Information about Article 8 products under Regulation (EU) 2019/2088



PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 ("Disclosure Regulation" or "SFDR" (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation)) places an obligation on financial market operators, including investment firms, that provide portfolio management services, UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) management companies and managers of alternative investment funds to disclose information about strategies for dealing with sustainability risks and potential and/or identified adverse impacts on sustainability.

ARTICLES 8, 10, 11 OF THE SFDR: TRANSPARENCY OF THE PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

The Flossbach von Storch Foundation sub-funds are classified as Article 8 products pursuant to the SFDR.

The investment strategy of the Flossbach von Storch Foundation sub-funds, which are currently classified as Article 8 products, is based on the generally applicable approach to sustainability embodied by integrating ESG, together with the FvS Group engaging and exercising voting rights, and also takes into account exclusions of controversial weapons.

Furthermore, the Flossbach von Storch Foundation sub-funds reflect a broader consensus on not-forprofit values. Taking ESG criteria for sustainable financial instruments into account, sub-fund-specific investment policy defines categories of companies which must not be invested in. As part of this process, the investment decisions are based on screening against a list of exclusions which is continuously being evaluated and updated every month on the basis of internal and external ESG research data. Compliance with the exclusion criteria is monitored at both the pre-trade and posttrade stage. The list of exclusions is based on the following conditions. Excluded are any direct or indirect investments with regard to financial products that relate to companies with a turnover of:

>10% relating to the manufacture and sale of armaments (>0% relating to banned weapons),

- >5% relating to the production of tobacco,
- >5% relating to the provision of gambling outlets,
- >5% relating to the production of alcoholic drinks or
- >30% relating to the manufacture and sale of coal.

Also excluded are companies which have seriously failed to meet the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and sovereign issuers with an inadequate score in relation to the Freedom House Index.

Where relevant, information about the extent to which the environmental and social characteristics for financial products under Article 8 Paragraph 1 of SFDR have been fulfilled will be provided in the (semi-)annual reports for the managed investment funds and the regular reports for the asset management mandates based on a reasonable reference period.

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