# ANNEX III

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name:

Legal entity identifier:

UBS (Irl) ETF plc – UBS Climate Aware Global Developed 549300GG728TKSWH6C28 Equity CTB UCITS

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

# Sustainable investment objective

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852. establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

●● ☑ Yes			●○ □ No		
	It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 20 %			It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of % of sustainable investments	
		in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy			with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
		in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy			with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
					with a social objective
	It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with a social objective: %			It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments	

Sustainabi lity indicators measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are

attained.



# What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

This financial product has a reduction in carbon emissions as its sustainable investment objective in view of achieving the long - term global warming objectives of the EU Climate Transition Benchmarks Regulation. The financial product contributes to this by tracking, before expenses, the price and income performance of the Solactive UBS Climate Aware Global Developed Equity CTB Index (USD) Net Total Return (the "Index"). The attainment of the sustainable investment objective is measured using the following ESG characteristic:

- Weighted average carbon intensity (Scope 1+2) lower than parent benchmark (MSCI The Reference Benchmark designated for the purpose of attaining the characteristic pro-moted by the financial product is the Solactive UBS Climate Aware Global Developed Equity CTB Index (USD) Net Total Return.
  - What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The objective is measured using the following indicators respectively:

Weighted average carbon intensity (Scope 1+2) MSCI

The weighted average carbon intensity ("WACI") measures a portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies. The WACI metric provides insight into potential risks related to the transition to a lower-carbon economy because companies with higher carbon intensity are likely to face more exposure to carbon related market and regulatory risks. It's the sum product of the portfolio weights and individual carbon intensities (carbon emissions scope 1+2 / USDm sales).

Please note that while the Reference Benchmark and Parent Index are provided by Solactive, the Investment Manager will rely on data provided by MSCI to calculate the weighted average carbon intensity (Scope 1+2) of the financial product and the Parent Index. As a result, there might be a discrepancy between the figures disclosed by the Investment Manager and the Reference Benchmark / Parent Index provider.

### Principal adverse

impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

# How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The financial product is passively managed and tracks an Index, indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors are taken into account by the Index provider as appropriate to the Index family.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

The index incorporates the norms-based screening by exclude companies with verified infringement of established international initiatives and guidelines (such as UN Principles and OECD Guidelines).

ISS ESG is designed to provide timely and consistent assessments of companies' adherence to international norms on human rights, labor standards, environmental protection and anti-corruption set out in the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines. The financial product exclude investments in companies involved directly or indirectly in Coal Mining and Power Generation, Hydraulic Fracturing, Oil & Sands as well as any involvement in Deep Water Drilling, Nuclear Energy, Adult Entertainment, Alcohol, Tobacco, Gambling, Military Equipment, Antipersonnel Mines, Biological and Chemical Weapons, Cluster Munitions, Depleted Uranium as well as Nuclear Weapons.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?

The ISS ESG tool monitors company involvement in notable ESG controversies related to the company's operations and/or products, possible breaches of international norms and principles such as the UN Global Compact, and performance with respect to these norms and principles.

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https://solactive.com/downloads/Guideline-Solactive-UBS-Global-Climate-Aware-CTB-Aligned-Index.pdf



# Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

Yes, this financial product is passively managed and tracks an Index, indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors are taken into account by the Index provider as appropriate to the Index family.

The core normative framework consists of the Principles of the UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights.

Exclusion of companies with verified ongoing involvement in the area of controversial weapons (including chemical, biological and nuclear weapons (both under and outside the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons), depleted uranium munitions, cluster munitions, and anti-personnel mines).

Exclusion of companies generating revenues (in proportion to their total revenues) >0% from production/cultivation.

□ No



# What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

This financial product seeks the objective(s) described in this annex through Index selection and passive asset management.

This financial product is passively managed and seeks to track the performance and the ESG profile of the Index. Sustainability objectives and risks are considered as part of the Index selection process. The Index which is stated by the Index Provider to be screened against environmental, social or governance criteria and any methodology used by the index provider to assess sustainability objectives and risks of the constituents of the Index can be found on the website of the Index Provider.

• What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?

The following binding element(s) of the investment strategy are used to select the investments to attain the objective sought by this financial product:

1):

- Carbon Intensity (1 and 2) emissions indicator that is lower than Parent Index (MSCI)

This financial product seeks to achieve a lower Carbon Intensity emissions indicator than the Parent Index by tracking the performance and ESG profile of the Index. As set out in the section of the Supplement entitled "Description of the Index" in more detail, the Index Provider will seek to rank and establish a "Climate Score" on all securities of the Parent Index in accordance with their risk-reducing factors such as carbon emissions, use of coal energy, fossil fuel reserves and opportunity seeking climate factors such renewable energy, 2 Degree Glide Path Probability and physical risk.

The calculations do not take account of cash, derivatives, and unrated investment instruments.

The investment strategy guide investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

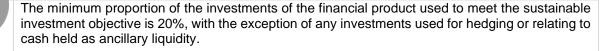
Asset allocation describes the share of investment s in specific assets. The above (s) and the minimum proportion of sustainable investments are calculated at quarter end using the average of all of business days' values in the quarter.

# • What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

Assessment of good governance practices of the investee companies are performed by the index provider.

Exclusion of companies with fragmentary information on, verified failure, alleged failure, or imminent failure to respect established international norms. The core normative framework consists of the Principles of the UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights.

# What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable investments?



# Taxonomy -aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- capital expenditur e (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditur e (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

#1 Sustainable 20%

Environmental 20%

Environmental 20%

Other 20%

#2 Not sustainable includes investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#3 Sustainable covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

#4 Not sustainable investments which do not qualify as sustainable investments.

# How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?

The financial product tracks an ESG index and may replicate the performance of the Index by the use of derivatives. Derivatives will only be used in case that a) the investment objective cannot be achieved by investments Index components, in particular in order to reflect the performance of a currency hedge where a sub-fund replicates a currency-hedged Index, or b) to generate efficiencies in gaining exposure to the constituents of the Index, in particular where there are legal or practical obstacles to gaining direct access to a market to which the Index refers.

The financial product may namely enter into a range of index related swaps (excluding funded swaps) and derivative instruments (futures, forwards, currency swaps, p-notes, options, warrants and foreign exchange contracts) in order to replicate the Index.



To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The minimum extent that investments underlying this financial product are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy¹?

□ Yes: □ In fossil gas	☐ In nuclear energy
⊠ No	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

To comply with the Taxonomy. criteria for fossil gas include limitations emissions and switching to fully renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety waste management rules.

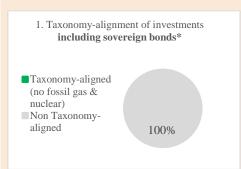
**Enabling** activities directly enable other activities make substantial contribution to an

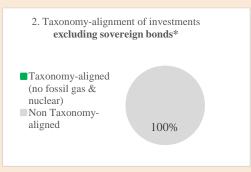
environmental objective.

**Transitional** activities are activities for which lowcarbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission leels corresponding the performance.

are environmentally sustainable investments that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable

What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The financial product targets a minimum proportion of sustainable investment as stated in the asset allocation of this annex.

What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

The financial product targets a minimum share of socially sustainable investments greater than 0%.

What investments are included under "#2 Not sustainable", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Included in "#2 Not sustainable" are cash, cash equivalents, money market instruments and derivatives or other instruments used for ancillary liquidity or hedging purposes.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

The Reference Benchmark designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable objective of the financial product is the Solactive UBS Climate Aware Global Developed Equity CTB Index (USD) Net Total Return.

How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?

The financial product has initially selected the reference benchmark for its relevance to its investment strategy and the attainment of the sustainable objective it seeks to

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

achieve. The Index rebalances on a semi-annual basis, more details on the index methodology applied by the Index provider can be found below. It is not anticipated that the composition of the Index will be adjusted to the extent that tracking is not possible.

### How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?

The alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the Index is ensured on a continuous basis as the Index provider rebalances the Index on a regular basis and the Investment Manager will track the Index in line with the limits set out in the investment policy of the fund.

The financial product has initially selected the reference benchmark for its relevance to its investment strategy and the attainment of the investment objective it seeks to achieve.

The investment strategy of the fund is to track the benchmark's return and its characteristics, including ESG characteristics, as closely as reasonably possible.

The Investment Manager reviews the Index methodology when the product is set up and the Index provider may be contacted if the Index methodology is no longer in line with the investment strategy of the financial product.

# How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?

The Index is an equity index denominated in USD, maintained and published by international index supplier Solactive. It tracks the movement of large and mid-cap global listed companies from developed markets which are available to investors globally. The Index is constructed from the broad-based market-cap-weighted parent index, the Solactive GBS Developed Markets Large & Mid Cap USD Index (the "Parent Index") using an optimization process that is designed to measure the performance of securities meeting specific climate-related criteria, while maintaining a similar overall industry group weights as the parent index.

The Index draws constituents from the Parent Index with an average market capitalisation over the past 12 months of at least 1 billion US dollars and an average daily trading volume in the last three months of at least 1 million US dollars. The Index Provider then applies an enhanced selection process to assess and identify those constituents with best-in-class climate attributes. The Index Provider will seek to rank and establish a "Climate Score" on all securities of the Parent Index in accordance with their risk-reducing factors such as carbon emissions, use of coal energy, fossil fuel reserves and opportunity seeking climate factors such renewable energy, 2 Degree Glide Path Probability and physical risk.

# Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?

The methodology of the construction of the Index can be found in the fund supplement

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