

Template pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Norselab Sustainable High Yield Legal entity identifier: 635400RD8DHSOFJ21W41

Sustainable investment objective

| Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective? | |
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| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with a social objective: 55%</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective <p><input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments</p> |

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.



What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The objective of Norselab Sustainable High Yield (“the fund”) is to achieve an attractive level of total return (income plus capital appreciation) from the high yield fixed income market through investment in issuers that generate a net positive contribution, through their core products and services, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The fund aligns with the Investment Manager’s Responsible Investment Policy. The policy outlines the Investment Manager’s approach to responsible investment, which is guided by international standards, goals and norms, including UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and UN Global Compact, hereunder the international conventions and principles on which it is

based (The UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, ILO's core conventions, The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, The UN Convention against Corruption, The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights). The policy outlines the Investment Manager's overarching ethical exclusions, approach to ESG analysis integration into investment decision-making, and stewardship activities.

The fund's investment universe is defined through a structured sustainability assessment process. The assessment will at a minimum include a screening for:

- **Contribution to SDGs:** Products and/or services of issuers contribute to the achievement of at least one UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), as defined at the target level of the SDGs.
- **Exclusion factors:** Issuers that do not demonstrate a net positive contribution to the UN SDGs through their products and services may be excluded from consideration. This includes potential exclusions of issuers with ties to industries that have lasting negative impacts on one or more SDGs, and/or issuers that do not comply with the UN Global Compact, and issuers that significantly harm Principal Adverse Impact indicators.

In addition, an issuer is considered sustainable where it has a limited or neutral product-driven contribution to the SDGs, but still complies with the exclusion factors and passes the Investment Manager's structured process to uncover any significant harm to the sustainable investment objective.

In rare exceptions, the fund will include issuers driving significant positive change in industries with large negative impacts. This notwithstanding, such issuers, on balance, do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective. When targeting such industries, the fund aims to pursue and demonstrate significant positive contributions compared to industry peers. The Investment Manager's ESG professional will conduct product-level and issuer-level fundamental research, for issuers with potential negative impacts on the SDGs. Furthermore, the fund seeks to conduct constructive engagement with such issuers to drive progress.

● ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?***

The fund will report on the following indicators:

- % contributing to the SDGs;
- % Taxonomy-aligned;
- Share of investments with a substantial SDG contribution (as defined in the Investment Manager's ESG framework);
- Share of investments with a supporting SDG contribution (as defined in the Investment Manager's ESG framework).

All indicators are weighted based on the physical holdings of the fund (derivatives and cash excluded).

● ***How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

Through the structured sustainability assessment process described above, issuers will be assessed against several factors to ensure that the issuers included in the investment universe do not cause significant harm to the sustainable investment objective. This includes assessing that:

- The issuer's products or services do not have a significant negative impact on any of the SDGs;
- The issuer does not cause significant Principal Adverse Impacts. In any event, if significant harm is uncovered in the assessment of the Principal Adverse Impacts indicators of an issuer, the issuer may be excluded from investment;
- Issuers do not have significant ties to industries that have lasting negative impacts on one or more SDGs;
- There are no known non-compliance issues with the UN Global Compact;
- There are no known good governance issues concerning the issuer.

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

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

Through the structured sustainability assessment process described above, all potential investments are screened based on Principal Adverse Impact indicators. If significant harm is uncovered in the assessment of the issuer's Principal Adverse Impacts indicators, the issuer may be excluded from investment.

The Investment Manager's ESG professional will conduct product-level and issuer-level fundamental research for issuers with potential negative impacts on the SDGs. This includes assessing the indicators for Principal Adverse. Inferior performance compared to industry peers may lead to engagement with the issuer or exclusion from the investment universe. In any event, if significant harm is uncovered in the assessment of the Principal Adverse Impacts indicators of an issuer, the issuer may be excluded from investment.

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

As part of the sustainability assessment process to define the fund's investment universe, compliance with UN Global Compact is assessed. Companies with non-compliance issues with the UN Global Compact may be excluded from the investment universe. UN Global Compact Principle 1 is aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The Investment Manager also use the Principal Adverse Impact indicators to assess compliance with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.



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

Yes

Through the structured sustainability assessment process described above, all potential investments are screened based on Principal Adverse Impact indicators. If significant harm is uncovered in the assessment of the Principal Adverse Impacts indicators of an issuer, the issuer may be excluded from investment. The Investment Manager monitors issuers in the fund and track their Principal Adverse Impact indicators regularly. The data on indicators is based on third-party assessments. The third-party data and assessment providers have been chosen based on a data provider due diligence. Our use of third-party data providers is assessed regularly.

The Investment Manager publishes a Principal Adverse Impact statement by June 30th every year. The statement includes an average of the quarterly indicators based on data provided by third-party data providers.

No

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.



What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The investment policy is to invest predominantly in Nordic, corporate high yield fixed income securities that are sustainable investments. The securities are selected using the Investment Manager's disciplined investment process, which considers the issuer's credit risk, the characteristics of the security itself (eg, whether it is backed by any assets), as well as the industry's and the issuer's financial prospects. The Investment Manager uses a combination of a global "top down" analysis of the macroeconomic and interest rate environment and "bottom up" research of corporate debt, from performing debt to stressed and distressed securities.

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

● **What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?**

The fund's binding elements are:

- An issuer has passed the sustainability assessment process that ensures the sustainable investment objective of the fund;
- A predominant proportion of issuers will have products and services that contribute to one or more SDGs at the target level;
- No significant negative impact on any of the SDGs;
- Alignment with the following exclusion criteria:

Norms-based exclusions: The Investment Manager excludes companies from its investment universe where there is unacceptable risk that the company actively contributes to or is responsible for:

- Severe or systematic violations of human rights.
- Severe or systematic violations of fundamental labor rights.
- Serious violations of individuals' rights in situations of war or armed conflict.
- Supplying weapons or military materiel where there is significant risk of use in serious breaches of international humanitarian law.
- Severe environmental damage.
- Gross corruption, including systemic bribery or fraud
- Other particularly severe violations of basic ethical or responsible business standards.

Product-based exclusions: The Investment Manager does not invest in companies that:

- Develop or produce controversial weapons and their key components. Such controversial weapons include biological and chemical weapons, anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, and other weapons that violate fundamental humanitarian principles.
- Extract coal or oil sands for energy production, or produce coal-based power, as a significant share of revenue.
- Produce tobacco or cannabis for recreational use.
- Produce pornography

There are no set exclusion thresholds at the level of specific activities, as it depends on factors like geography, size, sector etc. Where the EU Paris-aligned Benchmarks, as listed below, overlap with the aforementioned exclusion criteria, the thresholds defined therein apply.

In addition, the fund applies the exclusions for EU Paris-aligned Benchmarks contained in Article 12(1)(a)-(g) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, which includes:

- (a) companies involved in any activities related to controversial weapons;
- (b) companies involved in the cultivation and production of tobacco;

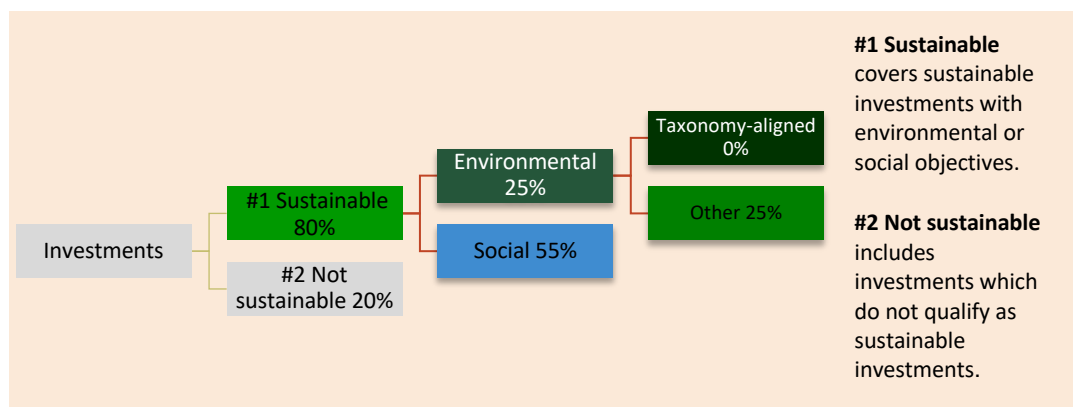
- (c) companies that benchmark administrators find in violation of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles or the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;
- (d) companies that derive 1 % or more of their revenues from exploration, mining, extraction, distribution or refining of hard coal and lignite;
- (e) companies that derive 10 % or more of their revenues from the exploration, extraction, distribution or refining of oil fuels;
- (f) companies that derive 50 % or more of their revenues from the exploration, extraction, manufacturing or distribution of gaseous fuels;
- (g) companies that derive 50 % or more of their revenues from electricity generation with a GHG intensity of more than 100 g CO₂ e/kWh.

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

The Investment Manager assesses good governance as part of the sustainability assessment process and credit risk assessment. This includes assessing four good governance areas: issuers’ management structures, employee relations, remuneration policies, and tax compliance. To assess these four good governance areas, the Investment Manager uses both data provided by the issuer and by third party data providers or, when such data are unavailable, an assessment by an ESG professional. The third-party data providers have been chosen based on a data provider due diligence. Our use of third-party data providers is assessed regularly. The Investment Manager conducts more thorough research on issuers with potential negative impacts on the SDGs.



What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?



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.

The fund intends to make a minimum of 80% sustainable investments. Such sustainable investments will be predominantly in issuers that generate a net positive contribution, through their core products and services, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals or, for a small number of issuers, that have a limited or undifferentiated contribution to the SDGs. All issuer products and services contribute, at variable intensity, to one or more SDGs at the target level and cannot have a significant negative impact on any of the SDGs. All issuers have passed through the sustainability assessment process described above.

A maximum of 20% of the fund will not be sustainable investments. These are the fund’s cash balances and derivatives.

● **How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?**

Derivatives will mainly be used for hedging purposes. For hedging purposes, the fund has a policy of hedging back all foreign currency investments to the base currency. Such hedging derivatives may be traded with our Nordic counterparty banks and our custodian bank.

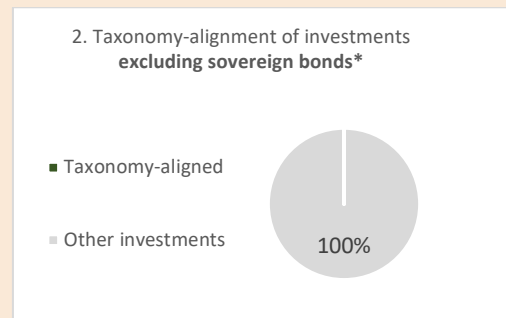
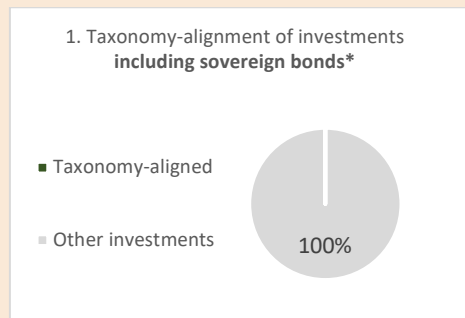
In rare exceptions, the fund may use derivatives for portfolio exposure. In such cases, the same sustainability assessment process described above applies to the derivatives in order to meet the sustainable objective of the fund.



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

The intended minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy is at least 0%; the fund does not have a minimum required share of sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Taxonomy alignment will nevertheless be assessed and reported.

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

● Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy¹?

Yes:

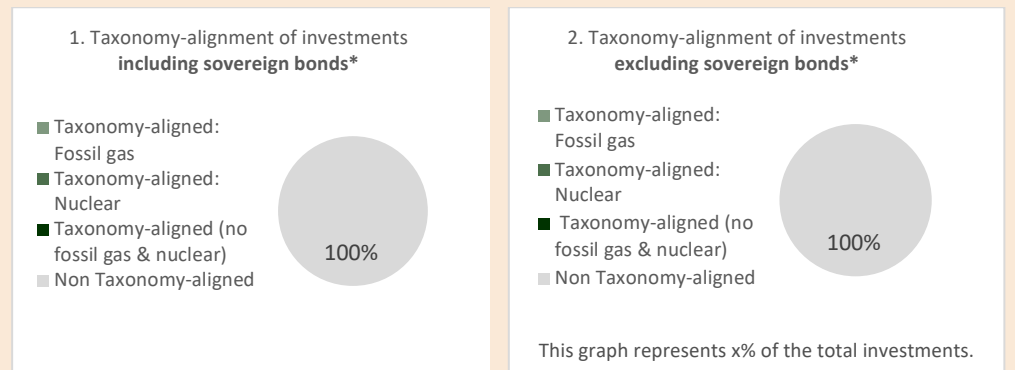
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No

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 objectives - 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.

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

The intended minimum share of sustainable investments designated for transitional and enabling activities is at least 0%; the fund does not have a minimum threshold for the share of investments that are designated for transitional and enabling activities under the EU Taxonomy.

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

The intended minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective will on average over the reporting period be 25%. These investments will primarily target an environmental objective, but may also, at the same time, target a social objective.

● **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?**

The intended minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective will, on average over the reporting period, be 55%. These investments will primarily target a social objective, but may also, at the same time, target an environmental objective.

● **What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

The fund may hold cash balances as part of its investment strategy. Being an AIF, the fund does not have daily liquidity requirements and hence does not aim to hold significant cash beyond planned net withdrawals and margin calls on derivatives contracts. Cash may be held in periods where the fund managers have a market view that asset prices are about to fall in order to protect the value of the fund.



Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

The fund does not intend to use a designated index to reference benchmark its investments.

- ***How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?***

n/a

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

n/a

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

n/a

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

n/a



Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the website:

<https://norselab.com/sfdr>