

# 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:**  
Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio

**Legal entity identifier:**  
222100HIN6JDGUC4ZI33

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective ?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective:___%</b> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy </div> <input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with a social objective:___%</b>	<input 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___% of sustainable investments <div> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective </div> <input checked="" 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?

The Investment Adviser has implemented an approach to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations into its fundamental investment process which consists of exclusionary screens as set forth below (the "ESG Criteria").

As part of the ESG investment process, the Investment Adviser has not invested in companies that are, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, directly engaged in, and/or deriving significant revenues from the following activities, which over the reference period included but were not limited to:

- controversial weapons (including nuclear weapons);
- extraction and/or production of certain fossil fuels (including thermal coal, oil sands, arctic oil and gas);
- tobacco;
- adult entertainment;
- for-profit prisons;
- civilian firearms

As of the 1st January 2023, the Portfolio additionally excluded from its investment universe companies the Investment Adviser believes to be violating the United Nations Global Compact’s ten principles (which are widely recognised corporate sustainability principles that meet fundamental responsibilities in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption).

**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.

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 lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

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

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

The Portfolio used sustainability indicators to measure the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Portfolio. These sustainability indicators and have performed as follows:

0% of the companies in the Portfolio have derived significant revenues from:

- controversial weapons (including nuclear weapons);
- extraction and/or production of certain fossil fuels (including thermal coal, oil sands, arctic oil and gas);
- tobacco;
- adult entertainment;
- for-profit prisons;
- civilian firearms

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

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

Not applicable, the Portfolio did not disclose the use of the sustainability indicators noted above during previous reference periods.

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

Over the Reference Period, the Portfolio did not commit to a minimum proportion of sustainable investments. However, as of 1 January 2023, the Portfolio made a commitment of 10% minimum proportion of sustainable investments determined by reference to the Investment Adviser's Sustainable Investment Framework. For more information, please refer to the Portfolio's prospectus.

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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 EU 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.



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

During the reference period, the Portfolio considered principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (PAIs) across the environmental and/or social pillars. The PAIs considered by this Portfolio included:

PAI CATEGORY	PAI
Mandatory PAIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green house gas emissions</li> <li>• Carbon footprint</li> <li>• Green house gas intensity of investee companies</li> <li>• Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel industry</li> <li>• Energy consumption from non-renewable sources</li> <li>• Energy production from non-renewable sources</li> <li>• Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector</li> <li>• Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas</li> <li>• Emission to water</li> <li>• Hazardous waste</li> <li>• Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises</li> <li>• Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises</li> <li>• Unadjusted gender pay gap</li> <li>• Board gender diversity</li> <li>• Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)</li> </ul>
Non-mandatory Climate PAIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives</li> <li>• Land degradation, desertification, soil sealing</li> <li>• Investments in companies without sustainable land or agriculture practices or policies</li> <li>• Natural species and protected areas</li> <li>• Deforestation</li> <li>• Non-recycled waste ratio</li> </ul>
Non-mandatory social PAIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate of accidents</li> <li>• Number of days lost to injuries, accidents, fatalities or illness</li> <li>• Number of incidents of discrimination</li> <li>• Number of incidents of discrimination leading to sanctions</li> <li>• Excessive CEO pay ratio</li> <li>• Risk of incidents of child labour</li> <li>• Risk of incidents of forced labour</li> <li>• Number of cases of severe human rights issues and incidents</li> <li>• Investments in companies without workplace accident prevention policies</li> </ul>



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

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFAC	Manufacturing	8.42%	Taiwan, Province of China
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	Manufacturing	5.23%	Korea, Republic of

The list includes the investments constituting the **greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is: 2021-12-01 / 2022-11-30

TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	Information and communication	4.91%	China
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	2.63%	China
BANK CENTRAL ASIA TBK PT	Financial and insurance activities	2.18%	Indonesia
MEITUAN CLASS B	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	2.16%	China
CHINA MERCHANTS BANK H	Financial and insurance activities	2.02%	China
KWEICHOW MOUTAI CO LTD A	Manufacturing	1.96%	China
ICICI BANK LTD	Financial and insurance activities	1.69%	India
INFOSYS LTD	Information and communication	1.64%	India
MEDIATEK INC	Manufacturing	1.37%	Taiwan, Province of China
AIA GROUP LTD	Financial and insurance activities	1.35%	Hong Kong
LG CHEM LTD	Manufacturing	1.34%	Korea, Republic of
PING AN INSURANCE GROUP CO H	Financial and insurance activities	1.34%	China
DINO POLSKA SA	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.20%	Poland



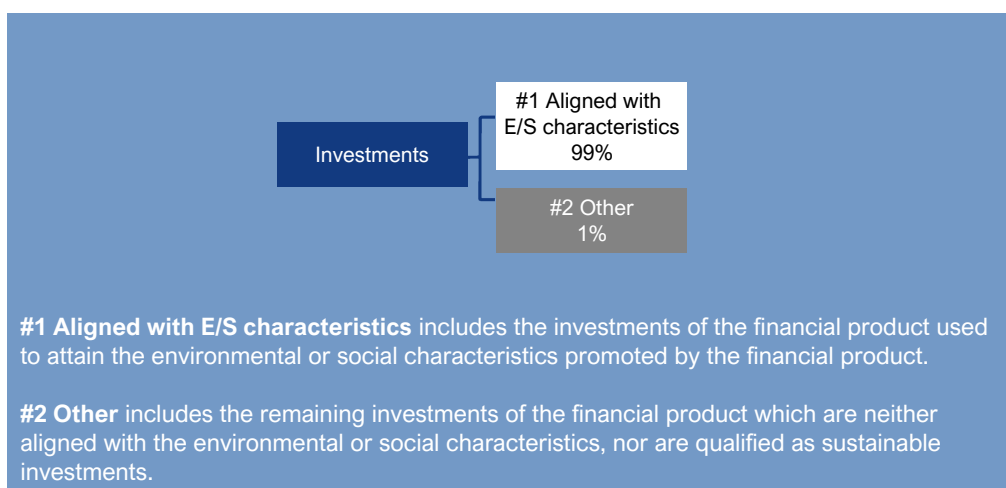
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

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

As at 30 November 2022, 99% of investments were aligned to the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this Portfolio. The Fund was exposed to a range of economic sectors over the reference period, as further disclosed below.

#### What was the asset allocation?

As at 30 November 2022, 99% of investments were aligned to the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this Portfolio. 1% were held in cash, cash equivalents, and derivatives. Over the reference period, a minimum of 90% of the Portfolio's investments were consistently aligned to the environmental and/or social characteristics described above.



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

Sector	Sub Sector	% of NAV as at
Accommodation and food service activities	Restaurants and mobile food service activities	0.46%
Administrative and support service activities	Renting and leasing of other machinery, equipment and tangible goods	0.74%
	Temporary employment agency activities	0.36%

Construction	Construction of residential and non-residential buildings	0.56%
	Development of building projects	0.31%
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	Electric power generation, transmission and distribution	0.37%
Financial and insurance activities	Insurance	3.42%
	Activities auxiliary to financial services, except insurance and pension funding	2.64%
	Other financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding	2.60%
	Monetary intermediation	14.51%
	Trusts, funds and similar financial entities	0.94%
	Fund management activities	0.52%
Human health and social work activities	Hospital activities	1.24%
Information and communication	Publishing of books, periodicals and other publishing activities	4.91%
	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	2.23%
	Software publishing	1.63%
	Data processing, hosting and related activities; web portals	1.04%
	Wired telecommunications activities	0.53%
Manufacturing	Manufacture of communication equipment	5.23%
	Manufacture of beverages	3.65%
	Manufacture of refined petroleum products	2.25%
	Manufacture of domestic appliances	2.08%
	Manufacture of electronic components and boards	12.33%
	Manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations	1.78%
	Manufacture of knitted and crocheted apparel	1.52%
	Manufacture of motor vehicles	1.48%
	Manufacture of other food products	1.41%
	Manufacture of dairy products	1.35%
	Manufacture of basic chemicals, fertilisers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms	1.35%
	Manufacture of bakery and farinaceous products	1.00%
	Manufacture of other general-purpose machinery	0.94%
	Tanning and dressing of leather; manufacture of luggage, handbags, saddlery and harness; dressing and dyeing of fur	0.86%
	Manufacture of batteries and accumulators	0.81%
	Manufacture of other electrical equipment	0.70%
	Manufacture of basic precious and other non-ferrous metals	0.54%
	Manufacture of irradiation, electromedical and electrotherapeutic equipment	0.53%

Manufacturing	Manufacture of optical instruments and photographic equipment	0.49%
	Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0.48%
	Manufacture of other textiles	0.42%
	Manufacture of general - purpose machinery	0.37%
	Manufacture of soap and detergents, cleaning and polishing preparations, perfumes and toilet preparations	0.37%
	Manufacture of plastics products	0.25%
	Manufacture of cement, lime and plaster	0.19%
Mining and quarrying	Extraction of crude petroleum	1.61%
Not classified	Not classified	2.12%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	Other professional, scientific and technical activities n.e.c.	0.29%
Transportation and storage	Support activities for transportation	1.10%
	Transport via pipeline	0.94%
	Other postal and courier activities	0.75%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Retail sale of other goods in specialised stores	4.17%
	Retail trade not in stores, stalls or markets	3.57%
	Retail sale in non-specialised stores	2.30%
	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores	0.65%
	Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco	0.47%

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.

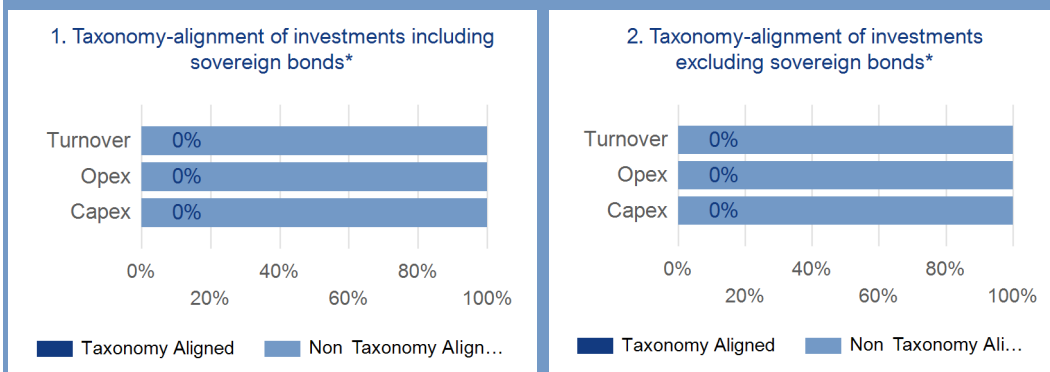
**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective. **Transitional activities** are economic activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and that have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



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

Over the reference period, the Portfolio did not invest in any “sustainable investments” within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy and therefore its alignment with the Taxonomy was 0%.

The two graphs below show in blue 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 was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

As the Portfolio did not invest in any “sustainable investments” within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy, the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy was therefore also 0%.



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



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

Over the reference period, the Portfolio has promoted environmental and social characteristics but did not make any sustainable investments. As a consequence, the Portfolio did not invest in a minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that were not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

This question is not applicable as the Portfolio did not make socially sustainable investments.



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

Investments included under “other” include cash and cash equivalents for liquidity purposes and derivatives (including but not limited to index futures) for efficient portfolio management. These investments were used to achieve the investment objective of the Portfolio but neither promote the environmental or social characteristics of the Portfolio, nor qualify as sustainable investments.

These financial instruments were not subject to any minimum environmental or social safeguards.



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

The Investment Adviser has taken actions to ensure that the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Portfolio were met during the reference period. The sustainability indicators of the Portfolio were measured and evaluated on an ongoing basis.

GSAM used proprietary firm and third-party systems to monitor compliance with binding environmental or social characteristics of the Portfolio contained within the investment guidelines in line with the GSAM Investment Guidelines Policy.

Breaches or errors regarding investment guidelines (including breaches or errors regarding the binding environmental or social characteristics and minimum sustainable investment commitments of the Portfolio) were handled in accordance with the Goldman Sachs Asset Management Fund Services Limited (“GSAMFSL”) Policy on Breaches and Errors and the Policy on GSAM Error Handling which also requires that employees promptly report any incidents (whether resulting from action or inaction) to their GSAM supervisors as well as GSAM Compliance. The information gathered in the incident reporting process is to ensure that clients are appropriately compensated, to assist in improving business practices and help prevent further occurrences.

Additionally, the Investment Adviser leveraged the Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team’s engagement initiatives in respect of the Portfolio. The Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team focuses on proactive, outcomes-based engagement, in an attempt to promote best practices. Engagement initiatives were continually reviewed, enhanced, and monitored to ensure they incorporated current issues, evolving views about key environmental, social, and governance topics and sustainability-related controversies. To guide engagement efforts, the Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team creates an annual Focus List, which reflects the Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team’s thematic priorities and guided voting and engagement efforts.



**How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?**

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Portfolio.

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