



## Sustainability-related disclosures in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088

### SUMMARY

The following information relates to the mutual funds\* of Flossbach von Storch Invest S.A. and describes the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the sub-funds.

### NO SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have sustainable investments as its objective.

### ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FINANCIAL PRODUCT

The sub-fund promotes the following environmental and social characteristics as part of its investment strategy:

- Exclusion criteria with social and environmental characteristics are implemented.
- An engagement policy is implemented as part of the investment strategy in order to work towards positive development in the event of particularly severe negative impacts on certain sustainability factors in investments.

### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Flossbach von Storch integrates sustainability factors comprehensively into its multi-stage analysis process. As part of a specific ESG analysis, sustainability factors are reviewed for their potential opportunities and risks, and an assessment is made as to whether or not a company stands out negatively in terms of its environmental and social activities and how it manages them. The analysis process pays special attention to good governance practices, as they are responsible for sustainable development of the company. In connection with active participation as a shareholder, Flossbach von Storch follows a fixed engagement policy and guidelines for exercising voting rights.

### ALLOCATION OF INVESTMENTS

At least 51 per cent will be invested in securities and money market instruments that satisfy the environmental and social characteristics of the sub-fund. The remaining investments may relate to liquid assets, derivatives and third-party funds.

### MONITORING OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

The sub-fund pays particular attention to the following sustainability indicators (principal adverse impacts - PAIs) when considering the principal adverse sustainability impacts in accordance with Art. 7 para. 1 letter a of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (Disclosure Regulation): In terms of greenhouse gas emissions, consideration is given to greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and 2), greenhouse gas emission intensity and carbon footprint based on Scope 1 and 2, as well as the energy consumption from non-renewable energy sources.

Portfolio companies are also reviewed for set climate targets and progress is monitored on the basis of the above sustainability indicators. In terms of social and employee matters, attention is paid to violations of the principles of the UN Global Compact, violations of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the processes in place to comply with these principles and guidelines. The indicators for the areas are prioritised according to relevance, severity of negative impacts, and data availability. The evaluation is not based on rigid bandwidths or thresholds that companies must meet or achieve; rather, the focus is on whether there is a positive development in how they are managing the indicators or if they are working towards this where possible and necessary.

\*Sub-funds: Flossbach von Storch - Bond Defensive (LEI: 529900E8NDF4T74R2Z77); Flossbach von Storch - Global Quality (LEI: 529900AYL00GX8UQNQ49); Flossbach von Storch - Dividend (LEI: 5299002K4EX1L20Z5698); Flossbach von Storch - Global Emerging Markets Equities (LEI: 52990030Y5508JG3M264); Flossbach von Storch - Global Convertible Bond (LEI: 529900BFUOQUINI5IMT82); Flossbach von Storch - Bond Opportunities (LEI: 529900STNWWRK4MM7H18).

Compliance with the following applied exclusions is monitored using turnover thresholds. Investments are excluded in companies that generate

- >0% of their turnover from controversial weapons,
- >10% of their turnover from producing and/or selling armaments,
- >5% of their turnover from producing tobacco products,
- >30% of their turnover from mining and/or selling coal.

Companies that have committed serious violations of the Principles of the UN Global Compact with no positive prospects and state issuers that are rated “not free” according to the Freedom House index are also excluded. Compliance with the exclusion criteria is monitored both before an investment is made and on an ongoing basis while the investment is held.

#### **METHODOLOGIES**

If serious negative impacts are identified, the focus is on whether there is positive development in how the companies are managing the indicators and if they are working towards this where possible and necessary. The development of the companies is assisted, monitored and measured in the ESG analysis and using a dedicated active ownership process to determine whether positive development is taking place.

The sub-fund has undertaken to exclude investments in companies with certain business models. Turnover thresholds, MSCI ESG research data and internal ESG analyses are used to implement the exclusions.

#### **DATA SOURCES AND PROCESSING**

Data form the basis of the ESG analyses. Data quality is of prime importance for a meaningful assessment of the companies in terms of their management of the focal principle adverse impacts. For this reason, we use primary data for the companies. We currently only use ESG data from third-party providers (Bloomberg and MSCI) as a secondary source. They can provide useful information, but do not replace in-house analysis.

MSCI data and in-house ESG analysis are used to monitor the exclusion criteria.

#### **LIMITATIONS TO METHODOLOGIES AND DATA**

Due to inadequate quality and coverage, Scope 3 emissions data as well as information on non-renewable energy generation is not taken into account in the investment and engagement process. To improve the quality and coverage of the focal PAI data, Flossbach von Storch enters into a direct exchange with relevant portfolio companies to work towards improving data transparency.

#### **DUE DILIGENCE**

Flossbach von Storch is obligated to exercise great diligence with respect to the selection and monitoring of the financial instruments used and has implemented appropriately effective measures.

#### **ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

If one of the portfolio companies does not adequately manage the relevant indicators, which can have a long-term impact on business development, this is addressed directly with the company and an attempt is made to work towards a positive development. Flossbach von Storch sees itself as a constructive sparring partner (where possible) or as a corrective partner (where necessary) that makes appropriate suggestions and supports management in the implementation. If management does not take the necessary steps to a sufficient extent, the fund management will use its voting rights in this regard or sell the investment.

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