## 01.10.2022 - 30.09.2023

Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

## Product name: Pictet - Water

## Legal entity identifier: 549300750VPZP6MC4674

## SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good Governance practices.	DID THIS FINANCIAL PRODUCT HAVE A SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE?						
	••	×	Yes			No	
	×	It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 26.72%			It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments		
		×	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			with an environmental objective in	
The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b> . That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective			environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy			economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	
						with a social objective	
	X	It made sustainable investments with a social objective: 71.90%			It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not make</b> any sustainable investments		

Note: Sustainable investments were calculated on a pass/fail basis including labelled bonds (where relevant to the asset class) and securities from issuers with minimum 20% exposure (as measured by revenue, EBIT, enterprise value or similar metrics) to economic activities that contributed to at least one environmental or social objective.



might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

## To what extent was the sustainable investment objective of this financial product met?

Main ways in which the fund achieved its sustainable objective:

• Positive impact:

The fund achieved a positive environmental and/or social impact by investing at least two-thirds of its total assets/total wealth in companies operating in the water sector and providing solutions to global water challenges. The fund targeted companies that are providing technologies to improve water quality, maximize water efficiency or increase the number of households connected to water services.

No reference index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

The fund invested mainly in companies whose significant proportion of their activities are related to, but not limited to, water production water conditioning and desalination, water suppliers, transport and dispatching, collection and treatment of waste water, sewage and solid, liquid and chemical waste, sewage treatment plants and providing water equipment, consulting and engineering services and other relevant economic activities.

The companies targeted in the air sector include those responsible for inspecting air quality, suppliers of air-filtration equipment and manufacturers of catalytic converters for vehicles.

Eligible securities included equities issued by companies with a significant proportion of activities (as measured by revenue, EBIT, enterprise value or similar metrics) derived from such economic activities.

#### • Norms- and values-based exclusions:

The fund excluded issuers that have significant activities with adverse impacts on society or the environment or are in severe breach of international norms as detailed below:

Activity	Revenue Thresholds
Fossil Fuels and Nuclear Energy	
Thermal Coal Extraction	>25%
Thermal Coal Power Generation	>25%
Oil & Gas Production	>25%
Oil Sands Extraction	>10%
Shale Energy Extraction	>10%
Off-shore Arctic Oil & Gas Exploration	>10%
Nuclear Power Generation	>50%
Weapons	
Production of controversial weapons[1]	>0%
Military Contracting Weapons	>10%
Military Contracting Weapon-Related Products and/or Services	>50%
Small Arms Civilian Customers (Assault Weapons)	>10%
Small Arms Civilian Customers (Non-Assault Weapons)	>10%
Small Arms Military/Law Enforcement Customers	>25%
Small Arms Key Components	>25%
Other Controversial Activities	
Adult Entertainment Production	>10%
Gambling Operations	>10%
Genetically Modified Plants and Seeds Development	>25%
Genetically Modified Plants and Seeds Growth	>25%
Pesticides Production	>10%
Pesticides Retail	>10%
Tobacco Products Production	>10%
Company Exclusions based on Breaches of International Norms	Excluded
Companies in severe breach of UN Global Compact Principles on human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption	Yes
Country Exclusions	Excluded
Countries (i) listed as State Sponsors of Terrorism as defined by the Office of Foreign Assets Control[2] or (ii) subject to EU financial sanctions targeting central banks and/or State-Owned enterprises (SOEs)	Yes
Countries (i) classified as very high or high risk in the Fragile State Index or (ii) affected by violent conflict as defined by the World Bank	Yes
Countries (i) listed under "alert" on the Fragile State Index or (ii) subject to export related sanctions by the EU	Watchlist[3]

Company Exclusions based on Controversial Activities and Revenue Thresholds
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[1] Controversial weapons include anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, biological & chemical weapons (including white phosphorous) and nuclear weapons from countries not signatory to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

[2] "State Sponsors of Terrorism" is a designation applied by the United States Department of State to countries that repeatedly provided support to acts of international terrorism.

[3] In addition to hard exclusions, Pictet Asset Management maintains a watchlist including countries that require additional due diligence by investment teams prior to investment.

For further details please refer to Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy (Appendix B).

In addition to the above exclusions based on Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy, the strategy applied stricter exclusion limits based on internal guidelines.

Active ownership:

The fund methodically exercised its voting rights. The fund also engaged with the management of companies on material ESG issues.

Sustainable Investments:

Pictet Asset Management used a proprietary framework as well as the objectives of the EU Taxonomy to define sustainable investments.

The fund invested in securities financing economic activities that substantially contributed to environmental and/or social objectives such as:

Environmental

- climate change mitigation or adaptation
- sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources
- transition to a circular economy
- pollution prevention and control, or

protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystem

Social

- inclusive and sustainable communities
- adequate living standards and well-being for end users, or
- decent work

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Over the reporting period the sustainability indicators performed as follows:

Exposure to companies that derive a significant proportion of revenue, EBIT, enterprise value or similar metrics from economic activities that contribute to environmental or social objectives, and labelled bonds where relevant to the asset class (sustainable investments):

98.61%

Exposure to revenues from economic activities that contribute to climate change adaption and/or climate change mitigation (EU taxonomy-aligned investments):

## 3.31%

Additional information on specific environmental and/or social objectives will be available in next year's report.

## **Overall ESG profile**

The fund increased the weight of securities with low sustainability risks and/or decreased the weight of securities with high sustainability risks.

As a result, the fund has achieved a better environmental, social and governance (ESG) profile than the reference index after removing the bottom 20% of issuers with the weakest ESG characteristics.

## Principle Adverse Impact (PAI)

The fund used a combination of approaches to consider and, where possible, mitigate material adverse impacts of its investments on society and the environment, such as GHG emissions, air pollution. biodiversity loss, emissions to water, hazardous/radioactive waste, human rights, labour standards, corruption and bribery and public health.

The degree and the way these impacts were considered depended on factors such as the specific context of the investment that is causing the adverse impact, or the availability of reliable data.

Sustainability indicators measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

In line with Pictet Asset Management's exclusion policy outlined in the firm's Responsible Investment policy (see table above for excluded activities and applied exclusion thresholds), the fund did not have any exposure to companies that derived a significant portion of their revenue from activities detrimental to society or the environment as detailed below: Controversial activities (weighted average company revenues, in %)\*:

	Fund (%)	Reference Index (%)
Fossil fuels and nuclear energy	0.08	4.15
Weapons	0.12	0.99
Other controversial activities	0.02	1.02
Not applicable:	0.55	0.00
Not covered:	0.03	0.02

\*Fossil fuels and nuclear energy include thermal coal extraction and power generation, oil & gas production and extraction, shale energy extraction, off-shore arctic oil & gas exploration, and nuclear power generation. Weapons include military contracting (weapon and weapon related services), and small arms (civilian customers (assault/ non-assault weapons, military law enforcement, key components). Other controversial activities include tobacco production, adult entertainment production, gambling operation, GMS development or growth, pesticides production or retail. Exposures are based on third-party data and may not reflect our internal view. Pictet Asset Management retains full discretion over the implementation of exclusion criteria and reserves the right to deviate from third-party information on a case-by-case basis in instances where it is deemed incorrect or incomplete.

Source: Pictet Asset Management, Sustainalytics.

In addition, the fund excluded issuers that had exposure to:

(i) PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

(ii) PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).

## • Voting rights

During the reference period, the fund voted at 58 general assembly meetings out of 60 votable meetings (96.67%). We voted "against" (incl. "abstained" or "withhold") at least one resolution at 33.33% of meetings.

Out of 681 management resolutions, we voted against management on 32 items (4.70%) and abstained on 23 items (3.38%).

We supported 9 (56.25%) shareholder resolutions out of 16 proposals.

In respect to Environmental and/or Social issues we voted for 6 out of 6 management resolutions and for 5 out of 7 shareholder resolutions.

Source: Pictet Asset Management, ISS ESG.

## • Engagement

The fund engaged with 26 companies on ESG topics (data as of 30.09.2023). This includes inhouse-led dialogues, collaborative investor initiatives, and third-party engagement services. To be considered an engagement, a dialogue with a targeted company must have a clear and measurable objective within a pre-defined time horizon. It is important to note that not all routine or monitoring interactions, even if they involve senior management or Board of Directors, are regarded as engagements in our assessment.

Source: Pictet Asset Management, Sustainalytics.

## …and compared to previous periods?

This question will be addressed in future annual reports due to lack of a track record.

# How did the sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any sustainable investment objective?

To prevent sustainable investments from causing significant harm to any other environmental or social objective, the fund applied the following screening criteria on a best effort basis: (i) Exclusions of issuers that have significant activities with adverse impacts on society or the environment (see description of RI exclusion framework). (ii) Issuers associated with high and severe controversies were excluded.

Information were obtained from third-part providers and/or internal research. ESG information from third-party data providers may have been incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable. As a result, there was a risk that the Investment Manager may incorrectly assessed a security or issuer, resulting in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security in the fund. Incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable ESG data may also acted as a methodological limitation to a non-financial investment strategy (such as the application of ESG criteria or similar). Where identified, the Investment Manager sought to mitigate this risk through its own assessment. In the event that the ESG characteristics of a security held by the fund changed, resulting in the security being sold, the Investment Manager does not accept liability in relation to such change.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

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

Pictet Asset Management monitors all mandatory Principal Adverse Impact indicators (included in Annex 1 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 22 / 1288) where we have robust data available. The quality and the availability of data are expected to improve over time.

The fund considered and, where possible, mitigated adverse impacts of its investments on society and the environment that are deemed material to the investment strategy through a combination of portfolio management decisions, active ownership activities, and exclusion of issuers associated with controversial conduct or activities.

More information is disclosed in the PAI entity report available under: https://documents.am.pictet/?cat=marketing-permalink&dtyp=PAI&dla=en&bl=PAM

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

To ensure that sustainable investment did not cause significant harm to any sustainable investment objective, the fund excluded companies with high and severe violations of (i) the UN Global Compact principles on human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption or (ii) OECD Guidelines for Multinationals, including severe social and employee issues.

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

The fund considered and, where possible, mitigated adverse impacts that were deemed material to the investment strategy. Such adverse impacts included but were not limited to GHG emissions, air pollution, biodiversity loss, emissions to water, hazardous/radioactive waste, social and employee matters and corruption and bribery and were addressed through a combination of:

#### (i) portfolio management decisions

The investment team scored holdings according to an assessment of Environmental, Social & Governance risks and opportunities as well as the exposure to sustainable investments as part of the fund's scoring framework. Scores are determined on a qualitative basis by the investment managers, informed by fundamental research and quantitative ESG data - including data on Principle Adverse Impact, ESG data provided by the companies and data provided by third-party ESG data providers. The investment team's scoring process was a key component of the compartment's portfolio construction process, determining target weights in the portfolio.

#### (ii) proxy voting

The fund followed Pictet Asset Management's voting guidelines which are designed to support a strong culture of corporate governance, effective management of environmental and social issues and comprehensive reporting according to credible standards. These guidelines also seek to support recognized global governing bodies promoting sustainable business practices advocating for stewardship of environment, fair labour practices, non-discrimination, and the protection of human rights. All voting activities of the fund were logged and can be shared upon request.

#### (iii) engagement

Interaction with issuers took the form of one-to-one discussions, shareholder/bondholder meetings, investor roadshows and/or conference calls. The objectives of these interactions were to assess an organization, monitor that their strategy was implemented in line with our expectations and ensure that issuers were on track to meet their goals and objectives.

Where appropriate, we engaged issuers to address either significant ESG concerns, improve companies' sustainability practices or engage on positive impact topics to satisfy ourselves that they fully understood and addressed them effectively over the short, medium and long term. Our engagement activities included a combination of targeted in-house-led discussions, collaborative institutional investor initiatives, and third-party engagement services.

(iv) exclusion of issuers associated with controversial conduct or activities

The fund did not have any exposure to (i) companies that derived a significant portion of their revenue from activities detrimental to society or the environment as defined in Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy and/or (ii) companies that severely violated the UN Global Compact principles on human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption and controversial weapons.



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

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 01.10.2022 -30.09.2023

LARGEST INVESTMENTS	SECTOR	% ASSETS	COUNTRY
REPUBLIC SERVICES INC	Industrials	4.6	United States
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	Health Care	4.4	United States
FERGUSON PLC	Industrials	4.3	United Kingdom
AMERICAN WATER WORKS CO INC	Utilities	4.3	United States
WASTE MANAGEMENT INC	Industrials	4.3	United States
VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT	Utilities	4.1	France
WASTE CONNECTIONS INC	Industrials	4.0	Canada
XYLEM INC	Industrials	3.7	United States
DANAHER CORP	Health Care	3.5	United States
ECOLAB INC	Materials	3.1	United States
IDEX CORP	Industrials	3.0	United States
SEVERN TRENT PLC	Utilities	2.9	United Kingdom
AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES INC	Health Care	2.7	United States
GEBERIT AG-REG	Industrials	2.4	Switzerland

Source: Pictet Asset Management, GICS/MSCI.

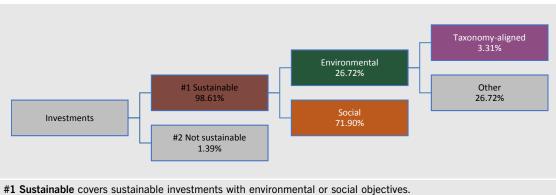
## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

#### 98.61%

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

#### What was the asset allocation?

The fund allocated 98.61% of its assets to Sustainable investments (#1 Sustainable) and 1.39% to Not sustainable investments (#2 Not sustainable). 26.72% of its assets is allocated to environmental objectives and 71.90% to social objectives.



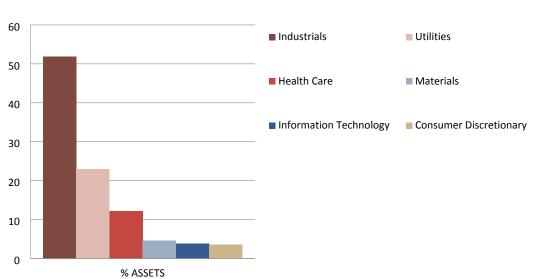
#2 Not sustainable includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

Notes:

- "#1A Sustainable", "Other Environmental" and "Social" investments were calculated on a pass/fail basis. They include labelled bonds (where relevant to the asset class) and securities from issuers with minimum 20% exposure to economic activities that contributed to at least one environmental or social objective.
- EU taxonomy-aligned investments were calculated on a revenue-weighted basis (ie security weights are multiplied by the proportion of revenues from economic activities that contribute to climate mitigation and climate adaptation) and cannot be consolidated with other numbers following a pass/ fail approach.
- In the absence of an EU social taxonomy, Pictet has developed a proprietary social taxonomy framework based on the Report on Social Taxonomy published in 2022 by the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance. Eligible activities are defined as goods and services that substantially contribute to one of the following three objectives: (1) inclusive and sustainable communities, (2) adequate living standards and well-being for end users and (3) decent work.

Source: Pictet Asset Management, FTSE Green revenues, Factset RBICS.

## In which economic sectors were the investments made?



## SECTOR

## Source: Pictet Asset Management, GICS/MSCI.

We are evaluating the availability and the quality of data that would allow us to disclose more granular information in future reports on sectors and sub-sectors of the economy that derive revenues from exploration, mining, extraction, production, processing, storage, refining or distribution, including transportation, storage and trade, of fossil fuels as defined in Article 2, point (62), of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council.



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

The fund made investments in economic activities that contributed to the first two environmental objectives (climate change adaption and climate change mitigation) as set out in the Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

EU taxonomy-aligned investments were calculated on a revenue-weighted basis (ie security weights are multiplied by the proportion of revenues from economic activities that contribute to relevant environmental objectives) and cannot be consolidated with other numbers following a pass/fail approach.

EU Green Taxonomy alignment data were sourced from publicly available reports. Calculations may also include estimates in a limited number of cases when EU Green Taxonomy alignment reported data were not available. Estimates were performed on a best effort basis and following a conservative approach so as to produce a prudent outcome.

The monitoring procedures have been implemented to verify at all times compliance with Article 3 of the EU taxonomy regulation.

Data provided have not been verified by an external auditor or reviewed by an independent third-party.

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

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover 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.

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

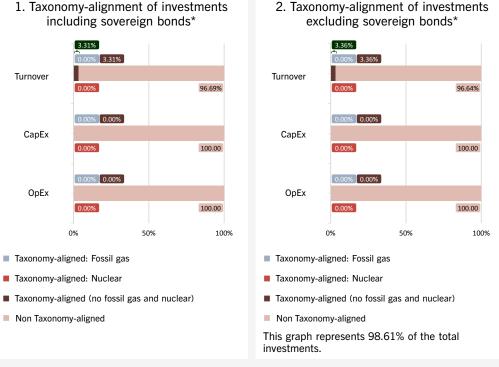
Yes:

 $\Box$  In fossil gas  $\Box$  In nuclear energy

### 🗴 No

The insufficient quality and availability of the data currently available on the market does not allow to provide such breakdown. We are working with data providers to increase quality and availability over time.

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<sup>\*</sup>, 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

#### Note:

 We use revenues as the key metric for setting target allocation to, and actual alignment with, the EU taxonomy due to limited availability and lack of reliable data for OpEx and CapEX.

Source: Pictet Asset Management.

## What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The share of investments made in:

- Transitional activities: Not applicable\*
- Enabling activities: Not applicable\*

\*The insufficient quality and availability of the data currently available on the market does not allow to provide such breakdown. We are working with data providers to increase quality and availability over time.

<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 no significant harm to 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.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



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

## 26.72%

These Sustainable Investments are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy because their economic activities either (i) are not covered by the EU Taxonomy, or (ii) do not comply with the technical screening criteria to achieve substantial contribution in the sense of the EU Taxonomy.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

71.9%



What investments were included under "not sustainable", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The fund's "other" investments included cash positions primarily held for meeting daily liquidity and risk management purposes as allowed and foreseen by the fund's investment policy. Where relevant, minimum environmental or social safeguards apply to the underlying securities.



## What actions have been taken to attain the sustainable investment objective during the reference period?

During the reference period, the attainment of the sustainable investment objective was met by following the investment strategy and adhering to the binding elements.

The fund's binding elements include:

- at least 80% of sustainable investments, i.e. investments in companies that have a significant exposure to activities such as water production water conditioning and desalination, water suppliers, transport and dispatching, treatment of waste water, sewage and solid, liquid and chemical waste, sewage treatment plants and providing water equipment, consulting and engineering services and other relevant economic activities (as measured by revenue, enterprise value, earnings before interest and tax, or similar)
- exclusion of issuers that:
- are involved in the production of controversial weapons including anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, biological and chemical weapons, nuclear weapons and depleted uranium
- derive a significant portion of their revenue from activities detrimental to society or the environment, such as thermal coal extraction and power generation, unconventional oil and gas exploration and production, conventional oil and gas production, nuclear power generation, conventional weapons and small arms, military contracting weapons and weapon-related products and services, tobacco production, adult entertainment production, gambling operations, genetically modified organisms development/growth, pesticides product/retail. Please refer to Pictet Asset Management's Responsible Investment policy for further details on exclusion thresholds applicable to the above activities
- severely violate international norms including the UN Global Compact principles on human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption
- a better ESG profile than the reference index after removing the bottom 20% of issuers with the weakest ESG characteristics

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy. • ESG criteria analysis of eligible securities that covers at least 90% of net assets or the number of issuers in the portfolio

Furthermore, the fund engaged with 26 companies as of 30.09.2023.



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

No reference index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective.

- Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable objective
- How did the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index? 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.

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