# **Ofi Invest ESG Global Emerging Equity**

## Summary

Ofi Invest ESG Global Emerging Equity (the "Sub-Fund") promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.

The investment strategy of this Sub-Fund aims to invest in shares of companies in emerging countries with the best ESG performance. The Sub-fund follows a "best-in-class" approach, so the 20% of issuers that lag furthest behind in managing ESG issues are eliminated.

The promotion of social and environmental characteristics depends on the product's strategy and its own investment processes. They are systematically promoted by obtaining a minimum ESG score within a universe and by monitoring 4 indicators for labelled funds, and by managing negative impacts by monitoring controversies and adopting sectoral or normative exclusion policies, for example.

These characteristics are monitored by the Compliance Department on an ongoing basis, while the Internal Control Department carries out annual audits.

As the Sub-Fund is subject to a proprietary analysis model, due diligence is carried out both before and after the fact, through weekly monitoring of controversies, a quarterly review of ESG ratings and a commitment process with issuers on certain issues (climate, biodiversity, social). Finally, management constraints are subject to post-trade control.

## No sustainable investment objective

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# Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

Ofi Invest ESG Global Emerging Equity promotes Environmental and Social characteristics by investing in companies from emerging countries that have good Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices.

The Sub-Fund does not have an ESG benchmark as a reference benchmark.

#### Investment strategy

The Sub-Fund's investment strategy aims to invest in shares of companies in emerging countries with the best ESG performance.

In order to achieve the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund, sector and normative exclusion policies are applied to the investment universe. These are summarised in the document entitled "Investment Policy: Sectoral and Normative Exclusions»1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ce document est disponible sur le site internet d'Ofi Invest AM à l'adresse suivante : https://www.ofi-investam.com/pdf/principes-et-politiques/politique-exclusions-sectorielles-et-normatives\_ofi-invest-AM.pdf

In addition, for each sector in the investment universe, an exclusion is applied according to the "Best-in-Class" approach. In this way, the 20% of issuers that lag furthest behind in managing ESG issues are eliminated.

These issuers are identified by calculating an ESG score that includes scores for key environmental and social issues, as well as governance issues.

Securities with an ESG rating will represent at least 90% of assets (excluding cash).

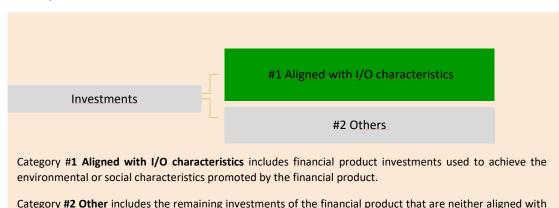
The policy for monitoring good governance2 uses a variety of methods to assess investee companies.

Firstly, for each Issuer, the ESG analysis includes an analysis of the company's governance and weekly monitoring of ESG controversies, covering themes and issues specific to good governance.

Secondly, Issuers are encouraged to comply with the exclusion policy of the United Nations Global Compact, in particular principle 10, "fight against corruption in all its forms", including money laundering and tax evasion. In the event of controversies of high or very high severity relating to principle 10 of the Global Compact, if an issuer does not provide information or evidence of corrective or remedial measures in place, it may be placed on an exclusion list.

Finally, Ofi Invest AM's voting and shareholder engagement policy for securities invested in equities is based on the most rigorous governance standards (G20 and OECD corporate governance principles, AFEP MEDEF governance code, etc.).

For more information on the investment strategy and good governance practices, please refer to the pre-contractual appendix to the prospectus.



the environmental or social characteristics nor considered as sustainable investments.

# Proportion of investments

The Sub-Fund has at least 80% of its investments used to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted **(#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics)**.

A maximum of 10% of its investments in equity securities may not be subject to an ESG or SRI rating (#2 Other).

A maximum of 10% of the investments of the financial product will be derivatives and cash held for liquidity purposes (#2 Other).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cette politique est disponible sur le site internet d'Ofi Invest AM à l'adresse suivante : https://www.ofi-investam.com/pdf/principes-et-politiques/politique-de-bonne-gouvernance\_ofi-invest-AM.pdf

# Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

Environmental and social characteristics are checked at several levels. A first-level control ensures compliance with the constraints relating to these characteristics. Second-level controls are carried out as follows: the Compliance Department carries out ongoing controls and the Internal Control Department carries out annual checks.

# Methodologies

The promotion of social and environmental characteristics depends on the fund strategy and investment processes specific to each fund. The approaches used may consist of obtaining a minimum ESG score within a universe, adopting a rating improvement strategy or excluding a percentage of the worst-performing issuers on ESG factors. For labelled funds, four indicators (environmental, social, governance or human rights) are also tracked, and funds must commit to beating their benchmark universe or index for two of them. Some thematic funds may track more specific indicators (e.g. % green sales).

The promotion of social and environmental characteristics also involves the management of negative impacts through the monitoring of controversies and the adoption of sectoral or normative exclusion policies, for example.

## Data sources and processing

The MSCI data provider is our main supplier of data on ESG ratings, certain controversies, and raw tracking indicators. We also use it for certain exclusion lists.

We also use the following providers: Moody's ESG solutions (ESG rating of unlisted issuers, exclusions on controversial weapons), RepRisk (controversy monitoring, Global Compact exclusion policy), Urgewald (exclusion policy on coal, oil and gas), CDP/ Climate 100+ (climate indicator).

For historical reasons linked to the Ofi Invest Asset Management entity, created by the merger between OFI AM and Abeilles AM on 1 January 2023, depending on the fund, the data may or may not be restated.

- 1. For funds applying proprietary rating methodologies, the data is retrieved and repatriated in a proprietary rating tool, quality control may be performed to measure the confidence interval. Once the data has been reprocessed according to proprietary methodologies, it is then disseminated in our systems (Référentiel internal database) and made available to users via Excel and the PMS for fund management. Data not integrated into our systems (such as data from CDP, Climate 100+ or Urgewald, for example) may be subject to manual checks.
- 2. For funds that do not use a proprietary methodology, MSCI ESG Research data is automatically integrated into the portfolio management system and is used by the ESG team and portfolio managers without reprocessing. If an anomaly is detected in the quality of the data, it is sent as soon as possible to MSCI ESG Research for correction.

# Limitations to methodologies and data

The methodological limitations linked to supplier data are as follows:

- A problem of missing or incomplete publication by certain companies of information used for ESG ratings
- A problem linked to the quantity and quality of ESG data to be processed by our suppliers
- A problem relating to the identification of information and factors relevant to ESG analysis;
- A problem linked to the failure to consider scope 3 (indirect emissions) in the calculation of the carbon intensity used as an input for the MSCI ESG Research ESG rating model, due to a lack of available data.
- Problems linked to methodological changes that complicate the historical comparison of data over time

For funds that apply the proprietary analysis model, it is possible to overcome certain limitations, by providing, at the request of management, for the possibility of ad hoc ratings for unrated companies. Commitments with issuers also make it possible to obtain information from companies that rarely publish it. A bonus/malus system is also provided for in the event of a difference in assessment between the analysis and the rating agency.

Par mesure de prudence, le scope 3 n'est pris en compte qu'à titre informatif à ce stade en attendant une plus grande disponibilité d'information à l'avenir afin de prévenir tout risque de volatilité.

#### Due diligence

For funds not subject to a proprietary analysis model, the choice of MSCI ESG Research was the subject of a rigorous selection process taking into account, for example, the coverage of the investment universe, the quality of the data and the ability to monitor this data at the level of the ESG and Management teams.

For funds subject to the proprietary analysis model, due diligence is carried out both before and after the fact, through weekly monitoring of controversies, a quarterly review of ESG ratings that may be subject to a bonus or a penalty where applicable, engagements with issuers on certain issues (climate, biodiversity, social), or to obtain more information on CSR issues, indicators, or the management of controversies.

Management constraints are subject to post-trade control (control of exclusion thresholds for issuers with the worst ESG performance for the funds concerned, control of constraints linked to sectoral and normative exclusions).

## Engagement policies

The commitment policy is based on the most rigorous governance standards (G20 and OECD corporate governance principles, AFEP MEDEF governance code, etc.). It also involves dialogue with certain companies, not only to obtain additional information on their CSR strategy, but also to encourage them to improve their practices, particularly in terms of governance. This policy of engagement is subject to an escalation process, which may also result in the tabling of a resolution or a dissenting vote where appropriate.

## Designated reference benchmark

No benchmark has been designated for the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.