

ANNEX IV

Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name:

UBS (Irl) ETF plc – MSCI Australia ESG  
 Universal Low Carbon Select UCITS ETF

Legal entity identifier:

391200BNU5P71KHCZ250

**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.

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

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<input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective</b> : ____% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with a social objective</b> : ____%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 58.83% of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not make any sustainable investments</b>



### To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

● **How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

The ESG promotion characteristics are measured using the following indicators respectively:

The ESG Score was 4.02% higher than that of the parent benchmark (MSCI Australia Index) (8.01 vs 7.7).

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

A combined weighted Scope 1 and 2 average carbon intensity was 33.46% lower than that of the parent benchmark (MSCI Australia Index) (98.44 vs. 147.94).

Indicator definitions can be found in the first page of the SFDR level 2 disclosures.

The parent benchmark is a broad market index which does not assess or include constituents according to environmental and/or social characteristics and therefore is not intended to be consistent with the characteristics promoted by the financial product.

● ***...and compared to previous periods?***

2023 was the first period the indicators were calculated.

● ***What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

The financial product intends to make sustainable investment by investing at least 90% of its total net assets in securities that are constituents of the Index. MSCI Australia ESG Universal Low Carbon Select Indices aim to represent the performance of an investment strategy that by re-weighting free-float market cap weights based upon certain ESG metrics seeks to increase exposure to those companies demonstrating both a robust ESG profile as well as a positive trend in improving that profile, while excluding companies based on various ESG and climate change criteria.

MSCI Climate Change Metrics provides climate data & tools to support investors integrating climate risk & opportunities into their investment strategy and processes. It supports investors seeking to achieve a range of objectives, including measuring and reporting on climate risk exposure, implementing low carbon and fossil fuel-free strategies, align with temperature pathways and factoring climate change research into their risk management processes, in particular through climate scenario analysis for both transition and physical risks.

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● ***How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

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.

Further details can be found in the prospectus annex for each fund.

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

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.

Indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors are taken into account by the Index provider as appropriate to the Index family.

The indices incorporate the MSCI ESG Controversies score, screening out on a timely basis any issuers in significant breach of ESG norms.

MSCI ESG Controversies are designed to provide timely and consistent assessments of ESG controversies involving issuers. Any issuer with a “Red” MSCI ESG Controversies Score (score less than 1) is excluded from Sustainability indices. The Controversy Score measures an issuer’s involvement in major ESG controversies and how well the issuer adheres to international norms and principles.

The financial product excludes investments in companies involved directly in the use, development, manufacturing, stockpiling, transfer or trade of cluster munitions and/or anti-personnel landmines, nuclear weapons, biological weapons or chemical weapons.

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

The MSCI ESG Controversies 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.

<https://www.msci.com/documents/1296102/14524248/MSCI+ESG+Research+Controversies+Executive+Summary+Methodology+---+July+2020.pdf/b0a2bb88-2360-1728-b70e-2f0a889b6bd4>



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

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.

Further details can be found in the supplement annex for each fund.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## What were the top investments of this financial product?

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets*	Country
<i>CSL LTD</i>	<i>Health Care</i>	<i>5.18</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>National Australia Bank</i>	<i>Financial Services</i>	<i>5.11</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Macquarie Group</i>	<i>Financial Services</i>	<i>5.06</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>CBA</i>	<i>Financial Services</i>	<i>5.02</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Anz Group</i>	<i>Financial Services</i>	<i>4.97</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Westpack Banking Corp</i>	<i>Financial Services</i>	<i>4.97</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Fortescue LTD</i>	<i>Materials</i>	<i>4.56</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Woodside Energy</i>	<i>Energy</i>	<i>4.54</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Wesfarmers LTD</i>	<i>Consumer Discretionary</i>	<i>4.00</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Goodman Group</i>	<i>Real estate</i>	<i>3.99</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Transurban Group</i>	<i>Industrials</i>	<i>3.92</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Rio Tinto LTD</i>	<i>Materials</i>	<i>3.10</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Woolworths Group LTD</i>	<i>Consumer Staples</i>	<i>2.81</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>James Hardie Industries</i>	<i>Materials</i>	<i>2.29</i>	<i>Ireland</i>
<i>Aristocrat Leisure LTD</i>	<i>Consumer Discretionary</i>	<i>2.20</i>	<i>Australia</i>

*\*Minor differences with "Schedule of Investments" might occur due to rounding and valuation differences in production systems.*

The list includes the investments constituting **the greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is: 2023

## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

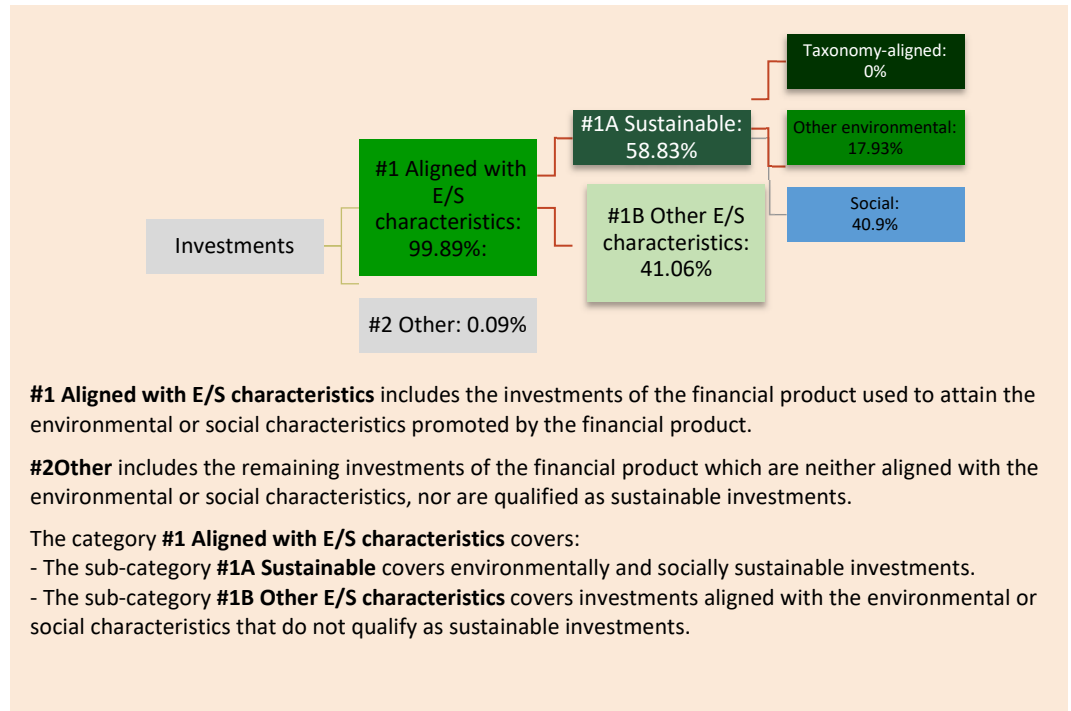
As per the end of the reference period the proportion of the investments used to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the financial product was 99.89%. The proportion of sustainable investments of the financial product was 58.83%.

### ● **What was the asset allocation?**

The proportions of investments of the financial product were calculated as per the end of the reference period, which is: 31 December 2023

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





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.



● **In which economic sectors were the investments made?**

Please refer to the section “Schedule of Investments” of the relevant sub-fund of this Annual report to review the breakdown of the economic sectors where the investments were made.

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

The financial product had 0% Taxonomy Aligned Investments.

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

Yes:

In fossil gas     In nuclear energy

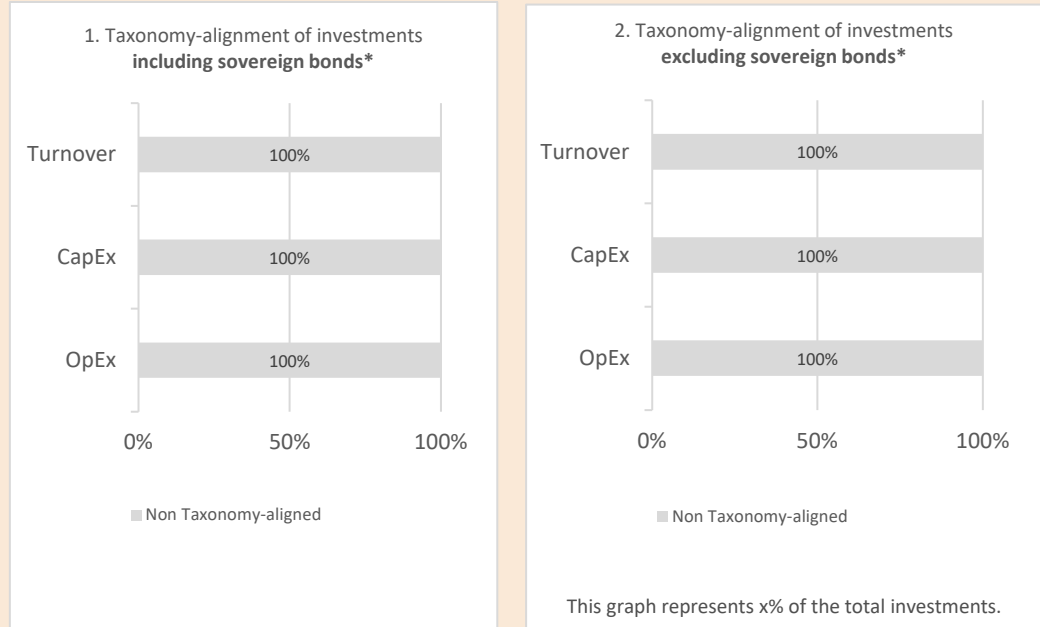
No

<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.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee 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.

The graphs below show 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?**  
There were no investments in transitional and enabling activities.


- **How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?**

Not applicable. This is the first reference period.

- **What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The financial product had a proportion of sustainable investment with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy as stated in the asset allocation section of this annex.

- **What was the share of socially sustainable investments? What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



The financial product had a proportion of socially sustainable investment as stated in the asset allocation section of this annex of 40.9%



### **What investments were included under “other”, what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

Included in “#2 Other” are cash and unrated instruments for the purpose of liquidity and portfolio risk management. Unrated instruments may also include securities for which data needed for the measurement of attainment of environmental or social characteristics is not available.



### **What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?**

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 Fund.

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

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 strategy is to fully replicate the index and to minimize the tracking error. 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 did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?**

- ***How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?***

The Index draws its constituents from the MSCI Australia Index (the "Parent Index"), being an equity index calculated, maintained and published by international index supplier MSCI® and denominated in AUD. The Index tracks the total return net dividend performance of large and mid-capitalisation companies in Australia.

- ***How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?***

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



The ESG Score was 0.00% higher than that of the parent benchmark (MSCI Australia ESG Universal Low Carbon Select 5% Issuer Capped Index) (8.01 vs 8.01).

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