

Template 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: **Ofi Invest ESG Euro High Yield**

LEI: **969500B8I8H2B95Z6E71**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**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 include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

### Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

☒ ☐ ☐ Yes

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective**: \_\_\_\_ %

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective**: \_\_\_\_ %

☒ ☐ ☒ No

☐ 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

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ with a social objective

☒ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**



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

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

The Ofi Invest ESG Euro High Yield Fund (hereinafter the "Fund") promotes environmental and social characteristics by investing in issuers with good environmental, social and governance practices.

To achieve this, the Fund invests in "High Yield" bonds and debt securities issued by companies in OECD countries using best practices in terms of the management of ESG issues specific to their sector of activity, in accordance with the Management Company's proprietary ESG rating methodology.

The themes taken into account in reviewing good ESG practices are:

- Environmental: Climate change – Natural resources – Project financing – Toxic waste – Green products.

- Social: Human capital – Societal – Products and services – Communities and human rights
- Governance: Governance structure – Market behaviour

In addition, the Fund partially invests in securities issued by companies that demonstrate an active approach to the energy and ecological transition.

The benchmark Bank Of America Merrill Lynch Euro Non-Financial Fixed & Floating Rate High Yield Index is used for the purpose of financial performance measurement. This index has been chosen independently of the environmental and/or 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 sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund are:

- The SRI score calculated during the investment strategy process. For the method used to calculate this score, please refer to the section "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?".
- The percentage of companies invested that belong to the "under supervision" category as defined by the method of calculating their SRI score and that are the subject of an exclusion (i.e. 20% of the lowest rated companies in each sector).
- The percentage of issuers in the "high risk" or "risky" category for sectors with high greenhouse gas emissions, as defined by the "Energy and Ecological Transition" (EET) matrix and which are the subject of an exclusion.

In addition, under the French SRI Label awarded to the Sub-Fund, of the four E, S, G and Human Rights indicators, the following two ESG indicators were also selected:

- Emissions financed on Scope 1 and 2;
- The proportion of issuers forming the subject of controversies, considered to be violating at least one of the Ten Principles of the Global Compact;

● ***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.

*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?

**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.

☒ Yes

☐ No

The methods of assessment by the Management Company of investee companies, for each of the principal adverse impacts linked to sustainability factors, are as follows:

Adverse impact indicator	ESG rating Proprietary methodology	Exclusion policies	Analysis of controversies	Engagement policy	Voting Policy	SRI label indicator
<b>Climate and other environment-related indicators</b>						
1. Scope 1, 2 and 3 and total GHG emissions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coal / Oil and gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2. Carbon footprint				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3. GHG intensity of investee companies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coal / Oil and gas		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
5. Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
6. Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
7. Activities negatively impacting biodiversity-sensitive areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
8. Emissions to water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
9. Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Indicators for social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters</b>						
10. Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global Compact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
11. Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global Compact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises						
12. Unadjusted gender pay gap			☒			
13. Board gender diversity	☒			☒		
14. Exposure to controversial weapons		☒ <i>Controversial weapons</i>				
Additional indicators related to social and environmental issues						
Insufficient measures taken to remedy non-compliance with anti-bribery and anti-corruption standards	☒		☒	☒		
Indicators applicable to investments in sovereigns or supranationals						
15. GHG intensity	☒					
16. Investment countries subject to social violations	☒					

For more information, please refer to the “*Statement on the Principal Adverse Impacts of Investment Decisions on Sustainability Factors*”, which can be found on the Management Company’s website [in French]: <https://www.ofi-invest-am.com/finance-durable>



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

The investment strategy of this Sub-Fund aims to build up a portfolio of high-yield bonds issued by the most active private issuers with regard to the Energy Transition and which demonstrate best practices in terms of the management of ESG issues specific to their sector of activity, in accordance with the ESG rating methodology and the “Energy and Ecological Transition” matrix compiled and applied by the Management Company.

For more information on the investment strategy, please refer to the section on investment strategy in the prospectus.

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

#### ● **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?**

The binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund are as follows:

As part of a “Best-in-Class” approach, the 20% of issuers in each sector lagging the furthest behind in managing ESG issues (based on ICB2 sectors) are excluded from the investment universe.

In assessing ESG practices, the Fund considers the following pillars and themes:

- Environment: Climate change – Natural resources – Project financing – Toxic waste – Green products.
- Social: Human capital – Societal – Products and services – Communities and human rights
- Governance: Governance structure – Market behaviour

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

Each theme contains several underlying criteria. The criteria taken into account vary according to their relevance by sector of activity and are weighted relative to the risks they represent within this sector (reputational, legal, operational, etc.).

Examples include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Climate change: carbon emissions from the production process; upstream/downstream carbon emissions
- Natural resources: impact of the activity on water; impact of the activity on biodiversity.
- Human capital: health and safety; development of human capital.
- Products and services: personal data protection; a healthier range of products available
- Governance structure: respect for minority shareholder rights; remuneration of executives.

#### **ESG score and SRI score calculation method**

Based on the sector-based reference for key issues, an ESG score is calculated per issuer, which includes, first, the scores for the Environmental and Social (E and S) key issues, and second, the scores for the Governance (G) key issues. Governance issues include a fixed weighting of 30% for corporate governance and a variable weighting of 10% to 40% reflecting the level of risk incurred by the conduct of directors or the company.

This level varies depending on the sectors of activity. The overall weighting of the E and S issues is then determined. The weighting of environmental, social and governance issues is specific to each sector of activity. These scores may be subject to:

1. Penalties relating to controversies not yet included in the key issue scores. By using this penalty system, the most significant controversies can be taken into account quickly, while you wait for analysis of key issues to be incorporated.
2. Any bonuses or penalties awarded by the analyst responsible for the sector in the event of divergence on the assessment of an issue by the rating agency.

Companies' ESG scores are used to determine an SRI score corresponding to the ranking of the issuer's ESG score compared to other operators in its ICB supersector (level 2). The SRI score is established on a scale of 0.5 to 5, with 5 being the best ESG score in the sector.

The investment universe is reduced by eliminating securities in the bottom quintile for ESG score, which we call "Under Supervision" (Best In Class scores established by our SRI Division).

Issuers' ESG ratings are calculated quarterly, while underlying data are updated at least every 18 months (according to the policy of MSCI, the data provider). Ratings can also be adjusted by analysis of controversies or as a result of engagement initiatives.

Securities forming the subject of an ESG rating or an SRI score will represent at least 90% of assets (excluding cash).

In addition, the **controversial activity and regulatory exclusions applied by the Management Company** are as follows:

- Violations of the Ten Principles of the Global Compact;
- Controversial weapons
- Coal
- Tobacco
- Oil and gas

#### **Analysis via the Energy and Ecological Transition matrix**

The universe of sectors with high greenhouse gas emissions will be analysed by applying what is known as an "Energy and Ecological Transition" ("EET") matrix. Issuers in this universe are analysed based on two criteria: the carbon intensity of the company's activities and the level of the company's involvement in the Energy Transition. Indeed, companies in these sectors are more likely to take action to significantly reduce overall GHG emissions. The matrix looks at:

- The carbon intensity of the company's activities, assessed based on greenhouse gas emissions and the company's carbon intensity over scopes 1 and 2 (direct emissions and indirect energy emissions).
- The company's involvement in the energy transition, calculated based on an analysis of how the company takes the following environmental issues into account:
  - o Carbon emissions from the production process;
  - o Upstream and downstream carbon emissions;
  - o Energy efficiency;
  - o Opportunities in "green" technologies.

Unlike the carbon intensity of companies, which corresponds only to digital data, the analysis of these issues consists of a qualitative analysis of how the company manages these issues, in particular: company policies, objectives set out, resources implemented, results observed, etc. Depending on the sector of activity, one or more of these issues may be affected. A score out of 10 is calculated for how these issues are managed. Results are ranked within the relevant sectors of activity, giving a level ranging from -2 (for the least good quintile) to +2 (for the best).

On top of this:

- A possible bonus can be awarded in relation to the % of turnover in "green technologies"
- A penalty will be imposed on companies that hold direct or indirect majority ownership of "thermal" coal mines.

A selection matrix is obtained for each carbon-intensive sector, by placing the level of carbon intensity of the business activities on the vertical axis and the progress in the energy transition on the horizontal axis. Based on these two criteria, issuers in carbon-intensive sectors are classified in the following categories:

- HIGH RISK
- RISKY
- NEUTRAL
- OPPORTUNITIES
- SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES

Companies in these carbon-intensive sectors that are either "high risk" or "risky" are excluded from the Fund's investment universe.

Furthermore, with a view to cash management, the Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% in money market UCIs. These UCIs are classified as Article 8 products within the meaning of the SFDR.

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

The committed minimum rate corresponds to:

- The exclusion of 20% of each sector from the Fund's investment universe at any time, based on the SRI score ("Under supervision" SRI category).
- The exclusion of issuers in the "high risk" and "risky" categories from the investment universe based on the EET matrix.

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

Several methods are implemented to assess good governance practices of the investee companies:

1. Analysis of governance practices within the ESG analysis (pillar G). For each Issuer, the ESG analysis incorporates an analysis of corporate governance, with the following themes and issues:
  - Its governance structure: Respect for minority shareholder rights - The composition and operation of boards or committees, Remuneration of executives, Accounts, audits and taxation;
  - And its market behaviour: Business practices.
2. Weekly monitoring of ESG controversies: the ESG analysis also takes into account the presence of controversies on the above-mentioned themes and their management by issuers.
3. The Management Company's exclusion policy related to the UN Global Compact, including its Principle 10: "Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery".<sup>1</sup> Companies which are dealing with serious and/or systemic controversies on this principle on a recurrent or frequent basis, and which have not implemented appropriate remedial measures, are excluded from the investment universe.
4. The shareholder engagement policy describes the objectives and framework for implementation of ESG commitments, led by the Management Company's ESG analysis team. Through these individual or collaborative engagement actions, the Management Company aims to raise awareness among issuers on improving their sustainability, social responsibility and governance practices, to encourage them to be more transparent on these matters, and to reduce the risk of any adverse impact. Climate change mitigation, biodiversity and the social component (Global Compact) are the three main areas of our engagement strategy.

<sup>1</sup> <https://pactemonial.org/decouvrir/dix-principes-pacte-mondial-nations-unies/#lutte-contre-la-corruption>

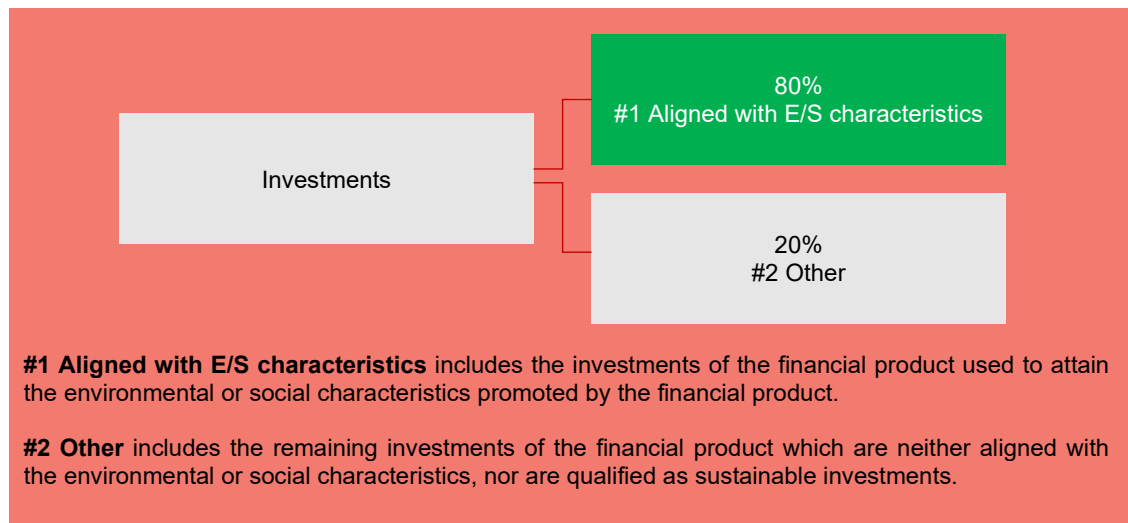


## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**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.



At least 80% of the net assets of the Fund are made up of investments contributing to the promotion of environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

Within the #2 Other component:

- The proportion of all portfolio securities that do not have an ESG score may not exceed 10% of the Fund's assets.
- A maximum of 10% of the Fund's investments will consist of cash and derivatives.

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

The use of derivatives will not aim to attain E/S characteristics. However, their use will not have the effect of significantly or permanently impinging on the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.



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.



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

The Fund does not currently make any minimum commitments to align its activities with the Taxonomy Regulation. Accordingly, the minimum investment percentage aligned with the EU Taxonomy to which the Fund commits is 0%.

The Prospectus will be updated as soon as it is possible to accurately disclose the extent to which the Fund's investments will be in environmentally sustainable activities aligned with the EU Taxonomy, including the proportions of investments in enabling and transitional activities selected for the relevant Fund.

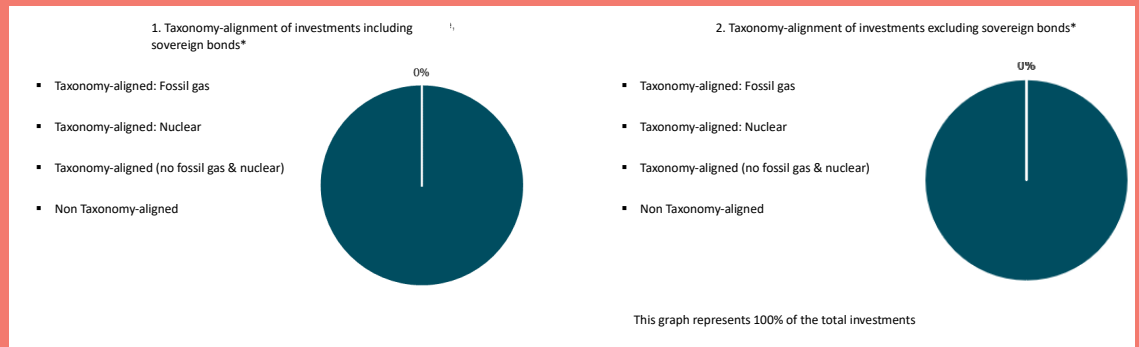
### Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>2</sup>?

☐ Yes

- ☐ In fossil gas
- ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

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?

There is no minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities.



## 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.

<sup>2</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.





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

These investments represent a maximum of 20% of the Fund's investments and will consist of:

- Cash and derivatives which are limited to specific situations in order to allow occasional hedging against or exposure to market risks within a total limit of 10%,
- All securities that do not have an ESG score up to a limit of 10%.

Although this category does not have an ESG rating and no environmental and social guarantees have been implemented, its use will not have the effect of significantly or permanently distorting the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.



## 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?

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

Not applicable.



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

<https://www.ofi-am.fr/en/>