Jointly owned fund pursuant to the InvFG

Annual Report 2023/24

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### General Information about the Investment Firm

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Registered capital EUR 2.50 million

**Shareholders** 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%)

**Supervisory Board** Rudolf SAGMEISTER (Chairman)

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Angelika SCHÄTZ

**Auditor** Ernst & Young

Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H.

**Depositary bank** Erste Group Bank AG

### **Dear Unit-holders,**

We are pleased to present you the following annual report for the ERSTE FUTURE INVEST jointly owned fund pursuant to the InvFG for the accounting year from 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024.

The companies managing the sub-funds contained in the Fund that are not managed by the Investment Firm assessed management fees ranging between 0.40% and 0.65%. No front-end surcharges were charged for the purchase of the units in these funds.

### **Development of the Fund**

ERSTE FUTURE INVEST is an actively managed global equity fund that invests in megatrends. The portfolio consists of stocks related to one or more of the following trends: health care and prevention, lifestyle, technology and innovation, the environment and clean energy, and emerging markets. In addition to the predominant focus on individual shares, the portfolio also includes specialised equity funds to a limited extent.

The Fund bases its investments on EAM's strict sustainability criteria.

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

In addition to Erste Asset Management's Controversial Weapons Policy and Coal Divestment Policy, the exclusion criteria include industries that run counter to the Fund's sustainability orientation (such as oil and gas, nuclear energy, alcohol, tobacco, and gambling).

The five megatrends will generally be weighted equally in the Fund, though many companies can be involved in more than one such trend. For example, Intuitive Surgical, a US provider of robotic-assisted surgical systems, falls under the megatrend of health care but also under the megatrend of technology given that automation and robotics are among the most important future disciplines.

#### **Review**

In the first quarter of 2023, the capital markets were primarily driven by the topics of high inflation and central bank policy. The much-feared impact on the real economy of the interest rate hikes took on a new dimension on 10 March, however, when the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank in the USA and the emergency takeover of Switzerland's Credit Suisse by its competitor UBS shocked the markets. ERSTE FUTURE INVEST was not invested in any of the companies affected.

However, the events in the banking sector caused investors to wonder whether this might prompt the central banks to rethink their plans with regard to further interest rate moves. The still stubbornly high inflation prevailing at the time and the robust labour market would actually favour restrictive monetary policy. Although headline inflation was on the decline in both Europe and the USA due to falling energy prices, core inflation (excluding the volatile components of energy and food) remained at quite high levels. At the same time, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell struck a very mild tone regarding further rate hikes at his press conference following the last rate hike in March 2023. According to the media, there were reportedly discussions within the Fed about whether another rate hike should even be implemented in March.

Economic support also came from the global supply chains in the first quarter, where problems and bottlenecks that have persisted since the reopening of China are increasingly dissipating. In February 2023, the Global Supply Chain Pressure Index fell below the historical average for the first time since August 2019, thus indicating that the supply chain problems that emerged during the pandemic had been overcome.

Along with well-known issues such as inflation and central bank policy, the US debt dispute briefly shifted into the focus of investors' attention in the second quarter of 2023, although (as usual) an agreement was reached between the two parties at the last minute. From an economic perspective, however, the outlook deteriorated, as consumers'

purchasing power decreased significantly due to the high global inflation rates. For example, the Eurozone slipped into a "technical recession" with two consecutive quarters of negative GDP growth. China also saw a 4.5% year-on-year decline in imports as well as a 7.5% year-on-year drop in exports in May. The USA remained an exception, as persistently high retail sales showed that US consumers continued to serve as the most important economic driver.

The labour market proved to be very robust in both Europe and the USA, with extremely low unemployment figures. Demand – particularly for skilled labour – remained very high and, in combination with the high inflation rates, increased wage pressure considerably. Not an easy starting position for the central banks: While the European Central Bank raised its interest rates by another 25 basis points at its June meeting, the Fed took a break in its rate hike cycle in June. The volatility on the equity markets diminished further in the second quarter and reached the lowest point since the beginning of 2020. Despite all the sources of uncertainty in terms of macroeconomic conditions, investors' optimism appeared to be unbroken and the global equity markets posted gains. ChatGPT in particular generated a great deal of enthusiasm and shifted artificial intelligence into the focus of the markets.

The third quarter of 2023 showed that the many rate hikes implemented by the central banks over the previous two years (12 by the Fed, 10 by the ECB) were taking effect. Both headline inflation and core inflation retreated in Europe and the USA. However, the economic data differed significantly between the regions: While the restrictive monetary policy in Europe increasingly led to an economic downturn, the US economy proved to be extremely robust. Germany, the largest economy in the Eurozone, was particularly weak, with stagnating growth following two quarters of contraction. Global headwinds are also coming from China, where high youth unemployment and problems on the Chinese real estate market led to a further deterioration of growth prospects.

Despite the pronounced recessionary signals in Europe, the European Central Bank raised key rates by another 25 basis points in September. The Fed once again opted for an interest rate pause, but did not rule out further rate moves in the future, depending on economic developments. In line with the significantly higher macroeconomic uncertainty, the volatility on the equity markets also increased significantly again in the third quarter.

After a somewhat sobering trend in the previous quarter, the global equity markets posted substantial gains in the fourth quarter of 2023. This was largely driven by the growing confidence that the central banks would lower interest rates sooner than expected in 2024. While the market remained cautious at the beginning of the quarter with regard to how long interest rates would remain at restrictive levels, a series of data pointing to declining inflation in Europe and the USA dispelled these worries. The end of fears that interest rates would remain higher for longer gave a significant boost to US growth shares in particular. In this context, it is particularly worth noting the "big seven" US technology and Al names, which together accounted for the majority of the index gains (e.g. in the S&P 500).

In the first quarter of 2024, the global equity markets continued the uptrend seen in the previous months. The key drivers were robust US economic data along with initial signs of an upswing for the European economy. Solid corporate earnings in the current reporting season also made a major contribution. The "big seven" US technology companies continued their success in the latest quarterly results and exceeded the market's earnings expectations on average. Starting in late March, the surprisingly strong economic growth and the continued excessive inflation rates in the services sector in particular caused many investors to anticipate that the central banks would not start cutting interest rates until later than hoped. The higher degree of uncertainty about the future interest rate path brought elevated volatility to the global equity markets.

#### Most significant changes in the portfolio

- 06/2023: Reduction of NVIDIA
- 06/2023: Reduction of Novo Nordisk
- 06/2023: Reduction of Alphabet
- 06/2023: Reduction of Softbank
- 06/2023: Increase in Tencent
- 07/2023: Increase in Essity
- 08/2023: Increase in FANUC
- 08/2023: Reduction of Bookings Holding
- 08/2023: Reduction of Adobe
- 10/2023: Reduction of Teamviewer
- 11/2023: Increase in ABB
- 12/2023: Increase in ZTO Express
- 01/2024: Sale of M3
- 01/2024: Reduction of Dassault Systeme
- 01/2024: Reduction of Autodesk

- 02/2024: Purchase of Duolingo
- 02/2024: Reduction of Softbank
- 03/2024: Sale of AMS-OSRAM
- 03/2024: Increase in Alphabet
- 03/2024: Reduction of NVIDIA
- 03/2024: Reduction of Novo Nordisk
- 03/2024: Reduction of Tomra
- 04/2024: Reduction of Wabtec
- 05/2024: Increase in Duolingo

#### **Outlook**

Geopolitical tensions and continued uncertainty about the scope of the likely interest rate moves in Europe and the USA are still the dominating factors. Despite a continued difficult outlook for global economic growth, the most recent reporting season did bring some positive impetus (source: Factset):

- The current corporate earnings season (first quarter of 2024) brought more positive results than expected in Europe and the USA. Some 78% of S&P 500 companies exceeded analysts' earnings expectations the five-year average is around 77%.
- The S&P 500 companies reported earnings growth of around 6% on average over the first quarter of the prior year the highest year-on-year increase since the first quarter of 2022.
- The communication services sector reported the highest earnings growth of all sectors in the S&P 500 at around 34% over the prior year.
- Artificial intelligence remains a key topic with the term "AI" being mentioned by 199 companies in the S&P 500 during the teleconference on the publication of the quarterly results. This very clearly shows the high impact that artificial intelligence is having on a wide range of sectors, well beyond the boundaries of IT.

The Fund achieved a positive performance of 11.15% (ATO000A296D0) for the reporting period.

Overall, the long-term outlook seems to be optimistic despite current uncertainty about the future interest rate path and the global economic outlook. And the fundamental concept of ERSTE FUTURE INVEST with its orientation towards long-term megatrends remains valid. The most important megatrends such as demographic change, digitalisation, and climate change will remain with us for decades – and the companies in the Fund are still well positioned within these trends and should thus profit from the growth of these trends over the long term.

# **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 ng Regulation:	-

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

### **Asset Allocation**

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	EUR millions	%
Equities		
CNY	4.5	0.75
DKK	28.1	4.72
EUR	70.5	11.82
HKD	28.9	4.85
JPY	29.3	4.92
NOK	15.1	2.53
SEK	6.6	1.11
CHF	23.1	3.88
TWD	14.5	2.43
USD	311.2	52.23
Investment certificates		
EUR	48.0	8.05
Securities	579.7	97.30
Bank balances	15.7	2.63
Dividend entitlements	0.4	0.07
Interest entitlements	0.0	0.01
Other deferred items	-0.1	-0.01
Fund assets	595.8	100.00

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.

## **Comparative Overview**

Accounting	Fund assets
year	
2021/2022	487,607,594.42
2022/2023	532,447,069.75
2023/2024	595,788,147.81

#### 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			Cur-	Calculated	Dividend dis-	Re-	Develop-
Accounting	Fund type	ISIN	ren-	value per unit	bursement/	invest-	ment in
year			су	value per unit	payment	ment	per cent
2021/2022	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296D0	EUR	124.87	2.6000	0.0000	-15.56
2022/2023	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296D0	EUR	122.37	2.4000	0.0000	0.02
2023/2024	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296D0	EUR	133.32	2.5000	0.0000	11.15

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Cur- ren- cy	Calculated value per unit	Dividend dis- bursement/ payment	Re- invest- ment	Develop- ment in per cent
2021/2022	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296E8	EUR	128.22	0.2404	0.9646	-15.57
2022/2023	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296E8	EUR	127.95	0.0000	0.0000	-0.03
2023/2024	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296E8	EUR	142.23	0.0000	0.0000	11.16

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Cur- ren- cy	Calculated value per unit	Dividend dis- bursement/ payment	Re- invest- ment	Develop- ment in per cent
2021/2022	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296G3	EUR	130.73	0.4724	2.3012	-14.75
2022/2023	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296G3	EUR	131.48	0.0000	0.0000	0.93
2023/2024	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296G3	EUR	147.57	0.1042	0.2417	12.24

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Cur- ren- cy	Calculated value per unit	Dividend dis- bursement/ payment	Re- invest- ment	Develop- ment in per cent
2021/2022	Non-dividend-bearing units	ATOOOOA2KVR5	EUR	92.65	0.2680	1.1932	-15.11
2022/2023	Non-dividend-bearing units	ATOOOOA2KVR5	EUR	92.86	0.0000	0.0000	0.51
2023/2024	Non-dividend-bearing units	ATOOOOA2KVR5	EUR	103.79	0.0000	0.0000	11.77

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Cur- ren- cy	Calculated value per unit	Dividend dis- bursement/ payment	Re- invest- ment	Develop- ment in per cent
2021/2022	KESt-exempt non- dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296F5	EUR	128.18	-	1.1688	-15.57
2022/2023	KESt-exempt non- dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296F5	EUR	128.13	-	0.0000	-0.04
2023/2024	KESt-exempt non- dividend-bearing units	AT0000A296F5	EUR	142.43	-	0.0000	11.16

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Cur- ren- cy	value per unit	Dividend dis- bursement/ payment	Re- invest- ment	Develop- ment in per cent
2021/2022	KESt-exempt non- dividend-bearing units	AT0000A2AEV4	HUF	49,850.64	-	443.9162	-3.49
2022/2023	KESt-exempt non- dividend-bearing units	AT0000A2AEV4	HUF	46,547.09	-	0.0000	-6.63
2023/2024	KESt-exempt non- dividend-bearing units	AT0000A2AEV4	HUF	54,408.07	-	0.0000	16.89

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Cur- ren- cy	Calculated value per unit	Dividend dis- bursement/ payment	Re- invest- ment	Develop- ment in per cent
2021/2022	KESt-exempt non- dividend-bearing units	AT0000A2HRU3	CZK	2,550.40	-	24.2343	-17.94
2022/2023	KESt-exempt non- dividend-bearing units	AT0000A2HRU3	CZK	2,450.19	-	0.0000	-3.93
2023/2024	KESt-exempt non- dividend-bearing units	ATOOOOA2HRU3	CZK	2,829.88	-	0.0000	15.50

## **Disbursement/Payment**

The following disbursement or payment will be made for the accounting year from 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024. 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 September 2024 at

Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna,

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

			Dividend dis-		KESt	KESt	
Fund type	ISIN	Currency	bursement/		with option	w/o option	Reinvestment
			payment		declaration	declaration	
Dividend-bearing	AT0000A296D0	EUR	2.5000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
units	A10000A290D0	LOIX	2.3000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Non-dividend-	AT0000A296E8	EUR	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
bearing units	A10000A290E0	EUR	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Non-dividend-	AT0000A296G3	EUR	0.1042		0.1042	0.1042	0.2417
bearing units	A10000A290G3	EUR	0.1042		0.1042	0.1042	0.2417
Non-dividend-	ATOOOOA2KVR5	EUR	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
bearing units	ATOOOOAZKVKS	LUN	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
KESt-exempt non-							
dividend-bearing	AT0000A296F5	EUR	-	*	-	-	0.0000
units							
KESt-exempt non-							
dividend-bearing	ATOOOOA2AEV4	HUF	-	*	-	-	0.0000
units							
KESt-exempt non-							
dividend-bearing	ATOOOOA2HRU3	CZK	-	*	-	-	0.0000
units							

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

AT0000A296D0 dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (629,558.684 units)	122.37
Disbursement/payment on 30.08.2023 (corresponds to roughly 0.0201 units at a calculated value of 119.15)	2.4000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (614,845.935 units)	133.32
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	136.01
Net earnings per unit	13.64
Value development of one unit in the period	11.15%

AT0000A296E8 non-dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (3,037,664.656 units)	127.95
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (3,155,357.225 units)	142.23
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	142.23
Net earnings per unit	14.28
Value development of one unit in the period	11.16%

AT0000A296G3 non-dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (1,633.508 units)	131.48
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (1,582.824 units)	147.57
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	147.57
Net earnings per unit	16.09
Value development of one unit in the period	12.24%

AT0000A2KVR5 non-dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (12,802.000 units)	92.86
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (13,609.000 units)	103.79
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	103.79
Net earnings per unit	10.93
Value development of one unit in the period	11.77%

AT0000A296F5 KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (128,231.041 units)	128.13
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (105,104.865 units)	142.43
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	142.43
Net earnings per unit	14.30
Value development of one unit in the period	11.16%

AT0000A2AEV4 KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units HUF	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (174,990.096 units)	46,547.09
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (127,420.811 units)	54,408.07
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	54,408.07
Net earnings per unit	7,860.98
Value development of one unit in the period	16.89%

AT0000A2HRU3 KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units CZK	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (261,230.807 units)	2,450.19
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (267,383.317 units)	2,829.88
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	2,829.88
Net earnings per unit	379.69
Value development of one unit in the period	15.50%

## 2. Fund Result

### a. Realised fund result

### **Ordinary fund result**

Ordinary rund result			
Income (without profit or loss from price changes)			
Interest income (excluding income adjustment)	324,925.64		
Dividend income	4,445,470.86		
Other income 8)	1.03		
Total income (without profit or loss from price change	es)	4,770,397.53	
Interest paid		- 3,751.21	
Expenses			
Fees paid to Investment Firm	- 7,530,045.95		
Costs for the financial auditor and tax consultation	- 10,948.00		
Publication costs	- 283,675.91		
Securities account fees	- 250,581.01		
Depositary bank fees	- 602,403.99		
Costs for the external consultant	0.00		
Performance fee	-		
Fee foreign-currency unit certificates 9)	- 23,730.19		
Total expenses		- 8,701,385.05	
Compensation for management costs from sub-funds	s 1)	0.00	
Ordinary fund result (excluding income adjustment)			- 3,934,738.73
Realised profit or loss from price changes 2) 3)			
Realised gains 4)		13,732,581.11	
Realised losses 5)	_	- 12,130,405.05	
Realised profit or loss from price changes (excluding	income adjustment)		1,602,176.06
Realised fund result (excluding income adjustment)			- 2,332,562.67
b. Unrealised profit or loss from price changes 2) 3)			
Changes in the unrealised profit or loss from price char	nges 7)		62,343,565.86
Result for the reporting period 6)			60,011,003.19
c. Income adjustment			
Income adjustment for income in the period			4,614.58
Income adjustment for profit carried forward from divide	end-bearing units		0.00
Overall fund result			60,015,617.77

### 3. Changes in Fund Assets

Fund assets at the beginning of the reporting period	532,447,069.75
Disbursement/payment in the accounting year	- <b>1</b> ,5 <b>1</b> 5,473.77
Issue and redemption of units	4,840,934.06
Overall fund result	
(The fund result is shown in detail under item 2.)	60,015,617.77
Fund assets at the end of the reporting period	595,788,147.81

- 1) Reimbursements (in the sense of commissions) paid by third parties are forwarded to the Fund after deduction of appropriate costs. Erste Group Bank 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): EUR 63,945,741.92.
- 4) Thereof profits from transactions with derivative financial instruments: EUR 0.00.
- 5) Thereof losses from transactions with derivative financial instruments: EUR 0.00.
- 6) The result for the accounting year includes explicitly reported transaction costs in the amount of EUR 44,763.35.
- 7) Thereof changes in unrealised gains EUR 69,167,533.28 and unrealised losses EUR -6,823,967.42.
- 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 EUR 0.00, to earnings from real estate funds in the amount of EUR 0.00, to other earnings in the amount of EUR 1.03, and to earnings from back-end commissions in the amount of EUR 0.00.
- 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 31 May 2024

(including changes in securities assets from 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024)

Security designation	ISIN number	additions	•	Holding 1,000, rounded)	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Publicly traded securities							
Equities denominated in CNY							
Issue country China							
AIER EYE HOSPIT.GR. A YC1	CNE100000GR6	934,255	1	2,921,450 Total issue o	12.090 _ country China	4,496,941.87 4,496,941.87	0.75
	Total eq	uities denomi	inated in CNY	translated at a rat	e of 7.85430	4,496,941.87	0.75
Equities denominated in DKK							
Issue country Denmark							
GN STORE NORD A/S NAM.DK1	DK0010272632	0	0	193,160	215.500	5,580,974.85	0.94
VESTAS WIND SYS. DK20	DK0061539921	30,000	0	306,320	194.550	7,990,099.42	1.34
				Total issue cour	ntry Denmark	13,571,074.27	2.28
	Total equ	uities denomi	nated in DKK	translated at a rat	e of 7.45855	13,571,074.27	2.28
Equities denominated in EUR							
Issue country Germany							
SCOUT24 SE NA N.P.	DE000A12DM80	0	0	150,476	69.500	10,458,082.00	1.76
SIXT SE ST N.P.	DE0007231326	10,000	0	94,775	75.250	7,131,818.75	1.20
SYMRISE AG BEARER N.P.	DE000SYM9999	8,500	0	90,925	109.300	9,938,102.50	1.67
TEAMVIEWER SE BEARER N.P.	DE000A2YN900	15,000	100,000	174,400	11.670	2,035,248.00	0.34
				Total issue cou	_ ·	29,563,251.25	4.96
			Tota	al equities denomi	nated in EUR _	29,563,251.25	4.96
Equities denominated in NOK							
Issue country Norway							
HEXAGON COMP NK10	N00003067902	0	50,000	711,504	28.200	1,758,339.57	0.30
HEXAGON PURUS ASA NK10	N00010904923	261,361	0	469,953	8.440	347,594.72	0.06
SCATEC ASA NK02	N00010715139	60,000	0	487,391	86.500	3,694,621.11	0.62
TELENOR ASA NK 6	N00010063308	30,000	0	509,966	123.300	5,510,367.87	0.92
TOMRA SYSTEMS ASA NK50	N00012470089	0	68,000	309,930	138.000	3,748,167.56	0.63
				Total issue co	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	15,059,090.83	2.53
	Total equi	ties denomina	ated in NOK tr	ranslated at a rate	of 11.41100 _	15,059,090.83	2.53

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Security designation	ISIN number		Sales/ disposals ninal (nom.	,		Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Equities denominated in SEK							
Equities denominated in SER							
Issue country Sweden							
ESSITY AB B	SE0009922164	80,000	0	- ,	270.000	6,611,885.07	1.11
	Total equi	ties denomi	nated in SFk	translated at a ra	country Sweden	6,611,885.07 6,611,885.07	1.11
	Total oqui	doo donom	natoa iii OLi	t danolatoa at a re		0,011,000.01	
Equities denominated in CHF							
Issue country Switzerland							
ABB LTD. NA SF 0.12	CH0012221716	15,000	0	311,209	49.320	15,666,065.71	2.63
					ntry Switzerland	15,666,065.71	2.63
	Total eq	uities denon	ninated in Cl	HF translated at a	rate of 0.97975	15,666,065.71	2.63
Equities denominated in TWD							
Issue country Taiwan							
TAIWAN SEMICON.MANU. TA10	TW0002330008	0	0	608,272	838.000	14,490,983.46	2.43
				Total issue	country Taiwan	14,490,983.46	2.43
	Total equi	ties denomii	nated in TWI	translated at a ra	ate of 35.17580	14,490,983.46	2.43
Equities denominated in USD							
Issue country USA							
DUOLINGO INC. A DL0001	US26603R1068	24,000	0	,	194.380	4,303,219.26	0.72
	Total eq	uities denon	ninated in H	Total is: SD translated at a	sue country USA	4,303,219.26 4,303,219.26	0.72
	Total eq	antics denon	illiated iii oc		raded securities	103,762,511.72	17.42
Investment contificates				rotal pasitoly t		100,702,011.72	11.42
Investment certificates							
Investment certificates denomin	ated in EUR						
Issue country Ireland							
ISHS IV-AUTO.+ROBOTIC.ETF	IE00BYZK4552	0	0	491,872	11.940	5,872,951.68	0.99
ISHSII-GL.CL.ENERGY DLDIS	IE00B1XNHC34	0			7.919	8,893,037.00	1.49
ISHSIV-DIGITIL.SECUR.DL A	IE00BG0J4C88	0			7.037	973,020.06	0.16
				Total issue	e country Ireland	15,739,008.74	2.64
Issue country Austria					•		
ERSTE ST.BIOTEC RO1TEO	AT0000746755	0		*	455.220	11,224,359.54	1.88
ERSTE WWF ST.EN.EURR01TE0	AT0000705678	6,500	0	,	209.800	21,006,434.80	3.53
		Tot	al investmer	rotarissue it certificates denc	e country Austria	32,230,794.34 47,969,803.08	5.41 8.05
		100			ment certificates	47,969,803.08	8.05
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Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nor	Sales/ Holding disposals inal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)		Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Securities admitted to organised	markets						
Equities denominated in DKK							
Issue country Denmark							
NOVO-NORDISK AS B DK 0.1	DK0062498333	148,574	30,000	118,574	916.900	14,576,626.90	2.45
				Total issue cour	_	14,576,626.90	2.45
	Total equ	uities denom	ninated in DKK	translated at a rate	e of 7.45855 _	14,576,626.90	2.45
Equities denominated in EUR							
Issue country Germany							
MYNARIC AG NA N.P.	DE000A31C305	0	0	36,147	17.050	616,306.35	0.10
				Total issue cour	ntry Germany	616,306.35	0.10
Issue country France							
DASSAULT SYS SE BEARER EOO.1	EP001/1003TT8	52,500	30,000	240,750	37.540	9,037,755.00	1.52
KERING S.A. BEARER EO 4	FR0000121485	2,900		19.099	320.600	6,123,139.40	1.03
		_,		Total issue co	_	15,160,894.40	2.54
					_		
Issue country Netherlands							
ASML HOLDING EO09	NL0010273215	1,450	2,500	16,904	881.000	14,892,424.00	2.50
		,		Total issue country	_	14,892,424.00	2.50
Issue country Spain							
IDEDDDOLA DEADED EO 75	ECO144EROV14	05.000	^	045.707	40.000	40.047.007.70	4 74
IBERDROLA BEARER EO75	ES0144580Y14	85,000	0	845,797 Total issue o	2.080 country Spain	10,217,227.76	1.71
			То	tal equities denomi	_	40,886,852.51	6.86
					_		
Equities denominated in HKD							
Issue country Cayman Islands							
NETEASE INC. N.P.	KYG6427A1022	0	0	379,000	139.700	6,247,830.22	1.05
TENCENT HLDGS HD00002	KYG875721634	56,000	0	206,829	368.000	8,981,582.30	1.51
			Tot	al issue country Ca	yman Islands _	15,229,412.52	2.56
Issue country Hong Kong							
AIA GROUP LTD	HK0000069689	95,000	0	1,033,283	59.800	7,291,452.84	1.22
HONGKONG EXCH. (BL 100)	HK0388045442	16,000		204,322	263.400	6,350,742.51	1.07
				Total issue countr	ry Hong Kong	13,642,195.35	2.29
	Total equ	uities denom	inated in HKD	translated at a rate	e of 8.47435	28,871,607.87	4.85

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nom	•	Holding 1,000, rounded)	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Equities denominated in JPY							
Issue country Japan							
FANUC LTD	JP3802400006	60,000	0	300,900	4,442.000	7,873,239.81	1.32
KURITA WATER IND.	JP3270000007	10,000	0	252,339	6,535.000	9,713,655.73	1.63
NIDEC CORP.	JP3734800000	15,000	0	165,316	7,845.000	7,639,423.28	1.28
SOFTBANK GROUP CORP.	JP3436100006	0	90,000	79,443	8,758.000	4,098,390.30	0.69
					country Japan	29,324,709.12	4.92
	Total equi	ties denomin	ated in JPY tra	anslated at a rate	of 169.76465	29,324,709.12	4.92
Equities denominated in CHF							
Issue country Switzerland							
STRAUMANN HLDG NA SF 0.01	CH1175448666	3,000	0	62,200	117.700	7,472,253.13	1.25
				Total issue coun	try Switzerland	7,472,253.13	1.25
	Total eq	uities denom	inated in CHF	translated at a ra	ate of 0.97975	7,472,253.13	1.25
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Equities denominated in USD							
Issue country Cayman Islands							
ZTO EXPR.(KY)ADR A0.0001	US98980A1051	30,000	0	164,136	23.860	3,612,475.75	0.61
,				al issue country C	_	3,612,475.75	0.61
				-	_		
Issue country USA							
ABBOTT LABS	US0028241000	18,000	0	117,819	101.740	11,057,010.48	1.86
ADOBE INC.	US00724F1012	2,500	6,000	20,934	445.870	8,609,761.63	1.45
ALPHABET INC.CL.A DL001	US02079K3059	7,500	0	101,540	172.110	16,120,329.67	2.71
AMAZON.COM INC. DL01	US0231351067	0	0	98,620	179.320	16,312,644.96	2.74
AUTODESK INC.	US0527691069	4,000	9,000	38,555	199.930	7,110,322.99	1.19
BOOKING HLDGS DL008	US09857L1089	150	1,000	2,689	3,754.620	9,312,953.77	1.56
CISCO SYSTEMS DL001	US17275R1023	5,000	0	178,395	46.120	7,589,315.93	1.27
DARLING INGRED.INC.DL01	US2372661015	42,500	0	202,908	39.480	7,389,362.46	1.24
WALT DISNEY CO	US2546871060	5,500	0	101,812	101.700	9,551,038.10	1.60
ECOLAB INC. DL 1	US2788651006	0	0	45,473	228.700	9,592,911.26	1.61
EL. ARTS INC. DL01	US2855121099	10,500	0	89,828	131.230	10,873,654.13	1.83
ENERSYS DL01	US29275Y1029	0	0	108,745	108.990	10,932,679.23	1.83
EQUINIX INC. DL001	US29444U7000	1,100	0	13,193	760.630	9,256,518.39	1.55
FISERV INC. DL01	US3377381088	0	0	90,715	147.880	12,374,259.02	2.08
HANN.ARM.SUS.INF.CA.DL-01	US41068X1000	93,000	0	399,310	32.820	12,088,694.95	2.03
ILLUMINA INC. DL01	US4523271090	0	0	20,567	101.050	1,917,069.78	0.32
INTUITIVE SURGIC. DL001	US46120E6023	2,200	0	32,654	403.390	12,150,444.66	2.04
MASTERCARD INC.A DL0001	US57636Q1040	1,000	0	26,560	442.100	10,831,266.49	1.82
MICROSOFT DL00000625	US5949181045	0	0	50,670	414.670	19,381,356.79	3.25
NVIDIA CORP. DL01	US67066G1040	0	8,000	28,362	1,105.000	28,908,781.48	4.85
PAYPAL HDGS INC.DL0001	US70450Y1038	15,000	0	82,532	62.510	4,758,855.57	0.80
PETIQ INC. CL. A DL001	US71639T1060	20,000	0	322,319	20.570	6,115,765.92	1.03
STRYKER CORP. DL10	US8636671013	1,500	0	37,565	340.520	11,799,311.69	1.98

Security designation	ISIN number	additions d	Purch./ Sales/ Holding additions disposals Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)		Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
SUNRUN INC. DL0001	US86771W1053	80,000	0	416,000	14.500	5,564,062.36	0.93
TERADYNE INC. DL125	US8807701029	0	0	76,182	141.270	9,927,341.70	1.67
TPI COMPOSITES INC01	US87266J1043	25,000	0	268,672	4.890	1,211,886.43	0.20
UNITY SOFTWARE DL000005	US91332U1016	0	0	81,000	18.220	1,361,331.98	0.23
WESTINGH.AI.BR.T. DL01	US9297401088	0	10,000	79,790	169.040	12,441,381.42	2.09
XYLEM INC. DL01	US98419M1009	7,500	0	103,537	139.400	13,313,400.79	2.23
YUM CHINA HLDGS DL01	US98850P1093	50,000	0	164,716	35.470	5,389,241.32	0.90
				Total issue	country USA	303,242,955.35	50.90
	e of 1.08410	306,855,431.10	51.50				
	427,987,480.63	71.84					

### **Breakdown of fund assets**

Transferable securities	579,719,795.43	97.30
Bank balances	15,680,250.19	2.63
Dividend entitlements	429,917.60	0.07
Interest entitlements	31,044.83	0.01
Other deferred items	-72,860.24	- 0.01
Fund assets	595,788,147.81	100.00

#### Investor note:

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

Dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A296D0	units	614,845.935
Value of dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A296D0	EUR	133.32
Non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A296E8	units	3,155,357.225
Value of non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A296E8	EUR	142.23
Non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A296G3	units	1,582.824
Value of non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A296G3	EUR	147.57
Non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	ATOOOOA2KVR5	units	13,609.000
Value of non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A2KVR5	EUR	103.79
KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A296F5	units	105,104.865
Value of KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A296F5	EUR	142.43
KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	ATOOOOA2AEV4	units	127,420.811
Value of KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing unit	ATOOOOA2AEV4	HUF	54,408.07
KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	ATOOOOA2HRU3	units	267,383.317
Value of KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing unit	ATOOOOA2HRU3	CZK	2,829.88

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. For foreign currency futures contracts and foreign currency swap contracts that are not physically delivered, the collateral is swapped between the Fund and Erste Group Bank AG.

In the event of negative exposure to derivative futures contracts and foreign currency swap contracts that are not physically delivered, 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 exposure to derivative futures contracts and foreign currency swap contracts that are not physically delivered, EUR-denominated bonds from the national governments or central banks of the countries of the Eurozone 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. In the event of regulatory requirements that stipulate a different discount or the provision of alternative collateral, these requirements are met.

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

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000	Sales/ disposals , rounded)
Publicly traded securities			
Equities denominated in DKK			
Issue country Denmark			
NOVO-NORDISK REG.B DK20	DK0060534915	0	74,287
Equities denominated in EUR			
Issue country Spain			
IBERDROLA BEARER -RIGHTS- IBERDROLA BEARER -RIGHTS-	ES06445809Q1 ES06445809R9	760,797 820,797	760,797 820,797

ISIN Purch./ Sales/ **Security designation** number additions disposals Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded) **Equities denominated in CHF Issue country Austria** AMS-OSRAM AG -RIGHTS-CH1305590544 508,259 508,259 Securities admitted to organised markets **Equities denominated in JPY Issue country Japan** M3 INC. JP3435750009 0 87,280 **Equities denominated in CHF Issue country Austria** AMS-OSRAM AG AT0000A18XM4 1,397,704 1,905,963

Vienna, 31 July 2024

Erste Asset Management GmbH Electronically signed

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 $same\ legal\ effect\ as\ a\ hand-written\ signature\ (Article\ 25\ of\ Regulation\ [EU]\ No\ 910/2014\ [eIDAS\ Regulation]).$ 

### **Remuneration Policy**

# Remuneration paid to employees of Erste Asset Management GmbH in EUR (2022 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 31.12.2022	279
Number of risk bearers in 2022	144
Fixed remuneration	21,036,836
Variable remuneration (bonuses)	5,725,006
Total employee remuneration	26,761,842
Thereof remuneration for managing directors	1,223,760
Thereof remuneration for managerial risk bearers	4,144,774
Thereof remuneration for risk bearers with control functions*	1,562,971
Thereof remuneration for other risk bearers	8,576,902
Thereof remuneration for employees in the same income bracket as managers a	nd
risk bearers due to the amount of their total remuneration	0
Total remuneration for risk bearers	15,508,407

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

The last audit of compliance with the requirements of the remuneration policy by the Supervisory Board in March 2023 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 31 May 2024, 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 31 May 2024 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, 14 August 2024

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### **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: ERSTE FUTURE INVEST**  Legal entity identifier: 529900JZT9HS95LYDD78

# Sustainable **investment** means an investment in an economic activitu 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 Taxonomu** 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.

### 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.

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?									
••	,	Yes	••	X	No				
	it iiia	de sustainable investments with an onmental objective: %	X	chara object prop	omoted Environmental/Social (E/S) acteristics and while it did not have as its ctive a sustainable investment, it had a ortion of 94.09 % of sustainable stments				
		in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy		×	with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy				
		in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy		×	with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy				
				X	with a social objective				
		de sustainable investments with a social tive: $\_\_\%$			omoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not</b> e any sustainable investments				



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.

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

Exc	clusion Crit	eria	ESG Ar Best ir	nalysis / n Class					act	
Minimum criteria	Exclusion criteria	Norm-based Screening	ESG Risk Analysis	Best in Class	Integration	Engagement	Voting	Thematic funds	Focused sustainability Impact	Fulfill Austrian ecolabel or FNG label criteria
<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>		✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	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 responsible use of the water as a resource.
- 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, if applicable.

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.

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

**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 67.00 of 100 (As of 05/31/2024)

#### **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 05/31/2024)

SDG	% fund volume
No Poverty #1	0.00
No Hunger #2	0.11
Good Health and Well Being #3	9.76
Quality Education #4	1.05
Gender Equality #5	0.08
Clean Water and Sanitation #6	2.41
Affordable and Clean Energy #7	11.59
Decent Work and Economic Growth #8	0.00
Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure #9	0.00
Reducing Inequality #10	3.22
Sustainable Cities and Communities #11	0.17
Responsible Consumption and Production #12	1.69
Climate Action #13	11.78
Life Below Water #14	0.00

Life on Land #15	0.87
Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions #16	0.13
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:

86.62 % of the generated impacts/contributions to SDGs are positive in nature as of 05/31/2024

Indicator 3: Proportion of impacts to SDGs generated by the investment fund's investments that are negative in nature:

13.38 % of the generated impacts to SDGs are negative in nature as of 05/31/2024

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 avarage of scope 1 + 2 greenhouse gas emissions.

Indicator: Carbon footprint

The carbon footprint of the Fund amounts to 52.08 tones per 1 million EURO sales (As of 05/31/2024)

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

In case of subfunds, these factors are tracked based upon available look-trough 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, if applicable.

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.

Apart from possible certification of the sustainability process, the sustainability indicators are neither confirmed by an auditor nor verified by third parties.

#### ...and compared to previous periods?

The above indicators performed as follows in the previous periods:

#### **ESGenius-Score**

	23/24	22/23		
Compliance with the required minimum score	100.00 %	100.00 %		

Average score of the investments	67.00	71.00
(Unit: Score 0-100)	67.00	71.00

### **Exclusion criteria**

	23/24	22/23
Compliance with the exclusion criteria	100.00 %	100.00 %

### Sustainable Development Goals - Share of the fund assets that makes a positive contribution

	23/24	22/23
No Poverty #1	0.00 %	0.00 %
No Hunger #2	0.11 %	0.09 %
Good Health and Well Being #3	9.76 %	14.53 %
Quality Education #4	1.05 %	0.27 %
Gender Equality #5	0.08 %	0.06 %
Clean Water and Sanitation #6	2.41 %	2.13 %
Affordable and Clean Energy #7	11.59 %	18.53 %
Decent Work and Economic Growth #8	0.00 %	0.00 %
Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure #9	0.00 %	0.00 %
Reducing Inequality #10	3.22 %	3.77 %
Sustainable Cities and Communities #11	0.17 %	0.17 %
Responsible Consumption and Production #12	1.69 %	2.98 %
Climate Action #13	11.78 %	18.72 %
Life Below Water #14	0.00 %	0.00 %
Life on Land #15	0.87 %	0.89 %
Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions #16	0.13 %	0.19 %
Partnerships for the Goals #17	0.00 %	0.00 %

# Sustainable Development Goals - Proportion of impacts/contributions to SDGs generated by the investment fund's investments

	23/24	22/23
Proportion of impacts/contributions to SDGs generated by the investments that are positive in nature	86.62 %	88.48 %
Proportion of impacts to SDGs generated by the investments that are negative in nature	13.38 %	11.52 %

#### **Carbon footprint**

	23/24	22/23
Carbon footprint	52.08	57,80

Units: tons per 1 million EURO sales

#### 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 selection process provides, among other things, for investing in economic activities or assets that contribute to or promote one or more environmental objectives within the meaning of Art. 9 of the Taxonomy-Regulation. At the same time, the selection process does not exclude the possibility of promoting other environmental, social and corporate governance objectives with the investments underlying the investment fund than those currently provided for in the Taxonomy-Regulation.

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.

The breakdown of the share of investments for the EU taxonomy objectives mentioned in the previous questions, to which the investment fund contributed, is currently only possible to a limited extent due to the insufficient data situation.

A statement is currently only possible for the following environmental objectives as defined by the Taxonomy-Regulation:

- Climate protection: 14.05 %
- Climate change adaptation: 0.53 %

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. 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.

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-quidelines

The Management Company also exercises an active ownership function. Through Commitment to Issuers and the Exercise of Voting Rights 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 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, if applicable.

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, 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 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, if applicable.

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, antic orruption and antibribery matter s.

## 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/sustainabilitu/publications-and-quidelines

All 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 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, if applicable.

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

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 Art. 9 under the Disclosure Regulation or at least comply with the requirements for good corporate governance, if applicable. 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

		Exclu	ısion C	ion Criteria ESG Analysis / Best in Class							act	pel	
Princ	Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI)		Exclusions	Normsbased Screening	ESG Risk Analysis	Best in Class	Integration	Engagement	Voting	Themed Funds	Focused sustainability impact	Austrian ECO label / FNG label	
	Greenhouse gas emissions	1			<b>√</b>			<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>				
ıment	Biodiversity	<b>✓</b>			<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				
Environment	Water				<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				
	Waste				✓			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		old coild		
9.6	UN Global Compact		<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>			✓	✓		not applicable	not app	2
mploy	OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprise		<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>			✓	✓				
Social & employee matters	Gender equality		<b>√</b>	✓	✓			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				
Soc	Controversial weapons	<b>✓</b>											

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
- 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)

## 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, if applicable.

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



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

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

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
US67066G1040 - NVIDIA CORP. DL-,001	C - MANUFACTURING	3.61	US
US5949181045 - MICROSOFT DL-,00000625	J - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	3.28	US
US0231351067 - AMAZON.COM INC. DL-,01	G - WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE; REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES	2.60	US
NL0010273215 - ASML HOLDING EO -,09	M - PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	2.44	NL
US02079K3059 - ALPHABET INC.CL.A DL-,001	J - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	2.38	US
CH0012221716 - ABB LTD. NA SF 0,12	C - MANUFACTURING	2.26	CH
US98419M1009 - XYLEM INC. DL-,01	C - MANUFACTURING	2.17	US
TW0002330008 - TAIWAN SEMICON.MANU. TA10	C - MANUFACTURING	2.13	TW
US3377381088 - FISERV INC. DL-,01	J - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	2.12	US
US9297401088 - WESTINGH.AI.BR.T. DL-,01	C - MANUFACTURING	2.06	US
DK0062498333 - NOVO-NORDISK AS B DK 0,1	C - MANUFACTURING	2.00	DK
US0028241000 - ABBOTT LABS	C - MANUFACTURING	1.97	US
US46120E6023 - INTUITIVE SURGIC. DL-,001	C - MANUFACTURING	1.93	US
US8636671013 - STRYKER CORP. DL-,10	C - MANUFACTURING	1.93	US
US2855121099 - EL. ARTS INC. DL-,01	J - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	1.90	US

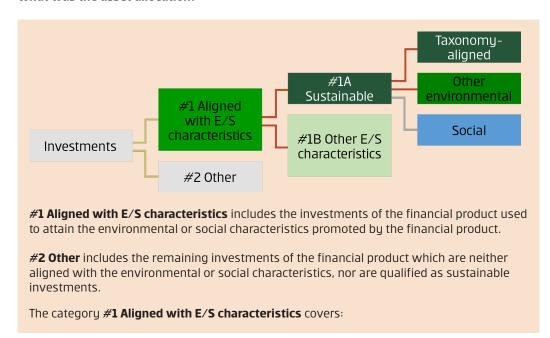


## **Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in

specific assets.

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

What was the asset allocation?



- The sub-category #1A Sustainable covers environmentally and socially sustainable investments.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

The investments of the financial product made to achieve the advertised environmental or social characteristics amounted to 96.37 %.

During the reporting period, the Fund invested  $94.09\,\%$  of the fund assets in sustainable investments in accordance with Art 2 no 17 of the Disclosure Regulation.

Of this,  $14.42\,\%$  were environmentally sustainable investments in accordance with the Taxonomy-Regulation.

Other environmentally sustainable investments comprised 72.22 % of the fund assets.

94.09 % 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 2.28 %.

Other investments accounted for 3.63 %.

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 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).

The asset allocation in previous periods was as follows:

	23/24	22/23
Environmental or social characteristics	96.37 %	95.10 %
Sustainable investments within the meaning of Article 2(17) of the Disclosure Regulation	94.09 %	94.37 %
Sustainable investments within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation	14.42 %	14.70 %
Other environmental sustainable investments	72.22 %	73.33 %
Socially sustainable investments	94.09 %	94.37 %
Environmental or social characteristics that are not categorised as sustainable investments	2.28 %	0.73 %

Other investments 3.63 % 4.90 %

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Economic sectors	% Share
C - MANUFACTURING	42.67
J - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	23.06
M - PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	13.35
K - FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	7.39
G - WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE; REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES	3.71
D - ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY	2.68
R - ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	1.64
N - ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES	1.59
F - CONSTRUCTION	1.30
Q - HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK ACTIVITIES	1.16
NA - NOT AVAILABLE	0.68
H - TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	0.62
S - OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES	0.09
E - WATER SUPPLY; SEWERAGE, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES	0.05
0 - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENCE; COMPULSORY SOCIAL SECURITY	0.00
L - REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES	0.00
B - MINING AND QUARRYING	0.00
A - AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING	0.00

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 comprehensivesafety and waste

To comply with the EU

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

management rules.



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 ?

	Yes		
		In fossil gas	In nuclear energ
X	No		

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.

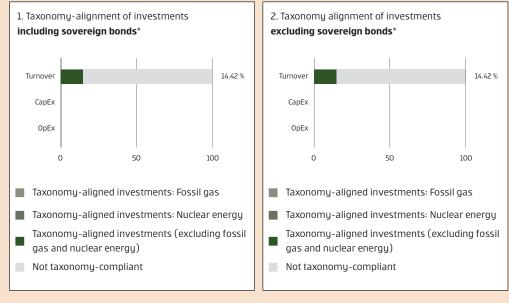
Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for

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- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies todau.
- 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.

fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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

The breakdown of the share of investments for the EU taxonomy objectives mentioned in the previous questions, to which the Fund contributed, is currently only possible to a limited extent due to the insufficient data situation.

A statement is currently only possible for the following environmental objectives as defined by the Taxonomy-Regulation:

- Climate protection: 14.05 %
- Climate change adaptation: 0.53 %

The stated values refer to the Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds.

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.

- 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?

The proportion of taxonomy-compliant investments in previous periods was as follows:

	23/24	22/23
Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds	14.42 %	14.70 %

#### **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.

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

Taxonomy alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds

14.42 %

14.70 %

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).



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

Other environmentally sustainable investments comprised 72.22 % of the fund assets.

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?

 $94.09\,\%$  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 demand deposits, time deposits and derivatives, as well as any holdings in Article 6 investment funds eligible for investment in accordance with the Disclosure Regulation that do not correspond to the sustainable investment process of the investment fund. Demand deposits and time deposits refer to cash held as additional liquidity. Derivatives held by the investment fund are used for hedging purposes, liquidity management and as part of the investment strategy.

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 either neutral from an environmental and social perspective or sustainability standards have been applied to ensure minimum social and environmental protection.

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 afford 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: Stewardship\_Policy\_EN

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-quidelines#/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

### 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, if applicable.

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?

No index was assigned as a reference benchmark for the attainment of environmental and/or social characteristics.

**benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the

Reference

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

environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Not applicable

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?

Not applicable

- How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?
  Not applicable
- How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?
  Not applicable

#### **Fund Rules**

#### **ERSTE FUTURE INVEST**

The Fund Rules for **ERSTE FUTURE INVEST**, 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.

ERSTE FUTURE INVEST is an equity fund that invests predominantly, in other words at least 51% of its assets, in stocks in the form of directly purchased individual instruments, in other words not indirectly or directly through investment funds or through derivatives.

In making investment decisions, stocks and equity funds relating to key future themes(such as healthcare, technology and innovation, the environment and clean energy, lifestyle, and the emerging markets) are preferred.

The Management Company is not subject to any restrictions in the selection of the issuers with regard to the locations of their registered offices or the respective economic sectors in which they are active.

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) comprise **at least 51**% of the fund assets.

#### b) Money market instruments

Money market instruments may comprise **up to 49**% 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 amounting to a **maximum of 10%** of the fund assets.

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 20**% of the fund assets per individual issue and may comprise **up to 49**% **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.

Units in UCIs may make up no more than 30% of the fund assets.

#### 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 49**% 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 transferable securities, the Fund can hold a proportion of transferable securities 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.

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The issue price shall be made up of the unit value plus a surcharge per unit amounting to **up to 5.0%** 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 June to 31 May.

### 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 September** 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 September** 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 September** 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 September** of the following accounting year.

The Management Company shall provide suitable proof from the banks managing the corresponding securities accounts that the unit certificates could only be held by Unit-holders who are not subject to Austrian personal income tax or corporation tax or who met 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 1.80**% 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 **0.5**% of the fund assets.

Further information and details about this Fund 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 \*

#### 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

3.4. Chile: Santiago

3.5. China: Shanghai Stock Exchange, Shenzhen Stock Exchange

3.6. Hongkong: Hongkong Stock Exchange3.7. India: Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal

3.8. Indonesia: Jakarta

<sup>\*)</sup> 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.

3.9. Israel: Tel Aviv 3.10. Japan: Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka, Sapporo Canada: Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal 3.11. 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. Vereinigte 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 Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires 5.1. Argentina: 5.2. Australia: Australian Options Market, Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) 5.3. Brazil: Bolsa Brasiliera 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. Manila International Futures Exchange Philippines: 5.11. Singapore: The Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX) 5.12. South Africa: Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE), South African Futures Exchange (SAFEX) 5.13. **TurkDEX** Turkey: NYCE American, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade, 5.14. USA: 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: Unless indicated otherwise, source: Erste Asset Management GmbH. Our languages of communication are German and English. The full prospectus as well as the complete Information for Investors pursuant to § 21 AIFMG (and any amendments to these documents) were published in accordance with the provisions of the InvFG 2011 and AIFMG in conjunction with the InvFG 2011, and the current versions can be accessed in the "Mandatory Publications" section of the website www.erste-am.com and are available free of charge at the registered office of the Investment Firm and at the head office of the depositary bank. The exact date of most recent publication of the prospectus and Information for Investors pursuant to § 21 AIFMG, the languages in which the key information documents are available, and any additional locations where the documents can be obtained can be viewed on the website www.erste-am.at.

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