

# **ERSTE BOND EM CORPORATE IG**

**Jointly owned fund pursuant to the InvFG**

Annual Report 2022/23

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## General Information about the Investment Firm

<b>The company</b>	Erste Asset Management GmbH Am Belvedere 1, A-1100 Vienna Telephone: +43 05 0100-19777, fax: +43 05 0100-919777
<b>Registered capital</b>	EUR 2.50 million
<b>Shareholders</b>	Erste Group Bank AG (64.67%) Erste Bank der österreichischen Sparkassen AG (22.17%) Steiermärkische Bank und Sparkassen Aktiengesellschaft (3.30%) Tiroler Sparkasse Bankaktiengesellschaft Innsbruck (1.74%) DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale, Frankfurt (1.65%) „Die Kärntner“ Trust-Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft m. b. H. & Co KG (1.65%) Salzburger Sparkasse Bank Aktiengesellschaft (1.65%) Sieben Tiroler Sparkassen Beteiligungsgesellschaft m. b. H. (1.65%) NÖ-Sparkassen Beteiligungsgesellschaft m. b. H. (0.76%) VIENNA INSURANCE GROUP AG Wiener Versicherung Gruppe (0.76%)
<b>Supervisory Board</b>	Rudolf SAGMEISTER (Chairman) Manfred BARTALSZKY Maximilian CLARY UND ALDRINGEN Harald GASSER Gerhard GRABNER Harald Frank GRUBER Oswald HUBER (Deputy Chairman – from 21.09.2022) Radovan JELASITY Ertan PISKIN (from 10.10.2022) Peter PROBER Rupert RIEDER (until 21.09.2022) Gabriele SEMMELROCK-WERZER Reinhard WALTTL Gerald WEBER Appointed by the Works Council: Martin CECH Regina HABERHAUER Heinrich Hubert REINER Peter RIEDERER Nicole WEINHENGST Manfred ZOUREK
<b>Managing directors</b>	Heinz BEDNAR Winfried BUCHBAUER Peter KARL Thomas KRAUS
<b>Prokuristen (proxies)</b>	Karl FREUDENSCHUSS Manfred LENTNER Günther MANDL Gerold PERMOSER Magdalena REISCHL Oliver RÖDER
<b>State commissioners</b>	Wolfgang EXL (from 01.09.2022) Angelika SCHÄTZ
<b>Auditor</b>	Ernst & Young Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H.
<b>Depositary bank</b>	Erste Group Bank AG

## Dear Unit-holder,

We are pleased to present you the following annual report for the ERSTE BOND EM CORPORATE IG jointly owned fund pursuant to the InvFG for the accounting year from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic spreads, we are not losing sight of our responsibility to manage the assets entrusted to our care in a manner that maintains our ability to act on the capital markets and that enables us to make the best possible allocation decisions.

Modern technology also allows us to meet these obligations in full via teleworking.

## Development of the Fund

It was an eventful and challenging reporting period that started off with a rapid and impressively robust economic recovery from the COVID pandemic.

Perhaps the most radical U-turn as far as the pandemic was concerned was performed by the People's Republic of China, which abruptly declared its "zero-COVID" strategy of the past two and a half years to be over in late 2022. As a result, the global economy grew faster in the first quarter of 2023 than in the fourth quarter of 2022 in real terms.

Although this generated high demand, it had a side effect, namely that production was unable to keep pace with this demand (fuelled by low interest rates and redundant, indiscriminate COVID transfer payments). This resulted in supply chain bottlenecks and subsequently a steep rise in inflation.

The commodity markets, for their part, priced in the euphoria over China's potential surge in growth fairly early on, prompting high demand for metals such as copper and iron ore.

However, market volatility was also sparked by political (US-China tensions, war in Ukraine) and environmental (drought, food crisis) factors.

Across the world, central banks responded with the largest aggregate rate hikes ever seen, which caused prices to fall sharply on the capital markets.

The US Fed raised its key rate from 1.75% to 5.25% over the reporting period.

Although all the central banks have since responded to these conditions with a rapid rate hike cycle of their own, economic growth in the developed nations is weak in real terms. Under these conditions, the central banks would like to take a breather so that they could better gauge the delayed effects of their rate hikes on growth, employment, incomes, investment, earnings, and, ultimately, inflation. After all, there is a great deal of uncertainty about the correlation between monetary policy, growth, and inflation.

It is important to mention that the foundations underpinning many emerging markets are continuing to deteriorate due to unsuccessful structural measures, corruption, and COVID. A great many countries have now received handouts from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) or are in the queue for its financial aid. This was why EM government bonds performed much worse than their corporate counterparts during the period, as indeed they had in the months prior to that.

With the macroeconomic conditions remaining challenging, the Fund retained its defensive stance. It was less sensitive to interest rate movements than the benchmark universe.

At the country level, we had Latin America, specifically Mexico and Chile, overweighted. Countries such as Brazil, Peru, and Colombia retained their largely neutral weighting. We were significantly underweighted in Asia, especially in China, Hong Kong, and Korea. This positioning proved the right one under these conditions. Only India and Indonesia were overweighted in view of their accelerating economic growth.

The spreads in the benchmark universe (JPM CEMBI Broad Diversified IG) narrowed from 228 to 220 basis points during the period.

The Fund's performance after all costs came to plus 0.67% (ISIN AT0000A0WJX7).

The Fund employs an active investment policy. The assets are selected on a discretionary basis. The Fund is oriented towards the CEMBI BD IG in USD index as a benchmark (index provider disclaimer: <https://www.erste-am.com/index-disclaimer>). The composition and performance of the Fund can deviate substantially or entirely in a positive or negative direction from that of the benchmark over the short term or long term. The discretionary power of the Management Company is not limited.

The Fund was converted to a fund in accordance with Art. 8 of the Disclosure Regulation with effect from 15 June 2023. The figures from the full reporting period were used to calculate the values shown in the annex "Sustainability-Related Information", although these values are only of limited informative value due to the conversion partway through the year.

Further information on the environmental/social characteristics of the Fund can be found in the annex "Sustainability-Related Information" in this annual report.

## Method of Calculating the Global Exposure

Method of calculating the global exposure:		Commitment approach
Reference assets used:		-
Value at risk:	Lowest value:	-
	Average value:	-
	Highest value:	-
Model used:		-
Leverage* when using the value-at-risk calculation method:		-
Leverage** according to § 4 of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Derivatives Risk Measurement and Reporting Regulation:		-

\* Total nominal values of derivative instruments without taking into account offsetting and hedging (item 8.5. Schedule B InvFG 2011).

\*\* Total derivative risk taking offsetting and hedging into account = total of the equivalent values of the underlying assets as a percentage of the fund assets.

## Asset Allocation

	As of 30.06.2023	
	USD millions	%
Bonds		
USD	59.8	96.53
Transferable securities	59.8	96.53
Bank balances	1.4	2.30
Interest entitlements	0.7	1.19
Other deferred items	-0.0	-0.01
Fund assets	62.0	100.00

## Comparative Overview

Accounting year	Fund assets
2020/2021	97,394,336.83
2021/2022	58,857,807.70
2022/2023	61,982,022.23

General information about performance:

The performance of unit categories with no outstanding units at the end of the reporting period or no outstanding units during the reporting period is generally based on the dividend-adjusted performance of the overall fund. In these cases, the performance is not reported below.

When a unit category is issued during the reporting period, the performance and reinvestment are calculated from the point in time that the unit category is launched. Because of this and possible other fees and currency classes, the performance and reinvestment of this unit category differ from those of comparable unit categories.

The performance is determined assuming the reinvestment of all paid dividends and amounts at their nominal value on the day of disbursement.

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2020/2021	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000AOWJX7	USD	107.00	2.4000	1.0139	3.85
2021/2022	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000AOWJX7	USD	91.61	2.0000	0.0000	-12.42
2022/2023	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000AOWJX7	USD	90.13	2.6000	0.0000	0.67

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2020/2021	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9D0	USD	119.04	-	-	-
2021/2022	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9D0	USD	104.28	-	-	-
2022/2023	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9D0	USD	105.00	-	-	-

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2020/2021	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9E8	USD	117.96	-	-	-
2021/2022	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9E8	USD	103.34	-	-	-
2022/2023	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9E8	USD	104.05	-	-	-

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2020/2021	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000AOWJY5	USD	125.28	1.0301	2.9493	3.85
2021/2022	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000AOWJY5	USD	108.82	0.0000	0.0000	-12.42
2022/2023	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000AOWJY5	USD	109.53	0.0000	0.0000	0.65

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Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2020/2021	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9F5	USD	118.86	-	-	-
2021/2022	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9F5	USD	104.13	-	-	-
2022/2023	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9F5	USD	104.85	-	-	-

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2020/2021	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9G3	USD	117.96	-	-	-
2021/2022	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9G3	USD	103.34	-	-	-
2022/2023	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9G3	USD	104.05	-	-	-

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2020/2021	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A0WJZ2	USD	131.11	-	4.1514	3.85
2021/2022	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A0WJZ2	USD	114.82	-	0.0000	-12.42
2022/2023	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A0WJZ2	USD	115.58	-	0.0000	0.66

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2020/2021	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9H1	USD	118.86	-	-	-
2021/2022	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9H1	USD	104.13	-	-	-
2022/2023	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9H1	USD	104.85	-	-	-

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2020/2021	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9J7	USD	122.30	-	4.6790	4.55
2021/2022	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9J7	USD	107.83	-	0.0000	-11.83
2022/2023	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9J7	USD	109.28	-	0.0000	1.34



## Disbursement/Payment

The following disbursement or payment will be made for the accounting year from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. The coupon-paying bank is obligated to withhold capital gains tax from this disbursement if the respective investor is not exempt from the payment of this tax.

The disbursement or payment will be effected on or after 2 October 2023 at

Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna,

and the respective bank managing the Unit-holder's securities account.

Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Dividend disbursement/ payment		KES <sub>t</sub> with option declaration	KES <sub>t</sub> w/o option declaration	Reinvestment
Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A0WJX7	USD	2.6000		0.1257	0.1257	0.0000
Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9D0	USD	-		-	-	-
Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9E8	USD	-		-	-	-
Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A0WJY5	USD	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9F5	USD	-		-	-	-
Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9G3	USD	-		-	-	-
KES <sub>t</sub> -exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A0WJZ2	USD	-	*	-	-	0.0000
KES <sub>t</sub> -exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9H1	USD	-	*	-	-	-
KES <sub>t</sub> -exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A1Y9J7	USD	-	*	-	-	0.0000

\* Pursuant to the penultimate sentence of § 58 (2) of the Austrian Investment Fund Act, no capital gains tax will be paid.

## Income Statement and Changes in Fund Assets

### 1. Value Development over the Accounting Year (Fund Performance)

Calculation according to the OeKB method per unit in the unit currency not accounting for a front-end surcharge

The performance of unit categories with no outstanding units at the end of the reporting period or no outstanding units during the reporting period is generally based on the dividend-adjusted performance of the overall fund. In these cases, the "performance", the "net earnings per unit", and the "total value including (notional) units gained through disbursement/payment" are not reported in the following.

When a unit category is issued during the reporting period, the performance is calculated from the point in time that the unit category is launched. Because of this and possible other fees and currency classes, the performance of this unit category differs from that of comparable unit categories.

<b>AT0000A0WJX7 dividend-bearing units USD</b>	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (58,504.959 units)	91.61
Disbursement/payment on 29.09.2022 (corresponds to roughly 0.0232 units at a calculated value of 86.39)	2.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (122,730.711 units)	90.13
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	92.22
Net earnings per unit	0.61
<b>Value development of one unit in the period</b>	<b>0.67%</b>

<b>AT0000A1Y9D0 dividend-bearing units USD</b>	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (0.000 units)	104.28
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (0.000 units)	105.00
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	-
Net earnings per unit	-
<b>Value development of one unit in the period</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>AT0000A1Y9E8 dividend-bearing units USD</b>	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (0.000 units)	103.34
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (0.000 units)	104.05
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	-
Net earnings per unit	-
<b>Value development of one unit in the period</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>AT0000A0WJY5 non-dividend-bearing units USD</b>	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (10,518.328 units)	108.82
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (9,544.328 units)	109.53
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	109.53
Net earnings per unit	0.71
<b>Value development of one unit in the period</b>	<b>0.65%</b>

<b>AT0000A1Y9F5 non-dividend-bearing units USD</b>	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (0.000 units)	104.13
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (0.000 units)	104.85
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	-
Net earnings per unit	-
<b>Value development of one unit in the period</b>	-

<b>AT0000A1Y9G3 non-dividend-bearing units USD</b>	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (0.000 units)	103.34
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (0.000 units)	104.05
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	-
Net earnings per unit	-
<b>Value development of one unit in the period</b>	-

<b>AT0000A0WJZ2 KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units USD</b>	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (434,890.252 units)	114.82
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (408,934.853 units)	115.58
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	115.58
Net earnings per unit	0.76
<b>Value development of one unit in the period</b>	0.66%

<b>AT0000A1Y9H1 KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units USD</b>	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (0.000 units)	104.13
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (0.000 units)	104.85
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	-
Net earnings per unit	-
<b>Value development of one unit in the period</b>	-

<b>AT0000A1Y9J7 KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units USD</b>	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (22,407.782 units)	107.83
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (23,874.359 units)	109.28
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	109.28
Net earnings per unit	1.45
<b>Value development of one unit in the period</b>	1.34%

## **2. Fund Result**

### **a. Realised fund result**

#### **Ordinary fund result**

##### **Income (without profit or loss from price changes)**

Interest income (excluding income adjustment)	2,318,761.53	
Dividend income	0.00	
Other income 8)	0.00	
	<u>0.00</u>	
Total income (without profit or loss from price changes)		2,318,761.53

##### **Interest paid**

- 801.87

##### **Expenses**

Fees paid to Investment Firm	- 557,824.50	
Costs for the financial auditor and tax consultation	- 5,333.47	
Publication costs	- 63,361.67	
Securities account fees	- 14,510.90	
Depository bank fees	- 44,625.58	
Costs for the external consultant	0.00	
Performance fee	-	
Fee foreign-currency unit certificates 9)	0.00	
	<u>0.00</u>	
Total expenses		- 685,656.12
Compensation for management costs from sub-funds 1)		<u>0.00</u>

##### **Ordinary fund result (excluding income adjustment)**

**1,632,303.54**

##### **Realised profit or loss from price changes 2) 3)**

Realised gains 4)	186,137.13	
Realised losses 5)	- 3,647,865.61	
	<u>- 3,647,865.61</u>	

##### **Realised profit or loss from price changes (excluding income adjustment)**

**- 3,461,728.48**

##### **Realised fund result (excluding income adjustment)**

**- 1,829,424.94**

### **b. Unrealised profit or loss from price changes 2) 3)**

Changes in the unrealised profit or loss from price changes 7)	<u>2,380,172.40</u>
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##### **Result for the reporting period 6)**

**550,747.46**

### **c. Income adjustment**

Income adjustment for income in the period	- 60,997.59
Income adjustment for profit carried forward from dividend-bearing units	<u>190,083.26</u>

#### **Overall fund result**

**679,833.13**

### **3. Changes in Fund Assets**

<b>Fund assets at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	<b>58,857,807.70</b>
<b>Disbursement/payment in the accounting year</b>	<b>- 109,251.92</b>
<b>Issue and redemption of units</b>	<b>2,553,633.32</b>
<b>Overall fund result</b>	
(The fund result is shown in detail under item 2.)	<b>679,833.13</b>
<b>Fund assets at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b><u>61,982,022.23</u></b>

- 1) Reimbursements (in the sense of commissions) paid by third parties are forwarded to the Fund after deduction of appropriate costs. Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG receives 25% of the calculated commissions to cover administrative costs.
- 2) Realised profits and losses are not calculated precisely for the specific periods, which means that they, as is the case for the changes in the unrealised profit or loss, are not necessarily congruent with the changes in the value of the Fund in the accounting year.
- 3) Total profit or loss from price changes without income adjustment (realised profit or loss from price changes, without income adjustment, plus changes in the unrealised profit or loss): USD -1,081,556.08.
- 4) Thereof profits from transactions with derivative financial instruments: USD 0.00.
- 5) Thereof losses from transactions with derivative financial instruments: USD 0.00.
- 6) The result for the accounting year includes explicitly reported transaction costs in the amount of USD 1,986.75.
- 7) Thereof changes in unrealised gains USD 60,201.60 and unrealised losses USD 2,319,970.80.
- 8) The earnings reported under this item can be attributed to lending fees from securities lending transactions conducted with Erste Group Bank AG in the amount of USD 0.00, to earnings from real estate funds in the amount of USD 0.00, and to other earnings in
- 9) The Fund is charged a monthly fee per foreign-currency unit category for the management of the foreign-currency unit certificates.

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 30 June 2023

(including changes in securities assets from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023)

Security designation	ISIN number	Interest rate	Purch./ additions	Sales/ disposals	Holding	Price	Value in USD	% share of fund assets
					Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)			
<b>Publicly traded securities</b>								
<b>Bonds denominated in USD</b>								
<b>Issue country Bermuda</b>								
CBQ FINANCE 20/25 MTN	XS2230306537	2.000	0	0	1,000	92.957	929,570.00	1.50
CREDICORP 20/25 REGS	USG2519YAA67	2.750	0	0	400	94.745	378,978.00	0.61
OOREDOO ITL.FI.16/26 REGS	XS1435374126	3.750	1,000	0	1,000	97.304	973,040.00	1.57
Total issue country Bermuda							<u>2,281,588.00</u>	<u>3.68</u>
<b>Issue country Cayman Islands</b>								
RAKFU. CAY. 19/24	XS1979293328	4.125	0	0	500	98.950	494,747.50	0.80
SNB FUNDING 19/24 MTN	XS2054533935	2.750	0	0	500	96.468	482,337.50	0.78
Total issue country Cayman Islands							<u>977,085.00</u>	<u>1.58</u>
<b>Issue country Chile</b>								
CELULOSA ARAUCO 2027	US151191BB89	3.875	0	500	300	92.147	276,439.50	0.45
EMBOT.ANDINA 13/23 REGS	USP3697UAD02	5.000	0	0	1,100	99.753	1,097,283.00	1.77
TRANSELEC 16/29 REGS	USP9339SAS34	3.875	0	0	300	91.822	275,464.50	0.44
Total issue country Chile							<u>1,649,187.00</u>	<u>2.66</u>
<b>Issue country India</b>								
REC 18/23 MTN REGS	XS1902341939	5.250	0	0	300	99.722	299,164.50	0.48
REC 18/28 MTN	XS1791439257	4.625	400	0	400	95.238	380,950.00	0.61
STATE BK IND. 23/28 MTN	XS2615928863	4.875	600	0	600	97.915	587,489.96	0.95
Total issue country India							<u>1,267,604.46</u>	<u>2.05</u>
<b>Issue country Indonesia</b>								
BANK MANDIRI 23/26 MTN	XS2577785921	5.500	200	0	200	99.938	199,875.00	0.32
Total issue country Indonesia							<u>199,875.00</u>	<u>0.32</u>
<b>Issuer International Finance Corporation</b>								
AFRICA FIN. 19/29MTN REGS	XS2072933778	3.750	0	0	600	83.375	500,250.00	0.81
AFRICA FIN.20/25 MTN REGS	XS2189425122	3.125	0	800	400	92.560	370,240.00	0.60
BCO LATINO.A. 20/25 REGS	USP1393HAC27	2.375	0	0	700	93.302	653,114.00	1.05
Total issuer International Finance Corporation							<u>1,523,604.00</u>	<u>2.46</u>
<b>Issue country Colombia</b>								
GRP.ENG.BOGO 20/30 REGS	USP4R53VAA13	4.875	0	0	300	90.615	271,845.00	0.44
PROMIGAS ESP 19/29 REGS	USP7922TAA71	3.750	0	0	500	84.063	420,312.50	0.68
Total issue country Colombia							<u>692,157.50</u>	<u>1.12</u>

Security designation	ISIN number	Interest rate	Purch./ additions Units/nominal	Sales/ disposals (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Holding	Price	Value in USD	% share of fund assets
<b>Issue country Republic of Korea</b>								
SK BROADBAND 23/28	XS2629403499	4.875	200	0	200	98.933	197,866.00	0.32
SK HYNIX 21/24 REGS	USY8085FAZ37	1.000	500	0	500	97.120	485,600.00	0.78
Total issue country Republic of Korea							683,466.00	1.10
<b>Issue country Mexico</b>								
BANCO INBURSA 17/27 REGS	USP13296AM37	4.375	1,000	0	1,000	95.116	951,160.00	1.53
Total issue country Mexico							951,160.00	1.53
<b>Issue country Peru</b>								
CONSSMANTARO 22/38 REGS	USP3083SAF22	5.200	0	0	750	92.443	693,318.75	1.12
Total issue country Peru							693,318.75	1.12
<b>Issue country Qatar</b>								
NAKILAT 06/33 REGS	USY62014AA64	6.067	0	0	400	104.708	361,321.68	0.58
Total issue country Qatar							361,321.68	0.58
<b>Issue country Thailand</b>								
PTTEP TR.CEN 20/27 REGS	USY7150MAG25	2.587	0	0	200	91.161	182,322.00	0.29
Total issue country Thailand							182,322.00	0.29
<b>Issue country USA</b>								
HIKMA F.USA 20/25 REGS	XS2196334838	3.250	800	0	800	95.003	760,024.00	1.23
Total issue country USA							760,024.00	1.23
<b>Issue country United Arab Emirates</b>								
ABU DH.C.BK 22/27 MTN	XS2530757082	4.500	1,000	0	1,000	98.344	983,440.00	1.59
Total issue country United Arab Emirates							983,440.00	1.59
Total bonds denominated in USD							13,206,153.39	21.31
Total publicly traded securities							13,206,153.39	21.31
<b>Securities admitted to organised markets</b>								
<b>Bonds denominated in USD</b>								
<b>Issuer African Export and Import Bank</b>								
AFR. EXP.-IMP.BK 18/23MTN	XS1892247963	5.250	0	0	1,100	99.390	1,093,290.00	1.76
AFR.EX IM.BK 19/29 MTN	XS2053566068	3.994	0	0	400	84.190	336,760.00	0.54
AFR.EX IM.BK 21/26 MTN	XS2343006958	2.634	0	0	600	90.000	540,000.00	0.87
Total issuer African Export and Import Bank							1,970,050.00	3.18

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<b>Issue country Bermuda</b>								
STAR E.G.D./ 20/38 REGS	USG8438NAB31	4.850	600	0	600	90.700	544,200.00	0.88
Total issue country Bermuda							544,200.00	0.88
<b>Issue country Cayman Islands</b>								
ALIBABA GR.HLDG 17/37	US01609WAU62	4.000	400	0	400	83.801	335,204.00	0.54
ALIBABA HLDG 21/41	US01609WAY84	2.700	600	0	1,100	67.399	741,389.00	1.20
CK HUTCH.23 23/28 REGS	USG21819AA80	4.750	500	0	500	98.730	493,650.00	0.80
DOHA FINANCE 21/26 MTN	XS2325727100	2.375	0	800	200	92.226	184,452.00	0.30
ENN ENERGY 22/27 REGS	USG3066DAA75	4.625	0	0	200	97.284	194,567.00	0.31
QNB FINANCE 20/25 MTN	XS2162033729	2.625	500	0	500	94.902	474,510.00	0.77
QNB FINANCE 21/26 MTN	XS2287744218	1.375	0	800	700	90.719	635,029.50	1.02
TENCENT HLDGS 18/38 MTN	US88032XAH70	3.925	600	0	1,100	82.221	904,431.00	1.46
Total issue country Cayman Islands							3,963,232.50	6.39
<b>Issue country Chile</b>								
BANCO DE CRED.INV17/27MTN	US05890PZA73	3.500	0	0	500	92.540	462,700.00	0.75
EMPRESA NAC.D.TEL.14/26	USP37115AF26	4.750	0	0	263	97.591	256,663.02	0.41
FALABELLA 21/32 REGS	USP3984LAA81	3.375	0	0	1,000	78.688	786,875.00	1.27
INVERS. CMPC 14/24 REGS	USP58072AK83	4.750	500	0	500	98.826	494,130.00	0.80
INVERS. CMPC 17/27 REGS	USP58072AL66	4.375	0	0	800	96.194	769,548.00	1.24
INVERS.CMPC 23/33 REGS	USP58072AX05	6.125	200	0	200	100.580	201,160.00	0.32
TELEF.MOV.CH 21/31 REGS	USP90375AV12	3.537	0	0	700	79.750	558,250.00	0.90
Total issue country Chile							3,529,326.02	5.69
<b>Issue country China</b>								
BK CHINA(HK) 20/25 MTN	XS2190999834	1.250	1,000	0	1,000	92.292	922,920.00	1.49
ICBC 15/25 REGS	USY39656AC06	4.875	1,000	0	1,000	98.155	981,545.00	1.58
Total issue country China							1,904,465.00	3.07
<b>Issue country Great Britain</b>								
STD.CHARTER 21/32 FLR	XS2358287824	2.678	800	0	800	77.530	620,240.00	1.00
Total issue country Great Britain							620,240.00	1.00
<b>Issue country Hong Kong</b>								
AIA GROUP 23/33 MTN REGS	US00131MAP86	4.950	800	0	800	99.891	799,128.00	1.29
FAR E.HORIZ. 21/24 MTN	XS2302544353	2.625	0	0	200	96.942	193,883.00	0.31
ICBCIL F. C. 20/25 MTN	XS2218691256	1.750	0	600	200	91.826	183,651.00	0.30
Total issue country Hong Kong							1,176,662.00	1.90
<b>Issue country India</b>								
ADANI PORTS 20/27 REGS	USY00130VS35	4.200	1,100	0	1,100	85.545	940,995.00	1.52
BHARTI AIRTEL 15/25 REGS	USY0889VAA80	4.375	0	0	500	97.320	486,600.00	0.79
EXP.-IMP BK 23/33MTN REGS	US30216KAG76	5.500	700	0	700	100.383	702,681.00	1.13



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ICICI BK 16/26REGS	US45112FAJ57	4.000	500	0	500	95.948	479,740.00	0.77
POWER FIN 20/30 MTN REGS	US73928RAB24	3.950	0	600	400	89.980	359,920.00	0.58
POWER FINANCE 17/27 MTN	XS1725342288	3.750	400	0	400	92.217	368,866.00	0.60
REC 23/28 MTN REGS	US74947MAD48	5.625	200	0	200	99.077	198,153.00	0.32
RELIANCE INDS 15/25 REGS	USY72596BU56	4.125	1,600	1,000	600	97.661	585,966.00	0.95
STATE BK IND. 19/24 REGS	USY81647AE24	4.375	500	0	500	99.097	495,485.00	0.80
Total issue country India							4,618,406.00	7.45
<b>Issue country Indonesia</b>								
BANK MANDIRI 21/26 MTN	XS2314639761	2.000	0	0	600	90.346	542,073.00	0.87
FREEPORT IND 22/27 REGS	USY7141BAA18	4.763	500	0	500	96.560	482,800.00	0.78
FREEPORT IND 22/32 REGS	USY7141BAB90	5.315	1,000	0	1,000	94.653	946,525.00	1.53
INDOF.CBP SU 21(32) REGS	XS2399787899	3.541	600	0	600	84.150	504,900.00	0.81
PERTAMINA GE 23/28 REGS	USY7140EAA65	5.150	200	0	200	99.685	199,370.00	0.32
PT PERTAMINA 13/43 REGS	USY7138AAF76	5.625	1,000	0	1,000	96.414	964,135.00	1.56
PT PERTAMINA 20/50 MTN	US69370RAG20	4.175	1,000	0	1,000	79.709	797,090.00	1.29
Total issue country Indonesia							4,436,893.00	7.16
<b>Issue country Jersey</b>								
GAL.PIP.A.BI 20/36 REGS	XS2249741245	2.625	0	0	500	81.019	405,095.00	0.65
Total issue country Jersey							405,095.00	0.65
<b>Issue country Canada</b>								
MEGLOBAL CAN 20/25 MTN	XS2150023906	5.000	0	0	500	98.126	490,627.50	0.79
Total issue country Canada							490,627.50	0.79
<b>Issue country Republic of Korea</b>								
KIA 21/24 REGS	USY4760JAB99	1.000	0	0	600	96.351	578,103.00	0.93
KOOKMIN BNK 20/30 MTN	US50050HAN61	2.500	0	0	500	82.018	410,087.50	0.66
SK HYNIX 23/26 REGS	USY8085FBJ85	6.250	400	0	400	99.960	399,838.00	0.65
SK HYNIX 23/33 REGS	USY8085FBL32	6.500	200	0	200	101.404	202,807.00	0.33
Total issue country Republic of Korea							1,590,835.50	2.57
<b>Issue country Luxembourg</b>								
RAIZEN FUELS FI.17/27REGS	USL7909CAA55	5.300	0	0	1,000	97.894	978,935.00	1.58
Total issue country Luxembourg							978,935.00	1.58
<b>Issue country Malaysia</b>								
GENM CAP.LA. 21/31 REGS	USY2700RAA06	3.882	500	0	500	81.211	406,055.00	0.66
Total issue country Malaysia							406,055.00	0.66
<b>Issue country Mexico</b>								
ALPEK S.A.B. 13/23 REGS	USP01703AB65	5.375	0	0	500	100.056	500,277.50	0.81
AMERICA MOVIL 12/42	US02364WBE49	4.375	0	0	400	87.773	351,090.00	0.57

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AMERICA MOVIL 19/49	US02364WBG96	4.375	500	0	500	87.063	435,312.50	0.70
BCO SANT.MEX 20/25 REGS	USP1507SAH06	5.375	500	0	500	98.953	494,762.50	0.80
GRUMA S.A.B. 14/24 REGS	USP4948KAD74	4.875	0	0	500	98.941	494,705.00	0.80
GRUPO TELEV. 14/45	US40049JBA43	5.000	0	0	300	86.507	259,521.00	0.42
GRUPO TELEV. 15/26	US40049JBB26	4.625	0	0	500	97.284	486,417.50	0.78
INDS PENOLES 19/29 REGS	USP55409AA77	4.150	300	0	300	92.588	277,764.00	0.45
INFRA.EN.NOVA 17/28 REGS	USP56145AA66	3.750	500	0	500	91.410	457,050.00	0.74
SIGMA ALIMENTOS 16/26REGS	USP8674JAE93	4.125	0	0	700	95.830	670,810.00	1.08
Total issue country Mexico							4,427,710.00	7.14
<b>Issue country Netherlands</b>								
BRAS.NL FIN. 23/33 REGS	USN15516AG70	7.250	700	400	300	98.220	294,660.00	0.48
KAZMUNAYGAS 18/48MTN REGS	XS1807299331	6.375	1,000	0	1,000	85.764	857,640.00	1.38
MEGLOBAL 21/28 MTN	XS2337430461	2.625	0	0	500	87.400	436,997.50	0.71
PROSUS 17/27 REGS	USN5946FAD98	4.850	800	0	800	95.987	767,896.00	1.24
Total issue country Netherlands							2,357,193.50	3.80
<b>Issue country Austria</b>								
SUZANO 16/26 REGS	USA9890AAA81	5.750	0	0	500	100.452	502,260.00	0.81
Total issue country Austria							502,260.00	0.81
<b>Issue country Panama</b>								
BANCO GENERAL 17/27 REGS	USP12651AB49	4.125	0	0	500	94.147	470,732.50	0.76
Total issue country Panama							470,732.50	0.76
<b>Issue country Peru</b>								
BC INTL PERU 19/26 REGS	USP13435AC98	3.250	0	0	600	93.246	559,476.00	0.90
Total issue country Peru							559,476.00	0.90
<b>Issue country Poland</b>								
BKRAJOWEGO 23/33 MTNREGS	XS2625207571	5.375	300	0	300	99.670	299,010.00	0.48
Total issue country Poland							299,010.00	0.48
<b>Issue country Qatar</b>								
QATARENERGY 21/41 REGS	XS2359548935	3.125	500	0	1,500	76.643	1,149,637.50	1.85
Total issue country Qatar							1,149,637.50	1.85
<b>Issue country Saudi Arabia</b>								
SAUDI ARAMCO 20/30 MTN	XS2262853265	2.250	0	0	800	83.278	666,224.00	1.07
SAUDI ARAMCO 20/50 MTN	XS2262853349	3.250	1,500	0	1,500	69.260	1,038,900.00	1.68
Total issue country Saudi Arabia							1,705,124.00	2.75
<b>Issue country Singapore</b>								
ABJA INVEST. 18/28	XS1753595328	5.450	400	0	400	99.480	397,920.00	0.64

Security designation	ISIN number	Interest rate	Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Sales/ disposals	Holding	Price	Value in USD	% share of fund assets
BOC AVIATION 17/27	US09681MAE84	3.500	500	0	1,200	93.558	1,122,696.00	1.81
Total issue country Singapore							1,520,616.00	2.45
<b>Issue country Thailand</b>								
BANGKOK BK 22/27 REGS	USY06072AE58	4.300	0	0	200	97.278	194,555.00	0.31
Total issue country Thailand							194,555.00	0.31
<b>Issue country USA</b>								
USA 19/49	US912810SK51	2.375	2,000	1,000	1,000	74.668	746,679.69	1.20
Total issue country USA							746,679.69	1.20
<b>Issue country United Arab Emirates</b>								
ADCOP 17/47 REGS	XS1709535097	4.600	0	0	1,000	93.059	930,590.00	1.50
DP WORLD 07/37 MTN REGS	XS0308427581	6.850	0	0	300	108.646	325,938.00	0.53
EMIR.DEV.BK 21/26 MTN	XS2352309681	1.639	0	0	1,000	90.757	907,565.00	1.46
EMIRATES 21/26 MTN	XS2280635256	1.638	0	0	500	91.717	458,582.50	0.74
F.ABU DHA.BK 23/28	XS2580013386	4.375	1,400	1,000	400	97.754	391,014.00	0.63
Total issue country United Arab Emirates							3,013,689.50	4.86
<b>Issue country British Virgin Islands</b>								
CONT.RUID.D. 20/25	XS2229418145	1.875	0	0	200	92.204	184,407.00	0.30
HUARONG FIN.II 16/26 MTN	XS1515240015	4.875	200	0	200	88.520	177,040.00	0.29
MIDEA INV.DEV. 22/27 MTN	XS2432130453	2.880	0	0	400	91.756	367,022.00	0.59
TAL.Y.INTL 21/26	XS2335142175	2.000	0	0	300	90.502	271,506.00	0.44
TSMC GLOBAL 20/25 REGS	USG91139AC27	0.750	500	0	500	90.095	450,475.00	0.73
TSMC GLOBAL 22/32 REGS	USG91139AL26	4.625	1,000	0	1,000	99.076	990,755.00	1.60
Total issue country British Virgin Islands							2,441,205.00	3.94
Total bonds denominated in USD							46,022,911.21	74.25
Total securities admitted to organised markets							46,022,911.21	74.25
<b>New issues</b>								
<b>Bonds denominated in USD</b>								
<b>Issue country India</b>								
HDFC BANK 23/26 MTN	XS2592028091	5.686	600	0	600	99.902	599,412.00	0.97
Total issue country India							599,412.00	0.97
Total bonds denominated in USD							599,412.00	0.97
Total new issues							599,412.00	0.97

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### Breakdown of fund assets

Transferable securities	59,828,476.60	96.53
Bank balances	1,424,057.90	2.30
Interest entitlements	734,625.01	1.19
Other deferred items	-5,137.28	- 0.01
<b>Fund assets</b>	<b>61,982,022.23</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Investor note:

**The values of assets in illiquid markets may deviate from their actual selling prices.**

Dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A0WJX7	units	122,730.711
Value of dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A0WJX7	USD	90.13
Dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A1Y9D0	units	0.000
Value of dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A1Y9D0	USD	105.00
Dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A1Y9E8	units	0.000
Value of dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A1Y9E8	USD	104.05
Non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A0WJY5	units	9,544.328
Value of non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A0WJY5	USD	109.53
Non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A1Y9F5	units	0.000
Value of non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A1Y9F5	USD	104.85
Non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A1Y9G3	units	0.000
Value of non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A1Y9G3	USD	104.05
KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A0WJZ2	units	408,934.853
Value of KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A0WJZ2	USD	115.58
KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A1Y9H1	units	0.000
Value of KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A1Y9H1	USD	104.85
KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A1Y9J7	units	23,874.359
Value of KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A1Y9J7	USD	109.28

The pool factor is the measure for the partial redemption of bonds that indicates the ratio between the as yet unredeemed capital and the unchanged nominal value.

The pool factor has an initial value of 1, which then rises until the first partial redemption and which is subsequently reduced in accordance with the redemption terms once redemptions begin until it ultimately reaches value of 0.

The following pool factor is relevant for calculating the value:

<b>Security designation</b>	<b>ISIN number</b>	<b>Pool factor</b>	<b>Value in EUR</b>
ADCOP 17/47 REGS	XS1709535097	1.00000	930,590.00
CONSSMANTARO 22/38 REGS	USP3083SAF22	1.00000	693,318.75
EMPRESA NAC.D.TEL.14/26	USP37115AF26	1.00000	256,663.02
NAKILAT 06/33 REGS	USY62014AA64	0.86269	361,321.68

The Fund is not permitted to engage in repurchase agreements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse). For this reason, repurchase agreements were not employed.

No total return swaps pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse) were concluded for the Fund during the reporting period.

The Fund is not permitted to engage in securities lending agreements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse). For this reason, securities lending agreements were not employed.

**Explanation on disclosure pursuant to Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 2016/2251 supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on OTC derivatives, central counterparties, and trade repositories with regard to regulatory technical standards for risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivative contracts not cleared by a central counterparty:**

All OTC derivatives are traded through Erste Group Bank AG.

In the event of negative derivatives exposure, collateral in the form of cash or bonds is pledged to Erste Group Bank AG in accordance with the contractually agreed threshold.

In the event of positive derivatives exposure, EUR-denominated government bonds from the Republic of Austria and/or the Federal Republic of Germany are pledged by Erste Group Bank AG to the Fund in accordance with the contractually agreed threshold. A one-time discount of 4% is agreed with the counterparty for this collateral. Collateral that would require a higher discount pursuant to Annex II to Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 2016/2251 is not accepted.

**Purchases and sales of transferable securities in the reporting period not listed in the statement of assets and liabilities**

<b>Security designation</b>	<b>ISIN number</b>	<b>Interest rate</b>	<b>Purch./ additions</b>	<b>Sales/ disposals</b>
			<b>Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)</b>	
<b>Publicly traded securities</b>				
<b>Bonds denominated in USD</b>				
<b>Issue country Bermuda</b>				
QATAR REINS.C.17/UND FLR	XS1577847145	0.000	0	300
<b>Issue country Cayman Islands</b>				
ABQ FINANCE 20/25 MTN	XS2227862583	1.875	0	200
ABQ FINANCE 21/26 MTN	XS2361052884	2.000	0	800
ADCB FIN.(CAYM.)13/23 MTN	XS0897453493	4.500	0	500
MAF GLOB.SEC. 14/24 REGS	XS1064799841	4.750	0	400
<b>Issue country Chile</b>				
BCO SANT.CHILE 20/25 MTN	US05971WAC73	2.700	0	400
CELULOSA ARAUCO 2047	US151191BD46	5.500	0	300
SOC.D.TR.AU. 22/32 REGS	USP87163AA27	4.000	0	500
<b>Issue country India</b>				
POWER FIN 19/24 MTN	XS2009878880	3.750	500	500
<b>Issue country Indonesia</b>				
TOWER BER.IN 21/27	XS2390472624	2.800	600	600
<b>Issue country Mexico</b>				
ALFA 14/24 REGS	USP0156PAB50	5.250	800	800
TRUST F/1401 14/44 REGS	USP9406GAB43	6.950	0	200
<b>Issue country Netherlands</b>				
PROSUS 20/30 REGS	USN7163RAA16	3.680	0	800
PROSUS 20/50 REGS	USN7163RAD54	4.027	0	400
<b>Issue country Panama</b>				
ETESA 19/49 REGS	USP37146AA81	5.125	0	200

<b>Security designation</b>	<b>ISIN number</b>	<b>Interest rate</b>	<b>Purch./ additions</b>	<b>Sales/ disposals</b>
			<b>Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)</b>	
<b>Issue country Singapore</b>				
DBS GR.HLDGS 21/27 REGS	US24023LAF31	1.194	500	500
<b>Issue country Thailand</b>				
PTT GLOB.CHEM.P. 12/22	USY7150WAA37	4.250	0	500
THAI OIL PCL 13/23 REGS	USY8620BAP68	3.625	0	300
<b>Issue country USA</b>				
HCL AMERICA 21/26 REGS	USU2479QAA59	1.375	0	1,000
US TREASURY 2023	US9128284L18	2.750	2,000	2,000
<b>Issue country British Virgin Islands</b>				
COSL FIN.(BVI) 12/22 REGS	USG2444PAA50	3.250	0	500
<b>Securities admitted to organised markets</b>				
<b>Bonds denominated in EUR</b>				
<b>Issue country Peru</b>				
PERU 15/26	XS1315181708	2.750	1,000	1,000
<b>Bonds denominated in USD</b>				
<b>Issue country Cayman Islands</b>				
FOXCONN F.E. 20/25 MTN	XS2236362849	1.625	500	500
LIMA METR.L.2 FIN. 15/34	USG54897AA45	5.875	0	600
SANDS CHINA 19-28	US80007RAE53	5.900	0	800
SUNNY OPT.TE.G. 23/26	XS2555677215	5.950	600	600
<b>Issue country Chile</b>				
CELUL.ARAUCO 19/29 REGS	USP2195VAP06	4.250	0	500
ENEL AMERICAS SA 2026	US29274FAF18	4.000	0	500
GNL QUINTERO 14/29 REGS	USP4909LAA81	4.634	0	500
<b>Issue country Hong Kong</b>				
GLP CN HOLD. 21/26 MTN	XS2314779427	2.950	0	1,300
LENOVO GROUP 22/28 REGS	USY5257YAL12	5.831	500	500
VANKE REAL EST. 17/27 MTN	XS1713193586	3.975	0	500

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<b>Security designation</b>	<b>ISIN number</b>	<b>Interest rate</b>	<b>Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)</b>	<b>Sales/ disposals</b>
<b>Issue country India</b>				
ADANI I.CONT 20/31 REGS	XS2267100514	3.000	0	900
IND.RWY FIN 19/24	XS1969727491	3.730	1,400	1,400
OIL INDIA 14/24	XS1056232322	5.375	800	800
<b>Issue country Indonesia</b>				
INDOF.CBP SU 21(51)	XS2343321399	4.745	0	500
PT BK.RAKYAT 18/23	XS1852235586	4.625	1,000	1,000
PT PERUSAHA.GAS NEG.14/24	USY7136YAA83	5.125	500	1,000
<b>Issue country Canada</b>				
CANADA 22/25	US135087N757	2.875	2,000	2,000
<b>Issue country Republic of Korea</b>				
KOREA GAS 14/26 REGS MTN	US50066CAH25	3.500	0	500
KOREA N.OIL 20/30 REGS	US50066RAN61	1.625	0	600
WOORI BANK 23/28 MTN REGS	US98105GAM42	4.875	400	400
<b>Issue country Mexico</b>				
FOM.ECON.MEX.SAB 13/43	US344419AB20	4.375	0	200
TRUST 1401 19/30 REGS	USP9401CAA01	4.869	0	200
<b>Issue country Netherlands</b>				
MINEJESA CAP. 17/30 REGS	USN57445AA17	4.625	0	700
MINEJESA CAP. 17/37 REGS	USN57445AB99	5.625	0	800
<b>Issue country Austria</b>				
SUZANO AUST. 20/31	US86964WAJ18	3.750	0	600
<b>Issue country Peru</b>				
PERU 15/27	US715638BU55	4.125	1,000	1,000
<b>Issue country Saudi Arabia</b>				
SAUDI ARAMCO 19/29 MTN	XS1982113208	3.500	0	1,500
<b>Issue country Singapore</b>				
UTD OV. BK 17/UND.FLR MTN	XS1699845068	3.875	0	500



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<b>Issue country Thailand</b>				
KASIKORNBANK 23/28 MTN	XS2580263734	5.458	300	300
<b>Issue country USA</b>				
SK BATTERY A 21/24	XS2288890598	1.625	0	300
SOUTH.COPPER 12/42	US84265VAG05	5.250	0	500
US TREASURY 2044	US912810RG58	3.375	1,000	1,000
USA 22/32	US91282CEP23	2.875	0	3,000
USA 22/42	US912810TH14	3.250	1,500	1,500
USA 22/52	US912810TL26	4.000	1,500	1,500
<b>Issue country United Arab Emirates</b>				
ABU DH.N.E. 21/51 MTN	XS2333388937	3.400	0	500
<b>Issue country British Virgin Islands</b>				
GERDAU TRADE 17/27 REGS	USG3925DAD24	4.875	0	500
HUARONG FIN.2017 17/27MTN	XS1711550373	4.250	0	1,000
JOY TRE.A.H. 19/29	XS2053056706	3.500	0	500
<b>Unlisted securities</b>				
<b>Bonds denominated in USD</b>				
<b>Issue country Peru</b>				
BCO INTL D.PERU SAA 18/23	USP13435AB16	3.375	0	400

Vienna, 31 August 2023

Erste Asset Management GmbH  
Electronically signed

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## Remuneration Policy

### Remuneration paid to employees of Erste Asset Management GmbH in EUR (2021 financial year of Erste Asset Management GmbH)

No investment success bonuses are paid, and no other amounts are paid directly from the investment funds.

Number of employees as of 31.12.2021	262
Number of risk bearers in 2021	133
Fixed remuneration	18,971,588
Variable remuneration (bonuses)	5,819,336
<b>Total employee remuneration</b>	<b>24,790,924</b>
Thereof remuneration for managing directors	1,259,918
Thereof remuneration for managerial risk bearers	3,907,911
Thereof remuneration for risk bearers with control functions*	1,481,773
Thereof remuneration for other risk bearers	7,868,465
Thereof remuneration for employees in the same income bracket as managers and risk bearers due to the amount of their total remuneration	0
<b>Total remuneration for risk bearers</b>	<b>14,518,067</b>

\* Managers with control functions are reported in this group

### Principles governing performance-based remuneration components

The Management Company has adopted remuneration principles to prevent possible conflicts of interest and to ensure compliance with the standard rules of conduct when awarding remuneration to relevant persons.

Fixed salary components make up a large enough share of the total remuneration of all employees of the Management Company that a variable remuneration policy can be applied on an individualised basis.

The total remuneration (fixed and variable components) is governed by the principle of balance and is linked to sustainability so that the acceptance of excessive risks is not rewarded. Therefore, the variable remuneration forms no more than a balanced portion of the total remuneration awarded to an employee.

The performance-based remuneration components serve the short-term and long-term interests of the Management Company and contribute to preventing risky behaviour. The performance-based remuneration components take into account individual performance as well as the profitability of the Management Company.

The size of the bonus pool is calculated based on the bonus potential that can be applied to the different employee categories. Bonus potential is a percentage of the fixed annual gross remuneration. The bonus potential can be no more than 100% of the fixed annual gross remuneration. The bonus pool is adjusted depending on the success of the Management Company. The personal bonus is linked to individual performance. The total of personal bonuses is limited by the size of the bonus pool after deduction of penalties.

The performance-based payments are capped at 100% of the annual gross remuneration for all employees, including the material risk bearers (according to the definition in the remuneration policy) and managing directors of the Management Company.

The remuneration system is made up of three components:

- 1) Fixed remuneration
- 2) Variable remuneration
- 3) Fringe benefits

The bonus potential is based on the fixed annual gross remuneration. The target agreements concluded with the employees contain qualitative and/or quantitative objectives. The payment of performance-based remuneration components is subject to a minimum profitability level for the Management Company and to performance targets.

Sixty per cent of the performance-based remuneration components are paid immediately; for employees who are involved directly in fund and portfolio management, 50% of this is paid immediately in cash and 50% is paid one year later in the form of non-cash instruments. The remaining 40% of the performance-based remuneration components are retained and paid out over a period of three years, with 50% of this also being paid in cash and 50% in the form of non-cash instruments for employees who are involved directly in fund and portfolio management. The non-cash instruments can consist of units in an investment fund that is administered by the Management Company, equivalent holdings or instruments linked to units, or equivalent non-cash instruments. Based on the principle of proportionality, the Management Company has set a materiality threshold below which there is no incentive to enter into inappropriate risks, for which reason there is no need to make delayed payment or payment in the form of a non-cash instrument. Other non-cash benefits are fringe benefits that are not associated with performance but with a specific position (e.g. company car) or that apply for all employees (e.g. holiday).

The Supervisory Board of the Management Company has set up a Remuneration Committee to ensure that the remuneration policy and its application are independently assessed. This committee consists of the following persons: Rudolf Sagmeister, Harald Gasser (remuneration expert), and Heinrich Hubert Reiner.

The complete remuneration policy of the Management Company can be viewed at [http://www.erste-am.at/de/private\\_anleger/wer-sind-wir/investmentprozess](http://www.erste-am.at/de/private_anleger/wer-sind-wir/investmentprozess).

The last audit of compliance with the requirements of the remuneration policy by the Supervisory Board in March 2022 revealed no deviations. There were also no material findings during the last audit by the Internal Auditing department.

No material changes were made to the remuneration policy during the past accounting year.

# Audit Report\*

## Statement on the annual report

### Audit opinion

We have audited the annual report prepared by Erste Asset Management GmbH, Vienna, for the fund under its management

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consisting of the statement of assets and liabilities as of 30 June 2023, the income statement for the accounting year ending on this date, and the other information specified in Annex I Schedule B of the Austrian Investment Fund Act 2011 (InvFG 2011).

Based on the findings of our audit, we believe that the annual report satisfies the legal requirements and provides a true and fair view of the assets and financial position as of 30 June 2023 and of the earnings position of the fund for the accounting year ending on this date in accordance with Austrian commercial law and the provisions of the InvFG 2011.

### Basis for the audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with § 49 (5) InvFG 2011 and in accordance with the Austrian principles of good auditing. These principles require the application of the International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under these regulations and standards are described in the section “Responsibilities of the auditor in auditing the annual report” of our audit report. We are independent from the company as specified by the Austrian commercial and industry regulations and fulfilled our other professional obligations in accordance with these requirements. We feel that the audit evidence that we obtained up to the date of the audit certificate is sufficient and suitable to serve as a basis for our audit opinion as of that date.

### Other information

The legal representatives are responsible for the other information. The other information includes all information in the annual report except for the statement of assets and liabilities, the income statement, the other information specified in Annex I Schedule B of the InvFG 2011, and the audit report.

Our audit opinion does not cover this other information, and we provide no assurance whatsoever for this other information.

In the context of our review of the annual report, we are responsible for reading this other information and assessing whether the other information contains material inconsistencies with the annual report or with the information gathered by us during our audit, or appears to contain other manners of material misstatements.

Should we come to the conclusion on the basis of the work completed with the other information received before the date of the audit report that this other information contains a material misstatement, we are required to report about this fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Management and supervisory board responsibilities relating to the annual report**

The legal representatives are responsible for preparing the annual report and for ensuring that this report provides a true and fair view of the assets and financial and earnings position of the fund in accordance with Austrian commercial law and the provisions of the InvFG 2011. The legal representatives are also responsible for implementing the internal controls that they deem necessary to facilitate the preparation of an annual report that is free from material misstatements due to error or fraud.

The supervisory board is responsible for monitoring the accounting process of the company as it applies to the fund under its management.

### **Responsibilities of the auditor in auditing the annual report**

Our goals are to ascertain with sufficient certainty whether the annual report contains material misstatements due to error or fraud and to issue an audit certificate that includes our audit opinion. Sufficient certainty is a high degree of certainty but no guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Austrian standards on good auditing, which require the application of the ISA, will always discover material misstatements that may be present. Misstatements can result from fraud or errors and are considered to be material when it can be reasonably expected that individual misstatements or a combination of misstatements can influence economic decisions made by readers on the basis of this annual report.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with the Austrian standards on good auditing, which require the application of the ISA, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism during the entire audit process.

In addition:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatements in the annual report due to error or fraud, plan audit steps in response to these risks, perform the planned audit steps, and collect audit evidence that is sufficient and suitable to form a basis for our audit opinion. The risk that a material misstatement resulting from fraud will remain undiscovered is greater than for misstatements resulting from error because fraudulent activity can include collusion, the falsification of documents, intentional incomplete or misleading representations, and the circumvention of internal controls.
- We familiarise ourselves with the internal control systems that are relevant for the audit to plan audit steps that are appropriate under the specific circumstances, but not so as to state an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control system.

- We assess the appropriateness of the accounting methods applied by the legal representatives and the reasonableness of the estimates made by the legal representatives in the accounts and of the associated information.
- We assess the overall presentation, the structure, and the content of the annual report including the figures as well as whether the annual report depicts the underlying transactions and events in a manner that provides a true and fair view.
- We discuss the planned scope and scheduling of the audit and any material audit findings, including material defects that we discover in the internal control system during our audit, with the supervisory board, among other issues.

Vienna, 13 September 2023

**Ernst & Young**

Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H.

**Mag. Andrea Stippl m.p.**  
(Certified Public  
Accountant)

**MMag. Roland Unterweger m.p.**  
(Certified Public Accountant)

- \* In the case of the publication or dissemination of the annual report in a form that deviates from the confirmed (unabridged German) version (e.g. an abridged version or translation), reference may not be made to the audit report or our audit without our approval.

## Annex Sustainability-Related Information

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:**  
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**Legal entity identifier:**  
5299001674AMFEIBL168

### Environmental and/or social characteristics

For improved readability, for the purpose of this document, "Taxonomy Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2020/852, "Disclosure Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2019/2088, and "RTS" means Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288.

**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 lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

#### Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : __ %	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 79.05 % of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> : __ %	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
	<input type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not make any sustainable investments</b>



#### To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Conformity with the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund was ensured by the continuous application of the process described below:

Fund applies a broad interpretation of sustainability. Both environmental and social characteristics are promoted through the application of the Management Company's proprietary sustainability approach. This is ensured by the application of the Management Company's ESG toolbox as part of the investment process.

No derivatives have been used to meet the environmental and social characteristics.

A distinction must be made between direct investments in securities, investments in investment funds managed by the management company and investments in investment funds managed by external management companies.

**Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by the management company**

Exclusion Criteria			ESG Analysis / Best in Class		Integration	Engagement	Voting	Thematic funds	Focused sustainability Impact	Fulfill Austrian ecolabel or FNG label criteria
Minimum criteria	Exclusion criteria	Norm-based Screening	ESG Risk Analysis	Best in Class						
✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			Not applicable	

At the level of the Fund, the Management Company is pursuing the objective of achieving improvements in the following key environmental and social aspects through its proprietary sustainability approach:

- The environmental footprint of the investments held by the Fund, in particular
  - the carbon footprint and the mitigation of climate change in general, and
  - the water footprint and measures for the responsible use of the resource water.
- The avoidance of environmental risks
  - for the protection of biodiversity
  - the responsible management of waste and other emissions
- Social factors such as
  - the exclusion of any investments in companies that produce or deal in controversial weapons.
  - the promotion of human rights and exclusion of issuers complicit in human rights violations.
  - the promotion of good working conditions, for example in the areas workplace safety and training, and the exclusion of issuers that are complicit in labour law violations, in particular of the core standards of the ILO.
  - the promotion of diversity and the exclusion of issuers that practice discrimination.
  - The avoidance of corruption and fraud.
- The promotion of good corporate governance:
  - the independence of supervisory bodies
  - management remuneration
  - good accounting practices
  - the protection of shareholder rights

**Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies**

All invested financial products managed by external management companies must be classified as either Art. 8 or Art. 9 under the Disclosure Regulation, or at least comply with good governance requirements. This does not apply to invested government bond funds.

Therefore the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by these investment funds are those declared by their respective producer in compliance with the Disclosure Regulation.



**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

● **How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

**Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by the management company**

Compliance with the social and environmental characteristics of the Fund is evaluated on the basis of the following indicators:

**ESGenius score:**

The ESGenius score depicts the ESG risk profile and quality of the ESG management of the issuer. It provides a holistic view of the performance of the analysed issuer in terms of the sustainability focuses listed above.

The minimum score required for the Fund and the average score of the investments held by the Fund are both considered.

Indicator 1: Compliance with the minimum score required for the Fund expressed in per cent of the fund assets

100% of the fund assets comply with the Fund's exclusion criteria.

Indicator 2: Average score of the investments held by the Fund  
50.30 of 100 (As of 06/30/2023)

**Exclusion criteria:**

Continuous compliance with the Fund's exclusion criteria is assessed. This verification is performed daily by the Management Company's Risk Management department.

Indicator: Compliance with the Fund's exclusion criteria

100% of the fund assets comply with the Fund's exclusion criteria.

**Sustainable Development Goals:**

The Management Company assesses and reports to what degree the investments held by the Fund contribute to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The contributions to the individual goals and the positive and negative overall contribution to the SDGs are reported.

Indicator 1: Share of the fund assets that makes a positive contribution to each of the 17 SDGs (As of 06/30/2023)

<b>SDG</b>	<b>% fund volume</b>
No Poverty #1	0.17
No Hunger #2	0.73
Good Health and Well Being #3	1.85
Quality Education #4	0.04
Gender Equality #5	0.02
Clean Water and Sanitation #6	0.07
Affordable and Clean Energy #7	1.94
Decent Work and Economic Growth #8	0.00
Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure #9	0.00
Reducing Inequality #10	4.02
Sustainable Cities and Communities #11	0.00
Responsible Consumption and Production #12	0.04
Climate Action #13	1.99
Life Below Water #14	0.00

Life on Land #15	3.90
Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions #16	0.00
Partnerships for the Goals #17	0.00

Indicator 2: Proportion of impacts/contributions to SDGs generated by the investment fund's investments that are positive in nature  
 35.22 % of the generated impacts/contributions to SDGs are positive in nature as of 06/30/2023

Indicator 3: Proportion of impacts to SDGs generated by the investment fund's investments that are negative in nature:  
 64.78 % of the generated impacts to SDGs are negative in nature as of 06/30/2023

A comprehensive description of the indicators, the most important contributions to the SDGs broken down by issuer, and the methodology upon which the calculation is based can be viewed on the following website:  
<https://www.erste-am.at/en/private-investors/sustainability/publications-and-guidelines/green-pledge/#sdg-report>

**Carbon footprint:**

The Management Company calculates the Fund's carbon footprint based on the 12-month average of scope 1 + 2 greenhouse gas emissions.

Indicator: Carbon footprint  
 The carbon footprint of the Fund amounts to 241.38 tones per 1 million EURO sales (As of 06/30/2023)

A description of the indicators and the methodology upon which the calculation is based can be viewed on the following website:  
<https://www.erste-am.at/en/private-investors/sustainability/responsible/#co2-footprint>

**Water footprint:**

The Management Company calculates the Fund's water footprint annually based on securities held directly in the Fund. The footprint is calculated and reported separately based on the degree of water scarcity in the regions in which the issuers in which the Fund invests consume water.

The indicator is calculated as far as there is sufficient data in the calculation systems.

Indicator: Water footprint relative to the overall global market, broken down by regions with low, medium, and high water scarcity as of 06/30/2023 (Unit of measurement: water withdrawal in m3 / thousand USD sales)

<b>Region</b>	<b>Volume</b>
High Stress Region	3,129.32
Medium Stress Region	626.60
Low Stress Region	4,286.80

A description of the indicators and the methodology upon which the calculation is based can be viewed on the following website:  
<https://www.erste-am.at/en/private-investors/sustainability/responsible/#wasserfussabdruck>

In case of subfunds, these factors are tracked based upon available look-through data. Tracking is only guaranteed for investment funds managed by the management company.

**Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies**

All invested investment funds managed by external management companies must be classified as either Art. 8 or Art. 9 under the Disclosure Regulation or at least comply with the requirements for good corporate governance. This does not apply to invested government bond funds.

The environmental and/or social indicators used to measure the attainment of their respective environmental and social characteristics promoted by these financial products are those declared by their respective manufacturers in compliance with the regulation.

● **...and compared to previous periods?**

Not applicable

● **What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

The Taxonomy-Regulation (Art. 9) identifies environmentally sustainable activities based on their contribution to the following six environmental objectives:

- Climate change mitigation;
- Climate change adaptation;
- The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources;
- The transition to a circular economy;
- Pollution prevention and control;

The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems. An economic activity is considered environmentally sustainable if it makes a significant contribution to one or more of the six environmental objectives, does not significantly compromise any of the environmental objectives, and is carried out in compliance with the minimum safeguards set forth in Art. 18 of the Taxonomy-Regulation.

The investment fund contributes to the objectives mentioned in Art. 9 of the Taxonomy-Regulation.

Due to the insufficient data situation, it is currently not possible to make a more differentiated allocation of the contribution of the sustainable facility to the stated goals.

In the past reporting period, sustainable investments were made with social objectives, among others.

Their description is discussed above.

If the disclosure of the companies in which investments are made does not readily indicate the extent to which the investments are made in environmentally sustainable business activities, data, if available, from ESG research partners is used.

**Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by the management company**

The social and environmental objectives of the investment fund correspond to the focuses presented above. The sustainable investment process of the investment fund ensures that no investments are made in issuers that violate these criteria. In addition, security selection taking the ESGenius score into account results in issuers being preferred for the portfolio that have a lower risk of adverse impacts on the environmental and social objectives of the fund, and that make a positive environmental and/or social contribution through their exemplary management of these risks.

All issuers in which the Fund invests are analysed and selected before acquisition on the basis of a predefined sustainability process. The proprietary ESGenius process provides a comprehensive ESG analysis of each issuer based on its specific ESG risk profile and the measures taken to mitigate these risks. Based on the results of this analysis, the ESGenius rating, only those issuers that achieve a score of at least 30 of 100 possible points are eligible for investment based on an ESG-risk-analysis approach. This minimum score can be higher depending on the sector of the economy in which the issuer is active. All issuers are also evaluated for violations of the Fund's exclusion criteria. This excludes at least half of the analysed issuers from the eligible universe of the Fund. Furthermore, up to a maximum of 49% of the fund's assets can be invested in

companies for which no ESGenius rating is available, but for which no violations of the UN Global Compact have been identified after analysis and research by ESG data providers on the one hand, and on the other hand, an ESG score of at least 30 as determined by Truevalue Labs. The combination of these two factors ensures that the requirements for good governance are met. The investment universe is assessed for compliance with these criteria at least once per quarter and updated as needed. Compliance with the eligible investment universe is verified daily. Securities from issuers that no longer meet the sustainability criteria of the Fund are sold while protecting Unit-holder interests.

Investments in sovereign bonds are subject to similar, specific analysis. The minimum ESGenius Score for investment in sovereign bonds is 30 out of 100 points.

Moreover, social, and environmental characteristics are promoted by applying exclusion criteria.

These are available on the following website:

<https://www.erste-am.at/en/private-investors/sustainability/publications-and-guidelines>

The Management Company also exercises an active ownership function. Through Engagement with issuers in the analysed investment universe, contributions are made to the improvement of the environmental and social performance of these companies.

The focus topics of the ESG analysis, selection process, and active ownership practices are adapted to the specific ESG risk profile of each issuer.

Investments in sovereign bonds are not covered by the fund management company's active ownership programmes.

**Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies**

All invested investment funds managed by external management companies shall be officially classified as Art. 8 or 9 in accordance with the Disclosure Regulation by their manufacturer or at least comply with good governance rules. This is not applicable to invested government bond funds.

Therefore the objectives of the sustainable investments that these investment funds partially intends to make and the ways the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives are those defined by their respective producers.

● ***How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

**Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by the management company**

The sustainable investments described below, which comprise part of this financial product, do no significant harm to the environmental or social sustainable investment objectives because this financial product invests solely in issuers that have been qualified as sustainable by the Management Company based on the sustainable investment process described above. This categorisation sets forth that issuers may have no significant adverse impacts on environmental or social factors, as such a violation would preclude an investment based on the binding ESG characteristics of this investment process.

**Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies**

All invested investment funds managed by external management companies shall be officially classified as Art. 8 or 9 in accordance with the Disclosure Regulation by their manufacturer or at least comply with good governance rules. This is not applicable to invested government bond funds.

The sustainable investments partially made with these investment funds and how the sustainable investments partially made with these investment funds do not cause significant harm to an environmental or social sustainable investment objective are defined by their respective manufacturers.

**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, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

***How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?***

**Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by the management company**

Consideration and reduction of key adverse impacts on sustainability factors ("Principle Adverse Impact - "PAI") was performed during the reporting period through the following procedures and methods: Application of social and environmental exclusion criteria.

These can be viewed on the following website:

<https://www.erste-am.at/en/private-investors/sustainability/publications-and-guidelines>

All 14 PAIs from Table 1 of the RTS, that apply to the investment fund were taken into account. The investment fund also takes the following PAIs from Tables 2 and 3, Annex I of the RTS into account:

- Indicator 8 (Table 2) - Exposure to areas of high water stress (share of investments in investee companies with sites located in areas of high water stress without a water management policy)
- Indicator 14 (Table 3) - 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)

In addition, all issuers in which the Fund invests are analysed and selected before acquisition on the basis of a predefined sustainability process. The proprietary ESGenius process provides a comprehensive ESG analysis of each issuer based on its specific ESG risk profile and the measures taken to mitigate these risks. Based on the results of this analysis, the ESGenius rating, only those issuers that achieve at least an ESGenius score on the predefined minimum score are eligible for investment. This minimum score can be higher depending on the sector of the economy in which the issuer is active. For investments for which no ESGenius rating is available, the application of the good governance requirements ensures that PAI is taken into account on a fundamental level.

The investment universe is assessed for compliance with these criteria at least once per quarter and updated as needed. Compliance with the eligible investment universe is verified daily. Securities from issuers that no longer meet the sustainability criteria of the Fund are sold while protecting Unit-holder interests.

During the reporting period, this led to a significant reduction in the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors from the investments held by the Fund.

**Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies**

All invested investment funds managed by external management companies shall be officially classified as Art. 8 or Art. 9 in accordance with the Disclosure Regulation by their manufacturer or at least comply with good governance rules. This is not applicable to invested government bond funds.

The indicators for adverse impacts on the sustainability factors were therefore taken into account in the way they were defined by the respective manufacturers.

***Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details: Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by the management company***

Sustainable investments are made by applying the exclusion criteria described above and taking into account the ESG analysis of issuers following the OECD Guidelines for

Multinational Enterprises and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Details on the relevant criteria are available on the following website: <https://www.erste-am.at/en/private-investors/sustainability/publications-and-guidelines>

**Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies**

All invested mutual funds managed by external management companies must be classified as either Art. 8 or 9 under the Disclosure Regulation or at least comply with the requirements for good corporate governance. This does not apply to invested government bond funds. How the sustainable investments comply with OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights can be found in the documents of the external management companies.

The investment process described above was reviewed and adhered to throughout the reporting period.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.*

*The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



**How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

**Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by the management company**

The Management Company takes into account the principal adverse impacts (PAI) on sustainability factors in the investment strategy of this Fund.

The process described here was complied with throughout the reporting period.

All climate and other environment-related indicators and indicators for social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption, and anti-bribery matters as set forth in Annex I of the RTS are taken into account in principle. However, it must be noted that not every indicator is relevant for every investment made by the Fund. The investment process ensures that all environmental, social, and corporate governance criteria that are relevant for the assessment of the respective investment are taken into account in the assessment of that investment.

In addition to taking the above indicators into account, the investment process also employs the optional indicators from Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I to the RTS where sufficient data is available

The Management Company considers the avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, the responsible use of water, and respecting human rights to be the most important PAI.

Fundamentally, the PAI are taken into account not using quantitative requirements, but through the structured inclusion of the respective criteria in the sustainability analysis that is part of the Fund’s investment process.

The most important PAI of the Fund are taken into account through multiple elements of the investment process. The following table shows the key process elements where this occurs on the basis of the Management Company’s ESG toolbox.

## Erste Asset Management ESG-Toolbox – PAI Consideration

Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI)		Exclusion Criteria			ESG Analysis / Best in Class		Integration	Engagement	Voting	Themed Funds	Focused sustainability impact	Austrian ECO label / FNG label
		Minimum Criteria	Exclusions	Normsbased Screening	ESG Risk Analysis	Best in Class						
Environment	Greenhouse gas emissions	✓			✓			✓	not applicable		not applicable	
	Biodiversity	✓			✓		✓					
	Water				✓		✓					
	Waste				✓		✓					
Social & employee matters	UN Global Compact		✓	✓	✓		✓					
	OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprise		✓	✓	✓		✓					
	Gender equality		✓	✓	✓		✓					
	Controversial weapons	✓										

In this, measures including the following are taken:

1. GHG emissions
2. Carbon footprint
3. GHG intensity of investee companies
4. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector
5. Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
6. Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector
7. Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas
8. Emissions to water
9. Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio
10. Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
11. Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
12. Unadjusted gender pay gap
13. Board gender diversity
14. Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

The most important PAI from investments in government bonds are also taken into account. The following table shows the key process elements where this occurs on the basis of the Management Company's ESG toolbox.

**Erste Asset Management ESG-Toolbox – PAI Consideration**

Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI)		Exclusion Criteria			ESG Analysis / Best in Class		Integration	Engagement	Voting	Themed Funds	Focused sustainability impact	Austrian ECO label / FNG label
		Minimum Criteria	Exclusions	Normsbased Screening	ESG Risk Analysis	Best in Class						
Environment	Greenhouse gas emissions				✓		✓	not applicable				
Social	Social regulations in international treaties, conventions as well as UN principles		✓	✓	✓		✓					

The PAI are taken into account at the level of the ESG analysis as well as by applying relevant exclusion criteria and integrating the financial analysis of the selected bonds.

This covers the following PAI:

- 15. GHG intensity
- 16. Investee countries subject to social violations

**Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies**

All invested investment funds managed by external management companies shall be officially classified as Art. 8 or Art. 9 in accordance with the Disclosure Regulation by their manufacturer or at least comply with good governance rules. This is not applicable to invested government bond funds.

Therefore, the indicators for adverse impacts on the sustainability factors were taken into account, in the way, they were defined by the respective manufacturers.



**What were the top investments of this financial product?**

<i><b>Largest investments</b></i>	<i><b>Sector</b></i>	<i><b>% Assets</b></i>	<i><b>Country</b></i>
XS1982113208 - SAUDI ARAMCO 19/29 MTN	B - MINING AND QUARRYING	2.26	SA
USP3697UAD02 - EMBOT.ANDINA 13/23 REGS	C - MANUFACTURING	1.93	CL
XS1892247963 - AFR. EXP.-IMP.BK 18/23MTN	K - FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	1.92	7H
USL7909CAA55 - RAIZEN FUELS FI.17/27REGS	K - FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	1.71	LU
XS1709535097 - ADCOP 17/47 REGS	H - TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	1.63	AE
XS2359548935 - QATARENERGY 21/41 REGS	B - MINING AND QUARRYING	1.63	QA
XS2230306537 - CBQ FINANCE 20/25 MTN	K - FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	1.61	BM
US09681MAE84 - BOC AVIATION 17/27	N - ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES	1.60	SG
XS2352309681 - EMIR.DEV.BK 21/26 MTN	K - FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	1.58	AE
US91282CEP23 - USA 22/32	O - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENCE; COMPULSORY SOCIAL SECURITY	1.54	US
XS2337430461 - MEGLOBAL 21/28 MTN	M - PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	1.53	NL

The list includes the investments constituting **the greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is:

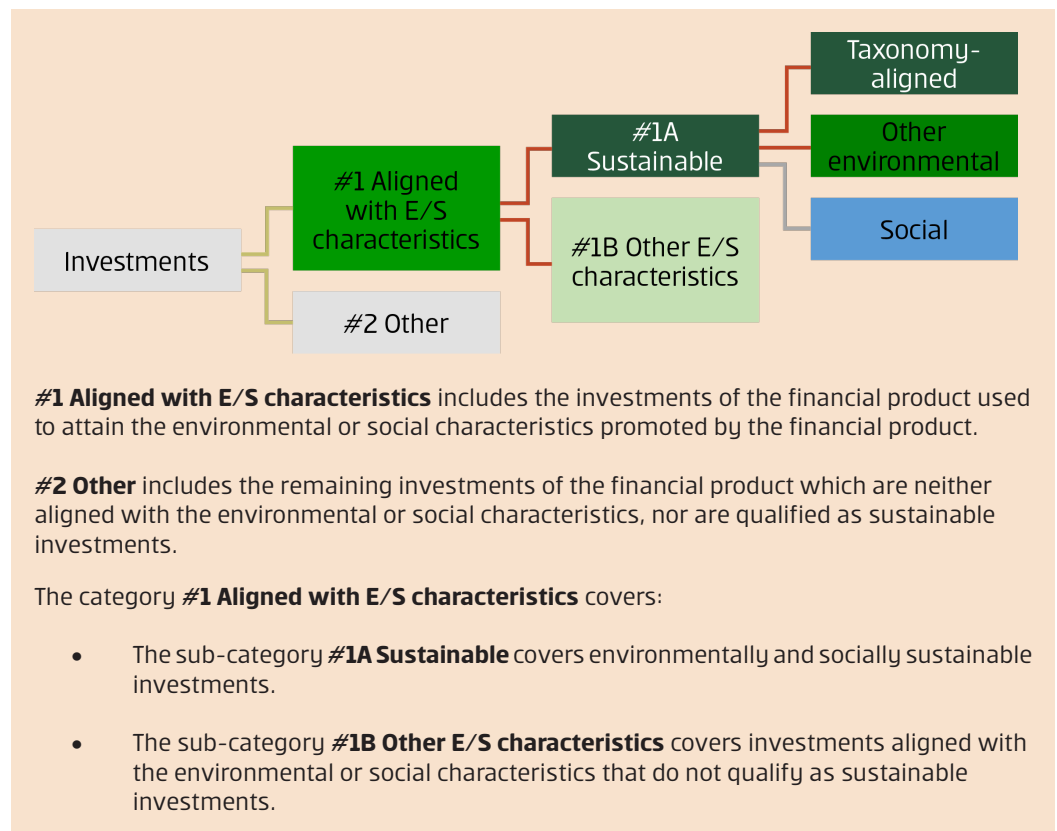


XS2337430461 - MEGLOBAL 21/28 MTN	M - PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	1.53	NL
XS2530757082 - ABU DH.C.BK 22/27 MTN	K - FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	1.42	AE
USP3984LAA81 - FALABELLA 21/32 REGS	G - WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE; REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES	1.38	CL
USP58072AL66 - INVERS. CMPC 17/27 REGS	C - MANUFACTURING	1.34	CL



## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

### ● What was the asset allocation?



The investments of the financial product made to achieve the advertised environmental or social characteristics amounted to 95.28 %.

During the reporting period, the Fund invested 79.05 % of the fund assets in sustainable investments in accordance with Art 2 no 17 of the Disclosure Regulation.

Of this, 2.24 % were environmentally sustainable investments in accordance with the Taxonomy-Regulation.

Other environmentally sustainable investments comprised 65.07 % of the fund assets.

79.05 % of the fund assets fulfil the characteristics of socially sustainable investments.

Investments that focus on environmental or social characteristics but are not classified as sustainable investments scored 16.23 %.

Other investments accounted for 4.72 %.

All investments must confirm with this sustainability approach at the time of purchase, and thus qualify as sustainable in the sense of the Disclosure Regulation. In the event that an investment

**Asset allocation**  
describes the share of  
investments in  
specific assets.

is identified as no longer qualifying as sustainable during the regular update of the ESG analysis, it must be sold while protecting the interests of Unit-holders.

Apart from a possible certification of the sustainability process, compliance with the requirements for environmentally sustainable business activities set out in Art. 3 of the Taxonomy-Regulation is neither confirmed by an auditor nor verified by third parties.

The level of investment in environmentally sustainable business activities is measured in terms of sales revenue based on available data. This allows for better comparability (also for investors) with other indicators to show sustainability. The management company currently receives this data from third parties (research providers).

● **In which economic sectors were the investments made?**

<b>Economic sectors</b>	<b>% Share</b>
K - FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	45.36
C - MANUFACTURING	11.18
M - PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	10.60
B - MINING AND QUARRYING	9.98
D - ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY	5.95
O - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENCE; COMPULSORY SOCIAL SECURITY	4.79
J - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	4.77
H - TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	3.12
G - WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE; REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES	1.97
N - ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES	1.60
L - REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES	0.46
S - OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES	0.23



● **To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

● **Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

Yes  
 No  
 In fossil gas       In nuclear energy

Sales from fossil gas and/or nuclear energy are not included in the taxonomy report. Only after the completion of the corresponding calculation methods by the European legislator and the complete availability of data, the disclosure of a possible share can be made.

<sup>1</sup> 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 objective - 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.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

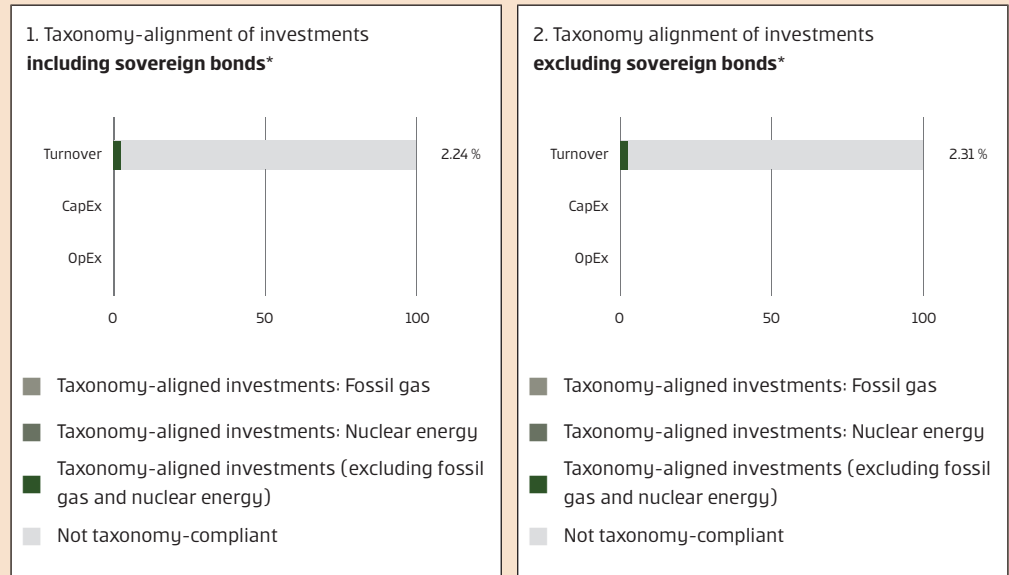
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflects the "greenness" of

investee companies today.

- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.

**The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were 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

Due to the insufficient data situation, it is currently not possible to make a more differentiated allocation of the contribution of the sustainable facility to the stated goals.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

- **What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**  
No data available.
- **How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?**  
Not relevant for the first reporting period.

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**What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

Other environmentally sustainable investments comprised 65.07 % of the fund assets.

objective that **do not take into account** the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

The Taxonomy-Regulation currently only takes into account ecologically sustainable products and services from environmental technologies that are offered commercially. Ecologically sustainable business activities in the production of goods of other economic sectors are not referenced.

The management company believes that any action should also be evaluated according to its positive or negative contribution, and that such positive contributions are essential in the transition to a climate-friendly and/or environmentally sustainable economy. The investment process of this investment fund analyzes the ecologically sustainable business conduct of all invested companies and selects those companies where an ecologically responsible economic activity is recognized, also outside of pure environmental technologies as defined by the Taxonomy-Regulation. These investments had to comply with this sustainability approach at the time of acquisition and can therefore be classified as ecologically sustainable within the meaning of the Disclosure Regulation, irrespective of their categorization as ecologically sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy-Regulation.



**What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

79.05 % of the fund assets qualify as socially sustainable investments.



**What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

**Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by the management company**

Item #2 includes only demand deposits, time deposits and derivatives. Derivatives held by the investment fund are for hedging purposes, demand deposits and time deposits refer to cash held as additional liquidity. The achievement of the sustainable investment objective is not permanently impaired by these investments falling under item #2 and their use because these assets are currently considered neutral from an environmental and social perspective.

All other investments held in the Fund (# Item 1) must be qualified by the Management Company as sustainable on the basis of the predefined screening process at the time of acquisition. The application of social and environmental exclusion criteria and the proprietary ESG analysis along with the ESG-Risk-Analysis approach that is based on this analysis affords a minimum degree of comprehensive basic environmental and social protection for the entire Fund.

**Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies**

The investment purpose of the investments included in Third Party Funds listed in Item #2 and any minimum environmental or social protections are those established and disclosed by their respective producers in accordance with the Disclosure Regulation.



**What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?**

**Direct investments in securities and investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by the management company**

The investment process described above was applied in full. The ESG criteria were complied with continuously in terms of the environmental, social, and ethical exclusion criteria as well as the ESG analysis conducted via the Management Company's proprietary ESGenius model. This was ensured by the quarterly review and update of the investable universe by the responsible Responsible Investments team as well as a daily review of the investment fund by Risk Management.

The Fund is subject to the engagement policy that the Management Company has defined in accordance with Article 3g of Regulation (EU) 2007/36. This sets forth extensive focuses on environmental and social topics.

The complete engagement policy can be found on the Management Company's website:

[https://cdn0.erstegroup.com/content/dam/at/eam/common/files/ESG/stewardship-policy/Stewardship\\_Policy\\_EN.pdf](https://cdn0.erstegroup.com/content/dam/at/eam/common/files/ESG/stewardship-policy/Stewardship_Policy_EN.pdf)

All engagement activities undertaken by the Management Company are presented in the annual engagement reports.

These can be viewed on the following website:

<https://www.erste-am.at/en/private-investors/sustainability/publications-and-guidelines#/active-ownership>

The management company exercises its rights as a shareholder in accordance with its voting policy. This policy and the detailed voting behavior of the management company for the past calendar year are available on the following website:

[https://cdn0.erstegroup.com/content/dam/at/eam/common/files/ESG/VotingPolicy/EAM\\_Voting\\_Policy\\_EN.pdf](https://cdn0.erstegroup.com/content/dam/at/eam/common/files/ESG/VotingPolicy/EAM_Voting_Policy_EN.pdf)

### **Investments in investment funds (indirect investments) managed by external management companies**

All invested investment funds managed by external management companies shall be officially classified as Art. 8 or Art. 9 in accordance with the Disclosure Regulation by their manufacturer or at least comply with good governance rules. This is not applicable to invested government bond funds.

The monitoring of environmental or social characteristics is ensured by the investment process described above as well as by the daily review of all investments in investment funds managed by external management companies by the risk management of the management company. It is assumed that the indirect investments held in investment funds managed by third party management companies are reviewed by the risk management processes of these management companies and therefore comply with all regulatory requirements.



### **How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?**

The investment strategy makes reference to an index. This is the CEMBI BD IG in USD Index (index provider disclaimer: <https://www.erste-am.com/index-disclaimer>), a mainstream index that does not serve the purpose of determining whether this financial instrument is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

- ***How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?***

The index that is used is a broad market index.

- ***How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?***

The benchmark is a broad market index (standard index) which itself has no environmental and/or social characteristics and which, in the view of the management company, is compatible with the predefined environmental and/or social characteristics of the investment strategy. Thus, there are no sustainability indicators against which such ecological and/or social characteristics could be measured. The ecological and/or social characteristics of the investment fund are based exclusively on the sustainable investment process of the fund described above.

- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?***

The application of the Fund's environmental and/or social criteria results in a more sustainable portfolio in terms of the above-mentioned environmental and/or social characteristics of the investment fund compared to the aforementioned benchmark.

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?***

The reference value used is a broad market index.

The application of the fund's environmental and/or social criteria results in a more sustainable portfolio in terms of the above-mentioned environmental and/or social characteristics of the investment fund compared to the aforementioned reference value.

# Fund Rules

## ERSTE BOND EM CORPORATE IG

The Fund Rules for **ERSTE BOND EM CORPORATE IG**, jointly owned fund pursuant to the **Austrian Investment Fund Act (Investmentfondsgesetz; InvFG) 2011 as amended**, were approved by the Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA).

The Fund is an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) and is managed by Erste Asset Management GmbH (the “Management Company” in the following), which has its registered office in Vienna.

### Article 1 Fund Units

The joint ownership of the fund assets is evidenced by certificates having the characteristics of a bearer unit.

The unit certificates are depicted in separate global certificates for each unit category. For this reason, individual unit certificates cannot be issued.

### Article 2 Depositary Bank (Depositary)

The depositary bank (depositary) appointed for the Fund is Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna.

The payment offices for unit certificates are the depositary bank (depositary) and any other payment offices named in the prospectus.

### Article 3 Investment Instruments and Principles

**The following assets may be selected for the Fund in accordance with the InvFG.**

**The Fund invests predominantly in the emerging markets.**

**The Fund invests predominantly, in other words at least 51% of its assets, in corporate bonds and corporate bonds in the form of money market instruments with an investment grade (IG) rating in the form of directly purchased individual instruments, in other words not indirectly or directly through investment funds or through derivatives.**

**The Fund employs an active investment policy. The assets are selected on a discretionary basis. The Fund is oriented towards a benchmark (more information can be found in section 12 of the prospectus). The composition and performance of the Fund can deviate substantially or entirely in a positive or negative direction from that of the benchmark over the short term or long term. The discretionary power of the Management Company is not limited.**

**The fund assets are invested in the following instruments in accordance with the investment focus described above.**

**The Fund may invest in units in investment funds with investment restrictions that deviate from those of the Fund in terms of the investment focus described above and the restrictions regarding investment instruments defined below. This will not impair compliance with the investment focus described above at any time.**

#### a) Transferable securities

Transferable securities (including securities with embedded derivative financial instruments) may comprise **up to 100%** of the fund assets.

#### b) Money market instruments

Money market instruments may comprise **up to 100%** of the fund assets.

#### c) Transferable securities and money market instruments

The Fund may purchase transferable securities and money market instruments that are not fully paid up as well as subscription rights for these types of instruments and other financial instruments that are not fully paid up.

Transferable securities and money market instruments may be purchased for the Fund when they meet the criteria regarding listing or trading on a regulated market or a securities exchange pursuant to the InvFG.

Transferable securities and money market instruments that do not meet the criteria described in the previous paragraph may comprise **up to 10%** of the fund assets **in total**.

**d) Units in investment funds**

Units in investment funds (UCITS, UCI) may comprise **up to 10%** of the fund assets per individual issue and may comprise **up to 10% in aggregate total**, provided that the target funds themselves (UCITS, UCI) do not invest more than **10%** of their fund assets in units of other investment funds.

**e) Derivative financial instruments**

Derivative financial instruments can be used as part of the investment strategy and for hedging purposes, and may comprise **up to 35%** of the fund assets.

**f) Risk measurement method(s) of the Fund**

The Fund applies the following risk measurement method: **commitment approach**

The commitment value is determined according to § 3 of the 4th FMA Regulation on Risk Calculation and Reporting of Derivative Instruments (4. Derivate-Risikoberechnungs- und MeldeV) as amended.

**g) Demand deposits or deposits with the right to be withdrawn**

Demand deposits and deposits with the right to be withdrawn with a maximum term of 12 months may comprise **up to 25%** of the fund assets.

There are no minimum bank balance requirements.

However, in the course of the restructuring of the fund portfolio and/or in the case of the justified expectation of impending losses experienced by securities and/or money market instruments, the Fund can hold a proportion of transferable securities and/or money market instruments below the specified limit and a higher proportion of demand deposits or deposits with the right to be withdrawn with a maximum term of 12 months.

**h) Acceptance of short-term loans**

The Management Company may accept short-term loans for the account of the Fund **up to an amount of 10%** of the total fund assets.

**i) Repurchase agreements**

Does not apply.

**j) Securities lending**

Does not apply.

Investment instruments may only be purchased for the entire Fund and not for individual unit categories or groups of unit categories.

This does not apply to currency hedging transactions, however. Such transactions can also be concluded solely for a single unit category. Expenses and income resulting from currency hedging transactions shall be allocated solely to the respective unit category.

**Article 4  
Issue and redemption procedure**

The unit value shall be calculated in the currency of the respective unit category.

The unit value is calculated at the same time as the issue and redemption price.

**Issue of units and front-end surcharge**

The issue price will be calculated and units issued on each Austrian exchange trading day with the exception of bank holidays.



The issue price shall be made up of the unit value plus a surcharge per unit amounting to **up to 3.50%** to cover the costs incurred by the Management Company in issuing the unit, rounded up to the next equivalent sub-unit of the currency unit specified for the respective unit category in the prospectus.

The Management Company shall be entitled to apply a sliding front-end surcharge scale at its own discretion.

There is no limit on the issue of units in principle. However, the Management Company reserves the right to temporarily or permanently suspend the issue of unit certificates.

#### **Redemption of units and back-end commission**

The redemption price will be calculated and units redeemed on each Austrian exchange trading day with the exception of bank holidays.

The redemption price is the unit value rounded down to the next equivalent sub-unit of the currency unit specified for the respective unit category in the prospectus. No back-end commission will be charged.

Upon request by the Unit-holder, his units shall be redeemed at the current redemption price in return for the unit certificate.

### **Article 5 Accounting Year**

The accounting year of the Fund is from 1 July to 30 June.

### **Article 6 Unit Categories and Use of Earnings**

The Fund features three different unit categories and the corresponding certificates: dividend-bearing units, non-dividend-bearing units with capital gains tax payment, and non-dividend-bearing units without capital gains tax payment, with certificates being issued for one unit each and also for fractional units.

Various unit categories may be issued for this Fund. The creation of unit categories and the issue of units of a specific category shall be decided at the discretion of the Management Company.

#### **Use of earnings for dividend-bearing units**

The earnings generated during the accounting year (interest and dividends) less all costs can be distributed as deemed appropriate by the Management Company. Dividend disbursement may be omitted in the interests of the Unit-holders. Dividends may also be disbursed at the discretion of the Management Company from earnings generated by the sale of fund assets, including subscription rights. Disbursements of fund assets and interim dividends may be paid.

The fund assets may in no case fall below the legally stipulated minimum volume for termination as a result of dividend disbursements.

The amounts shall be paid to the holders of dividend-bearing units on **or after 1 October** of the following accounting year. The remaining amount shall be carried forward.

An amount calculated in accordance with the InvFG must also be paid out **on or after 1 October** to cover the capital gains tax assessed by the tax authorities on the dividend-equivalent earnings from the fund units unless the Management Company provides suitable proof from the banks managing the corresponding securities accounts that the unit certificates can only be held by Unit-holders who are not subject to Austrian personal income tax or corporation tax or who meet the conditions for exemption from capital gains tax according to § 94 of the Austrian Income Tax Act (Einkommensteuergesetz) at the time of payment.

#### **Use of earnings for non-dividend-bearing units with capital gains tax payment (non-dividend-bearing units)**

The earnings generated by the Fund during the accounting year less all costs will not be paid out. In the case of non-dividend-bearing units, an amount calculated in accordance with the InvFG must be paid out **on or after 1 October** to cover the capital gains tax assessed by the tax authorities on the dividend-equivalent earnings from the fund units unless the Management Company provides suitable proof from the banks managing the corresponding securities accounts that the unit certificates can only be held by Unit-holders who are not subject to Austrian personal income tax or corporation tax or who meet the conditions for exemption from capital gains tax according to § 94 of the Austrian Income Tax Act (Einkommensteuergesetz) at the time of payment.

#### **Use of earnings for non-dividend-bearing units without capital gains tax payment (KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units)**

The earnings generated by the Fund during the accounting year less all costs will not be paid out. No payment pursuant to the InvFG will be made. The reference date for the exemption from KEST payment for the profit for the year for the purposes of the InvFG shall be **1 October** of the following accounting year.

The Management Company shall provide suitable proof from the banks managing the corresponding securities accounts that the unit certificates can only be held by Unit-holders who are not subject to Austrian personal income tax or corporation tax or who meet the conditions for exemption from capital gains tax according to § 94 of the Austrian Income Tax Act (Einkommensteuergesetz) at the time of payment.

If these requirements are not met at the time of payment, the amount calculated pursuant to the InvFG must be paid out by the credit institution managing the respective securities account.

**Article 7**  
**Management Fee, Compensation for Expenses, Liquidation Fee**

The Management Company shall receive an **annual** fee for its administrative activities amounting to **up to 1.00%** of the fund assets as calculated and accrued on the basis of the daily fund volume. The fee will be charged to the fund assets once per month.

The Management Company shall be entitled to compensation for all expenses incurred in the administration of the Fund.

The Management Company shall be entitled to apply a sliding management fee scale at its own discretion.

The costs for the introduction of new unit categories for existing investment funds shall be assessed against the unit price of the new unit categories.

Upon liquidation of the Fund, the party processing the liquidation shall receive a fee in the amount of **0.50%** of the fund assets.

The Fund is a user for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (Benchmarks Regulation). The Management Company has drawn up robust written contingency plans for the event that the benchmark is materially changed or is no longer published. Further information on this can be found in the prospectus.

**Further information and details about this Funds can be found in the prospectus.**

## Annex to the Fund Rules

### List of exchanges with official trading and organised markets

(As of October 2021)

#### 1. Exchanges with official trading and organised markets in the Member States of the EEA as well as exchanges in European countries outside of the EEA considered to be equivalent to regulated markets

Every Member State must maintain a current list of the authorised markets within its territory. This list must be submitted to the other Member States and the Commission.

According to this provision, the Commission is required to publish a list of the regulated markets registered with it by the Member States once per year.

Because of lower entry barriers and specialisation in different trading segments, the list of “regulated markets” is subject to significant changes. For this reason, the Commission will publish an up-to-date version of the list on its official website in addition to the annual publication of a list in the Official Journal of the European Union.

##### 1.1. The currently valid list of regulated markets can be found at

[https://registers.esma.europa.eu/publication/searchRegister?core=esma\\_registers\\_upreg \\*](https://registers.esma.europa.eu/publication/searchRegister?core=esma_registers_upreg)

##### 1.2. The following exchanges are included in the list of regulated markets:

1.2.1. Luxembourg: Euro MTF Luxembourg

##### 1.3. Recognised markets in the EEA according to § 67 (2) 2 InvFG:

Markets in the EEA that have been classified as recognised markets by the competent supervisory authorities.

#### 2. Exchanges in European countries outside of the EEA

2.1.	Bosnia and Herzegovina:	Sarajevo, Banja Luka
2.2.	Montenegro:	Podgorica
2.3.	Russia:	Moscow Exchange
2.4.	Switzerland:	SIX Swiss Exchange AG, BX Swiss AG
2.5.	Serbia:	Belgrade
2.6.	Turkey:	Istanbul (only “National Market” on the stock market)
2.7.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:	Cboe Europe Equities Regulated Market – Integrated Book Segment, London Metal Exchange, Cboe Europe Equities Regulated Market – Reference Price Book Segment, Cboe Europe Equities Regulated Market – Off-Book Segment, London Stock Exchange Regulated Market (derivatives), NEX Exchange Main Board (non-equity), London Stock Exchange Regulated Market, NEX Exchange Main Board (equity), Euronext London Regulated Market, ICE FUTURES EUROPE, ICE FUTURES EUROPE – AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS DIVISION, ICE FUTURES EUROPE – FINANCIAL PRODUCTS DIVISION, ICE FUTURES EUROPE – EQUITY PRODUCTS DIVISION, and Gibraltar Stock Exchange

#### 3. Exchanges in non-European countries

3.1.	Australia:	Sydney, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth
3.2.	Argentina:	Buenos Aires
3.3.	Brazil:	Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo

\*) To open the list, select “Regulated market” under “Entity type” in the column on the left side of the page and then click “Search” (or “Show table columns” and “Update”). The link can be changed by the ESMA.

3.4.	Chile:	Santiago
3.5.	China:	Shanghai Stock Exchange, Shenzhen Stock Exchange
3.6.	Hongkong:	Hongkong Stock Exchange
3.7.	India:	Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal
3.8.	Indonesia:	Jakarta
3.9.	Israel:	Tel Aviv
3.10.	Japan:	Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka, Sapporo
3.11.	Canada:	Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal
3.12.	Colombia:	Bolsa de Valores de Colombia
3.13.	Korea:	Korea Exchange (Seoul, Busan)
3.14.	Malaysia:	Kuala Lumpur, Bursa Malaysia Berhad
3.15.	Mexiko:	Mexiko City
3.16.	New Zealand:	Wellington, Auckland
3.17.	Peru:	Bolsa de Valores de Lima
3.18.	Philippines:	Philippine Stock Exchange
3.19.	Singapore:	Singapore Stock Exchange
3.20.	South Africa:	Johannesburg
3.21.	Taiwan:	Taipei
3.22.	Thailand:	Bangkok
3.23.	USA:	New York, NYCE American, New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Cincinnati, Nasdaq
3.24.	Venezuela:	Caracas
3.25.	Vereingte Arab Emirates:	Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX)

#### **4. Organised markets in countries outside of the European Union**

4.1.	Japan:	over the counter market
4.2.	Canada:	over the counter market
4.3.	Korea:	over the counter market
4.4.	Switzerland:	over the counter market of the members of the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), Zurich
4.5.	USA:	over the counter market (under the supervision of an authority such as the SEC, FINRA, etc.)

#### **5. Exchanges with futures and options markets**

5.1.	Argentina:	Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires
5.2.	Australia:	Australian Options Market, Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)
5.3.	Brazil:	Bolsa Brasileira de Futuros, Bolsa de Mercadorias & Futuros, Rio de Janeiro Stock Exchange, Sao Paulo Stock Exchange
5.4.	Hong Kong:	Hong Kong Futures Exchange Ltd.
5.5.	Japan:	Osaka Securities Exchange, Tokyo International Financial Futures Exchange, Tokyo Stock Exchange
5.6.	Canada:	Montreal Exchange, Toronto Futures Exchange
5.7.	Korea:	Korea Exchange (KRX)
5.8.	Mexiko:	Mercado Mexicano de Derivados
5.9.	New Zealand:	New Zealand Futures & Options Exchange
5.10.	Philippines:	Manila International Futures Exchange
5.11.	Singapore:	The Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX)

- 5.12. South Africa: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE), South African Futures Exchange (SAFEX)
- 5.13. Turkey: TurkDEX
- 5.14. USA: NYCE American, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Comex, FINEX, ICE Future US Inc. New York, Nasdaq, New York Stock Exchange, Boston Options Exchange (BOX)

**Note regarding the data used**

The sections Income Statement and Changes in Fund Assets, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Details and Explanation of Tax Treatment in this annual report were prepared on the basis of data from the depositary bank for the Fund.

**The data and information provided by the depositary bank were collected with the greatest possible care and were checked solely for plausibility.**

**Note for retail funds:**

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