

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

BNP PARIBAS Aqua LUX is an international equity fund invested in the water sector. The fund's objective is to contribute to access to quality drinking water for as many people as possible. To do so, the fund invested in the fields of water treatment, saving and recycling technologies, but also in the installation, maintenance and renovation of water supply networks, wastewater treatment services and pollution control. To do this, the fund is made up of 50 to 60 companies of which at least 20% of turnover is made in one of these fields. Data in this extra-financial report are compared to a reference thematic universe (around 260 stocks), its benchmark is the MSCI World.

## WHAT IS THE FRENCH SRI (SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT) LABEL?

Created in 2016 by the French Ministry of Finance and Public Accounts, the SRI label aims to provide better visibility for investors on SRI funds. It also seeks to ensure that the fund management is based on strong methodologies with a high degree of transparency and quality information.

To obtain the SRI label, the fund must meet a specific set of criteria relating to:

- The general (financial and ESG) objectives of the fund. This entails verifying that these objectives are clearly defined and described to investors and taken into account when formulating the fund's investment policy
- The ESG criteria analysis and rating methodology used by the companies in which the fund invests
- The inclusion of ESG criteria during the portfolio's development and existence
- The ESG engagement policy with the companies in which the fund invests (voting and dialogue)
- Fund management transparency
- Measurement of the positive impacts of ESG management on the development of a sustainable economy

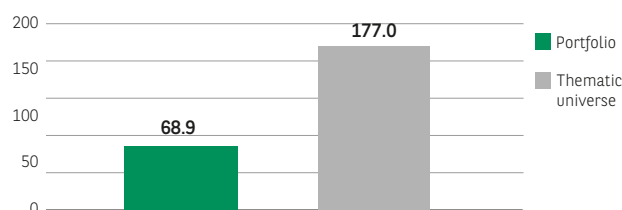
For more information regarding the SRI Label, please visit: <https://www.llelabelisr.fr/en/what-sri-label/>



## ESG INDICATORS OVER TIME

**ENVIRONMENTAL:**

**Environmental: Weighted Average Carbon Footprint (CO<sub>2</sub> Eq/EV)**



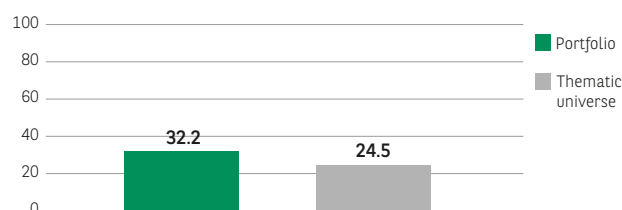
This indicator assesses the carbon footprint and is expressed in tCO<sub>2</sub>eq /million € of enterprise value.

Coverage rate (Portfolio/Index) 100%/7%

Source: Impax Asset Management - December 2022

**SOCIAL:**

**Women on board (in %)**



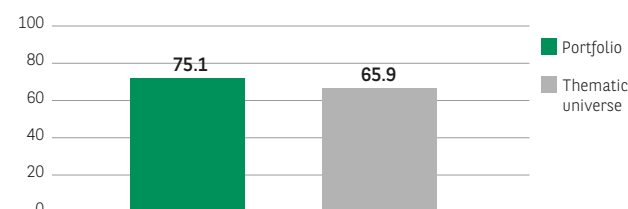
This indicator assesses the average percentage of women on boards within the portfolio's issuers.

Coverage rate (Portfolio/Index) 100%/77.7%

Source: Impax Asset Management - December 2022

**GOVERNANCE:**

**Independent directors on board (in %)**



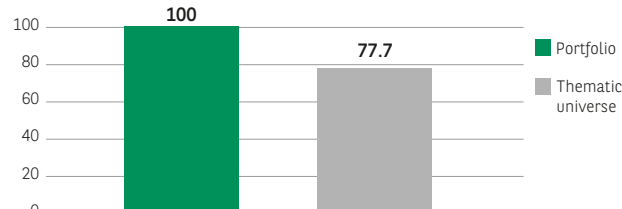
This indicator assesses the average percentage of independent directors on board within the portfolio's issuers.

Coverage rate (Portfolio/Index) 86%/67.4%

Source: Impax Asset Management - December 2022

**HUMAN RIGHTS:**

**UNGC Compliance Rate (in %)**



This indicator assesses the percentage of issuers within a portfolio that are signatories to the UN Global Compact.

Coverage rate (Portfolio/Index) 100%/77.7%

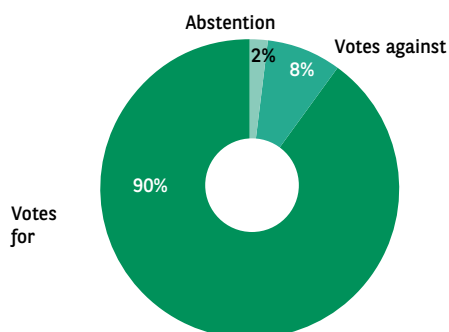
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## STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITY SUMMARY

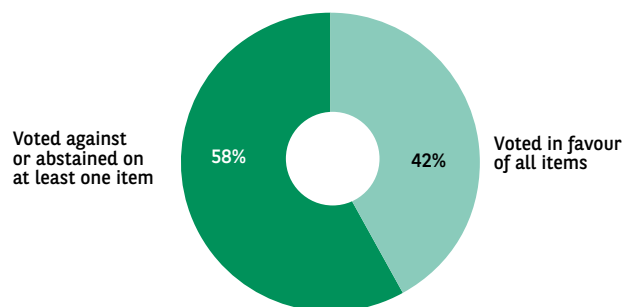


## VOTING ACTIVITY

In 2022, we voted a total of 680 resolutions within the fund



In 2022, we voted at 53 general meetings within the fund



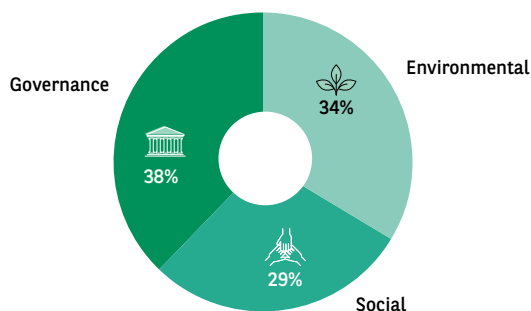
Voting at annual general meetings is a key component of our ongoing engagement with companies: Shareholders with voting rights vote on issues such as appointments to the board of directors, executive compensation or financial operations.

Non significant rounding differences may exist.



## ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

In 2022, we had a total of 28 engagements with companies within the fund



Source: Impax Asset Management - December 2022

For more information regarding our voting and engagement policies, please visit our webpage: (<https://www.bnpparibas-am.com/fr/sustainability>) and the one of IMPAX (<https://impaxam.com/insights-and-news/blog/engagement-and-policy-advocacy-report-2022>).

## PORTFOLIO INVENTORY

The table below shows the name, country, sector and ESG decile of issuers in the portfolio.

Issuer name	Sector	Weight
		Portfolio
VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT	Utilities	4.00
AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES INC	Health Care	3.80
AMERICAN WATER WORKS CO INC	Utilities	3.77
LINDE PLC	Materials	3.22
IDEX CORP	Industrials	3.01
SMITH (A.O.) CORP	Industrials	2.98
ESSENTIAL UTILITIES INC	Utilities	2.90
FISCHER (GEORG)-REG	Industrials	2.90
PENTAIR PLC	Industrials	2.90
SEVERN TRENT PLC	Utilities	2.70
TRIMBLE INC	Information Technology	2.55
UNITED UTILITIES GROUP PLC	Utilities	2.53
FERGUSON PLC	Industrials	2.38
TORO CO	Industrials	2.31
ALFA LAVAL AB	Industrials	2.31
AALBERTS NV	Industrials	2.31
MUELLER WATER PRODUCTS INC-A	Industrials	2.22
CINTAS CORP	Industrials	2.03
WATTS WATER TECHNOLOGIES-A	Industrials	2.02
GEBERIT AG-REG	Industrials	2.00
WIENERBERGER AG	Materials	1.94
NOVOZYMES A/S-B SHARES	Materials	1.82
ECOLAB INC	Materials	1.80
ZURN ELKAY WATER SOLUTIONS C	Industrials	1.77
STANTEC INC	Industrials	1.76
SIKA AG-REG	Materials	1.74
KUBOTA CORP	Industrials	1.73
MASCO CORP	Industrials	1.73
ARCADIS NV	Industrials	1.70
KEMIRA OYJ	Materials	1.65
SARTORIUS AG-VORZUG	Health Care	1.63
PENNON GROUP PLC	Utilities	1.62
SPIRAX-SARCO ENGINEERING PLC	Industrials	1.57
SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY INC	Industrials	1.51
VALMONT INDUSTRIES	Industrials	1.50
HALMA PLC	Information Technology	1.46
SEKISUI CHEMICAL CO LTD	Consumer Discretionary	1.42
ALS LTD	Industrials	1.42
XYLEM INC	Industrials	1.42
POOL CORP	Consumer Discretionary	1.28
ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN	Industrials	1.23
KURITA WATER INDUSTRIES LTD	Industrials	1.19
FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC	Industrials	1.11
EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES CO	Industrials	1.11
KLA CORP	Information Technology	1.08
CIA SANEAMENTO BASICO DE-ADR	Utilities	1.04
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE GRP	Utilities	1.03
COWAY CO LTD	Consumer Discretionary	1.01
GENUIT GROUP PLC	Industrials	0.82
BEIJING ENTERPRISES WATER GR	Utilities	0.44

Source: BNPP AM, end of December 2022






## IMPACT REPORT

As a complement, we are delighted to share Impax's annual update on the environmental impact of BNP Paribas Aqua LUX. Every Impax strategy is designed to intentionally allocate clients' capital towards those companies that they expect to flourish as the global economy transitions to a more sustainable model, and to reduce or eliminate exposure to potential losers from that transition. This impact report provides post-investment evidence of this intentionality.

The Impact reported relates to the benefits that the products and services of the investee companies are enabling. Investing in listed impactful companies doesn't increase or add to that impact but is a concrete demonstration that the investment is very strongly aligned to companies benefiting from and enabling the transition to a more sustainable economy.

Since the size of the fund(s) can vary from one year to the next, we have standardised the environmental benefit at EUR 10 million invested as well as reporting on the total fund.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

	OF €10 MILLION	OF TOTAL FUND	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
 <b>Total water provided</b>	370 megalitres	157,100 megalitres	
 <b>Total water saved</b>	700 megalitres	299,820 megalitres	
 <b>Total water treated</b>	1,530 megalitres	654,580 megalitres	
	16,690 households	7,135,980 households	Equivalent to x households' water consumption in 2021

These data refer to the past. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

Source: Impax Asset Management. Impact of investment in the fund for one year. Based on most recently reported annual environmental data for holdings and assets under management in the BNPP Aqua (FCP) Fund as at 31 December 2021. Impax's impact methodology is based on equity value. As the value of the holdings can vary between years, Impax has standardized environmental benefit to €10m invested, and also reported on the total value of the holdings as at 31 December 2021

## IMPAX METHODOLOGY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES

The relevant environmental metrics for all portfolio companies were measured where data was available or could be estimated. The analysis included all companies in which the funds were invested as at 31 December 2021. At the time of preparation, Impax aimed to obtain most recently available and commonly collected environmental data from its investee companies. For approximately 86% of companies this was from 2021 reported information and for the remainder of companies this was from previously reported information.

The percentage owned in each underlying company (calculated based on the proportion of shares owned) as at 31 December 2020 was applied to measure the environmental benefit attributable to the funds.

Impax started by identifying the metrics against which it would measure the impact of the companies. These included:

- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent)
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) avoidance (tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent)
- Net impact from GHG emitted less GHG avoided (tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent)
- Renewable electricity generated (MWh)
- Water treated, saved or provided (megalitres)
- Materials recovered/waste treated (tonnes)
- Coal displaced in Asian cities (tonnes)

The relevance of each metric was also assessed for each company based on their business activities:

- Impax created a heat map which provided a qualitative indication for the positive impact of each company
- Impax collected relevant data from company disclosures, including sources such as annual reports, CDP and sustainability reports. Where information was not available, Impax contacted companies to request additional disclosure, which in some cases produced additional relevant data
- However, some companies could not/did not provide information on several metrics. Impax therefore created estimates for these data points based on relevant peer groups of companies which do disclose this information. Impax has been conservative with all its estimates to ensure that it does not overstate the positive impact, or in the case of carbon dioxide emissions, the net emissions avoided

The environmental impact of the fund's investments will always depend on the mix of underlying holdings and are thus subject to change.

## CLASSIFICATIONS: SFDR | ARTICLE 9\* - AMF | Cat. 1\*\*

\* Following the new Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) that came into force on 10 March 2021, BNP Paribas Aqua LUX is categorised under Article 9. Under this new regulation, financial entities such as BNP Paribas Asset Management who sell products into the EU are required to classify the products they manufacture or advise into three categories: Article 9 (products with a sustainable investment objective), Article 8 (products promoting environmental or social characteristics), Article 6 (non-sustainable products).

\*\* Category 1: approach based on a significant engagement / Category 2 : approach based on a non-significant engagement / Category 3 : Approach that does not reach standards of central or restricted communication.

## BNPP AM'S RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT POLICY

## EXCLUDED SECTORS

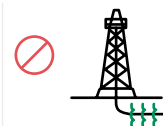
We have a set of policies that commit us to exclude particular sectors or activities, as we deem them to be in violation of international norms, or to cause unacceptable harm to society and/or the environment, without counterbalancing benefits. These are generally sectors where engagement is unlikely to be constructive.



Tobacco

Controversial  
WeaponsElectricity generation  
from coalThermal coal  
extraction

Asbestos

Unconventional oil  
& gas

For controversial activities, we highlight mandatory sector Responsible Business Conduct requirements which have to be met by issuers in order for BNP Paribas Asset Management to invest. We do this because if the activities in question are not conducted properly, then they could cause serious social or environmental damage.



Agriculture



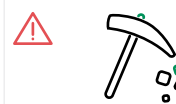
Nuclear Power Generation



Palm oil



Wood pulp



Mining

## NORMS-BASED SCREENING

We expect companies to meet their fundamental obligations in the areas of human and labour rights, protecting the environment and ensuring anti-corruption safeguards, wherever they operate, in line with the:

- UN Global Compact Principles and,
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (OECD MNEs Guidelines).

We aim to engage with companies where they fall short, and exclude the worst offenders.

For more information regarding our Responsible Business Conduct Policy, please visit our webpage:  
<https://www.bnpparibas-am.com/en/sustainability/>

## GLOSSARY

**Engagement activities**

Engagement is active dialogue with corporates with a specific and targeted objective. Meaningful engagement with issuers can enhance our investment processes and better enable us to successfully manage long-term risk for our clients by promoting strong ESG practices in the companies in which we invest on their behalf. BNP Paribas Asset Management's Stewardship Policy explains our approach toward engagement.

**Portfolio carbon footprint**

The portfolio carbon footprint is the sum of each company's carbon emissions divided by its simplified enterprise value, multiplied by the company's weight in the portfolio. Carbon emissions represent the sum of scope 1 emissions (direct emissions from the company's facilities) and scope 2 emissions (indirect emissions linked to the company's energy consumption) from a company. The simplified enterprise value measures a company's total value and is calculated as the sum of the company's market capitalization and total debt. The footprint is expressed in tons of CO2 equivalent per million euros invested. Our carbon data provider is Trucost. To provide examples of what the carbon footprint gap between the fund and its benchmark is equivalent to, BNPP AM has used U.S EPA data for car CO2 emissions and IEA data for annual CO2 emissions of homes linked to electricity use. Both data points are based on average emissions in the U.S.

**United Nations Global Compact signatories**

The UN Global Compact Principles promote 10 major principles applicable to companies in the areas of respect for human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and business ethics. This indicator assesses the percentage of issuers within a portfolio that are signatories to the UN Global Compact.

**Women on boards**

Corporate governance is assessed through various indicators, including the presence of women on board of directors. We believe that diversity on corporate boards can contribute positively towards shareholders' long-term interests. This indicator assesses the average percentage of women on boards within the portfolio's issuers.

**Exercise of Voting Rights**

Voting at annual general meetings is a key component of ongoing engagement with companies: Shareholders with voting rights vote on issues such as the appointments of the board of directors, executive compensation or financial operations.

**Board independence**

A right corporation governance is measured through several indicators as the presence of independent directors on boards. This indicator assesses the average percentage of independent directors within issuers' boards of this portfolio.

**Coverage**

Within a portfolio or a benchmark the coverage represents the percentage of securities that have an ESG score, a carbon footprint or any other relevant indicator for this report.

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