

Sustainability profile

Investment policy

The fund invests in equities in small and medium sized companies domiciled in or with major activities in the emerging markets and listed on an official stock exchange. In actively managing the fund's portfolio, the management team selects securities that appear to offer superior investment characteristics. The fund may use derivatives for hedging and efficient portfolio management. The fund may invest in Chinese A-shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Programmes which are subject to quota limitations and operational constraints such as local custody requirements which may result in increased legal and counterparty risk.

Inclusion

The fund takes account of ESG scores in its investment process, which entails that ESG rating at company level is an integrated element of the investment decisions taken in the fund.

Exclusion

The fund strives not to invest in companies that breach international recognized norms, such as UN Global Compact, within human rights, labour rights, environment and anti-corruption (called norm-based screening). Nor does the fund invest in companies whose revenue derives fully or partly from the production of and/or trading with controversial weapons (cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, chemical and biological weapons) and nuclear weapons (warheads and missiles).

Fund company engagement

Own engagement: We initiate an engagement with companies that breach our Responsible Investment policy. The aim of the engagement is to clarify whether the company intends to improve its corporate responsibility and, according to the result of this engagement, to decide on whether to sell the current holdings. Engagement with other investors: We engage together with fund companies and investment managers, as well as other investors, and also take part in joint cooperative initiatives, such as the UN-supported PRI (Principles of Responsible Investment), in order to encourage respect for international principles, and to promote openness and transparency concerning corporate responsibility. Engagement through external suppliers/consultants: We take part in company engagements through ISS-Ethix.

Resources

Danske Bank has a team that works solely on issues related to responsible investment. We cooperate with the external consultants ISS-Ethix, Sustainalytics and Trucost, which contribute analyses and advice concerning ESG aspects, carbon footprint and the company's sustainability profile in general. A list of the companies that do not fulfil the requirements in our norm-based screening is updated bi-annually. The fund's holdings are monitored continuously, to ensure that no investments are made in companies on this list.

Additional information

The fund's investments are published on an ongoing basis at www.danskeinvest.com. A list of the companies that do not fulfil our fundamental investment policy in the sustainability area (called norm-based screening) can be found here: <https://www.danskebank.com/en-uk/CSR/business/SRI/Pages/exclusionlist.aspx>

Basic information

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