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

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#### **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective? It will make a minimum of It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) **characteristics** and while it does not have as sustainable investments with an its objective a sustainable investment, it will environmental objective: % have a minimum proportion of \_\_\_\_% of sustainable investments in economic activities that qualify as environmentally with an environmental objective in sustainable under the EU economic activities that qualify as Taxonomy environmentally sustainable under the in economic activities that **EU Taxonomy** do not qualify as with an environmental objective in environmentally economic activities that do not sustainable under the EU qualify as environmentally Taxonomy sustainable under the EU Taxonomy with a social objective It will make a minimum of It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_\_%

establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be

aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Sustainable investment means

an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an

environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not

significantly harm

any environmental or social objective

and that the investee

The **EU Taxonomy** 

is a classification system laid down in

Regulation (EU)

2020/852,

companies follow

good governance practices.



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund are governance, environment, social and societal criteria.

The management of the Sub-Fund relies on the proprietary analysis tool on environment, social and governance: ABA (Above and Beyond Analysis).

For public issuers, the investment process and resulting picking take into account internal scoring with respect to responsibility of public issuers such as country based on an extra-financial analysis trough a proprietary tool developed internally by the Management Company, with a minimum rating approach method. The Sub-Fund does not use a benchmark for the purpose of attaining the ESG Characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund.

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

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The sustainability indicators used by the Sub-Fund are for private issuers:

- The "Above and Beyond Analysis" ("ABA", the proprietary tool) Corporate Responsibility Score: the main sustainability indicator used by the Sub-Fund is the ABA scoring (see part "Investment Strategy") based on the Corporate Responsibility and divided into four pillars: shareholder responsibility, environmental responsibility, employer responsibility, societal responsibility.
- The Transition to a Sustainable Economy Score: the Management Company completes this analysis by an assessment of companies' exposure to "Transition to a Sustainable Economy". This score is based on five pillars: demographic transition, healthcare transition, economic transition, lifestyle transition and ecologic transition
- Exposure to UN Sustainable Development Goals: the Management Company assesses for each company the part of revenues linked to one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of United Nations
- Carbon data: carbon footprint (t CO2/m\$ invested) of the Sub-Fund's portfolio,
- Carbon intensity (t CO2/m\$ revenues) of the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

For public issuers, the sustainability indicators used are the following:

- The "Above and Beyond Analysis" ("ABA", the proprietary tool): a dedicated model to rate public issuers based on four pillars: governance, environment, social and society.
- The Climate Profile: the Management Company complete this analysis by an assessment of issuers' Climate Profile based on energy mix and evolution, carbon intensity and resources stock.
- Carbon data: carbon footprint (t CO2/m\$ debt) of the Sub-Fund's portfolio.
- Carbon intensity (t CO2/m\$ GDP) of the Sub-Funds' portfolio.
- The proportion of the Sub-Fund's portfolio in the controversial issuers based on several criteria such as: respect of freedom, child labor, human rights, torture practices, money laundering, etc.
- What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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 EU criteria.

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

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



Principal adverse

**impacts** are the most

investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to

environmental, social and employee

matters, respect for

human rights, anticorruption and anti-

bribery matters.

significant negative

impacts of

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

**x** Yes, \_\_\_\_

For Private issuers, the Sub-Fund is taking into account the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors.

- the Principal Adverse Impact analysis is part of the Corporate Responsibility Rating (See below),
- the Management Company is implementing an Adverse Impact on Sustainability Policy, measuring the PAI. The Policy first intend to monitor the contributions to climate change (CO2 emissions, CO2 intensity, implied temperature) in the context of the "Climate Trajectory" objectives.

For public issuers, the Sub-Fund is taking into account the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors.

- The Principal Adverse Impact analysis is part of the Country Rating (See below)
- The Management Company is implementing an Adverse Impact on Sustainability Policy, measuring the PAI. The Policy first intend to monitor the contributions to climate change (CO2 intensity) and social issues (Country submitted to social violation, average income inequality score) and corruption (average corruption score).

Further information may be found in the annual report in respect of the Sub-Fund

No



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

The investment process is based on the following three stages:

- Selection of the investment universe combining a financial and extra-financial approach in particular by excluding issuers which do not comply with our minimum standards for inclusion (rating below 2/10 in the ESG proprietary tool) or exposed to major controversies;
- Selection of securities based on a fundamental analysis, taking into account ESG criteria and the valuation of instruments;
- Calibration of the modified duration and the overall credit risk of the Sub-Fund and the level of cash depending on the analysis of the interest rate and macroeconomic environments;

The ABA scoring: proprietary tool of analysis and Corporate Responsibility Rating Corporate responsibility is a useful information's pool used to anticipate companies' risks especially looking at the interplay with their stakeholders: employees, supply chains, clients, local communities, and shareholders..., regardless of the sector of activities.

For private issuers, the ABA analysis of corporate responsibility is broken down into four pillars:

- Shareholders responsibility (board of directors and general management, accounting practices and financial risks, etc.),
- environmental responsibility (environmental footprint of the production chain and product life cycle or responsible supply, energy consumption and water consumption, company CO2 emissions and management of waste, etc.),
- responsibility towards workers ethics and working conditions of the production chain, treatment of employees safety, well-being, diversity, employee representation, wages, quality of products or services sold, etc.), and
- societal responsibility (Product quality, safety and traceability, respect of local communities and human rights, etc.

The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance. Each pillar is rated independently by the Management Company and weighted in accordance to how material it is for the targeted company. Each pillar is broken down into a set of criteria, selected in accordance to the materiality (correlation with the economic performance), which are around 25 in total (as listed in the below table). Those criteria can be quality of board assessment, CEO remuneration, impact on biodiversity, climate policy and energy efficiency, etc.

	Respect for minority	Control structure		
		Poison pill, limitation of votes		
	One little of Management	Size and composition of the ExCom		
	Quality of Management	Rotation of leaders, checks and balances		
		Quality of the strategy		
		Independence rate of the Board and its		
	Independence of Board and committees	committees		
		Separation of powers of the CEO/Chair		
		Composition and size of the Board, fees		
Shareholder		and attendance		
Responsibility		Transparence of compensation		
riesponsionity	CEO compensation	Variable compensation consistent with		
	ce compensuion	objectives and results		
		ESG criteria in the variable compensation		
		History of accounting irregularities (10		
	Accounting Risks	years)		
	recounting rasks	Change in accounting methods/reporting		
		Independence of the statutory auditors		
	Quality of financial	Trust in guidance and transparency		
	reporting	Profit warning history		
	reporting	Access to management		
		Environmental Management System		
	Environmental	(EMS) and reporting scope		
		Quality and consistency of reporting,		
	management	quantified objectives		
		Governance: dedicated director		
	Climate policy and energy efficiency	Implementation of an energy efficiency		
		policy		
		Precise reporting and quantified		
	chergy efficiency	objectives (scope 1, 2 and 3, CO2		
		emissions, carbon intensity)		
Environmental		Perimeter of the environmental		
Responsibility	Regulation and certification	certification process		
		Integration of regulations related to the		
		sector		
		Revenue associated with green/brown		
		activities		
		Management of positive contributions to		
		biodiversity and reporting		
	Impact on biodiversity	Integration of upstream issues in projects		
	and externalities	History of accidents or pollution		
		Water consumption		
		Waste recycling		

		HR's position in the company's hierarchy		
	Corporate culture and	Leadership and culture type		
	HR management	Distribution of full-time employees		
		(FTEs)		
		Employee share ownership		
		Establishment of committees and		
		procedures for hygiene, safety and		
	II1/1 1 6-4	working conditions		
	Health and safety	Workplace accident history, lever of		
		reporting (accident frequency, gravity, number of fatalities)		
	<del></del>	Transparency and scope of indicators		
		Quality of social dialogue, average absenteeism, turnover rates		
	Labor relations and			
Employer	working conditions	History of employee conflicts  Quality of working conditions and		
Responsibility		compliance with legislation		
		Training pan and age pyramid Sector-specific transition issues		
	Training and career	Employee seniority and internal mobility		
	management	policy		
	management	Training budget, number of training		
		hours/employee		
	Promoting diversity	Share of women among employees		
		Share of women on management teams		
		Promotion of local managers		
		Attractiveness of the sector and the		
		company (Glassdoor rating, average		
	Attractiveness and	salary/FTE)		
	recruitment	Talent attraction program		
		Ability to hire people with key skills		
	B 1	Product quality control process		
	Product quality, safety and traceability	History of quality defects		
		Consumer safety issues		
		Internal or external R&D management		
	Innovation capacity and pricing power	Employees dedicated to R&D, R&D		
		budget		
		Pricing power and brand power		
	Supply chain management	Supply chain control and model		
		(integrated or heavy outsourcing),		
		limitation of cascading suppliers		
		History of supply chain failure		
Societal		ESG included in the contracts with		
Responsibility		suppliers		
Responsibility	Customer satisfaction and market share gains	Customer satisfaction monitoring policy,		
		change in market share		
		Organic growth trends		
		Quality of the B-to-B distribution		
		network		
		Customer complaint history		
	Respect for local	Respect for human rights, facilitating the		
	communities and human	right to operate		
	rights	Integration of local communities		
		History of local conflicts		
		Use of personal data as a business model		
		Protection of sensitive data and privacy		

Cybersecurity & the protection of personal data	Protection mechanisms against cyber attacks	
	Governance and corruption prevention	
Corruption and business	process	
ethics	Operations in high-risk countries	
	History of corrupt or unethical practices	

Furthermore, the monitoring of the level of controversy is taken into account directly in the corporate responsibility and may affect the rating.

This in-depth analysis, combining qualitative and quantitative research, leads to a rating out of 10.

With respect to investments in public issuers, this asset class is subject to an extrafinancial analysis in 4 dimensions comprising:

- ESG risk analysis,
- International standards infraction,
- International convention engagement,
- Climate profile.

ESG risks analysis is made of 4 pillars, rate from 0 to 10:

- Governance: this pillar reviews Rule of law and respect for freedom,
   Quality and transparency of institutions and regulatory framework,
   Military status and defense, Democracy.
   Environment: this pillar reviews Agriculture, Climate change, Energy,
   Waste management and recycling.
- Social: this pillar reviews Education and training, Job, Health.
- Society: Living conditions, freedom and respect for fundamental rights, Inequalities.

International standards infraction is a binary approach to qualify the infraction to: Child labor, Discrimination, Freedom of association, Money laundering, Labor rights, Human rights, Freedom of press and Torture practices.

International convention engagement is a binary approach to identify the commitment to SDGs (UN Sustainable Development Goals), Kyoto Protocol, Accord de Paris, UN-Biodiversity Convention, Coal exit, Coal power capacity, Nuclear Weapons Non Proliferation Treaty and Fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

Climate profile is a combination of Energy mix, evolution of the Energy mix, Carbon intensity and primary energy reserve.

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

On one hand, the Sub-Fund implements its strategy within two types of binding elements: exclusions applied for the Management Company, and exclusions specific to the strategy.

- 1. Exclusions applied for the Management Company:
  - Exclusion based on United Nations Global Compact breaches: after analysis and decision by the Management Company, companies are listed by the Management Company on a "worst offenders" list and excluded from all portfolios
  - Exclusion related to the Management Company engagement to disinvest in non-conventional oil and gas activities and coal activities based on sector activities, according to the table below:

Activities	Exclusion from	Issuers having their registered office in the European Union or in the EOCD		Issuers having their registered office outside of the EOCD	
Activities	March 2022	Exclusion from December 2027	Exclusion from December 2030	Exclusion from December 2030	Exclusion from December 2040
Thermal Coal Production	From 10% of the revenues	From 5% of the revenues	Definitive exit (0% of the revenues)	From 5% of the revenues	Definitive exit (0% of the revenues)
Coal-based electricity generation	From 10% of the revenues	From 5% of the revenues	Definitive exit (0% of the revenues)	From 5% of the revenues	Definitive exit (0% of the revenues)

Activities		Exclusion from December 2030	Exclusion from December 2040	Exclusion from December 2030	Exclusion from December 2040
Production of unconventional oil of gas	From 10% of the revenues	From 5% of the revenues	Definitive exit (0% of the revenues)	From 5% of the revenues	Definitive exit (0% of the revenues)

#### 2. Exclusions specific to the strategy followed by the Sub-Fund:

- Exclusions of issuers which have a "Severe Risk" profile in terms of Corporate Responsibility This category represents companies with a Corporate Responsibility Rating below 2 out of 10 in the ESG proprietary tool, ABA Corporate Responsibility Rating).
- Sectorial Exclusions as defined in the Management Company's "Exclusion Policy".

The above-mentioned applied exclusions which are further detailed in the Management Company's "Exclusion Policy" and "Responsible Investor Policy" are binding and further details thereon are available on the website of the Management Company (<a href="https://www.dnca-investments.com/lu/areas-of-expertise/sri">https://www.dnca-investments.com/lu/areas-of-expertise/sri</a>). Details of the Sub-Fund's exclusion policy are also available from the Management Company upon request.

Moreover, a strict controversial weapons exclusion and sectorial exclusion policy is implemented and is available on the website of the Management Company (https://www.dnca-investments.com/lu/areas-of-expertise/sri)

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

The Sub-Fund applies a minimum reduction of the investment universe of 20%.

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

The Governance is one the assessment axes of the Corporate Responsibility: The Shareholder Responsibility. It is rated out of 10 based on 6 criteria: sound management structures (i.e. the quality of the management the board and committees of the issuer), overall issuers' remuneration of staff (focusing on the CEO's remuneration) and tax compliance (alignment of the tax rate with the local economic presence, presence in tax havens, change in the tax rate over 10 years), a good employee relation, the quality of the financial communication, the accounting risks and the respect for minority shareholders. Around thirty KPIs allow the assessment of the governance practices associated with these 6 criteria. In addition, controversies related to the good governance practices impact the overall rating.

For public issuers, the Governance is one of the assessment axes. It is rated out of 10 based on 4 pillars: Rule of law and respect for freedoms, Quality of institutions and regulatory framework, Democratic life and Military status and defense. Around twenty KPIs allow the assessment of the governance practices associated with these 4 pillars.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.



Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- capital
  expenditure
  (CapEx) showing
  the green
  investments made
  by investee
  companies, e.g. for
  a transition to a
  green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

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

The Sub-Fund intends to invest 80% minimum of its net assets in investments aligned with the environmental and social characteristics it promotes. The remaining portion of the Fund's investment portfolio ("#2Other") will consist of financial derivative instruments for hedging or exposure strategy purposes as well as deposits at sight, money market funds, money market instruments and other deposits for liquidity purposes.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

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

The Sub-Fund does not invest in financial derivative instruments in order to attain the environmental or social characteristics it promotes.



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

Not applicable

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy	related
activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy <sup>1</sup> ?	

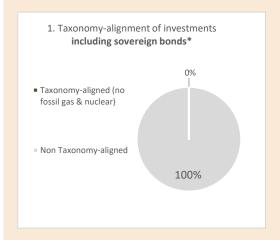
activities	that compl	y with the EU Taxo	onomy'?	
	Yes:			
		In fossil gas		In nuclear energy
* 1	No			

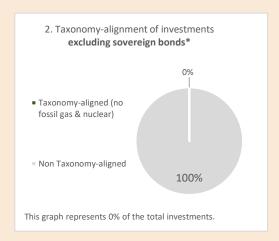
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





- \* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.
  - What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

0%



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

Not applicable.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The Sub-Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments, deposits at sight, money market funds, money market instruments and other deposits included under "#2 Other". Those instruments may be used by the Management Company to manage the liquidity of the portfolio, to increase exposure or to reduce any specific financial risk (for example: currency risk).

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

No minimum environmental or social safeguards will be in place in relation to such assets.



Reference

whether the financial product attains the

social

**benchmarks** are indexes to measure

environmental or

characteristics that

they promote.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

The reference benchmark of the Sub-Fund does not intend to be consistent with the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund.

How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A



#### Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the website: <a href="https://www.dnca-investments.com/lu/funds/dnca-invest-credit-conviction/units/a-lu0284393930">https://www.dnca-invest-credit-conviction/units/a-lu0284393930</a> by clicking on section "Documents" and accessing the ESG information under the sub-section "SRI Documents".