

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



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

Pre-contractual 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:
Wellington Emerging Markets Local Equity Fund

Legal entity identifier:
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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __% <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with a social objective: __%	It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of __% of sustainable investments <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments

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

The Fund invests a portion of its assets in securities that meet one or more of the following social characteristics.

1. Issuers who receive a survey to enable the Fund to promote the adoption of appropriate policies and practices among certain investee companies with regard to modern slavery risk management, forced labour, child labour and debt bondage ("Modern Slavery"). In order to do this, the Investment Manager applies Wellington Management Group's Emerging Markets Modern Slavery Policy (the "EM Modern Slavery Policy"). Under the EM Modern Slavery Policy investee companies are evaluated by the Investment Manager on the basis of proprietary research and third-party research for inclusion to the Watch List (as defined below) and various levels of engagement are undertaken over a period of time until adequate remediation measures are adopted.

The EM Modern Slavery Policy does not aim to eliminate Modern Slavery risk exposure in all investee companies and the Fund may from time to time invest in companies which have exposure to such risk and which are not subject to enhanced engagement. Further details about the EM Modern Slavery Policy and Watch List may be found in the section below "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?".

2. Issuers that are screened for United Nations Global Compact Principles to enable the Fund to further promote appropriate policies and practices with regard to child labour and forced labour by excluding investment in companies that are assessed for and known to be involved in controversies regarding child labour or forced labour. In order to do this, the Fund excludes investments in companies which are assessed to have failed United Nations Global Compact Principles 4 (businesses should uphold the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour) and 5 (businesses should uphold the effective abolition of child labour).

A reference benchmark has not been designated for the purpose of attaining the social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

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

The percentage of the Fund's equity issuers who received a survey and have been formally evaluated for inclusion to the Watch List regarding Modern Slavery risk management. Since at least 70% of the Fund's equity issuers are generally expected to receive a survey and be formally evaluated for inclusion to the Watch List regarding Modern Slavery risk management, this percentage is expected to be at least 70%.

The percentage of companies held for over a year that have responded to an engagement survey regarding their modern slavery risk management policies and procedures. Since this percentage will depend on 1) the time of the investments and 2) the response to the engagement of the survey, this percentage cannot be disclosed in the Fund's pre-contractual template but will be disclosed in the Fund's periodic reporting.

The percentage of companies deemed as having a higher risk of Modern Slavery exposure that are placed on the Watch List and are subject to enhanced engagement. Since this percentage will depend on 1) the time of the investments and 2) the result of the survey, this percentage cannot be disclosed in the Fund's pre-contractual template but will be disclosed in the Fund's periodic reporting.

The percentage of companies where remediation measures have been adopted such that they are no longer assessed as having a higher risk of Modern Slavery exposure and may be removed from the internal Watch List. Since this percentage will depend on 1) the time of the investments and 2) the result of the remediation measures adopted following the survey, this percentage cannot be disclosed in the Fund's pre-contractual template but will be disclosed in the Fund's periodic reporting.

The number of companies held which have been assessed to be in violation of United Nations Global Compact principles 4 (businesses should uphold the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour) or 5 (businesses should uphold the effective abolition of child labour). Since the Fund excludes investments in companies which are assessed to have failed United Nations Global Compact Principles 4 and 5, this number is expected to be 0.

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. The Fund does not currently commit to invest in any Sustainable Investments within the meaning of the SFDR.

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. The Fund does not currently commit to invest in any Sustainable Investments within the meaning of the SFDR.

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, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

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

Not applicable. The Fund does not currently commit to invest in any Sustainable Investments within the meaning of the SFDR.

- 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 Fund does not currently commit to invest in any Sustainable Investments within the meaning of the SFDR.

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.



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

☒ Yes

☐ No

By virtue of the Fund’s existing investment Guideline, the Fund takes certain, but not all, of the Principal Adverse Impacts listed in Annex I Table I of the Level II SFDR Regulatory Technical Standards ("PAIs") into consideration either directly or indirectly on all or a portion of the Fund:

1. The Fund does not invest in companies which produce controversial weapons in accordance with the Exclusion Policy - PAI: Exposure to controversial weapons.
2. The Fund does not invest in companies principally involved in the extraction of thermal coal, the production of thermal coal energy and the extraction of oil sands in accordance with the Exclusion Policy - PAIs: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector; Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production.

While these restrictions consider certain of the PAIs, such consideration does not necessarily eliminate the Fund's exposure to such PAIs altogether. In addition, the extent to which these restrictions impact the investment process may be limited where such investments are outside of the scope of the investment objective of the Fund. The Fund further commits to report on these Principal Adverse Impacts periodically with such report to be included in the annual report of the Fund. For more information please see www.wellingtonfunds.com/sfdr.



What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The investment strategy used to attain the social characteristics promoted by the Fund is described below.

The Investment Manager applies Wellington Management Group's Emerging Markets Modern Slavery Policy. Under the EM Modern Slavery Policy investee companies are evaluated by the Investment Manager on the basis of proprietary research, third-party research and engagement. At a minimum, all companies held in the Fund for a period of one year or longer will be subject to engagement regarding Modern Slavery risk management via an initial survey outreach. Due to the Fund's expected turnover, some companies may be held in the Fund for less than a year and as a result may not be engaged with regard to Modern Slavery risk management.

Additionally, the Investment Manager excludes companies which have been assessed to be in violation of United Nations Global Compact principles 4 (businesses should uphold the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour) or 5 (businesses should uphold the effective abolition of child labour) due to known controversies regarding child labour or forced labour.

The Fund applies the Exclusion Policy which sets out issuers which are excluded where they have been identified using a combination of third party and/or internal analysis as having a predefined level of involvement in the following areas:

1. Production of controversial weapons, including cluster munitions, landmines, biological/ chemical weapons, depleted uranium weapons, blinding laser weapons, incendiary weapons, and/or non-detectable fragments;
2. Production of nuclear weapons;
3. Production, distribution, retail or supply of tobacco related products;
4. Thermal coal extraction or thermal coal-based power generation; and
5. Production and generation of oil sands (also known as tar sands).

Further details about how exclusions are researched and implemented by Wellington Management, including the full detail of the thresholds for involvement, may be found in the section of the Prospectus titled "Exclusions".

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?

Investee companies engaged with will be reviewed based on the Investment Manager's research into the policies and operations of such companies and in accordance with the EM Modern Slavery Policy. This review will assess the Modern Slavery risk profile of each actively held company and the measures each actively held company has put in place to manage exposure to the risk of Modern Slavery on a peer relative basis. This assessment may be made on a number of factors including, but not limited to, industry and country Modern Slavery risk assessment, the adequacy of policies and procedures in place to mitigate Modern Slavery exposure risk, the profile of and visibility into the investee supply chain, and the extent to which the investee company is transparent with regard to its policies and operations and the market capitalization of the company. Upon the Investment Manager's review, investee companies which are deemed by the Investment Manager as having a higher risk of Modern Slavery exposure, and which in the Investment Manager's opinion do not have adequate policies and procedures in place to manage Modern Slavery risk will be placed on an internal watch list (the "Watch List") and subject to enhanced engagement. Companies identified for enhanced engagement will be subject to higher scrutiny while actively held in the Fund for a cumulative period of up to 5 years from the point of initial inclusion on the Watch List. Where the Investment Manager divests from a company, that company may no longer be subject to enhanced engagement. If the Investment Manager reinvests in such company, the 5-year cumulative period will commence again based on where it was before the company was sold. The Investment Manager expects to engage with 100% of investee companies included on the active Watch List over a period of up to 5 years.

During that five-year cumulative enhanced engagement period, the Investment Manager will encourage Watch List companies to implement appropriate policies and practices with regard to Modern Slavery risk management. Tools for enhanced engagement may include, but are not limited to, one-on-one meetings with management and/or members of the board, shareholder proposals and exercising voting rights. The use of these tools will be governed in concert with Wellington Management's Engagement Policy.

During the five-year cumulative enhanced engagement period, the Investment Manager is able to increase the Fund's holding in a Watch List company or purchase a Watch List company. Watch List companies which fail to demonstrate adequate progress on Modern Slavery risk management after a period of five years of enhanced engagement will be excluded from the Fund's investible universe (and if held disinvested by the Fund) until adequate remediation measures are adopted.

The EM Modern Slavery Policy does not aim to eliminate Modern Slavery risk exposure in all investee companies and the Fund may from time to time invest in companies which may have exposure to such risk and which are not subject to enhanced engagement.

The Fund also excludes companies which have been assessed to be in violation of United Nations Global Compact principles 4 (businesses should uphold the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour) or 5 (businesses should uphold the effective abolition of child labour) due to known controversies regarding child labour or forced labour.

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

Not applicable. The Fund does not currently commit to reduce the scope of investments by a minimum rate.

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

Good governance practices of investee companies are assessed by the Investment Manager with regards to a variety of factors including, where materially relevant, management structures and decision-making, accountability to shareholders, compensation structures, corporate culture, compliance with applicable law and the absence of negative events which are likely to have a material adverse impact on the financial returns of the company. In assessing good governance, the Investment Manager considers its proprietary G ratings where available in accordance with its Good Governance Assessment Policy. These ratings rely on a combination of internal and/or external data inputs.

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



What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

During normal market conditions, a minimum of 70% of the Fund's net assets will be aligned to the E/S characteristics of the Fund.

On occasion, due to possible settlement mismatch related to investor flows or market holidays during times when large subscriptions are received, the portion of the Fund which is not aligned with the environmental or social characteristic may affect the Fund's ability to meet the commitment as described above under normal market conditions. The Investment Manager does not consider these short-term fluctuations to materially impact the Fund's ability to attain its environmental or social characteristics.

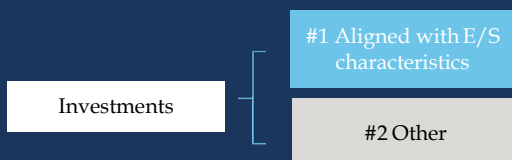
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **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.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully 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.



#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.

#2 Other 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?

Not applicable. Derivatives are not used by the Fund for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/ or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.



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

The Fund does not currently commit to invest in any Sustainable Investments within the meaning of the SFDR, accordingly the minimum share of EU Taxonomy-aligned investments is 0%.

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy¹?

☐ Yes

☐ In fossil gas

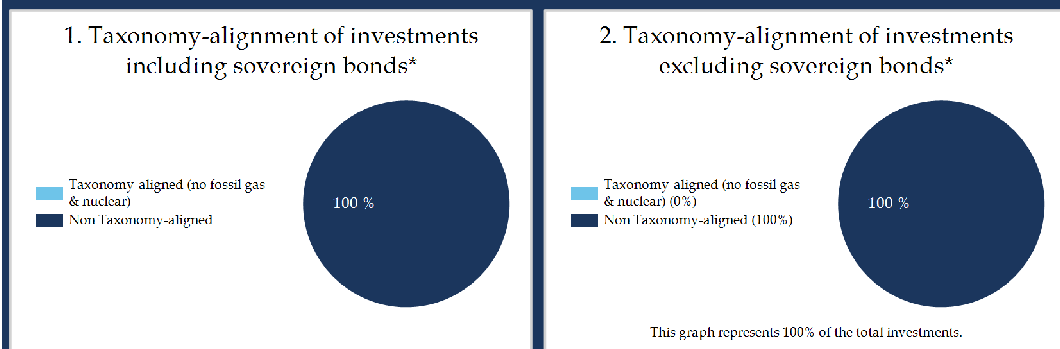
☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

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¹Fossil 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 objectives - 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.

The two graphs below show in dark blue 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?

The Fund does not currently commit to invest in any Sustainable Investments within the meaning of the SFDR, accordingly the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities is 0%.

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



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

The Fund does not commit to make any Sustainable Investments within the meaning of the SFDR.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable. The Fund does not commit to make any Sustainable Investments within the meaning of the SFDR.



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

The investments under ‘#2 Other’ may include cash and cash equivalents for liquidity purposes, derivatives for hedging and investment purposes or investments in securities which may create exposure to multiple underlying issuers such as collective investment schemes or index positions. It may also include any securities where data to measure the environmental and/or social characteristics is not available, is not used to meet the environmental or social characteristics, or does not meet the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund. Except with regards to the Exclusions Policy, these do not have any minimum environmental or social safeguards. However, some minimum safeguards may still be considered to apply to the extent such holdings are aligned with one or more but not all of the Fund’s environmental or social characteristics.



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?

Not applicable. A reference benchmark has not been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.



Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product specific information can be found on the website:

[https://docs.wellington.com/list/public/documents?query=TEMPLATE_TYP=SustainabilityRelatedDisclosure%26in\(fundId,F000032\)%26languageCd=EN&recentMatch=true&download=true](https://docs.wellington.com/list/public/documents?query=TEMPLATE_TYP=SustainabilityRelatedDisclosure%26in(fundId,F000032)%26languageCd=EN&recentMatch=true&download=true)