. See next page for details.
- Indicators applicable to investments in portfolio companies.



What were the top investments of this financial product?

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	Communication Services	3.0	China
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFAC	Information Technology	3.0	Taiwan
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	Information Technology	1.6	South Korea
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	Consumer Discretionary	1.3	China
SAMSUNG ELECTR-GDR REG S	Information Technology	1.0	South Korea
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK-H	Financials	0.9	China
XIAOMI CORP-CLASS B	Information Technology	0.8	China
PING AN INSURANCE GROUP CO-H	Financials	0.7	China
INFOSYS LTD-SP ADR	Information Technology	0.7	India
IND & COMM BK OF CHINA-H	Financials	0.6	China
INFOSYS LTD	Information Technology	0.6	India
MEITUAN-CLASS B	Consumer Discretionary	0.6	China
TATA CONSULTANCY SVCS LTD	Information Technology	0.6	India
BANK OF CHINA LTD-H	Financials	0.5	China
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE	Financials	0.5	India

Top 15 investments based on fund weights at the end of February, May, August and November 2022, ranked by an investment's average weight over these dates. The table generally reflects the *financial assets at fair value through profit or loss* (the *total investments*) of the fund. Other remaining assets, such as cash and cash equivalents, are not considered in the table and are further outlined below. Holdings data is derived from the Investment Manager's Investment Book of Record. Sectors based on GICS. GICS was developed by and is the exclusive property of MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global.

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 antibribery matters.

The list includes the investments constituting the **greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is: **01 December 2021 – 30 November 2022**

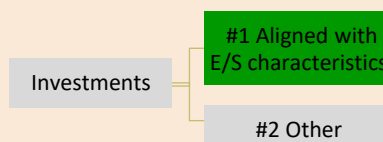


What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

● What was the asset allocation?

As at 30 November 2022, the fund invested in direct holdings and **99.3% of its investments were aligned with the E/S characteristics (#1)** promoted by the fund. Remaining positions were included under Other (#2) and are further outlined below.

The actual asset allocation is monitored on a regular basis to ensure that the planned asset allocation, as outlined in the Prospectus, is maintained throughout the lifecycle of the fund.



#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.

● In which economic sectors were the investments made?

As at 30 November 2022, the fund was broadly diversified across a range of sectors and its exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was low. This exposure can include companies with a small proportion of revenues from fossil fuel activities, such as large food retailers operating petrol stations. More details can be found in the following table:

Sector	All positions	Companies active in the fossil fuel sector ¹	
	% Assets	% Assets	Largest sub-sector
Communication Services	7.5	–	
Consumer Discretionary	12.0	0.2	Automotive Retail
Consumer Staples	5.6	0.4	Packaged Foods & Meats
Energy	1.9	1.6	Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing
Financials	20.0	–	
Health Care	5.8	–	
Industrials	9.6	0.3	Industrial Conglomerates
Information Technology	20.7	–	
Materials	9.9	0.2	Commodity Chemicals
Real Estate	3.8	–	
Utilities	3.1	1.5	Gas Utilities
Other	0.0	–	
Total	100.0	4.3	Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing

1. Companies with revenues from exploration, mining, extraction, production, processing, storage, refining or distribution, including transportation, storage and trade, of fossil fuels. Data was available for 98% of the positions in the fund. The table generally reflects the *financial assets at fair value through profit or loss* (the *total investments*) of the fund. Other remaining assets, such as cash and cash equivalents, are not considered in the table and are further outlined below. Holdings data is derived from the Investment Manager's Investment Book of Record. Numbers may not total 100% due to rounding. Sectors based on GICS. GICS was developed by and is the exclusive property of MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global.



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

The fund did not make sustainable investments as outlined above.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

- Yes:
 - In fossil gas
 - In nuclear energy
- No

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

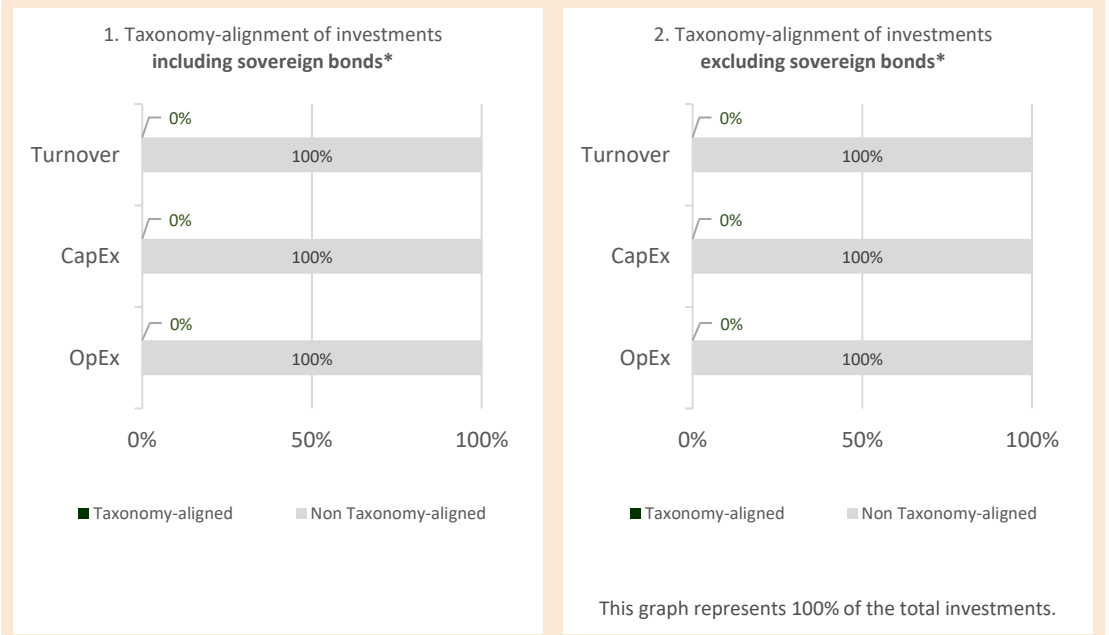
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **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.

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.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The fund did not make sustainable investments as outlined above.

¹ 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.



What investments were included under “other”, what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

As at 30 November 2022, Other (#2) comprised remaining assets, which included *cash and cash equivalents* held for ancillary liquidity (0.7%). No specific environmental or social safeguards were applied to Other (#2).

The remaining assets reflect assets that were under the discretion of the Investment Manager but that were not included in the *financial assets at fair value through profit or loss* (the *total investments*) of the fund.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The investment strategy used to meet the E/S characteristics is reflected in the fund’s portfolio design and is implemented on a continuous basis by the Investment Manager’s Portfolio Management and Trading Group. Additionally, the Compliance Department of the Investment Manager employs controls to verify that the E/S characteristics promoted by the fund are attained on an ongoing basis.

The Investment Manager has implemented a policy to evaluate the governance practices of portfolio companies. If a company fails the good governance test, the Investment Manager will cease further investments in the company and will assess whether divestment is merited.

The Investment Manager engages with company management and board members at portfolio companies through phone calls, virtual meetings, in-person meetings, or written correspondence.¹ The topics prioritised for engagement may vary by region and country, but in all cases, engagements are tied to the Manager’s key stewardship priority areas (board structure and composition, material environmental and social risks, shareholder rights, and executive compensation). For instance, the Manager engages with companies to encourage the adoption of robust policies and procedures for managing risk (including environmental and social risk) and effective board oversight. The goal of engagement efforts is to encourage companies to improve their corporate governance in these areas, which may result in increased valuations through a combination of lower discount rates and higher cash flows.

1. The Investment Manager discusses governance matters with portfolio companies to represent client interests; however, the Investment Manager on behalf of its clients, regardless of such conversations, acquires securities solely for the purpose of investment and not with the purpose or intended effect of changing or influencing the control of any portfolio company.