



AAF M&G Emerging Market Equities

Website Product Disclosure



ABN-AMRO Investment Solutions



Summary

No Sustainable Investment Objective

This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

Environmental/Social characteristics of the financial product

The analysis of ESG factors is systematically integrated into the investment decision making process of ABN AMRO Funds M&G Emerging Market Equities (the “Sub-Fund”). The External Investment Manager defines ESG integration as the process of recognising the financial materiality (or significance) of environmental, social, and corporate governance factors as part of the investment process. The Sub-Fund will use a selection of securities complying with ABN AMRO Investment Solutions (the “Management Company”) ESG responsibility criteria. The External Investment Managers must comply with the Management Company's standards of quality and go through a qualitative selection process before being retained. This process involves an in-depth analysis of the External Investment Manager's corporate social responsibility policy as well as its overall sustainability strengths going from the analysis of ESG professionals, philosophy, and investment process. Under the ESG responsibility criteria of the Management Company, the External Investment Manager is committed to conducting both negative and positive screenings as well as taking engagement actions when necessary. The Sub-Fund will be composed of issuers that are either leading or improving on ESG practices.

The Sub-Fund promotes both environmental and social characteristics. On the environmental front, the Sub-Fund promotes climate risk management. The social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund focus on global human rights, labour standards as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Investment Strategy

The Sub-Fund aims to invest in emerging market equities. Consideration of ESG Factors is fully integrated into fundamental analysis and investment decisions. The External Investment Manager's fundamental analysis includes an assessment of ESG Factors, alongside other financial and operational characteristics. Following the ESG-related quality assessment, the External Investment Manager quantifies ESG risks for these companies, to determine whether these have been accounted for, in company's valuation. The External Investment Manager favours issuers with better ESG characteristics where this is not detrimental to the pursuit of the investment objective.

Consideration of ESG Factors is fully integrated into analysis and investment decisions.

To identify securities for purchase, the External Investment Manager reduces the potential investment universe (i) by screening out the exclusions (ii) by further analysing ESG factors to identify and take advantage of investment opportunities. This process results in a portfolio with better ESG characteristics. In constructing a portfolio positively tilted towards investments with better ESG characteristics, the External Investment Manager may nonetheless invest in investments across the full spectrum of ESG ratings.

Proportion of Investment

The Sub-Fund plans to invest at least 90% of its net assets in assets that have been determined as “eligible” as per the ESG process in place (hence in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics). Consequently, up to 10% of the investments may not be aligned with these characteristics

Monitoring of the Environmental/Social characteristics

When the Management Company delegates part of the management of the Sub-Fund to External Investment Managers, controls are performed at two levels. With respect to pre-trade controls, the External Investment Managers perform controls using their own frameworks as well as including the guidelines given by the Management Company. With respect to post-trade controls, these are performed at both the External Investment Managers' and the Management Company's level, each using their own frameworks.

The External Investment Manager monitor the respect of the exclusions on a pre and post trade basis as investment restrictions to prevent and detect investments that would not be compliant with the stated exclusions. Incidents are recorded and resolved through an incident investigation process. The Management Company, through its Business Control & Oversight team, performs periodic ex-post controls to ensure that the portfolio complies with the commitments made. If a "non-compliant matter" is detected by the Management Company, its Business Control & Oversight team will first analyse it and engage in dialogue with the External Investment Manager if necessary. Depending on the nature of the non-compliance, the Management Company's ESG team may decide to monitor it using its proprietary "ESG Watchlist". If the non-compliance persists over time, an escalation process is put in place by the Management Company to ensure a timely remediation plan in the best interest of shareholders.

Data sources and processing

The Management Company monitors the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Sub-Fund using its own data providers. The Management Company uses three external data providers as its main sources. Once collected from these sources, the data is integrated and stored in the internal front-to-back tool and/or available in the Management Company's dedicated data management system (which directly and continuously obtains data from the providers). Information is also available via dedicated portals developed by external data providers, access to which is limited to specific users of the Management Company.

The External Investment Manager sources information from third party data vendors including companies such as MSCI and Bloomberg as well as sources from proprietary research and analysis. Data received from third party vendors typically comes from reputable and, in some cases, audited sources, such as annual reports of sustainability reports. Upon receipt, the data is checked by the analysts. To ensure that interpretation of data is consistent, benchmarking exercises are performed where appropriate. Collected ESG data is evaluated via use of a proprietary ESG scorecard, which is populated by the analysts. Data is processed through a combination of external and internal proprietary systems and digital platform tools which monitor the exposure of the funds both at fund and security level both pre and post trade.

Due Diligence

The Management Company carries out due diligences for the selection of delegated strategies as well as for open-ended investment funds. The Management Due Diligence analysts' team (MDD) identifies and selects high quality investment strategies and monitors the universe of approved strategies. The MDD team focuses on all investment and sustainability-related elements of an investment strategy. The Management Company's in-depth analysis is based on a "5-P approach": Parent, People, Process, Portfolio and Performance. Each of the previously outlined aspects is evaluated and ultimately leads to a final rating of the strategy. As part of the monitoring process, the MDD team periodically reviews the performance of the strategy to ensure that it remains aligned with the investment style of the portfolio. The ESG team supports the MDD team in reviewing the process and methodologies implemented by the external asset managers when considering ESG and sustainability issues. The ESG team provides qualitative feedback during the selection phase and supports the MDD team throughout its analysis process, using the "5-P approach" aforementioned. In addition, during the monitoring phase, the ESG team will monitor the Sub-Fund's characteristics and performance related to the environmental and/or social characteristics defined (including the review of underlying investments).



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Environmental/social characteristics of the financial product

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The Sub-Fund promotes both environmental and social characteristics. On the environmental front, the Sub-Fund promotes climate risk management. The social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund focus on global human rights, labour standards as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund.



Investment Strategy

Description of the strategy

The Sub-Fund aims to invest in emerging market equities. Consideration of ESG Factors is fully integrated into fundamental analysis and investment decisions. The External Investment Manager's fundamental analysis includes an assessment of ESG Factors, alongside other financial and operational characteristics. Following the ESG-related quality assessment, the External Investment Manager quantifies ESG risks for these companies, to determine whether these have been accounted for, in company's valuation. The External Investment Manager favours issuers with better ESG characteristics where this is not detrimental to the pursuit of the investment objective.

Consideration of ESG Factors is fully integrated into analysis and investment decisions.

To identify securities for purchase, the External Investment Manager reduces the potential investment universe (i) by screening out the exclusions (ii) by further analysing ESG factors to identify and take advantage of investment opportunities. This process results in a portfolio with better ESG characteristics. In constructing a portfolio positively tilted towards investments with better ESG characteristics, the External Investment Manager may nonetheless invest in investments across the full spectrum of ESG ratings.

Good governance practices

As part of its “Good Governance Policy”, the Management Company of the Sub-Fund determines if a company does not follow good governance practices. Companies that do not follow good governance practices are excluded from the initial investment universe of the Sub-Fund. The data source used for all below mentioned criteria and to define the pass/fail good governance test of the Management Company is Sustainalytics.

SFDR Component	Indicator	Exclusion Criteria	Description
Sound Management Structure	UN Global Compact - Principle 10	Watchlist and Non-Compliant status	Principle 10 of the UN Global Compact is related to anti-bribery and corruption and states businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.
	Governance controversy assessment	High & Severe Levels (equivalent to levels 4/5 and 5/5)	As part of the controversy assessment, the following topics are included: accounting irregularities, bribery and corruption, anti-competitive practices, sanctions as well as board composition.
Employee Relations	UN Global Compact – Principles 3, 4, 5 and 6	Watchlist and Non-Compliant status	Principle 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the UN Global Compact are related to labour conditions. The principles state that businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining; the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour; the effective abolition of child labour; and the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
	Social Controversy Assessment	High & Severe Levels (equivalent to levels 4/5 and 5/5)	As part of the controversy assessment, the following topics are included: freedom of association, child/forced labour, health and safety, community relations, respect of human rights, labour standards, discrimination, and harassment.
Tax Compliance	Governance Controversy Assessment	High & Severe Levels (equivalent to levels 4/5 and 5/5)	As part of the controversy assessment, taxes avoidance and evasion are taken into consideration.
Remuneration of Staff	Governance Controversy Assessment	High & Severe Levels (equivalent to levels 4/5 and 5/5)	As part of the controversy assessment, remuneration is taken into consideration.



Proportion of investments

The Sub-Fund invests at least 90% of its net assets in assets that have been determined as “eligible” as per the ESG process in place (hence in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics)).

Up to 10% of the investments are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other). “#2 Other” includes derivatives, bank deposits at sight, including cash held in current accounts with a bank accessible at any time. These are used for Investment, hedging and efficient management portfolio purposes. There are no minimum environmental or social safeguards associated with these investments. A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this Sub-Fund can be found in the prospectus.



#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.



Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

When the Management Company delegates part of the management of the Sub-Fund to External Investment Managers, controls are performed at two levels. With respect to pre-trade controls, the External Investment Managers perform controls using their own frameworks as well as including the guidelines given by the Management Company. With respect to post-trade controls, these are performed at both the External Investment Managers' and the Management Company's level, each using their own frameworks.

- The External Investment Manager: The Sub-Fund's exclusions are coded and monitored on a pre and post trade basis as investment restrictions to prevent and detect investments that would not be compliant with the stated exclusions. Incidents are recorded and resolved through an incident investigation process. The Sub-Fund's characteristics are coded and monitored on a pre and post trade basis as an investment restriction to prevent the Sub-Fund being managed in a way that is not compliant with the binding characteristic.
- Management Company: The monitoring of environmental or social characteristics of the investment product is ensured through a dedicated control framework. The Management Company, through its Business Control & Oversight team, performs periodic ex-post controls to ensure that the portfolio complies with the commitments made. If a "non-compliant matter" is detected by the Management Company, its Business Control & Oversight team will first analyse it and engage in dialogue with the External Investment Manager if necessary. Depending on the nature of the non-compliance, the Management Company's ESG team may decide to monitor it using its proprietary "ESG Watchlist". If the non-compliance persists over time, an escalation process is put in place by the Management Company to ensure a timely remediation plan in the best interest of shareholders.



Methodologies

ESG analysis is systematically integrated into the investment decision making process. As part of its ESG framework, the Management Company uses the following sustainability indicators to measure the achievement of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund:

- Absence of companies that do not meet the criteria defined in the Management Company's Exclusion List and that are deemed incompatible with the E/S promotion (e.g. tobacco, controversial weapons).
- Controversy Level Assessment - Controversy involvement is a key measure of ESG performance. Controversy level assessment reflects a company's level of involvement in issues and how it manages those issues.
- Compliance with the UN Global Compact - The United Nations Global Compact is the world largest corporate sustainability initiative aimed at encouraging businesses and firms worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies, and to report on their implementation. The UN Global Compact is a principle-based framework for businesses, stating ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment, and anti-corruption. The Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact are derived from: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, and the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.
- ESG Risk Scores - ESG risk scores measure a company's exposure to material industry-specific ESG risks and how the company manages those risks. This multi-dimensional way of measuring ESG risk combines the concepts of management and exposure to arrive at an absolute assessment of ESG risk.
- Scope 1 GHG Emissions - Scope 1 emissions emanate from a company's internal operations, including on-site energy production, vehicle fleets, manufacturing operations, and waste.
- Scope 2 GHG emissions - Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions generated by the production of energy used by the company.



Data sources and processing

The Management Company monitors the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Sub-Fund using its own data providers.

The Management Company uses three external data providers as its main sources:

- The Management Company assesses the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Sub-Fund's constituents using the external data provider Sustainalytics. The Management Company uses Sustainalytics for ESG risk scores, controversies, product involvement as well as alignment with global standards (e.g., OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises).
- The Management Company uses Morningstar to analyse the Sub-Fund's peer group, as well as for various ESG data calculations at portfolio level.
- The Management Company uses the data provider ISS for climate and impact data. The Management Company also uses ISS as a proxy voting solution.

Once collected from these sources, the data is integrated and stored in the internal front-to-back tool and/or available in the Management Company's dedicated data management system (which directly and continuously obtains data from the providers). Information is also available via dedicated portals developed by external data providers, access to which is limited to specific users of the Management Company. The Management Company verifies that the data is available, reported (or calculated), and dependable over time. On a case-by-case basis (e.g., if an ESG score is missing), the Management Company may use other sources of information

to form its own opinion regarding the ESG suitability of any investment opportunity with the Sub-Fund's strategy.

The External Investment Manager sources information from third party data vendors including companies such as MSCI and Bloomberg as well as sources from proprietary research and analysis. Data received from third party vendors typically comes from reputable and, in some cases, audited sources, such as annual reports of sustainability reports. Upon receipt, the data is checked by the analysts. To ensure that interpretation of data is consistent, benchmarking exercises are performed where appropriate. Collected ESG data is evaluated via use of a proprietary ESG scorecard, which is populated by the analysts.

Data is processed through a combination of external and internal proprietary systems and digital platform tools which monitor the exposure of the funds both at fund and security level both pre and post trade.

Use of estimated data is limited. However when an estimation is needed proprietary analysis and tools are used. For example, if a portfolio company does not disclose its greenhouse gas emissions, an estimation is made using the Investment Manager's proprietary carbon emission tool which estimates portfolio companies' carbon intensity levels.



Limitations to methodologies and data

The methodologies and data used have the following limitations:

- **Data quality:** the approach followed includes qualitative analysis of a company's ESG credentials. The methodology is subject to limitations, including reliance on the quality of data provided by investee companies or third-party research providers, as well as quantification of qualitative data.
- **Coverage:** the overall team of ESG analysts in charge of the analysis of the Sub-Fund may not be staffed to cover the entire investment universe and methodological limitations that exist. In addition, with respect to external data providers, although the number of companies covered by data providers has increased significantly over time, and continues to increase, there may be instances where a specific company is not assessed by them. This is because either the data provider does not cover the company in question, or the company has not provided the data necessary for a proper assessment by the data provider.
- **Discrepancy in ratings:** the data used for the analysis of the Sub-Fund is obtained from different data providers, which have different methodologies for assessing ESG performance. The result of their assessment is to some extent subjective and inconsistent. Moreover, the difference in data sources and processing methods used by the Management Company and the asset managers of open-ended investments funds may further add to this discrepancy in ratings.
- **Estimated data:** Not all data points are reported data and some of the data used are estimated. For example, in the case of carbon data or ESG ratings, some technical calculations may be based on estimated data (i.e., by reference to a peer group average).



Due diligence

The Management Company carries out due diligences for the selection of delegated strategies as well as for open-ended investment funds:

- The MDD team identifies and selects high quality investment strategies and monitors the universe of approved strategies. The MDD analysts team focuses on all investment and sustainability-related elements of an investment strategy, such as organization, team, investment, portfolio construction, process, track record, etc. MDD's research reports include a thorough sustainability due diligence and a

separate sustainability rating. For all strategies, MDD analysts assess the asset management company in charge of the strategy on its commitment to and transparency on ESG investing. They also assess to what extent, and at what stages, ESG criteria are integrated into the investment strategies and effectively considered in the investment process and the portfolio. This analysis is carried out by means of a questionnaire sent via the Management Company's proprietary platform, Deeligenz, as well as during meetings with the professionals involved in the strategy (e.g., portfolio managers, financial analysts, ESG analysts, management team, etc.). The Management Company's in-depth analysis is based on a "5-P approach": Parent, People, Process, Portfolio and Performance. Each of the previously outlined aspects is evaluated and ultimately leads to a final rating of the strategy.

As part of the monitoring process, the MDD team periodically reviews the performance of the strategy to ensure that it remains aligned with the investment style of the portfolio. The MDD team provides transparency and regular monitoring of the strategy's portfolio. ESG ratings and other sustainable characteristics of the portfolio's underlying assets are also monitored regularly. In addition, MDD analysts meet periodically with portfolio managers to discuss recent performance as well as recent transactions to monitor alignment with promoted environmental and/or social characteristics. To prepare for the meeting, MDD analysts send out a monitoring questionnaire using the Management Company's proprietary platform, Deeligenz, with questions related to the portfolio, performance, and ESG factors. During the calls, portfolio managers clarify if there were any changes in the team and processes. Analysts and investment managers also discuss recent engagements and milestones during the period. In addition, MDD analysts monitor any significant events that may affect the portfolio, e.g., with respect to their investments, financial and ESG analysts, investment process, engagement capacity. Each change may affect the strategy's 5-P based rating, which may result in a change in the strategy's ratings, including the sustainability rating.

- The ESG team supports the MDD team in reviewing the process and methodologies implemented by the external asset managers when considering ESG and sustainability issues. The ESG team provides qualitative feedback during the selection phase and supports the MDD team throughout its analysis process, using the "5-P approach" aforementioned. In addition, during the monitoring phase, the ESG team will monitor the Sub-Fund's characteristics and performance related to the environmental and/or social characteristics defined. The ESG team will also monitor the Sub-Fund's underlying investments against the overall environmental and/or social characteristics, as well as the ESG indicators for all the Sub-Fund's holdings. If a holding is identified as not meeting the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Sub-Fund, the ESG team will further investigate the issue through an internal analysis. In addition, the ESG team is responsible for periodically reviewing the exclusion lists, assessing the relevance of the latest ESG information regarding restricted companies and updating the lists, accordingly, thereby adjusting the portfolios. The ESG team also ensures the proper understanding and implementation of regulatory requirements on green finance, such as SFDR, RTS or Taxonomy, throughout the entire product range. Lastly, the ESG team is responsible for the sustainable labelling of the Management Company's product range. Overall, the ESG team plays a very transversal role in the Management Company's organization, as ESG is at the heart of its investment strategy.

The External Investment Manager carries out due diligence on the underlying assets of the Sub-Fund. ESG due diligence is carried out as a part of the fundamental investment research. Research analysts assess the Principal Adverse Impact metrics and identify key sustainability risks to evaluate and express their materiality for the subject company or investment. Analysts reflect their assessments in either written research or an ESG Scorecard. Where applicable, the analyst uses the ESG Scorecard to evaluate 15 mandatory and common factors and additional idiosyncratic factors deemed relevant to the subject company's risk profile and business mix. In addition to the proprietary assessments, investment decision-making may also take account of third party ESG ratings, where available. Appropriate consideration of ESG factors is a mandatory objective in the due diligence process for analysts and fund managers.



Engagement policies

As part of its sub-advisory business model, the Management Company delegates responsibility for engagement to the selected External Investment Manager. However, the Management Company does not delegate all stewardship activities and is responsible for proxy voting. The External Investment Manager may act as an

advisor and guide the Management Company on specific issues that it engages with specific companies. Even when advised, the Management Company remains the final decision maker for the proxy vote.

The External Investment Manager believes that the long-term success of companies is supported by effective investor stewardship and high standards of corporate governance. They believe that if a company is run well, and sustainably, it is more likely to be successful in the long run.

Wherever possible, the External Investment Manager seeks to achieve its objectives by agreement and in a confidential manner but may be prepared to publicise issues by taking them to the national press or support the requisition of a meeting, or requisition a meeting themselves, to enable shareholders to vote on matters in dispute. The prioritisation of the External Investment Manager's resources is based on a range of factors, including the materiality of an issue and the size of the holding.

The External Investment Manager monitors progress of engagements against identified objectives on a periodic basis. To them, confrontation with boards at shareholder meetings represents a failure of corporate governance. Escalation is normally conducted by the investment team alongside the Stewardship & Sustainability team and may involve meeting with the company's chair and/or senior independent director, the executive team, other shareholders and/or company advisers. In a limited number of cases, it may be appropriate for the chief executive officer or the chief investment officer of M&G Investments to be involved.

Focused intervention will generally begin with a process of enhancing their understanding of the company's position and communicating their position to the company. This might include initiating discussions with the chair and/or the company's advisers.

The External Investment Manager also regularly engages with other stakeholders including trade bodies, policymakers and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) such as the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), Financial Reporting Council (FRC), Investment Association, the UN PRI, Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC), United Kingdom Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF), EFAMA, Investor Forum, International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN), ShareAction et al. These interactions follow the same procedure and use many of the same methods as their interactions with companies. As such they are logged and tracked by the Stewardship & Sustainability team.

For more information, please refer to the External Investment Manager's website:
<https://www.mandg.com/investments>



Designated reference benchmark

No specific ESG-related index has been designated for this Sub-Fund.