

# **UBS (Lux) Fund Solutions – Sustainable Development Bank Bonds UCITS ETF**

## No significant harm to the sustainable investment objective

The financial product is passively managed and tracks an Index, securities are only eligible for the Index if they meet the rule set by the index methodology that the in-dexeligible issuer which must be a Multilateral Development Bank, having a credit quality rating of AA- (S&P) or Aa3 (Moody's) and higher (if several ratings are available, the lowest rating is considered).

Unlike commercial banks, MDBs do not seek to maximize profits for their share-holders. Instead, they prioritize development goals (aligned with the SDG 17), such as ending extreme poverty and reducing economic inequality. They often lend at low or no interest or provide grants to fund projects in infrastructure, energy, education, environmental sustainability, and other areas that promote development.

There are no value-based criteria which can be excluded due to the given nature of the issuers.

There is no controversies screening on the index issuers.

# Sustainable investment objective of the financial product

The following characteristic(s) is/are promoted by the financial product:

This financial product has sustainable investment as its objective and aims to track, before expenses, the price and income performance of the Solactive Global Multilateral Development Bank Bond USD 25% Issuer Capped Index (Total Return) (the ""Index""). An independent research-driven screening is used by the Index provider to evaluate index-eligible issuer which must be a Multilateral Development Bank (known as supranationals), having a credit quality rating of AA- (S&P) or Aa3 (Moody's) and higher (if several ratings are available, the lowest rating is considered).

The Reference Benchmark (the ""Index"") designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable investment objective of this financial product is the Solactive Global Multilateral Development Bank Bond USD 25% Issuer Capped Index (Total Return).

The characteristic(s) is/are measured using the following indicator(s) respectively:

The attainment of the sustainable investment objective is measured using the follow-ing indicators respectively:

• Whether the issuer of the securities is classified as a Multilateral Development Bank.

A Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) is an international financial institution chartered by two or more countries for the purpose of encouraging economic development in poorer nations. Multilateral development banks consist of member nations from developed and developing countries. MDBs provide loans and grants to member nations to fund projects that support social and economic development, such as the building of new roads or providing clean water to communities. MDBs are supranational institutions set up by sovereign states, which are their shareholders The objective of the use of proceeds of the MDBs are very aligned to the SDG 17. The following issuers are classified as MDBs:

- World Bank (incl. IBRD, IDA and IFC)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IADB),
- Asian Development Bank (ADB),
- African Development Bank (AfDB), and
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

## Investment strategy

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This financial product is passively managed. It seeks to achieve its sustainable in-vestment objective described in this annex by tracking the Index and, with regard to ESG criteria, giving exposure to eligible green bonds. An Independent research-driven methodology is used by the Index provider to evaluate index-eligible green bonds to ensure they adhere to established Green Bond Principles and to classify bonds by their environmental use of proceeds.

Assessment of good governance practices of the investee companies are per-formed by the index provider.

MSCI ESG Ratings analysis begins with an evaluation of each company's Corporate Governance, taking into consideration the company's ownership and control structures, the composition and effectiveness of its board, the effectiveness of its incentive practices and the integrity of its accounting. Corporate Behavior is also monitored, including any controversies that might have a significant negative impact on the company's value.

## **Proportion of investments**

The minimum proportion of the investments of the financial product used to meet the sustainable investment objective is 100 %, with the exception of any investments used for hedging or relating to cash held as ancillary liquidity.

Derivatives are not used for the attainment of the characteristics promoted by this financial product. Derivatives will be primarily used for hedging and liquidity management purposes.

## Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The portfolio manager has data indicators and a systematic pre-trade guideline control in place to monitor the stated environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product, specifically the binding targets stated in the investment strategy, there is a monitoring oversight control. There are also independent controls and audit by our delegated fund administrators.



#### Methodologies

The performance of the indicators used to measure the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are measured daily, assessed quarterly and reported annually.

## Data sources and processing

The data sources used to attain the stated environmental or social characteristics are as follows:

The MSCI ESG Score, supplied by the index provider

Data is consumed from leading providers, processed in accordance with defined guidelines and supplemented with analyst recommendation

## Limitations to methodologies and data

We apply a minimum coverage threshold for the data sources used to attain the stated environmental or social characteristics of the financial product, these thresholds ensure that the binding targets can be monitored and measured. Accuracy of data is dependent on 3rd party providers, coverage of data sources can be < 100% due to uncovered asset types, incomplete or inconsistent data and gaps in the coverage of these 3rd party providers.

### Due diligence

Due diligence is carried out on index providers and/or data providers. This financial product is passively managed and seeks to track the performance and the ESG profile of the Index. Sustainability characteristics and risks are considered as part of the Index selection process.

# **Engagement policies**

"In terms of passive strategies tracking sustainability indexes as is the case with this financial product, the engagement process helps us to identify companies where material ESG and sustainability factors may present a future negative risk.

While the UBS AM engagement program is across all asset classes and portfolios, the impact on passively managed fixed income strategies might be reduced, mainly due to the lack of voting rights and that companies which failed in UBS AM's engagement process are typically not excluded due to the passive management style.

Nevertheless, passively managed fixed income assets are part of the engagement with senior management, as all other assets the firm manages, in order to achieve the biggest possible impact.

# Attainment of the sustainable investment objective

The Reference Benchmark designated for the purpose of attaining the sustainable objective of the financial product is the Solactive Global Multilateral Development Bank Bond USD 25% Issuer Capped Index (Total Return). 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 tracks 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 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.

The Solactive Global Multilateral Development Bank Bond USD 25% Issuer Capped Index offers investors exposure to Multilateral Development Banks (known as supranationals) which are backed by multiple sovereigns incl. all G7 countries. Bonds issued by the MDBs are mostly AAA-rated and the credit risk profile and returns are comparable to US Treasuries while the MDB providing guarantees and knowledge for developing countries to end global poverty and to promote sustainable economic growth (aligned to the SDG 17).

The methodology of the construction of the Index can be found in the fund factsheet of the prospectus.