

## Summary

The product uses a combination of exclusion criteria and a ratings-based approach to take account of environmental and social characteristics. Active dialogue with corporate representatives, particularly management teams, is an integral part of company analysis. MainFirst Global Dividend Stars considers active dialogue with management as an important practice, aimed at improving the ESG profile of investee companies during the holding period. Non-financial factors such as the consideration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria, in particular with regards to reputational risk, are actively included in investment and decision-making processes.




## No sustainable investment objective

This financial product takes account of environmental or social characteristics but does not have sustainable investment within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (the “EU Taxonomy Regulation”) as its primary objective.

## Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The ESG approach of MainFirst Global Dividend Stars is intended to improve the average ESG risk rating of individual companies over the investment period. This is achieved in particular through regular dialogue with companies that have a high ESG risk rating or are not rated. One goal of constructive and critical dialogue is to avoid risks. We initiate dialogue with companies whose ESG risk rating lies at the upper end of the rating scale. As part of this process, we draw on the analysis provided by the external ratings agency [Sustainalytics](#).

### In addition, the sustainability requirement of MainFirst Global Dividend Stars is strengthened by the exclusion of the following sectors:

| Environment screening exclusions:   | Health screening exclusions:  | Ethical screening exclusions:   | Rule-based exclusions:   |
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| Oil sands / shale gas<br>Coal<br>Nuclear energy  | Tobacco  | Adult entertainment  | Violation of the principles contained in the UN Global Compact |

### In addition, the following principal adverse impacts (PAIs) are considered:

1. Greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1, Scope 2, Scope 3)
2. Carbon footprint
4. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector
10. Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

#### 14. Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)

Companies are also subjected to a controversies review based on Sustainalytics data. This assesses the participation of companies in incidents with negative impacts from an environmental, social and governance (ESG) perspective.

As a result of the exclusions, the investable benchmark universe is reduced by around 3%.

### Investment strategy

The investment objective of MainFirst Global Dividend Stars is to use a consistent investment style to generate an appropriate return across differing market phases, from medium to long-term capital growth and regular distributions. As part of an active portfolio management approach, companies are favoured that display above-average dividend quality. Our investment strategy focuses primarily on fundamental analysis of companies based on qualitative and quantitative criteria. This analysis includes a detailed evaluation of the business model, balance sheet, cash flows and investments based on qualitative factors, with particular emphasis placed on management quality.

ESG analysis is a key component of the investment process with a sustainability analysis carried out for each security.

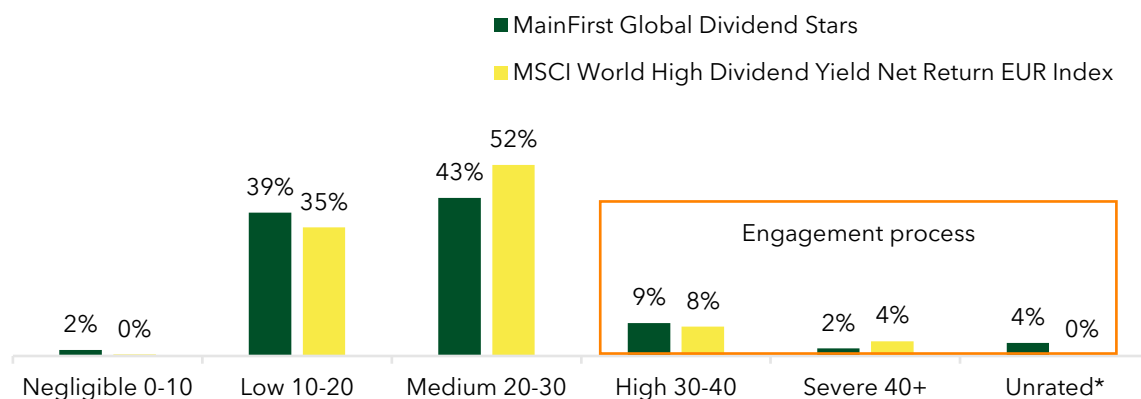
### Proportion of investments

The product does not have the aim of investing in sustainable assets within the meaning of the SFDR. ESG factors are taken into account as part of every investment decision.

### Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The allocation of the ESG risk rating is monitored daily and published at regular intervals.

#### Distribution of ESG risk rating



\*Unrated figures also includes current and expected cash

Source: Sustainalytics, 29.12.2023

## Methodologies

The sustainability ratings of the ratings provider Sustainalytics facilitate the decision making process by fundamentally classifying investments according to sustainability-related factors such as environmental, social and governance aspects. ESG risk scores are classified globally within the overall universe analysed. The weighted average of the ESG risk ratings for the companies included in the portfolio are compared with the weighted average rating of the benchmark (MSCI World High Dividend Yield NR index EUR). A proprietary internal ESG analysis is carried out for securities not covered by Sustainalytics.

## Data sources and processing

The primary data source for ESG analysis is Sustainalytics. The data required are lodged in the order management system for pre- and post-trade compliance purposes.

## Limitations to methodologies and data

Smaller companies currently report little information on ESG-related risks and the measures taken to address them; this means that the data situation is more difficult in this sector and there is a risk that smaller companies will have poorer ESG ratings from Sustainalytics, or will not have an ESG rating. There is often little data available to carry out proprietary ESG analyses.

## Due diligence

Criteria and processes are examined internally by Portfolio Management, Investment Compliance & Risk Management. An external review of the indicators and ratings made available is carried out by Sustainalytics.

## Engagement policies

- > [ESG Policy](#)
- > [Voting Policy](#)
- > [Prospectus](#)

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Further information on the fund is available at [www.ethenea.com](http://www.ethenea.com) or [www.mainfirst.com](http://www.mainfirst.com), in particular the Guidelines for Sustainable Investments (ESG) and the separate Guideline for Exercising Voting Rights.

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