



### **Sustainability-related Product Disclosure**

#### Information

Product Name: Ostrum SRI Global MinVol Equity Fund Legal Entity Identifier: 5493004HYBGN29P4IT24

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### (a) Summary

### 1) Investment objective

The investment objective of Ostrum SRI Global MinVol Equity Fund (the "Sub-Fund") is to outperform the MSCI World All Countries Dividend Net Reinvested Index over its recommended minimum investment period of 5 years while offering lower volatility.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed. For indicative purposes only, the Sub-Fund's performance may be compared to the Reference Index. However, it does not aim to replicate that Reference Index and may therefore significantly deviate from it.

### 2) Environmental or social characteristics

The Sub-Fund seeks to promote the environmental and social characteristics of maintaining a value weighted ESG score better than its "investment universe" (as defined below), maintaining a carbon footprint lower than that of its "investment universe", and excluding companies that are considered as controversial and actively engaging with portfolio companies on ESG issues.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the E/S characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund.

### 3) Investment strategy and proportion of investments

The investment objective of the Fund will systematically include Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") considerations such as, but not limited to:

- Environmental issues including carbon emissions, waste treatment and water stress.
- Social issues including employee safety, human capital management, and compliance with international labour standards.
- Corporate governance issues including the composition of supervisory and governance bodies, and accounting practices.

The investment strategy will include a process for selecting issuers that meet ESG requirements.

### 1. Exclusions.

- 1) The Sub-Fund excludes issuers that are in breach of international norms or that are related to 'severe' controversies, based on the UN Global Compact principles on human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption.
- 2) The Sub-Fund also defines an exclusion policy on controversial sectors, which excludes companies that have more than 25% revenue from thermal coal, 10 % revenue from non- conventional fossil fuels or 25% revenue from palm oil and more than 0% revenue from tobacco or controversial weapons.

### 2. Positive screening.

- 1) The Sub-Fund favours companies that effectively address ESG consideration or actively seek ESG opportunities, by maintaining an ESG rating that is better than that of its 'investment universe'. For this product, "investment universe" is defined as all issuers from the MSCI World All Countries Index. The ESG score is provided by an external provider. Concretely, this methodology increases the portfolio's exposure to securities with top-quality ESG score and reduces exposure to those with lower-quality ESG score.
- 2) The Sub-Fund favours companies with lower carbon footprint. It maintains a carbon footprint, both in total greenhouse gas emissions (GHG scope 1,2 3) and average carbon intensity, lower than that of its investment universe.

### 3. Active ownership.

- 1) The Sub-Fund seeks to engage with portfolio companies on ESG issues, through voting rights realized by a proxy voting approach. It is also done through a collaborative engagement service realizes by a dedicated external provider.
- 2) The Sub-Fund favours companies with more independent board members. It aims to have an average percentage of board members at the Sub-Fund's level who meet independence criteria (such as but not limited to: Board majority independent of management, Board majority independent of Other interest, Executives on Board, No Independent Directors, Related-Party Transactions, ...) higher than that of its investment universe.

The ESG analysis of the portfolio will permanently cover at least 90% of the stocks within the portfolio.

The Sub-Fund is expected to invest at least 80% of its NAV in companies that qualify as aligned with E/S characteristics (#Aligned with E/S characteristics).

The Sub-Fund is allowed to invest up to 20% of its NAV in cash, cash equivalents and/or hedging instruments (# Other).

### 4) Data sources, methodology and limitations

The data are sourced from different data providers such as Trucost, MSCI, Vigeo, Sustainalytics and SDG Index and are the integrated in the Ostrum IT Systems. The data are mainly estimated, and a few is directly sourced from issuers.

The methodology could lead to an under-representation of certain sectors due to a poor ESG score or else through the sectorial and exclusion policies.

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### 5) Due Diligence

The process is based on a review and a systematic validation of ESG criteria described in the documentation.

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The Risk department is in charge of the right application of the ESG strategy and ensures a continuous control of the ESG constraints for the article 8 funds, accredited or not. They participate in SRI accreditation and annual audits to make sure the accreditation criteria are well considered.

### 6) Engagement strategy

Engagement activity is an integral part of Ostrum AM's responsible investment approach. Ostrum AM's engagement strategy aims to improve business practices from an environmental, social and governance perspective. Ostrum AM thus implements via its credit analysts and/or its managers the commitment at the individual level and at the collaborative level via the ESG Strategy team.

Ostrum AM also engages with regulators to share its vision of sustainable investing in order to improve standards and regulations in the financial sector and foster sustainable investing.

You can find Ostrum AM's commitment policy by clicking on the following link: https://www.ostrum.com/en/our-engagement-policies.

### (b) No sustainable investment objective

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective? No

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

### (c) Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

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### (d) Investment strategy

### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

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# What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

- 1. The Sub-Fund excludes issuers that violate the UN Global Compact principles on human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption.
- 2. The Sub-Fund excludes issuers that generate:
  - 1. more than 25% revenue from thermal coal.
  - 2. more than 10 % revenue from non-conventional fossil fuels
  - 3. more than 25% revenue from palm oil
  - 4. more than 0% revenue from tobacco
  - 5. more than 0% revenue from controversial weapons.
- 3. The Sub-Fund maintains a carbon footprint, both in total greenhouse gas emissions (GHG scope 1,2 3) and average carbon intensity, lower than that of its investment universe.
- 4. The Sub-Fund keeps an average percentage of board members of issuers of securities held who meet independence criteria higher than that of its investment universe.

## What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The Sub-Fund commit to exclude 20% of its initial investment universe through the implementation of its ESG-strategy.

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

The governance quality is assessed in particular by measuring the board independance.

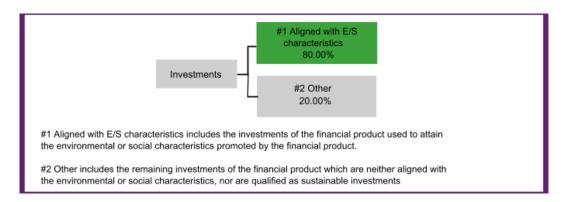
Goverance quality is also followed through the Investment Manager active ownership policiy notably the proxy voting implementatation that deals with these topics such as voting principles for : shareholders right, goverance structure (director Nominees, gender diversity, independance, accountability, climate responsability), executives remuneration.

### (e) Proportion of investments

### What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

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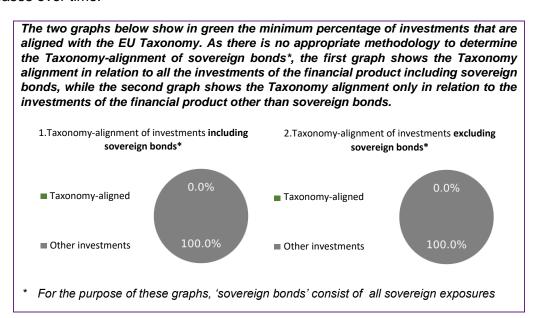


How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Not applicable.

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

The Sub-Fund does not currently commit to invest in any "sustainable investment" within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy. However, the position will be kept under review as the underlying rules are finalised and the availability of reliable data increases over time.



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

As the Sub-Fund does not commit to invest any "sustainable investment" within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy, the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy is therefore also set at 0%.

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

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not commit to making any sustainable investments. As a consequence, the Sub-Fund does not commit to a minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

## What investments are included under "#2 others"/"#2 Not sustainable", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Few issuers may not be covered by the ESG Analysis while cash management is used for liquidity and passive management purposes. Then the Sub-Fund may include derivatives and cash positions (which are not aligned with the E/S characteristics) as well as securities of issuers that are neither aligned with the Sub-Fund's E/S characteristics nor qualify as sustainable (but do meet the E/S safeguards defined in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights).

### (f) Monitoring of environmental or social characteristic

The environmental or social characteristics and the sustainability indicators are monitored by the portfolio managers through their Portfolio Management Systems and by the Risk department through their dedicated tools. The indicators are then reported in different forms such as monthly factsheets and dedicated SRI label reports.

### **Sustainability indicators monitored:**

- 1) Percentage of issuers that violate the UN Global Compact principles on human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption.
- 2) Percentage of issuers that generate more than 25% revenue from thermal coal.
- 3) Percentage of issuers that generate more than 10 % revenue from non-conventional fossil fuels.
- 4) Percentage of issuers that generate more than 25% revenue from palm oil.
- 5) Percentage of issuers that generat more than 0% revenue from tobacco or controversial weapons.
- 6) Portfolio ESG Score on value-weighted average basis versus the ESG score of the investment universe.
- 7) Total greenhouse gas emissions (GHG scope 1,2 3)
- 8) GHG score of the investment universe.
- 9) Average carbon intensity of the Sub-Fund
- 10) Carbon intensity score of the investment universe.
- 11) Average percentage of board members of the issuers of securities held who meet independence criteria ESG SCORE.

### (g) Methodologies

Ostrum applies an exclusion policy of controversial issuers thanks to sectorial and exclusion policies and controversies management. This exclusion policy represents a major pillar in the global ESG Ostrum policy and specifically for the methodology which aims at attaining environmental and social characteristics.

The second pillar is around the ESG integration applied by Ostrum by leveraging different ESG data providers which reinforces this methodology through different controls of E/S characteristics for the different regulations or contractual agreements (SFDR article 8; SRI accreditation, ...).

For the article 8 products which are SRI accredited, the control undertook by Ostrum for the SRI accreditation allows to:

- for the funds with an average score methodology, make sure that the average ESG score of the portfolio is above to the investment universe filtered of the worst 20% issuers in terms of ESG (including the most controversial issuers defined by Ostrum in its sectorial and exclusion policies and the bottom issuers); for the funds with an exclusion methodology, make sure that the investments are done on an universe reduced of the 20% bottom issuers (this 20% includes the most controversial issuers defined by Ostrum in its sectorial and exclusion policies and the bottom issuers).
- make sure that the portfolio overperforms its filtered investment universe defined by the SRI accreditation framework on the E/S indicators if these indicators are the ones to overperform (for instance: carbon intensity, government spending on health and education).

For the article 8 products which are not SRI accredited, Ostrum defined an approach allowing that the average ESG score of the portfolio is better that the investment universe one while ensuring a minimal threshold of the ESG portfolio coverage Beyond these two processes, there is a control of ESG contractual constraints which allows to ensure the attainment of E/S characteristics (for instance, decrease of intensity carbon, ESG overperformance of the portfolio vs. its investment universe).

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- https://www.spglobal.com/esg/trucost
- https://www.msci.com/
- https://www.moodys.com/
- https://www.sustainalytics.com/
- https://www.sdgindex.org/

### (i) Limitations to methodologies and data

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### (k) Engagement policies

Is engagement part	of the environmental or	r social investment strategy?
Yes	No ⊠	

If so, what are the engagement policies? (Including any management procedures applicable to sustainability-related controversies in investee companies) <a href="https://www.ostrum.com/en/our-engagement-policies">https://www.ostrum.com/en/our-engagement-policies</a>

### (I) Designated reference benchmark (if applicable)

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index? Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

(m)	Additiona	I Information			
	Natixis	Investment	Managers	International	documentation:
	https://www.im.natixis.com/en-intl/funds				

While the Delegated Investment Manager seeks to promote the identified Characteristics by application of the investment processes set out above and in the Supplement of the Prospectus relating to the Fund, there is no guarantee that the Characteristics will be promoted by the Fund and investment losses may arise.

This document is issued to disclose sustainability-related information on this product, in relation to the Article 10 of the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Please refer to the prospectus of the fund and to the KIID before making any final investment decisions.