

## Sustainability-related disclosures

# MAINFIRST - MEGATRENDS ASIA



### SUMMARY

The product uses a combination of exclusion criteria and a ratings-based approach to take account of environmental and social characteristics. MainFirst Megatrends Asia aims to achieve a better average ESG risk rating than that of the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan index. As part of this process, we draw on the analysis of the external ratings agency Sustainalytics. 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

MainFirst Megatrends Asia aims for a better average ESG risk profile than that of its benchmark, the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan index. As part of this process, we draw on the ESG risk rating of the external ratings agency Sustainalytics.

In addition, the sustainability requirement of MainFirst Megatrends Asia is strengthened by the exclusion of the following sectors:

 <p><b>ENVIRONMENT SCREENING EXCLUSIONS</b> Oil and gas, oil sands / shale gas, coal, nuclear energy, production of single-use plastic</p>	 <p><b>HEALTH SCREENING EXCLUSIONS</b> Genetically modified seeds, tobacco, sugar producers</p>	 <p><b>ETHICAL SCREENING EXCLUSIONS</b> Adult entertainment</p>	 <p><b>NORM-BASED EXCLUSIONS</b> Violation of the principles contained in the UN Global Compact</p>
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In addition, the following principal adverse impacts (PAIs) are considered:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 1 Greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1, Scope 2, Scope 3)</li> <li>No. 2 Carbon footprint</li> <li>No. 3 Greenhous gas intensity</li> <li>No. 4 Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector</li> <li>No. 10 Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 14 Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>As a result of the exclusions, the investable Asian benchmark universe is reduced by around 11%.</p> |
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## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

MainFirst Megatrends Asia invests in Asian equities and focuses on promising investment themes such as digitalisation, consumption, automation and decarbonisation. Stocks are selected based on comprehensive company analyses (bottom-up), with preference given to companies undergoing structural growth (growth approach). The investment focus may be on companies of any market capitalisation. The focus is on long-term investments with a time horizon of at least five years. The aim is to outperform the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan index over the long term.

## PROPORTION OF INVESTMENTS

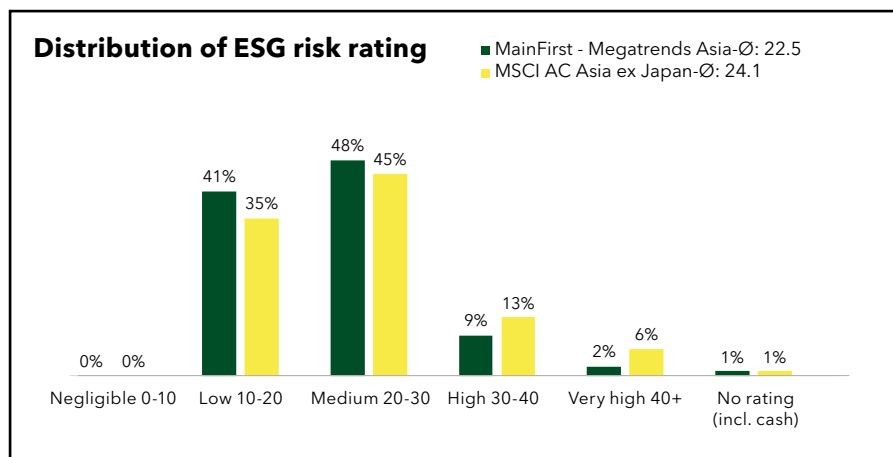
The product does not have the aim of investing solely in sustainable assets within the meaning of the SFDR. ESG factors are taken into account as part of every investment decision.

## 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 MSCI AC Asia ex Japan index. A proprietary internal ESG analysis is carried out for securities not covered by Sustainalytics.

## MONITORING OF ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

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



Source: Sustainalytics, 30 December 2022

## 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. Our processes are also verified externally by FNG.

## ENGAGEMENT POLICIES

The engagement process is based on the following three pillars:

1. direct dialogue,
2. a formal engagement process,
3. social engagement.

Please refer to:

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

### Disclaimer

This document provides ESG information about this fund for investors. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund with regards to ESG issues. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest. Additional information on the sub-fund, the current prospectus with appendix, the Articles of Association and the latest annual and semi-annual reports may be obtained in German, English and French, free of charge during normal business hours from the investment company, management company, depositary, distributor(s) and paying agent(s).

A sub-fund of MainFirst (Société d'investissement à capital variable). The fund is managed by MainFirst Affiliated Fund Managers S.A. (société anonyme). Additional information on the fund can be found on our website ([www.mainfirst.com](http://www.mainfirst.com)).

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