

Norselab Meaningful Equity II – LEI: 635400HRHJBQ3MCBNA65

Statement on Principal Adverse Impacts of Investment Decisions on Sustainability Factors

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Summary

Norselab Meaningful Equity II (LEI: 635400HRHJBQ3MCBNA65) considers the principal adverse impacts of its investment decisions on sustainability factors. The present statement is the consolidated statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors of Norselab Meaningful Equity II. This statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors covers the reference period from January 1st to December 31st 2023.

As part of Norselab's investment process and regular reporting from companies, Norselab Meaningful Equity II considers the 16 mandatory Principle Adverse Indicators set out by SFDR (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation). The mandatory indicators for investments in sovereigns and supranationals, as well as real estate assets do not apply to Norselab Meaningful Equity II.

If risks of adverse impacts related to the Principal Adverse Impact indicators, good governance, or other additional environmental and social matters, are identified, we include concrete improvements to be implemented and followed up through active engagement with portfolio companies. We expect the company to mitigate the risk as quickly as possible, and we may, in many cases, assist the company in doing so.

In the table below under *Description of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors*, we have included actions related to Principle Adverse Impacts indicators that we have prioritized to have the most considerable impact at the fund level. We will continue to improve our approach.

In 2023, the Norselab Meaningful Equity II portfolio was made up of 4 companies, compared to 1 in 2022. The increase of certain indicators such as total GHG emissions reflect this.

Notably, Norselab Meaningful Equity II continues to have a negative unadjusted gender pay gap, meaning that females, on average, received higher pay than men. It should be noted that indicators are estimated by a third-party data provider where the bottom-up data is unavailable. Large changes are, therefore, mostly due to significant model enhancements driving discrepancies in the estimated data.

Norselab Meaningful Equity II invests in the early stages of a company. Most early-stage companies have not fully implemented the due diligence processes and grievance mechanism required under the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. As portfolio companies grow, Norselab actively encourages and supports portfolio companies in implementing documentation and due diligence processes.

Description of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors

About the indicators reported

The indicators have been either directly reported by portfolio companies or gathered using the third-party provider listed in the table below. The latest available indicator has been used for each investment. To best reflect the fund's share of ownership of the investees, the quarterly values of equity *and* quarterly values of convertible bonds are combined to represent the current value of our investments. Because we can only combine equity and bond values by using quarterly valuations, we must also use quarterly Enterprise Value to arrive at the most accurate representation of the fund's share of ownership of the investees.

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| Adverse sustainability indicator | | Metric | Impact 2023 ² | Impact 2022 | Impact 2021 | Explanation | Actions taken, and actions planned and targets set for the next reference period |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--|---|
| CLIMATE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT-RELATED INDICATORS | | | | | | | |
| Greenhouse gas emissions | GHG emissions | Scope 1 GHG emissions | 42.2 tons CO2-eq | 0.1 tons CO2-eq | N/A | Data source: estimated data from the Upright Project. There have been significant model enhancements driving discrepancies in the estimated data. | We exclude companies with any tie to industries that have lasting negative impacts on one or more SDGs. As further explained in the next section, all investee companies undergo in-depth due diligence to uncover any significant and/or lasting negative impacts. |
| | | Scope 2 GHG emissions | 43.4 tons CO2-eq | 0.4 tons CO2-eq | N/A | | |
| | | Scope 3 GHG emissions | 97.0 tons CO2-eq | 2.1 tons CO2-eq | N/A | | |
| | | Total GHG emissions | 182.6 tons CO2-eq | 2.6 tons CO2-eq | N/A | | |
| | Carbon footprint | Carbon footprint | 40.1 tons CO2-eq/M€ invested | 0.1 tons CO2-eq/M€ invested | N/A | The indicators are mainly driven by one portfolio company in the logistics industry for which the estimated total GHG emissions and GHG intensity are significantly higher than others in the portfolio. | In 2024, we are exploring a partnership with a GHG emissions data provider, with the goal of improving the precision of our reporting and providing us with more accurate data that we can act on. In 2023, we assessed several providers that we have now chosen from. |
| | GHG intensity of investee companies | GHG intensity of investee companies | 743.1 tons CO2-eq/M€ revenue | 9.4 tons CO2-eq/M€ revenue | N/A | | |

² ESMA only provides guidance on how to calculate a financial participant's share of ownership of a company's PAI indicator for indicators expressed in absolute terms (e.g., GHG emissions). We have therefore, to the best of our abilities and with the objective of accurately representing the fund's indicator, calculated the indicators expressed as ratios (for instance, "Share of non-renewable energy consumption and non-renewable energy production of investee companies from non-renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources, expressed as a percentage of total energy sources.")

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| | Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector | Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector | 0.0% | 0% | N/A | Data source: estimated data from the Upright Project. | <p>We exclude companies with any tie to industries that have lasting negative impacts on one or more SDGs.</p> <p>As further explained in the next section, all investee companies undergo in-depth due diligence to uncover any significant and/or lasting negative impacts.</p> |
| | Share of non - renewable energy consumption and production | Share of non -renewable energy consumption and non - renewable energy production of investee companies from non - renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources, expressed as a percentage of total energy sources | 58.2% | 58.8% | N/A | | |
| | Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector | Energy consumption in GWh per million EUR of revenue of investee companies, per high impact climate sector | 0.0 GWh/€M revenue (C) 0.0 GWh/€M revenue (H) | 0.2 GWh/€M revenue (H) | N/A | | |
| Biodiversity | Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas | Share of investments in investee companies with sites/operations located in or near to biodiversity-sensitive areas where activities of those investee companies negatively affect those areas | 0.0% | 0% | N/A | | |
| Water | Emissions to water | Tonnes of emissions to water generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average | 0.0 tons/M€ invested | 0 tons/M€ revenue | N/A | | |
| Waste | Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio | Tonnes of hazardous waste and radioactive waste generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average | 0.0 tons/M€ invested | 0 tons/M€ revenue | N/A | | |

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| INDICATORS FOR SOCIAL AND EMPLOYEE, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-BRIBERY MATTERS | | | | | | | |
| Social and employee matters | Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises | Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises | 0.0% | 0% | N/A | Data source: estimated data from the Upright Project. | As portfolio companies grow, Norselab actively encourages and supports portfolio companies in implementing documentation and due diligence processes. |
| | Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises | Share of investments in investee companies without policies to monitor compliance with the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises or grievance /complaints handling mechanisms to address violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises | 100.0% | 100% | N/A | | We provided training and support on sustainability governance for the portfolio companies. We aim to continue to support the portfolio companies with templates, guidance and training. |
| | Unadjusted gender pay gap | Average unadjusted gender pay gap of investee companies | -35.2% | -38,0% | N/A | Data source: reported by company. | |
| | Board gender diversity | Average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of all board members | 23.0% | 33% | N/A | | |
| | Exposure to controversial weapons (anti -personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons) | Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons | 0.0% | 0% | N/A | Data source: estimated data from the Upright Project. | We exclude companies with any tie to industries that have lasting negative impacts on one or more SDGs. As further explained in the next section, all investee companies undergo in-depth due diligence to uncover any significant and/or lasting negative impacts. |

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| OTHER INDICATORS FOR PRINCIPAL ADVERSE IMPACTS ON SUSTAINABILITY FACTORS | | | | | | | |
| Climate/environment | Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiative | Share of investments in investee companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives aimed at aligning with the Paris Agreement | 100% | 100% | N/A | Data source: data collected by Norselab. | In 2024, we are exploring a partnership with a GHG emissions data provider, with the goal of improving the precision of our reporting and providing us with more accurate data that we can act on. In 2023, we assessed several providers that we have now chosen from. |
| Social | 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 | 0 | 0 | N/A | | We exclude companies with any tie to industries that have lasting negative impacts on one or more SDGs. As further explained in the next section, all investee companies undergo in-depth due diligence to uncover any significant and/or lasting negative impacts. |

Description of policies to identify and prioritize principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors

We integrate principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors in our investment decisions and monitoring

Norselab's Meaningfulness Policy describes our overarching impact approach and outlines the guiding principles for all investment activity at Norselab, hereunder the commitment to refrain from investing in companies with a significant negative impact on any of the SDGs (latest edition: January 2023, 3rd edition).

Norselab's impact and sustainability due diligence in the investment process is fully reflective of the principles in the policy. A team of sustainability professionals (within the Investment Manager but independent of the portfolio management team) conducts a structured and thorough due diligence assessment on all potential investments following our policy and method. Additionally, the Investment Manager's independent Product Governance Committee conducts reviews of all the fund's investments to ensure compliance with the fund's mandate and sustainability-related commitments.

Pre-investment

To understand the impact of each investment, we apply a multi-lens approach throughout the investment due diligence process, assessing and documenting the following:

- **Impact theory of change:** Companies' products or services have a clear impact theory of change, meaning a company must have a clear and scientifically supported articulation of the sustainability challenge(s) it contributes to solving, and a concrete explanation of how a product or service is expected to produce the desired impact.
- **Contribution to SDGs:** Companies' products or services contribute at a substantial and concrete level to the achievement of at least one SDG, as defined at the target level of the SDGs. Products or services with a significant negative impact on any of the SDGs, or that cause significant harm to any environmental or socially sustainable investment objective, are excluded. Our experience is that such negative impacts are in general closely linked to inferior PAI indicators.

- **SDG-based net positive impact:** Companies' products or services have a net positive impact based on data modeled by the Upright Project, mapped to SDGs.
- **Sustainability risks:** Companies do not cause significant sustainability risks and Principal Adverse Impacts are benchmarked against industry peers. In any event, if significant harm is uncovered in the assessment of the Principal Adverse Impacts indicators of a company, the company is excluded from investment.

Monitoring

We monitor the portfolio companies regularly through board participation and dialogues with the company's management as well as our sustainability point of contact at the company. This gives us a regular overview of business developments that may influence the PAI indicators.

We also monitor the development of the PAI indicators over time based on data modeled and provided by the Upright Project.

If risks of adverse impacts related to the PAI indicators, good governance, or other additional environmental and social matters, are identified, we seek improvements to be implemented and followed up through active engagement with the portfolio company. We expect the company to mitigate the risk as quickly as possible, and may, in many cases, assist the company in doing so.

Data sources

We use both company-reported data, and estimated data from third-party data providers.

Engagement policies

To deliver on our impact commitments, we work closely with portfolio companies through active ownership.

When we invest in a company, we already know that it is a solid impact case and that processes are in place for them to report quarterly on their impact KPIs. However, it's our role as investors to help companies enhance and deepen their impact. This work starts already before we invest. As we perform our impact due diligence, we aim to identify possible areas where the company could increase its positive contributions. When looking at a company's operational aspects, we also uncover potential discrepancies and make recommendations for policies, strategies, and processes to implement in the field of sustainability.

After we invest, we put our resources at the disposal of our portfolio companies to keep them up to date on sustainability-related trends and regulations and help them produce the documentation they need for reporting and/or fundraising purposes. At the demand of companies, we can also be hands-on resources in strategic projects where sustainability is core. Where relevant, we encourage portfolio companies to hire professionals with solid sustainability competence into key positions.

References to international standards

We define impact as a significant contribution to the achievement of the focus areas set forth in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We adhere to the ethical principles of the UN Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. We also subscribe to the UN's Principles on Responsible Investment (PRI). Norselab Group AS, as well as its subsidiaries, is a certified B Corp.

Historical comparison

This is the second PAI statement for Norselab Meaningful Equity II. Norselab Meaningful Equity II made its first investment in 2022. A historical comparison with the previous reference period is included in the table under *Description of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors*.

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