SUSTAINABILITY-Related Disclosures

UBAM – Diversified Income Opportunities

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SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED DISCLOSURE Ubam – Diversified income opportunities – Article 8

Summary

This Sub-Fund actively invests a majority of its net assets in investment grade and high yield fixed income markets worldwide. The investment strategy relies on credit and macroeconomic assessment, ESG analysis as well as on relative value in order to achieve an attractive level of income while mitigating the risk of short-term negative returns.

It promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

For sovereign issuers:

This Sub-Fund promotes as social characteristic the sustainability of a country's economic performance given its efficacy meeting the basic needs of its population and reducing poverty, management of social and equity issues and investment in human capital and productivity.

This Sub-Fund promotes as environmental characteristic the sustainability of a country's economic performance given its natural resource endowment, management and supplementation and its risk or resilience to climate change and other natural hazards.

The sustainability indicators used to assess social and environmental characteristics are based on internal environment and social scores built using data from external providers.

The indicator used to measure the attainment of the social characteristics will disclose the percentage of countries in this Sub-Fund that are in the bottom 10% of the considered universe on the internal social score.

The indicator used to measure the attainment of the environmental characteristics will disclose the percentage of countries in this Sub-Fund that are in the bottom 10% of the considered universe on the internal environmental score.

For corporate issuers

This Sub-Fund promotes as social characteristic the compliance with the UN Global Compact.

The ESG approach starts with the filtering of the investment universe which includes norm-based screening and the exclusion of some controversial activities and of the issuers with the worst ESG practices. This is followed by ESG Integration, as the Investment Manager believes, alongside rating agencies, that sound ESG credentials can help improve issuers' creditworthiness.

ESG analysis covers at least 70% of the Sub-Fund's allocation to bonds. Investments in derivatives as mentioned above do

not participate in reaching the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund.

This Sub-Fund invests at least 51% in bonds aligned with the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the strategy.

The binding criteria used to attain each of the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund are integrated in control systems, to ensure pre- and post-trade checks. Compliance is monitored by the Risk department on an ongoing basis.

The Investment Manager may use data reported directly by issuers or sourced from international organisations like the World Bank or from third-party ESG data providers such as MSCI ESG Research or Sustainalytics. The service and data quality provided by third-party ESG data providers are reviewed regularly.

Depending on the metric considered, some data may be estimated by data providers. Although the Investment Manager applies a thorough selection process of third-party providers, their processes and proprietary ESG methodology may be flawed. As a result, there is a risk of incorrectly assessing an issuer, resulting in an inappropriate capture of ESG risks and potential incorrect inclusion or exclusion in the product. This is expected to have limited impact on the overall environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the product.

The investment due diligence process ensures that the investment decisions comply with the objectives and the investment strategy of the Sub-Fund. The consideration of sustainability-related risks is integrated into the investment decision-making process to ensure better-informed investment decisions as well as awareness of the risk exposure. The first level of due diligence is conducted by the Investment Manager, while the second level is conducted by the Risk department.

Engagement with investee companies may occur. It can be conducted collaboratively as well as, on an ad-hoc basis, directly by the Investment Manager.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this Sub-Fund.

No sustainable investment objective

This Sub-Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

For corporate issuers

This Sub-Fund promotes social characteristics by supporting the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact through the exclusions of companies in breach of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).

The sustainability indicator used to assess social characteristic is the percentage of companies in breach of United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).

For sovereign issuers

For sovereign bonds the sustainability of a country's economic performance is assessed given its natural resource endowment, management and supplementation and its resilience to climate change and other natural hazards.

In terms of the social characteristics, this Sub-Fund promotes via investments in sovereign bonds the sustainability of a country's economic performance given its efficacy meeting the basic needs of its population and reducing poverty, management of social and equity issues and investment in human capital and productivity.

The environmental and social characteristics promoted by this Sub-Fund only apply to the allocation in bonds and equities of this Sub-Fund, ABS and derivatives instruments are out of scope.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this Sub-Fund.

The sustainability indicators used to assess social and environmental characteristics are based on internal environmental and social scores built using data from external providers. The external providers incorporates data relevant to all 17 UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

The indicator used to measure the attainment of the social characteristics will disclose the percentage of countries in this Sub-Fund that are in the bottom 10% of the considered universe on the internal social score.

The indicator used to measure the attainment of the environmental characteristics will disclose the percentage of countries in this Sub-Fund that are in the bottom 10% of the considered universe on the internal environmental score.

The considered universe is currently made of more than 100 countries.

Investment strategy

This Sub-Fund actively invests a majority of its net assets in bonds and other debt securities. The investment strategy relies on credit and macroeconomic assessment, ESG analysis as well as on relative value in order to achieve an attractive level of income while mitigating the risk of short-term negative returns. The Sub-Fund allocates actively to the following sectors, up to:

- 100% of its net assets in High Yield securities
- 100% of its net assets in Investment Grade securities

• 50% of its net assets in Emerging countries, including Frontier countries.

• 20% if its net assets in Contingent Convertible Bonds (Cocos)

25% of its net assets in Convertible Bonds

20% of its net assets in asset backed securities
(ABS)

10% of its net assets in equity, including equity derivatives

5% of its net assets in distressed securities

The Sub-Fund may invest in bonds issued under any law, including securities issued under the regulations known as REG S or 144A, in respect of the investment strategy of the Sub-Fund.

This Sub-Fund invests primarily in Fixed Income instruments with sound ESG practices.

The investment strategy relies on credit and macroeconomic assessment, ESG analysis as well as on relative value. The ESG approach combines the filtering of the investment universe and the integration of environmental, social and governance considerations.

ESG aspects are considered when assessing a credit, as the Investment Manager believes, alongside rating agencies, that sound ESG credentials can help improve issuers' creditworthiness. To conduct this ESG analysis, the Investment Manager relies on different sources of information and data, including for instance companies' annual and/or sustainability reports, ad-hoc engagement with issuers, credit agencies' ESG review, as well as external ESG data and scoring providers.

This Sub-Fund aims to deliver financial performance, derived notably from the carry offered by fixed income instruments. For that purpose, some investments may be included that are not aligned with the E/S characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund's investment policy.

The investment process includes a first phase of investment universe filtering and a second phase of ESG integration in bottom-up research and portfolio construction. The first step is investment filtering.

A minimum of 50% of the Sub-Fund's allocation to bonds will be invested in issuers deemed to maintain sustainable characteristics as measured by MSCI ESG research. Sustainable characteristics are defined as an ESG rating equal or superior to BBB for developed market issuers and equal or superior to BB for emerging market issuers. In the absence of an MSCI rating, an internal rating may be assigned by the Investment Manager.

All sovereign and corporate bonds and equities with an MSCI ESG rating of CCC are excluded.

Sovereign issuers are excluded if:

• they are identified as oppressive regimes, as recognised by a Global Freedom Score of 7 or below by Freedom House.

• they are on international sanction lists such as, but not limited to, those of the EU, UN & OFAC.

Corporate and Quasi-sovereign companies are excluded if:

• they bear a Red Controversy Flag by MSCI ESG Research, such as not adhering to international norms and principles including the UN Global Compact (UNGC), the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises or International Labour Organization (ILO) conventions as monitored by UBP's Responsible Invesment Committee.

• Harmful activitiy exclusion according to the UBP Responsible Investment policy (available on https://www.ubp.com/en/investment-expertise/responsible-investment)

The second step is ESG integration, which is implemented to select issuers. The issuer selection derives from the analysis of both environmental, social and governance (extra-financial) factors and financial factors.

This process has two key inputs:

o Independent and forward-looking review of the ESG risks and opportunities for an issuer relying on internal and external research. This review produces an ESG view.

o Independent and forward-looking review of the financial risks and opportunities for an issuer relying on internal and external research. This review produces a financial view.

ESG and financial views are combined to select the issuers. At least 70% of the Sub-Fund's allocation is covered by the extra-financial analysis.

Investments in derivatives as mentioned above do not participate in reaching the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund. The use of derivatives has no material impact on the E and S characteristics.

Proportion of investments

The planned asset allocation of this Sub-Fund will be a 51% minimum of bonds aligned with E/S characteristics.

Other Investments will be:

- Corporate issuers (for bonds and equities) not covered by ESG analysis . In that case, these investments include safeguards to the extent that the bindings elements described in above also apply to them.

- Asset Backed Securities (ABS)

- cash, cash equivalents, derivatives for liquidity management and efficient portfolio management..Those instruments do not participate in attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this Sub-Fund.

Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The selection criteria used to attain each of the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the financial product have been implemented in our control systems. The Risk department (second level of control, fully independent) is in charge of the controls and of the coding of the defined elements within our control systems.

Blocking pre-alerts are automatically generated if a trade is initiated for an asset that is not authorised due to the binding elements of the financial product (e.g. exclusion rules).

Post-trade alerts are generated for excesses, and portfolio managers are notified the day after the breach.

In case of excess, rules are in place to ensure a return to compliance at the earliest possible moment and in the best interest of shareholders.

Methodologies

Sovereign Social Score

The Investment Manager has developed a proprietary model to assess a sovereign issuer' social performance. The Sovereign Social Score is calculated using over 20 World Bank indicators grouped in 6 themes

- Education & skills
- Employment
- Demography
- Poverty & Inequality
- Health & Nutrition
- Access to Services

Sovereign Environmental Score

The Investment Manager has developed a proprietary model to assess a sovereign issuer' environmental performance. The Sovereign Environmental Score is calculated using over 20 World Bank indicators grouped in 5 themes

- Emissions & pollution
- Natural capital endowment and management
- Energy use & security
- Environment/climate risk & resilience
- Food Security...

Corporate Compliance with UN GC

Compliance with the UN GC is assessed by an external provider which provides consistent ongoing assessments of publicly traded companies' and fixed income issuers' involvement in controversies that may constitute a breach of selected global norms and conventions, including the United Nations Global Compact Principles (UNGC).

Data sources and processing

 (a) the data sources used to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product

The Investment Manager uses corporate data from different sources, including information reported directly by issuers or third-party data providers such as, but not limited to, MSCI ESG Research, and Sustainalytics, For Sovereign data, the primary source is the World Bank.

(b) The measures taken to ensure data quality

The Investment Manager reviews regularly the service provided by third-party ESG data providers and engages with them when needed to address potential issues, get a better understanding of the methodologies used or to increase data coverage. This is under the joint responsibility of the Responsible Investment team and the Market data team.

Data providers are requested to provide audited reviews of their processes on an annual basis.

c) how data are processed

The Investment Manager relies on the information they collect from the issuers they analyse (including due diligence reports, management meetings, annual and sustainability reports), as well as from brokers and rating agencies supplemented by external ESG service providers.

Where possible, data feeds are required from data providers and are automatically integrated within our portfolio management system. Where necessary, additional ad-hoc data may also be used.

d) the proportion of data that are estimated

Since the extent of corporate disclosure might vary by region and currently still lacks content and completion, the Investment Manager relies among other things on data from external third-party providers which may be estimated.

The level of estimation per indicator varies significantly depending on the extent of direct disclosure by issuers.

The proportion of estimated data is expected to decrease over time as greater data disclosure regulations come into force.

Limitations to methodologies and data

Although the Investment Manager applies a thorough selection process of third-party providers, their processes and proprietary ESG methodology may be flawed. As a result, there is a risk of incorrectly assessing an issuer, resulting in an inappropriate capture of ESG risks and potential incorrect inclusion or exclusion in the product.

This is expected to have limited impact on the overall environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the product.

Due diligence

The investment due diligence process ensures that the investment decisions comply with the objectives and the investment strategy of the Sub-Fund. The consideration of sustainability-related risks is integrated into the investment decision-making process to ensure better-informed investment decisions as well as awareness of the risk exposure.

The exclusion policy acts as a first screening in the due diligence process and for funds with sustainable investment objectives, the indicators of the principles of adverse impact are used to ensure that the sustainable investments "do not significantly harm" any environmental or social objectives. The first level of due diligence is conducted by the Investment Manager. The second level of due diligence is conducted by the Risk department, which ensures on-going monitoring.

Engagement policies

Engagement with investee companies may occur. It can be conducted collaboratively as well as, on an ad-hoc basis, directly by the investment team.

Respect of International norms

The Investment Manager has teamed up with an external engagement partner to engage collaboratively in case a company held in its funds is identified as violating international norms, including the UN Global Compact.

Upon identifying potential violation(s) by invested companies of international norms, the external partner places the company under observation. It then:

- Performs due diligence on company's current ESG practices
- Defines engagement objectives and decides on next steps

- Implements an engagement strategy with a clear process and defined timeline

- Provides updates on performance and next steps in real time on a continuous basis

As a reminder, according to the investment manager's Responsible Investment Policy, no investment in an issuer violating the UN Global Compact is allowed for SFDR art. 8 financial products.

Climate Change

The Investment manager participates in collaborative engagement to promote climate disclosures and ambitious climate strategies, notably via the CDP.

Designated reference benchmark

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this Sub-Fund.

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