

# **COMGEST GROWTH GLOBAL EUR Z ACC - IE00BYYLQ421**

NAV per share: €47.33

31 December 2024

#### **KEY DIFFERENTIATORS**

- Quality comes first, we seek growth that can endure
- Team-based approach, rather than starmanager fund, which we believe leads to greater consistency
- ESG integrated into the investment process leveraging proprietary ESG research
- Culture matters. Comgest's broad partnership structure incentivises long-term thinking, an ESG mindset, teamwork and low employee turnover

#### INVESTMENT TEAM

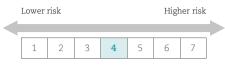






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#### RISK PROFILE



The indicator represents the risk profile presented in the PRIIPs Key Information Document. The indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years otherwise the actual risk can vary significantly.

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

The objective of the Sub-Fund ("the Fund") is to increase the value of the Fund (capital appreciation) over the long term. The Fund intends to achieve this objective through investment in a portfolio of international and diversified, long-term growth companies. The Fund will invest on a global basis in shares and preferred shares issued by companies quoted or traded on regulated markets. The Fund is actively managed. The index is provided for comparative purposes only.

The Fund is aimed at investors with a long-term investment horizon (typically 5 years or more).

#### **CUMULATIVE PAST PERFORMANCE (REBASED TO 100)**



#### **ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%)**

#### Annualised

	1 Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.
Fund	0.4	2.0	17.1	17.1	5.2	8.8		11.6
Index	-0.4	6.7	25.3	25.3	8.8	11.8		11.9
Fund Volatility				13.0	14.6	15.0		13.6
Index Volatility				11.5	13.3	16.1		14.5

### **CALENDAR YEAR PAST PERFORMANCE (%)**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fund	20.1	5.7	25.1	12.4	16.7	-19.3	23.1	17.1
Index	8.9	-4.8	28.9	6.7	27.5	-13.0	18.1	25.3

### ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT QUARTER END

	4Q16	4Q17	4Q18	4Q19	4Q20	4Q21	4Q22	4Q23
	-4Q17	-4Q18	-4Q19	-4Q20	-4Q21	-4Q22	-4Q23	-4Q24
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Index	8.9	-4.8	28.9	6.7	27.5	-13.0	18.1	25.3

Performance data expressed in EUR. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of exchange rate fluctuations. Index: MSCI AC World - Net Return. The index is used for comparative purposes only and the Fund does not seek to replicate the index.

### Past performance does not predict future returns.

Performance figures are calculated net of investment management fees, administrative fees and all other fees with the exception of sales charges. If taken into account, sales charges would have a negative impact on performance.

The cumulative graph and "Since Inception" data may refer to the last relaunch date of the share class which may differ from its actual inception date. Calendar year past performance is only shown for years for which a full calendar year of past performance is available.

### **RATINGS** (AS AT 30/11/2024)



Morningstar Category: EAA Fund Global Large-Cap Growth Equity (Number of funds in Category: 3120)

#### SEDR CLASSIFICATION: Article 8

The Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics.

#### **ESGIABELS**



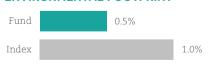
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#### CARBON FOOTPRINT<sup>1</sup>



Source: MSCI as at 30/09/2024, tCO2e per USD m invested

# **ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT<sup>1</sup>**



Source: Trucost as at 30/09/2024, estimation of the environmental costs per USD m invested.

Please see risks and other important information on following pages

<sup>1</sup> Calculation methodology and scope on page 5.

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#### **FUND COMMENTARY**

Having avoided "the most anticipated recession of all time", investors entered 2024 with optimism about a soft economic landing. The gradual moderation of inflationary pressures across many developed economies drove an anticipation of upcoming central bank monetary easing which created a supportive environment for growth equities, driving their outperformance during the first half of the year.

On the geopolitical front, 2024 had been squarely marked as a busy election year, with half of the world's population heading to the polls. However, the announcement of snap elections in several developed economies led to significant governmental reshuffles, providing an increasingly eventful backdrop and heightened uncertainty. Meanwhile, continued tensions particularly in the Middle East, as well as strained US-China relations, introduced periodic market volatility and highlighted the growing disparities in regional performance.

The United States - the world's largest economy by nominal GDP - once again dominated the narrative, even more so given this year's presidential election. Investors interpreted and are still viewing president-elect Trump's proposed policies - emphasising higher tariffs, lower taxes and deregulation - as probusiness and pro-domestic markets. This sentiment has sparked continued investor confidence, leading to a circa 25% cumulative return for the US S&P 500 index year-to-date in USD. Sectors that have benefitted meaningfully from the "Trump Trade" include cyclicals such as financials and industrials.

From a thematic perspective, technology and artificial intelligence (AI) were again front and centre. Companies with significant exposure to AI experienced substantial outperformance, solidifying the sector's position as a key driver of market returns.

Against this backdrop, your portfolio underperformed its reference index due to a combination of factors including a lower, or no exposure to some of the best-performing sectors, such as US energy and financials for instance, where we typically find fewer high-quality businesses that meet our investment criteria. Additionally, we also note an ever-increasing concentration of the reference index in US technology, which in our view represents a significant cluster risk. That said, in absolute terms we remain encouraged by the fact that we continue to expect double-digit earnings growth for the portfolio which should, we believe, over time translate into share price performance.

TSMC, the world's leading producer of advanced semiconductors and primary manufacturer of all major AI chips for customers such as Nvidia and Broadcom, consistently reported better-than-expected results leading the company to upgrade its full-year revenue growth guidance during the year. Given its near monopoly in the fabrication of the most advanced chips, the market increasingly acknowledges TSMC's exceptional exposure to this structural megatrend. It is worth noting that Comgest has covered and owned TSMC for approximately two decades.

Eli Lilly, a global leader in the treatment of diabetes and obesity, also benefitted from strong results across both its main franchises thanks to its key drugs Mounjaro and Zepbound. Despite short-term volatility related to the availability of supply and customer stocking practices, we continue to see Eli Lilly as exceptionally well positioned to benefit from strong structural growth tailwinds across the "diabesity" spectrum.

Microsoft, the leading enterprise full stack software provider, continued to post exceptional results across its productivity and intelligent cloud franchises, and benefitted from demand outpacing supply for AI compute and applications.

On the other hand, LVMH, L'Oréal and Nike were notable detractors from performance.

LVMH and L'Oréal, two leading players across the global fashion and cosmetics industries respectively, were negatively impacted by slowing growth momentum and consumer sentiment, most notably in China. Whilst the anticipation of a temporary softening in end-market demand had led us to reduce our positions throughout the past 24 months, we also note that both companies have been meaningful contributors to performance in the long run. Going forward, and while our conviction remains unchanged, we will continue to actively monitor these short-term headwinds and manage position sizes accordingly.

Nike, one of the world's leading sportswear brands, reported a series of weaker-than-expected results including several guidance resets, ultimately leading to the departure of its CEO. While our initial thesis had been predicated on continued strong innovation, alongside a gradual shift in product mix and sales channels driving margin improvements, it became increasingly evident that the company lacks the appropriate degree of visibility to remain a holding in our concentrated portfolio. We thus exited the position during the year.

We purchased three new positions during the period, namely Copart, Idexx Laboratories and Air Liquide. Whilst these companies operate across different industries (salvage car auctions, animal health and industrial gases), we believe they all boast powerful quality and growth characteristics including strong moats, high barriers to entry and double-digit earnings growth expectations. We exited six positions during the year, namely HDFC Bank, Mettler-Toledo, NetEase, Nike, Recruit and Tencent, balancing conviction levels with pragmatic and opportunistic valuation discipline.

Material reinforcements included Zoetis, Accenture and Visa whilst reductions included Eli Lilly, Inner Mongolia Yili and Costco taking advantage of temporary valuation dislocations.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we recognise the considerable uncertainty that lies before us. The Federal Reserve's latest guidance suggests that interest rates will remain "higher for longer" than markets had anticipated, posing potential headwinds for economic growth and valuation levels. Meanwhile, the implications of the incoming US administration remain unclear, particularly for global trade and economic policy. A key question is whether "American Exceptionalism" will endure or whether markets are bound for a correction. In Europe and Asia, growth remains uneven, with structural challenges and geopolitical pressures adding complexity. While we hope for a peaceful resolution to current geopolitical tensions, we remain prepared for continued volatility in this regard.

Against this backdrop of uncertainty, our philosophy remains steadfast: to maintain a disciplined valuation framework while seeking quality and sustainable growth opportunities. We believe the portfolio is well positioned, with investments in resilient business models that boast strong balance sheets and visible double-digit earnings growth potential over the long term. Specifically for 2025, we expect mid-teens EPS growth for the portfolio which compares favourably against consensus expectations at the index level. Our unwavering quality growth philosophy and our consistent long-term focus ensure we are not only prepared to navigate near-term challenges but also poised to capture value in the opportunities that arise. Our focus will thus remain on balancing caution with conviction for our clients and partners in the long term.

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#### **RISKS**

This Fund has the following core inherent risks (non-exhaustive list):

- Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal.
- The value of all investments and the income derived therefrom can decrease as well as increase.
- There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved.
- To the extent that the Fund is invested in or denominated in a currency other than yours, the cost and return in your currency may increase or decrease due to exchange rate fluctuations.
- The Fund invests in emerging markets which tend to be more volatile than mature markets and the value of investments can therefore move sharply up or down.
- A more detailed description of the risk factors that apply to the Fund is set out in the Prospectus.

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#### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Total Net Assets (all classes, m)	€895.4
Number of holdings	32
Average weighted market cap (bn)	€624.2
Weight of top 10 stocks	51.3%
Active share	84.4%
Holdings exclude cash and cash equivalents	

#### **SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)**

	Fund	Index
Information Technology	30.6	26.0
Health Care	25.6	9.7
Financials	10.9	16.8
Materials	9.1	3.5
Industrials	7.3	10.2
Consumer Discretionary	5.7	11.3
Consumer Staples	5.6	5.9
Communication Services	3.5	8.2
[Cash]	1.7	
Energy		3.8
Utilities		2.5
Real Estate		2.0
Source: Comgest / GICS sector classification		

#### **TOP 5 HOLDINGS (%)**

	Fund
Microsoft	8.3
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	7.0
Eli Lilly	5.7
ASML Holding	5.2
EssilorLuxottica	4.6
Above holdings are provided for information only, are subject to change and are not a recommendation to buy or sell	

#### **REGIONAL BREAKDOWN (%)**

	Fund	Index
United States	49.1	66.0
Europe	35.0	14.0
Emerging Markets	8.0	10.0
Japan	5.3	4.8
[Cash]	1.7	
Others	0.8	5.2
Source: Compact / MSCI country classification		

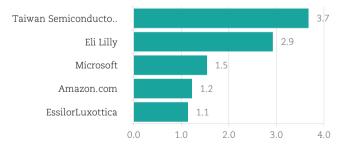
### **TOP 10 CURRENCY WEIGHTS (%)**

	Fund	Index
USD	64.7	67.3
EUR	17.6	7.1
CHF	7.3	2.0
JPY GBP	5.3	4.8
GBP	3.2	2.9

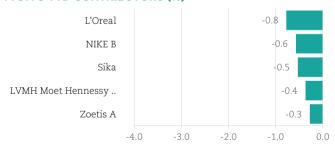
# TOP 10 CURRENCY WEIGHTS (%) - CONT.

	Fund	Index
CNY	1.0	0.4
HKD	0.8	2.5
CAD		2.7
TWD		2.0
INR		1.9
Breakdown based on currencies in which holdings are pr	iced.	

#### **TOP 5 YTD CONTRIBUTORS (%)**



### **BOTTOM 5 YTD CONTRIBUTORS (%)**





# **COMGEST GROWTH GLOBAL**

#### 31 December 2024

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATA SHOWN BELOW IS THE OUTCOME OF OUR INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND STOCK SELECTION. THESE METRICS ARE NOT ALL SPECIFICALLY TARGETED BY COMGEST BUT MAY BE ADDRESSED AS PART OF OUR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PROCESS.

### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT APPROACH**

We believe a responsible approach to environmental, social and governance issues has a positive impact on a company's long-term sustainable growth. ESG is part of our fundamental analysis and we have developed and implemented a three-pronged responsible investment strategy: Integration / Active Ownership / Partnership.

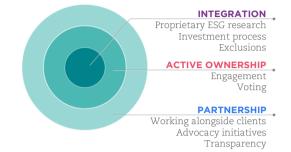
#### **MAIN EXCLUSIONS\***

Coal Exit Policy: Coal-exposed electricity producers & thermal coal mines

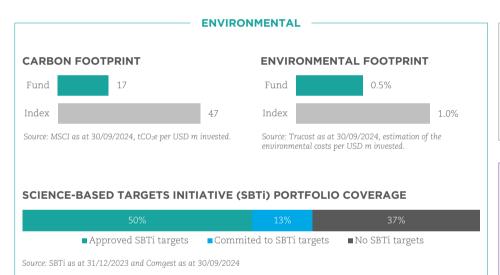
**Tobacco:** Producers & distributors

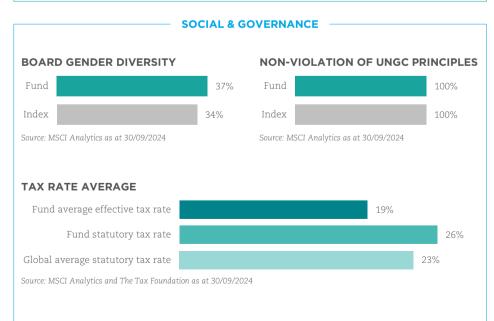
Weapons: Conventional & controversial

**UN Global Compact:** Severe violations without prospect for improvement **Controversial Jurisdictions:** High-risk jurisdictions & sanctions regime



\* Further information on the exclusion policies and applicable revenue thresholds may be found in the Prospectus and the Investment Manager's Responsible Investment Policy on the Comgest website at www.comgest.com/en/sustainability/esg



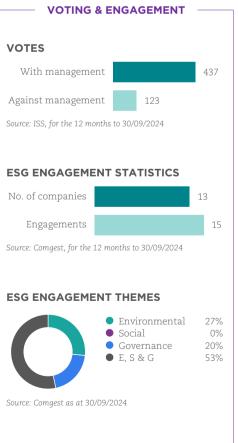


# ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY PREFERENCES

Sustainable investments (SFDR):

- Fund exposure: 33.7% of the NAV
- Minimum commitment: 15.0% of the NAV Consideration of Principal Adverse Impact Indicators: Yes

Source: Comgest as at 31/12/2024



Please see methodologies and glossary on following pages. The information above is based on available data and data may not be available for all portfolio holdings.



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#### **FUND DETAILS**

ISIN: IE00BYYLQ421 Bloomberg: CGWEUZA ID Domicile: Ireland

Dividend Policy: Accumulation Fund Base Currency: USD Share Class Currency: EUR

Share Class Inception Date: 07/10/2016 Index (used for comparative purposes only):

MSCI AC World - Net Return

Ongoing Charges: 0.98% p.a of the NAV Investment Manager's Fees (part of ongoing

charges): 0.90% p.a of the NAV Maximum Sales Charge: 2.00%

Exit Charge: None

Minimum Initial Investment: EUR 10

Minimum Holding: None

#### Contact for Subscriptions and Redemptions:

CACEIS Ireland Limited

Dublin\_TA\_Customer\_Support@caceis.com Tel: +353 1 440 6555 / Fax: +353 1 613 0401

Dealing Frequency: Any business day (D) when banks in Dublin are open for business

Cut Off: 3:00 pm Irish time on day D-1 An earlier deadline for receipt of application or redemption requests may apply if your request is sent through a third party. Please enquire with your local representative, distributor or other third party

NAV: Calculated using closing prices of D

NAV Known: D+1 Settlement: D+2

Legal Structure: Comgest Growth Global, a subfund of Comgest Growth plc (an open-ended investment company with variable capital authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland), is an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS)

Management Company: None as Comgest Growth plc is self-managed

Investment Manager: Comgest Asset Management International Limited (CAMIL) Regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and registered as an investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission SEC registration does not imply a certain level of skill or training

Sub-Investment Manager: Comgest S.A. (CSA) Regulated by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers - GP 90023

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Carbon Footprint: estimates the apportioned Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gases emissions of the portfolio holdings.

Environmental Footprint: estimates the apportioned ratio of annual costs linked to greenhouse gases, water abstraction, waste generation, air, land & water pollutants,

and natural resource use associated with the portfolio holdings per USD m invested

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Science Based Targets Initiative Portfolio Coverage: calculates the % of the Fund's AUM invested in companies with SBTi approved targets or which have committed to set

Board Gender Diversity: this indicator represents the weighted average ratio of female board members to total board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of all board members

Non-Violation of UNGC Principles: this indicator represents the percentage of investee companies that have not been involved in violations of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles.

Effective Tax Rate: an indicator of corporate responsibility and impact. Using MSCI data, Comgest calculates the average effective tax rate and average statutory tax rate of the portfolio's holdings.

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For more detailed information on ESG integration please consult our website: www.comgest.com/en/sustainability/esg



# **Glossary**

Active Share: The percentage of fund holdings that is different from the reference index holdings. A fund that has no holdings in common with the reference index will have an active share of 100%, and a fund that has exactly the same holdings as the reference index considered will have an active share of 0%.

ADR - American Depositary Receipt: A negotiable security that represents securities of a foreign company and allows that company's shares to trade in the financial markets of the United States.

**Annualised:** A figure converted into an annual rate. Figures covering a period of more than one year are averaged to present a figure for a 12-month period

Bp(s) - Basis point(s): One basis point is equal to one hundredth of 1% (i.e. 0.01%).

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BV - Book Value: The value of the company assets minus its liabilities.

**CAGR - Compound Annual Growth Rate:** The rate of return that would be required for an investment to grow from its beginning balance to its ending balance, assuming the profits were reinvested at the end of each year of the investment's lifespan.

CapEx - Capital Expenditure: The money invested by a company to acquire or upgrade fixed, physical, non-consumable assets such as property, plants, buildings, technology, or equipment.

Cash Flow: The net amount of cash and cash equivalents being transferred in and out of a company. Cash received signifies inflows, and cash spent signifies outflows.

**CPI - Consumer Price Index:** An index that measures the overall change in consumer prices based on a representative basket of goods and services over time. It is the metric often used to measure inflation.

**DY - Dividend Yield:** A ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its share price.

EBITDA - Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation: Used to measure a company's core profitability and is calculated by adding interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation expenses to net income.

**EBIT - Earnings Before Interest and Taxes:** Used to measure a company's core profitability and is calculated by adding interest and tax expenses to net income

**EPS - Earnings Per Share:** The profits of a company attributed to each share, calculated by dividing profits after tax by the number of shares. EPS serves as an indicator of a company's profitability.

FCF - Free Cash Flow: The cash generated by a company from its normal business operations after subtracting any money spent on capital expenditures.

**GDP** - **Gross Domestic Product:** The total market value of all the finished goods and services produced within in a country's border in a specific time period.

GDR - Global Depositary Receipt: A certificate issued by a bank that represents shares in a foreign stock on two or more global markets. A GDR is similar to an American depositary receipt (ADR), except an ADR only lists shares of a foreign country in the markets of the United States.

LTM - Last 12 Months: LTM multiples are backward-looking and are based on historical performance.

Market Cap(italisation): A measure of a company's size, calculated by multiplying the total number of shares in issue by the current share price. Companies are commonly grouped according to size, such as small cap, mid cap, large cap or all cap. There is no consensus on the definition of these groupings and they may vary from portfolio to portfolio depending on the country of investment.

NAV - Net Asset Value: The current market value of the portfolio's assets minus the portfolio's liabilities.

NTM - Next 12 Months: NTM multiples are forward-looking and are based on projected performance.

Ongoing Charges: A fund's operational costs over a year. Ongoing Charges are calculated as a percentage of the average fund size over the year and include, for example, investment manager's fees, administration fees and custody costs.

Operating Margin: Measures how much profit a company makes on a dollar (or relevant currency) of sales after paying for variable costs of production, such as wages and raw materials, but before paying interest or tax.

Operating Profit: A company's gross income less operating expenses and other business-related expenses, such as wages, cost of goods sold (COGS) and depreciation.

**Organic Growth:** Growth a company achieves by increasing output and enhancing sales through the business' own operations and internal processes. This does not include profits or growth attributable to mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and foreign exchange but rather an increase in sales and expansion through the company's own resources.

**Organic Sales:** Sales generated from within a company that are a direct result of the company's existing operations and internal processes. Organic sales do not include the impacts of mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and foreign exchange.

P/B or P/BV - Price-to-Book Value Ratio: Measures the market's valuation of a company relative to its book value. P/B or P/BV is calculated by dividing the company's stock price per share by its book value per share.

P/E - Price-to-Earnings Ratio: A ratio used to value a company's shares. It is calculated by dividing the current market price by the earnings per share.

P/S - Price-to-Sales Ratio: A valuation ratio that compares a company's stock price to its revenues. It is an indicator of the value that financial markets have placed on each dollar of a company's sales or revenues.

**PEG - Price/Earnings-To-Growth Ratio:** A stock's price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio divided by the growth rate of its earnings for a specified time period. The PEG ratio is used to determine a stock's value while also factoring in the company's expected earnings growth.

**PMI - Purchasing Managers' Index:** An index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors.

**Reference Index:** Index against which a fund's performance is compared.

ROE - Return On Equity: Measures financial performance and is calculated by dividing net income by shareholders' equity. ROE is a gauge of a company's profitability and how efficiently it generates those profits.

ROIC - Return On Invested Capital: Calculation

**ROIC - Return On Invested Capital:** Calculation used to assess a company's efficiency at allocating the capital under its control to profitable investments.

SME - Small- Or Medium-Sized Enterprise: A company, or companies considered as a group, that are neither very small nor very large and which employ fewer than a given number of employees. This number varies across countries.

**Volatility:** Measures the movements of an asset up and down over time. Volatility is generally considered to be a measure of risk.

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# **ESG Glossary**

**Engagement:** Proactive, targeted dialogue with companies or other industry stakeholders (e.g. policymakers, industry bodies) in order to make known areas of concern and to incite tangible, positive change to improve outcomes for stakeholders.

Environmental Factors: Issues related to pollution, climate change, energy efficiency, natural resource use, waste management, biodiversity and other environmental challenges and opportunities.

**ESG** - Environmental, Social and Governance: The three key factors when measuring the sustainability and ethical impact of an investment in a business or company.

**GHG - Greenhouse Gases:** Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere and warm the planet. The best known greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and fluorinated gases.

Governance Factors: Governance refers to a set of rules or principles defining rights, responsibilities and expectations between different stakeholders in the governance of corporations. Governance factors include a company's leadership, executive pay, audits, internal controls and shareholder rights.

**Net Zero:** Achieving a balance between emitting carbon and absorbing carbon from the atmosphere. This balance, or net zero, will be achieved when the amount of carbon added to the atmosphere is no more than the amount removed

atmosphere is no more than the amount removed **PAI - Principal Adverse Impact:** A list of sustainability factors that firms need to take into account for their investment policies and decisions. These indicators relate to environmental and social topics.

**Proxy Voting:** A form of voting whereby a shareholder delegates their vote to another who votes on their behalf at company meetings. This allows the shareholder to exercise their right to vote without being physically present.

RI - Responsible Investment: The integration of environmental, social and governance factors (ESG) into the selection and management of investments.

**Scope 1 Emissions:** Emissions directly generated by a company, such as an airline emitting exhaust fumes.

Scope 2 Emissions: Emissions indirectly generated by a company, such as emissions from the electricity or energy used to heat and cool a company's office.

Scope 3 Emissions: All other indirect emissions that occur in the value chain of a company and are not already included within scope 2. These emissions are a consequence of the company's business activities but occur from sources the company does not own or control. For example, emissions from a company's employees commuting to work. Scope 3 emissions are often difficult to measure.

SFDR Classification: SFDR product classifications fall under three categories and aim to make the sustainability profiles of funds more comparable and easier to understand by investors.

SFDR - EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure

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tCO2e: Tonnes (t) of carbon dioxide (CO2)
equivalent. Carbon dioxide equivalent is a
standard unit for counting greenhouse gas
emissions regardless of whether they are from
carbon dioxide or another gas, such as methane.

**UNGC** - **UN Global Compact:** A voluntary pact of the United Nations (UN) to encourage businesses and firms worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies, and to report on their implementation.

UN Global Compact (UNGC) Principles: Ten principles defined as part of the UNGC framework to promote responsible investment. Companies, investors and other participants are called upon to align their strategies and operations with the principles in the areas of human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption.

Voting: A mechanism for active owners to influence companies, usually done with the aim of influencing a company's governance or operations. Public equity investors typically have the right to vote on company and shareholder resolutions at annual and extraordinary general meetings (AGMs and EGMs).

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