

# Periodic disclosure as at 31.03.2024

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:**

Swisscanto (LU) Equity Fund Sustainable Global Water

# Legal entity identifier (LEI-Code):

549300CS480KI3QXNY80

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI World Index (TR Net) in EUR

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, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities.** For the time being, it does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

X Yes	No
X It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 79.05%	It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a 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 EU Taxonomy
X 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 EU Taxonomy with a social objective
X It made sustainable investments with a social objective: 7.4%	It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments.



Sustainability

**indicators** measure how the sustainable

financial product are

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attained.

# To what extent was the sustainable investment objective of this financial product met?

The Portfolio Manager focuses 80% of the net assets of this sub-fund on the securities of companies which, based on its assessment, make a contribution to sustainable objectives (sustainable investment within the meaning of Article 2(17) SFDR) relating to one or more of the water-related United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (hereinafter the "SDGs").

Sustainability indicators integrated with the investment process were then used to assess the attainment of the sustainable investment objectives:

- 1. Sustainable investments in accordance with Article 9(2) SFDR
- 2. Exclusion criteria

biodiversity

## How did the sustainability indicators perform?

For reasons of clarity, the information on the performance of the sustainability indicators (see details at the end of the report) is answered directly with the historical comparison in the next question.

...and compared to previous periods?

# **Exclusion Criteria**

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Criteria	Portfolio weight	Benchmark weight	Number of companies in benchmark	Criteria	Portfolio weight	Benchmark weight	Number c companies i benchmar
Genetic engineering: Release of GMOs	0.00%	0.75%	7	Nuclear energy	0.00%	3.36%	4
Non-sustainable forestry	0.00%	0.36%	14	Production of military hardware	0.00%	2.32%	4
Uncertified Palm Oil (<50% RSPO)	0.00%	0.24%	9	Production of military hardware (>5% revenue)	0.00%	1.43%	2
Unsustainable fisheries and aquaculture	0.00%	0.10%	3	Production of alcohol (>5% revenue)	0.00%	0.99%	1
Extraction of fossil fuels	0.00%	11.98%	69	Manufacture of tobacco and smokers' accessories	0.00%	0.88%	1
Operation of fossil-fuel power stations	0.00%	3.12%	52	Manufacture of weapons and ammunition	0.00%	0.88%	
Coal reserves	0.00%	2.37%	32	Intensive livestock farming	0.00%	0.76%	
Manufacture of automobiles and aircraft	0.00%	2.37%	33	Controversial weapons	0.00%	0.70%	
Coal reserves (ex. metal production)	0.00%	1.31%	14	Exploitative child labour	0.00%	0.53%	
Extraction of coal (>5% revenue)	0.00%	0.34%	5	Gambling (>5% revenue)	0.00%	0.36%	1
Airlines	0.00%	0.07%	9	UN Global Compact violations	0.00%	0.20%	
Cruise ship operators	0.00%	0.06%	2	Production of pornography	0.00%	0.04%	
Decline in Clim	ate chan		to society	Genetic engineering: human medicine	0.00%	0.00%	

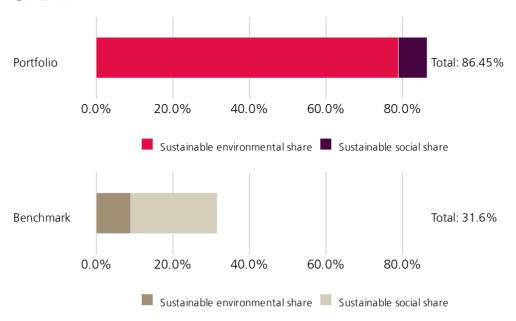
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For the purpose of mitigating sustainability risks and with the aim of not investing in securities with controversial business models, the above exclusion criteria have been applied. The table shows the number of companies that have violated the exclusion criteria and the respective portfolio and benchmark exposure. If there are multiple violations for a company, these are listed separately for each criterion. Therefore, the sum of all positions in this report is generally higher than the effective weight of the positions in criteria above. The historical comparisons are made in the table below. For reasons of clarity, the exclusion criteria are aggregated.

	Indicator	Reporting Period 2023	Reporting Period 2024
Portfolio	Exclusion Criteria Total*	0%	0%
Benchmark	Exclusion Criteria Total*	16.46%	15.8%

<sup>\*</sup>all exclusion criteria cumulated.

# **Sustainable Investments according to Article 9 (2) SFDR**



The chart shows the percentage revenue of companies included in the fund's portfolio and those of the benchmark that have been invested in a way that is not taxonomy compliant but in line with the environmental goals resulting from the SDGs as per Art. 2 (17) SFDR.

The fund did not seek to invest in environmentally sustainable activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy Regulation. The asset management of the subfund has developed a methodology for defining sustainable investments that fulfils the requirements of Art. 2 (17) SFDR. The methodology is described in detail in the pre-contractual information.

The historical comparisons are made in the table below.

	Indicator	Reporting Period 2023	Reporting Period 2024
Portfolio	Socially sustainable investments	6.52%	7.4%
	Sustainable Investments with environmental target	72.63%	79.05%
	Total sustainable quota	79.15%	86.45%
Benchmark	Socially sustainable investments	23.14%	22.55%
	Sustainable Investments with environmental target	7.71%	9.05%
	Total sustainable quota	30.85%	31.6%

No Poverty	0.00%	7 Affordable and Clean Energy	8.16% 3.66%	13. Climate Action	0.00%
2 o Zero Hunger	0.01% 0.36%	8 Decent Work and Economic Growth	0.85%	14 Life Below Water	6.46% 0.14%
Good Health and Well-being	7.43% 12.43%	9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	12.68% 6.94%	15 Life On Land	4.64%
4 Quality Education	0.00%	10 Reduced Inequalities	0.00%	Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	0.00%
5 Gender Equality	0.30%	11 Sustainable Cities and Communities	8.73% 1.37%	Partnerships to achieve the Goals	0.00%
6 Clean Water and Sanitation	34.48% 0.66%	12 Responsible Consumption and Production	2.70% 0.20%	Total	85.45% 31.51%
Portfolio Benchn	nark				

With the different treatment of green, social and sustainable bonds, SDG exposure may differ from the percentage revenue of companies included in the fund's portfolio and those of the benchmark that have been invested in line with the environmental goals resulting from the SDGs as per Art. 2 (17) SFDR.

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 did the sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any sustainable investment objective?

Issuers with a negative net contribution to the SDGs were removed from the investment universe of the financial product during the reporting period. In addition, the subfund took into account adverse impacts on sustainability factors (Principal Adverse Impacts - PAI). For this purpose, the mandatory indicators Annex 1 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 were used. Companies that the asset management classified as particularly harmful according to the PAIs were accordingly not included in the sustainable investments. Issuers violating PAIs 7 (biodiversity), 10 (United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)/OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises) or 14 (engagement in controversial arms) received a PAI score of zero. A PAI score was calculated from the remaining PAI indicators. Instruments from issuers with a score < 10 were not counted toward sustainable investments.

#### How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) have been systematically considered in the investment process.

# Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

In the investment analysis for sustainable investments, the following norm violations were taken into account in the reporting period: United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGP) and the International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention. Any serious violation of these standards resulted in the exclusion of the issuer from the investable universe of the financial product.



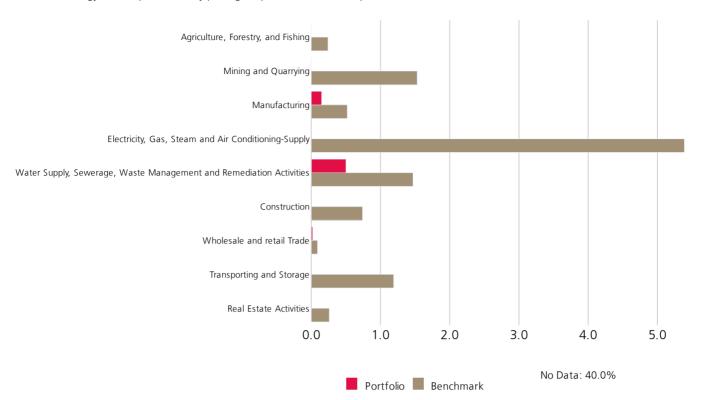
# How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

## **Principal Adverse Impacts - Corporate Assets**

Primary Indicators - Energy and Emissions

Indicator	Factor	Portfolio Current	Coverage	Portfolio previous year	Benchmark current	Benchmark previous year	Explanation
1. GHG emissions	1a. GHG Emissions - Scope 1 per Mio EUR Enterprise Value	11889.8	97.58%	7108.79	15631.8	11087.2	
	1b. GHG Emissions - Scope 2 per Mio EUR Enterprise Value	3676.01	97.58%	1413.22	3406.02	2394.03	
	1c. GHG Emissions - Scope 3 per Mio EUR Enterprise Value	150992	97.58%	82055.8	162485	99289	
2. Carbon footprint	2. GHG Emissions - Scope 1+2+3 per Mio EUR Enterprise Value	401.1	97.58%	261.41	439.08	324.5	
3. GHG intensity of investee companies	3. GHG Emissions - Emissions Intensity - Total Emissions (EUR)	129.14	97.58%	124.72	147.53	136.52	
4. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	4. Fossil Fuel - Involvement (PAI)	1.07%	98.24%	3.49%	10.79%	8.24%	

Indicator	Factor	Portfolio Current	Coverage	Portfolio previous year	Benchmark current	Benchmark previous year	Explanation
5. Share of non- renewable energy consumption and production	5a. CR Raw - Energy use - Coal/nuclear/unclear energy sources	65.96%	88.66%	50.81%	53.83%	40.13%	
	5b. Non-renewable energy consumption	44.72%	68.43%	66.35%	34.57%	50.36%	Non-renewable energy consumption encompasses consumption of energy generated from non-renewable sources, as well as energy consumption from biomass. Any energy use figures where the source of energy is unclear is also included in this factor.
	5c. Non-renewable energy production	0.93%	97.08%	0.01%	2.5%	2.08%	
6. Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector	6. Energy consumption intensity (GWh/mEUR)	0.2	63.39%	0.16	0.55	0.51	



Indicator	Factor	Portfolio Current	Coverage	Portfolio previous year	Benchmark current	Benchmark previous year	Explanation
7. Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas	7. Companies negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas	0%	98.24%	0%	0.03%	0.02%	
8. Emissions to water	8. CR Raw - COD emissions	0	0%	0	279.54	221.06	
<ol><li>Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio</li></ol>	9. CR Raw - Hazardous waste	0.35	22.72%	0	1.13	0	

Indicator	Factor	Portfolio Current	Coverage	Portfolio previous year	Benchmark current	Benchmark previous year	Explanation
10. Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	10. UNGC / OECD Guidelines Violation	0%	98.24%	9 <b>e</b> ar	0.2%	0.1%	
11. Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monito compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	<sup>r</sup> 11. Lack of processes monitoring UNGC and OECD Guidelines compliance	23.89%	97.58%	14.98%	28%	17.33%	
12. Unadjusted gender pay gap	12. Unajusted gender pay gap	0.89%	7.87%	0.9%	0.37%	0.37%	
13. Board gender diversity	13. Ratio of female to male board members	54.82%	97.58%	36.57%	55.17%	40.21%	
14. Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	14. Controversial weapons involvement (APM, CM, Bio, Chem)	0%	98.24%	0%	0.17%	0.22%	

## **Principal Adverse Impacts - Sovereign and Supranational Assets**

#### **Primary Indicators**

			Environmenta	al			
Indicator	Factor	Portfolio Current	Coverage	Portfolio previous year	Benchmark current	Benchmark previous year	Explanation
15. GHG Intensität	15. GHG Intensity	0	0%	0	0	0	

			Social				
Indicator	Factor	Portfolio Current	Coverage	Portfolio previous year	Benchmark current	Benchmark previous year	Explanation
16. Länder, in die investiert wird, die gegen soziale Bestimmungen verstoßen	16a. Countries subject to social violations (#)	0	0%	0	0	0	
	16b. Countries subject to social violations (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

Indic	ator Metric
1a	Scope 1 GHG emissions
1b	Scope 2 GHG emissions
1c	Scope 3 GHG emissions
2.	Carbon footprint per Mio EUR
3.	GHG intensity of investee companies
4.	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector
5a	Share of non-renewable energy consumption and non-renewable energy production of investee companies from non-renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources, expressed as a percentage of total energy sources
5b	Share of non-renewable energy consumption and non-renewable energy production of investee companies from non-renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources, expressed as a percentage of total energy sources
5c	Share of non-renewable energy consumption and non-renewable energy production of investee companies from non-renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources, expressed as a percentage of total energy sources
6.	Energy consumption in GWh per million EUR of revenue of investee companies, per high impact climate sector impact climate sector
7.	Share of investments in investee companies with sites/operations located in or near to biodiversity-sensitive areas where activities of those investee companies negatively affect those areas
8.	Tonnes of emissions to water generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average
9.	Tonnes of hazardous waste and radioactive waste generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average
10.	Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
11.	Share of investments in investee companies without policies to monitor compliance with the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises or grievance /complaints handling mechanisms to address violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
12.	Average unadjusted gender pay gap of investee companies
13.	Average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of all board members
14.	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons
15.	GHG intensity of investee countries
16a	Number of investee countries subject to social violations (absolute number and relative number divided by all investee countries), as referred to in international treaties and conventions, United Nations principles and, where applicable, national law
16b	Number of investee countries subject to social violations (absolute number and relative number divided by all investee countries), as referred to in international treaties and conventions, United Nations principles and, where applicable, national law

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# What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 01.04.2023 - 31.03.2024

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
Xylem Inc.	Manufacturing	4.10%	USA
Stantec Inc	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	3.94%	Canada
Ferguson Plc	Wholesale and Retail Trade	3.67%	Jersey
Masco Corporation	Manufacturing	3.52%	USA
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	Manufacturing	3.36%	USA
Ecolab Inc.	Manufacturing	3.18%	USA
Waste Management, Inc.	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	3.18%	USA
Pentair plc	Manufacturing	3.00%	Ireland
Danaher Corporation	Manufacturing	2.96%	USA
IDEX Corporation	Manufacturing	2.92%	USA
Roper Technologies, Inc.	Information and Communication	2.83%	USA
American Water Works Company, Inc.	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	2.79%	USA
Brenntag SE	Wholesale and Retail Trade	2.67%	Germany
Core & Main, Inc. Class A	Wholesale and Retail Trade	2.65%	USA
Companhia de Saneamento Basico do Estado de Sao Paulo SABESP	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	2.56%	Brazil

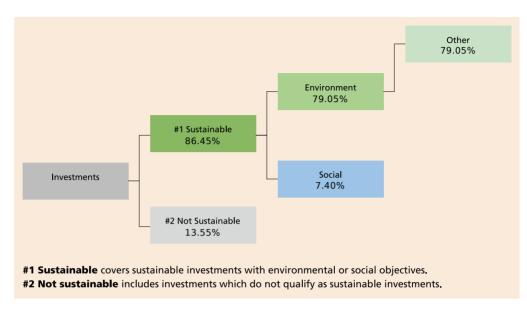


# What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The proportion of sustainability-related investments in accordance with Article 9(2) and information on asset allocation are answered in the question below.

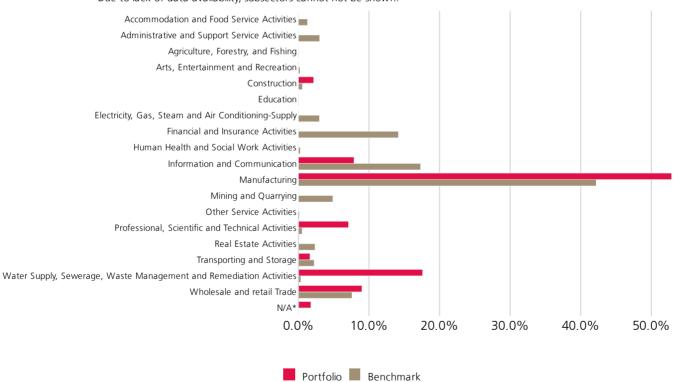
#### What was the asset allocation?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Due to lack of data availability, subsectors cannot not be shown.



<sup>\*</sup>this classification includes all holdings for which a NACE classification cannot be found or estimated; cash is herein included.

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

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

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



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

Even though the sustainable investments made do not qualify as environmental activities according to EU-Taxonomy, the below disclosure is made to show the alignment of sustainable investments with EU-Taxonomy.

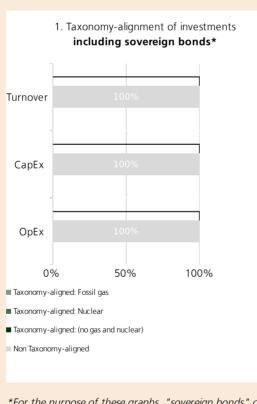
Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy 1?

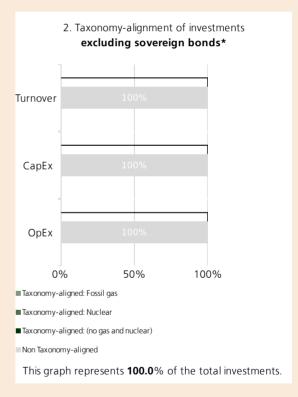
Yes
In fossil gas
In nuclear energy

X No

<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.

The graphs below shown in green the percentage of investments that were 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 was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Information on transition activities and enabling activities is summarised in the table. If no information is available, then the table will also show no information.

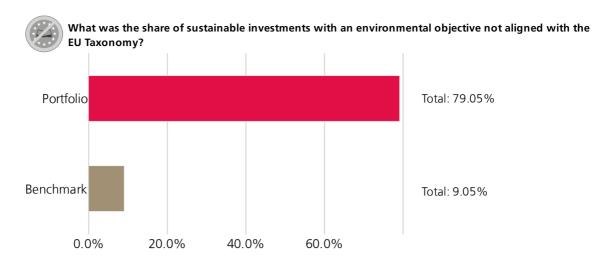
Issuer Name	Nace Sector	Total Eligible Activity Revenue	Total Aligned Revenue	Total Likely Aligned Revenue	Total Potentially Aligned Revenue	Portfolio Weight (Consol.)
Veolia Environnement SA	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	68.52%	8.28%	30.01%	0.00%	1.16%
Arcadis NV	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	47.39%	3.25%	0.00%	0.00%	1.18%
United Utilities Group PLC	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	100.00%	0.00%	99.43%	0.04%	2.37%
American Water Works Company, Inc.	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	100.00%	0.00%	92.50%	7.50%	2.79%
Severn Trent Plc	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	95.12%	0.00%	71.37%	0.00%	1.65%
Waste Connections, Inc.	Transporting and Storage	83.79%	0.00%	57.32%	23.17%	1.64%
Companhia de Saneamento Basico do Estado de Sao Paulo SABESP	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	77.65%	0.00%	19.49%	58.16%	2.57%
California Water Service Group	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	100.00%	0.00%	17.50%	82.50%	0.99%
Waste Management, Inc.	Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	93.48%	0.00%	15.63%	3.55%	3.18%
WSP Global Inc.	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	76.33%	0.00%	15.17%	0.00%	1.98%

# How did the percentage of investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

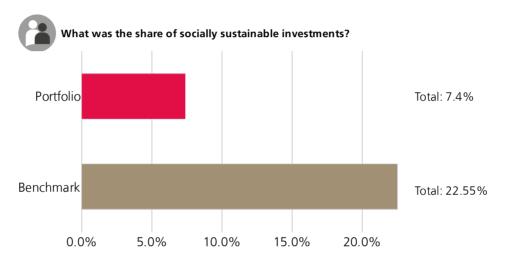
As no data was available in the previous reporting year, there is no need for a comparison with the previous year.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



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What investments were included under "not sustainable", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

These assets have comprised of investments provided for in the specific investment policy, including derivatives for hedging purposes and cash & cash equivalents. The investments, excluding derivatives and liquid funds, have implemented the principles of minimum environmental or social protection.



#### What actions have been taken to meet the sustainable investment objective during the reference period?

During the reporting period, the asset management promoted sustainable business practices and compliance with recognized international principles and ESG best practice standards through investment stewardship and capital allocation. Accordingly, it engaged in dialogue with the management teams of invested companies. In addition, the asset manager engaged with the United Nations Collaboration Platform for Responsible Investment (UN PRI) and investor initiatives. Voting behavior was based on Swiss and international corporate governance rules as well as on the principles of the UN Global Compact and the SDGs. For more information, please visit: Swisscanto | Proxy Voting Dashboard (issgovernance.com) https://www.swisscanto.com/int/en/sustainability/investment-stewardship.html

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How did this financial product perform compared to the reference sustainable benchmark?

No benchmark was determined as a reference value for achieving the sustainable investment targets.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How did the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?
Not applicable.
How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the sustainable investment objective?
Not applicable.
How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?
Not applicable.
How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?
Not applicable.

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