

# COMGEST GROWTH EUROPE EX UK GBP SU ACC - IEOOBQ1YBM13

NAV per share: £27.43

31 March 2023

#### **KEY DIFFERENTIATORS**

- Quality comes first, we seek growth that can endure
- Team-based approach, rather than starmanager fund, which we believe leads to greater consistency
- ESG integrated into the investment process leveraging proprietary ESG research
- Culture matters. Comgest's broad partnership structure incentivises long-term thinking, an ESG mindset, teamwork and low employee turnover.

#### INVESTMENT TEAM

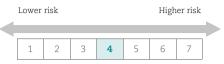






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#### **RISK PROFILE**



The indicator represents the risk profile presented in the PRIIPs Key Information Document. The indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years otherwise the actual risk can vary significantly. UK investors should refer to the UCITS KIID which is available on the fund pages at www.compest.com.

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

The objective of the Sub-Fund ("the Fund") is to increase the value of the Fund (capital appreciation) over the long term. The Fund intends to achieve this objective through investment in a portfolio of high-quality, long-term growth companies. The Fund will invest at least two-thirds of its assets in shares and preferred shares issued by companies that have their headquarters in, or principally carry out their activities in any European country with the exception of the United Kingdom or which are guaranteed by any European government with the exception of the United Kingdom government.

The Fund is actively managed. The index is provided for comparative purposes only.

The Fund is aimed at investors with a long-term investment horizon (typically 5 years or more).

### **CUMULATIVE PAST PERFORMANCE (REBASED TO 100)**



## **ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%)**

#### Annualised

	1 Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.
Fund	4.85	13.16	13.16	6.65	15.10	12.97	-	13.61
Index	1.12	8.89	8.89	8.62	15.21	7.46	-	10.07
Fund Volatility	-	-	-	20.26	18.69	17.67	-	16.65
Index Volatility	-	-	-	16.41	17.79	17.78	-	16.76

## **CALENDAR YEAR PAST PERFORMANCE (%)**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fund	17.81	-1.04	28.33	18.60	26.11	-17.18
Index	15.84	-9.87	19.99	7.49	16.73	-7.62

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT QUARTER END

	_	_	_	_	_	_	1Q22 -1Q23
Fund	23.64	4.34	14.63	5.33	28.74	11.05	6.65
Index	27.22	2 97	2 17	-8 28	22 51	5 / 5	8 62

Performance data expressed in GBP. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. Index: MSCI Europe ex UK - Net Return. The index is used for comparative purposes only and the Fund does not seek to replicate the index.

## Past performance does not predict future returns.

Performance figures are calculated net of investment management fees, administrative fees and all other fees with the exception of sales charges. If taken into account, sales charges would have a negative impact on performance.

The cumulative graph and "Since Inception" data may refer to the last relaunch date of the share class which may differ from its actual inception date. Calendar year past performance is only shown for years for which a full calendar year of past performance is available.

## **RATINGS** (AS AT 28/02/2023)



Morningstar Category: EAA Fund Europe ex-UK Equity (Number of funds in Category: 727)

## SFDR CLASSIFICATION: Article 8

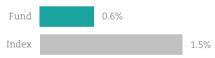
The Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics.

#### CARBON FOOTPRINT<sup>1</sup>



Source: MSCI as at 31/12/2022,  $tCO_2e$  per GBP m invested.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT**<sup>1</sup>



Source: Trucost as at 31/12/2022, estimation of the environmental costs per GBP m invested.



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#### **FUND COMMENTARY**

After a challenging 2022, your portfolio rebounded nicely in the early months of 2023, supported by a combination of factors. First, inflation globally is coming down as commodity prices cool and supply chain constraints ease. While it is still too early to cry victory (core inflation remains stubbornly high), the picture appears rosier than it was three months ago, which is also encouraging for the future path of interest rates. Second, the economic outlook has improved. Lower European gas prices combined with surprisingly resilient households and corporates have led the European Central Bank to raise its forecasts for 2023, no longer expecting a recession. Finally, your portfolio had a strong full-year results season, confirming 2022 as one of the strongest years for growth in the strategy's history. From a relative standpoint, your portfolio outperformed its reference index in part thanks to what it owns, but also thanks to what it does not own, namely banks. The demise of Silicon Valley Bank and the collapse of Credit Suisse sparked a sharp fall in banking sector stocks. Your portfolio does not hold, and has never held, a bank. The events of recent weeks are a timely reminder of why: the sector combines very high leverage with economic and monetary sensitivity, two things we look to avoid. The sector is also lowly differentiated: its core product (money) is a commodity, meaning those who can offer it the cheapest win. By contrast we seek out businesses with low leverage, low macro sensitivity and high degrees of differentiation, and thus pricing power. We continue to believe that in the long run it is these businesses that will thrive.

The earnings season confirmed 2022 as one of the portfolio's strongest years from a fundamental perspective. In aggregate, the companies delivered double-digit organic sales growth and mid-teens earnings growth in local currencies. Inflation supported the top line and helped offset the inflationary cost pressures, resulting in a resilient margin performance. Pricing power, high (gross) margins and good cost management were critical factors in this delivery.

ASML, the portfolio's second largest position, was the top contributor to performance. 2022 ended strongly for the company and its 2023 guidance of more than 25% revenue growth, despite weakness in the semiconductor market, underscores the structural nature of its customers' investments. LVMH reported another stellar set of results, with sales and earnings up by a fifth. Market share gains have accelerated as a result of Covid-19 which, combined with buoyant luxury demand, have led to a doubling of the company's profits since 2019. Shares in Novo Nordisk continued their upward trajectory, buoyed by strong full year results (sales and operating profit up to the mid-teens) and continued good momentum in its GLP-1 and obesity franchises. Wegovy, its once weekly injectable anti-obesity product, continues to enjoy strong momentum as one major market after another moves quickly to approve it.

Among the detractors to performance, shares in Sartorius Stedim fell as the company digests a strong period of Covid supported growth and following the announcement of a somewhat expensive acquisition of Polyplus, a manufacturer of reagents and plasmids used in cell and gene therapy. EssilorLuxottica also fell marginally over the quarter.

We added to our positions in Heineken and Inditex, while continuing to build a number of other, faster growing, positions. The markets remain highly sensitive to macro news flow and we intend to remain patient, taking advantage of buying opportunities if and when they arise.

Turning to the future, while companies remain prudent, they are not holding back on their investments. Indeed, some are accelerating them, seeing the current environment as an opportunity to cement their leadership positions. Lonza announced a further increase in CapEx for 2023 as the company builds out new manufacturing capacity. Inditex intends to increase spending in the coming year as it accelerates space expansion, while also rolling out new in-store innovations. Jeronimo Martins announced a step up in CapEx as it looks to accelerate the pace of store openings and refurbishments in its core markets. At the same time, company CEOs are prudent and while demand remains robust for now, they are preparing for the worst. Accenture announced a plan to further streamline its organisation in order to lower costs, while many others have put in place detailed contingency plans should demand weaken.

Looking further out, we believe the portfolio is well positioned to capture the long-term growth opportunities of the coming years. Digital investments have stepped up since Covid, and there are signs that growth will continue. The portfolio's holdings in ASML, Accenture and Dassault Systèmes, to name a few, look stepped up since Covid, and there are signs that growth will continue. The portfolio's holdings in Asimi, Accenture and Dassaut Systemes, to halfe a few, look set to benefit. The next decade will see the remainder of the baby-boomer population retire, resulting in greater demand for healthcare products. The portfolio's holdings in the health care space, through pharmaceutical companies such as Novo Nordisk, its suppliers such as Sartorius Stedim and Lonza, or medical device companies such as Straumann, should see it well positioned. Finally, the transition to a green economy will create opportunities for those who can be solution providers, such as Sika and Kingspan in the construction space.

Markets are likely to remain volatile as investors react to news flow around inflation, interest rates and the economic outlook. This will create opportunities and we remain ready to pounce on them in order to continue building a high quality portfolio fit for the future.

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## **RISKS**

This Fund has the following core inherent risks (non-exhaustive list):

- Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal.

  The value of all investments and the income derived therefrom can decrease as well as increase.
- There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved.

  To the extent that the Fund is invested in or denominated in a currency other than yours, the cost and return in your currency may increase or decrease due to exchange rate fluctuations.
- A more detailed description of the risk factors that apply to the Fund is set out in the Prospectus.

#### Please see important information on following pages.

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#### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Total Net Assets (all classes, m)	£301.89
Number of holdings	32
Average weighted market cap (bn)	£99.33
Weight of top 10 stocks	50.4%
Active share	81.1%
Holdinas exclude cash and cash equivalents	

#### **SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)**

	Fund	Index
Health Care	33.5	16.1
Information Technology	24.3	9.6
Consumer Discretionary	15.1	12.9
Consumer Staples	13.9	10.8
Industrials	9.6	16.2
Materials	2.1	6.5
[Cash]	1.4	
Financials		15.8
Utilities		4.4
Energy		3.6
Communication Services		3.5
Real Estate		0.7
Source: Comgest / GICS sector classification		

## **CURRENCY BREAKDOWN (%)**

	Fund	Index
EUR	64.5	66.3
CHF	13.8	19.5
DKK	12.0	6.0
USD	5.9	0.3
SEK	2.5	6.6

## **TOP 5 HOLDINGS (%)**

	Fund
Novo Nordisk B	8.6
ASML Holding	8.3
EssilorLuxottica	5.6
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	5.1
Straumann Holding	4.3
Above holdings are provided for information only, are subject to change and are not a	

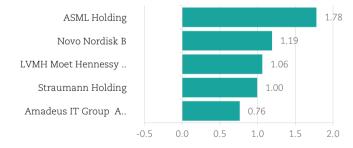
### **TOP 10 COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%)**

	Fund	Index
France	22.5	24.5
Netherlands	14.6	9.0
Switzerland	13.8	19.5
Denmark	12.0	6.0
Ireland	11.3	1.5
Italy	7.2	4.9
Spain	6.8	5.1
Germany	5.3	16.9
Portugal	2.7	0.4
Sweden	2.5	6.6
[Cash]	1.4	
Source: Comgest / MSCI country classification		

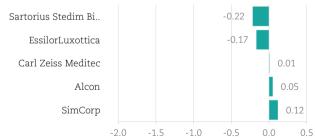
## **CURRENCY BREAKDOWN (%) - CONT.**

	Fund	Index
GBP	1.4	
NOK		1.3
Breakdown based on currencies in which holdings as	re priced.	

## **TOP 5 QTD CONTRIBUTORS (%)**



## **BOTTOM 5 QTD CONTRIBUTORS (%)**





## **COMGEST GROWTH EUROPE EX UK**

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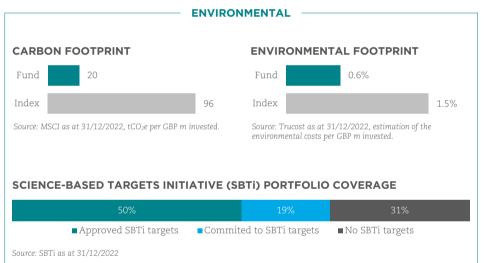
## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT APPROACH**

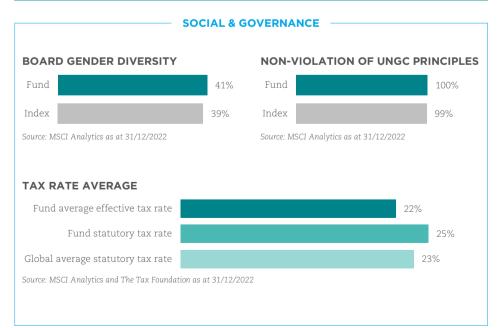
We believe a responsible approach to environmental, social and governance issues has a positive impact on a company's long-term sustainable growth. ESG is part of our fundamental analysis and we have developed and implemented a three-pronged responsible investment strategy: Integrate / Engage / Promote.





<sup>\*</sup> Further information on the exclusion policies and applicable revenue thresholds may be found in the Prospectus and the Investment Manager's Responsible Investment Policy on the Comgest website at www.comgest.com/en/our-business/esg



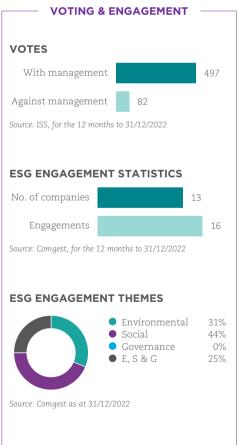


## ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY PREFERENCES

Sustainable investments (SFDR):

- Fund exposure: 31.4% of the NAV
- Minimum commitment: 10.0% of the NAV Consideration of Principal Adverse Impact Indicators: Yes

Source: Comgest as at 31/03/2023



Please see methodologies and glossary on following pages. The information above is based on available data and data may not be available for all portfolio holdings.



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#### **FUND DETAILS**

ISIN: IE00BQ1YBM13
SEDOL: BQ1YBM1
Bloomberg: CGEXGIA ID
Domicile: Ireland

Dividend Policy: Accumulation Fund Base Currency: GBP Share Class Currency: GBP Inception Date: 15/01/2016

Index (used for comparative purposes only):

MSCI Europe ex UK - Net Return
Ongoing Charges: 0.93% p.a of the NAV
Investment Manager's Fees (part of ongoing

charges): 0.85% p.a of the NAV Maximum Sales Charge: None

Exit Charge: None

Minimum Initial Investment: None

Minimum Holding: None

Contact for Subscriptions and Redemptions: RBC

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**Dealing Frequency:** Any business day (D) when banks in Dublin are open for business

**Cut Off:** 12:00 pm Irish time on day D An earlier deadline for receipt of application or redemption requests may apply if your request is sent through a third party. Please enquire with your local representative, distributor or other

NAV: Calculated using closing prices of D

NAV Known: D+1 Settlement: D+3

third party

Legal Structure: Comgest Growth Europe Ex UK, a sub-fund of Comgest Growth plc (an open-ended investment company with variable capital authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland), is an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS)

**Management Company:** None as Comgest Growth plc is self-managed

Investment Manager: Comgest Asset Management International Limited (CAMIL) Regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and registered as an investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission SEC registration does not imply a certain level of

**Sub-Investment Manager:** Comgest S.A. (CSA) Regulated by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers

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skill or training

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Morningstar Rating™ is an objective, quantitative measure of a fund's historical risk-adjusted performance relative to other funds in its category. The overall rating is a weighted combination of the three-, five- and ten-year ratings. The top 10% of funds will receive a 5-star rating and the next 22.5% receive a 4-star rating.

Carbon Footprint: estimates the apportioned Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gases emissions of the portfolio holdings.

Environmental Footprint: estimates the apportioned ratio of annual costs linked to greenhouse gases, water abstraction, waste generation, air, land & water pollutants, and natural resource use associated with the portfolio holdings per GBP m invested.

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Science Based Targets Initiative Portfolio Coverage: calculates the % of the Fund's AUM invested in companies with SBTi approved targets or which have committed to set SBTi targets.

Board Gender Diversity: this indicator represents the weighted average ratio of female board members to total board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of all board members.

Non-Violation of UNGC Principles: this indicator represents the percentage of investee companies that have not been involved in violations of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles.

Effective Tax Rate: an indicator of corporate responsibility and impact. Using MSCI data, Comgest calculates the average effective tax rate and average statutory tax rate of the portfolio's holdings.

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For more detailed information on ESG integration please consult our website: www.comgest.com/en/our-business/esg



## **Glossary**

Active Share: The percentage of fund holdings that is different from the reference index holdings. A fund that has no holdings in common with the reference index will have an active share of 100%, and a fund that has exactly the same holdings as the reference index considered will have an active share of 0%.

ADR - American Depositary Receipt: A negotiable security that represents securities of a foreign company and allows that company's shares to trade in the financial markets of the United States.

**Annualised:** A figure converted into an annual rate. Figures covering a period of more than one year are averaged to present a figure for a 12-month period

Bp(s) - Basis point(s): One basis point is equal to one hundredth of 1% (i.e. 0.01%).

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BV - Book Value: The value of the company assets minus its liabilities.

**CAGR - Compound Annual Growth Rate:** The rate of return that would be required for an investment to grow from its beginning balance to its ending balance, assuming the profits were reinvested at the end of each year of the investment's lifespan.

CapEx - Capital Expenditure: The money invested by a company to acquire or upgrade fixed, physical, non-consumable assets such as property, plants, buildings, technology, or equipment.

Cash Flow: The net amount of cash and cash equivalents being transferred in and out of a company. Cash received signifies inflows, and cash spent signifies outflows.

**CPI - Consumer Price Index:** An index that measures the overall change in consumer prices based on a representative basket of goods and services over time. It is the metric often used to measure inflation.

DY - Dividend Yield: A ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its share price.

EBITDA - Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation: Used to measure a company's core profitability and is calculated by adding interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation expenses to net income.

**EBIT - Earnings Before Interest and Taxes:** Used to measure a company's core profitability and is calculated by adding interest and tax expenses to net income.

**EPS - Earnings Per Share:** The profits of a company attributed to each share, calculated by dividing profits after tax by the number of shares. EPS serves as an indicator of a company's profitability.

FCF - Free Cash Flow: The cash generated by a company from its normal business operations after subtracting any money spent on capital expenditures.

**GDP** - **Gross Domestic Product:** The total market value of all the finished goods and services produced within in a country's border in a specific time period.

GDR - Global Depositary Receipt: A certificate issued by a bank that represents shares in a foreign stock on two or more global markets. A GDR is similar to an American depositary receipt (ADR), except an ADR only lists shares of a foreign country in the markets of the United States.

LTM - Last 12 Months: LTM multiples are backward-looking and are based on historical performance.

Market Cap(italisation): A measure of a company's size, calculated by multiplying the total number of shares in issue by the current share price. Companies are commonly grouped according to size, such as small cap, mid cap, large cap or all cap. There is no consensus on the definition of these groupings and they may vary from portfolio to portfolio depending on the country of investment.

NAV - Net Asset Value: The current market value of the portfolio's assets minus the portfolio's liabilities.

NTM - Next 12 Months: NTM multiples are forward-looking and are based on projected performance.

Ongoing Charges: A fund's operational costs over a year. Ongoing Charges are calculated as a percentage of the average fund size over the year and include, for example, investment manager's fees, administration fees and custody costs.

Operating Margin: Measures how much profit a company makes on a dollar (or relevant currency) of sales after paying for variable costs of production, such as wages and raw materials, but before paying interest or tax.

Operating Profit: A company's gross income less operating expenses and other business-related expenses, such as wages, cost of goods sold (COGS) and depreciation.

**Organic Growth:** Growth a company achieves by increasing output and enhancing sales through the business' own operations and internal processes. This does not include profits or growth attributable to mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and foreign exchange but rather an increase in sales and expansion through the company's own resources.

Organic Sales: Sales generated from within a company that are a direct result of the company's existing operations and internal processes. Organic sales do not include the impacts of mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and foreign exchange.

P/B or P/BV - Price-to-Book Value Ratio: Measures the market's valuation of a company relative to its book value. P/B or P/BV is calculated by dividing the company's stock price per share by its book value per share.

P/E - Price-to-Earnings Ratio: A ratio used to value a company's shares. It is calculated by dividing the current market price by the earnings per share.

P/S - Price-to-Sales Ratio: A valuation ratio that compares a company's stock price to its revenues. It is an indicator of the value that financial markets have placed on each dollar of a company's sales or revenues.

**PEG - Price/Earnings-To-Growth Ratio:** A stock's price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio divided by the growth rate of its earnings for a specified time period. The PEG ratio is used to determine a stock's value while also factoring in the company's expected earnings growth.

**PMI - Purchasing Managers' Index:** An index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors.

**Reference Index:** Index against which a fund's performance is compared.

ROE - Return On Equity: Measures financial performance and is calculated by dividing net income by shareholders' equity. ROE is a gauge of a company's profitability and how efficiently it generates those profits.

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ROIC - Return On Invested Capital: Calculation used to assess a company's efficiency at allocating the capital under its control to profitable investments.

SME - Small- Or Medium-Sized Enterprise: A company, or companies considered as a group, that are neither very small nor very large and which employ fewer than a given number of employees. This number varies across countries.

**Volatility:** Measures the movements of an asset up and down over time. Volatility is generally considered to be a measure of risk.

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## **ESG Glossary**

**Engagement:** Proactive, targeted dialogue with companies or other industry stakeholders (e.g. policymakers, industry bodies) in order to make known areas of concern and to incite tangible, positive change to improve outcomes for stakeholders.

Environmental Factors: Issues related to pollution, climate change, energy efficiency, natural resource use, waste management, biodiversity and other environmental challenges and opportunities.

**ESG** - Environmental, Social and Governance: The three key factors when measuring the sustainability and ethical impact of an investment in a business or company.

**GHG - Greenhouse Gases:** Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere and warm the planet. The best known greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and fluorinated gases.

Governance Factors: Governance refers to a set of rules or principles defining rights, responsibilities and expectations between different stakeholders in the governance of corporations. Governance factors include a company's leadership, executive pay, audits, internal controls and shareholder rights.

**Net Zero:** Achieving a balance between emitting carbon and absorbing carbon from the atmosphere. This balance, or net zero, will be achieved when the amount of carbon added to the atmosphere is no more than the amount removed

atmosphere is no more than the amount removed PAI - Principal Adverse Impact: A list of sustainability factors that firms need to take into account for their investment policies and decisions. These indicators relate to environmental and social topics.

**Proxy Voting:** A form of voting whereby a shareholder delegates their vote to another who votes on their behalf at company meetings. This allows the shareholder to exercise their right to vote without being physically present.

RI - Responsible Investment: The integration of environmental, social and governance factors (ESG) into the selection and management of investments.

**Scope 1 Emissions:** Emissions directly generated by a company, such as an airline emitting exhaust fumes.

Scope 2 Emissions: Emissions indirectly generated by a company, such as emissions from the electricity or energy used to heat and cool a company's office.

Scope 3 Emissions: All other indirect emissions that occur in the value chain of a company and are not already included within scope 2. These emissions are a consequence of the company's business activities but occur from sources the company does not own or control. For example, emissions from a company's employees commuting to work. Scope 3 emissions are often difficult to measure.

SFDR Classification: SFDR product classifications fall under three categories and aim to make the sustainability profiles of funds more comparable and easier to understand by investors.

SFDR - EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure

SFDR - EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation: An EU regulation which aims to make the sustainability profile of funds more comparable and better understood by endinvestors. The regulation requires firms to advise whether principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors are considered in their investment decision making process.

Social Factors: Factors that examine how a

Social Factors: Factors that examine how a company communicates with employees, suppliers, customers, governments, regulators and the communities where it operates. tCO2e: Tonnes (t) of carbon dioxide (CO2)

tCO2e: Tonnes (t) of carbon dioxide (CO2) equivalent. Carbon dioxide equivalent is a standard unit for counting greenhouse gas emissions regardless of whether they are from carbon dioxide or another gas, such as methane.

**UNGC** - **UN Global Compact**: A voluntary pact of the United Nations (UN) to encourage businesses and firms worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies, and to report on their implementation.

UN Global Compact (UNGC) Principles: Ten principles defined as part of the UNGC framework to promote responsible investment. Companies, investors and other participants are called upon to align their strategies and operations with the principles in the areas of human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption.

Voting: A mechanism for active owners to influence companies, usually done with the aim of influencing a company's governance or operations. Public equity investors typically have the right to vote on company and shareholder resolutions at annual and extraordinary general meetings (AGMs and EGMs).

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