

## 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

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

**Product name:** State Street Pacific Ex-Japan Screened Index Equity Fund

**Legal entity identifier:** 549300ADYHHVDGUH HI73

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

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

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with an environmental 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
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
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<input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with a social objective:</b> ____%	<input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not make any sustainable investments</b>



### Sustainability indicators

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

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

The State Street Pacific Ex-Japan Screened Index Equity Fund is an index fund tracking the performance of the MSCI Pacific ex Japan ex UNGC and CW Index (“Index”). The environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund is the Index designated by the Fund. The Index represents the performance of the broad developed Pacific (excluding Japan) equity markets while excluding companies that are associated with Controversial Weapons or fail to comply with United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles.

The Fund seeks to promote environmental and social characteristics reflected in the exclusions embedded in the Index as highlighted above, and which includes their adherence to ESG criteria i.e. noncompliance with UNGC principles (international norms in relation to the environment, human rights & communities, labour rights & supply chains, customers and governance) and controversial weapons.

The 1 year tracking error as of 31 December 2022 was 0.07%. The tracking difference is attributable to tax benefits and small factors including cash drag and security selection.

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

The attainment of the environmental and social characteristics is measured through the relevant Index exclusions listed in the previous question above. The Fund did not hold any securities that did not meet the relevant ESG criteria.

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

N/A – first reporting period. No comparison available.

### ● **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 Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments within the meaning of the SFDR or the Taxonomy Regulation.

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

The Fund does not commit to investing in sustainable investments.

*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.*

**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.



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

The Fund considers Principal Adverse Impacts (“PAI”) on sustainability factors in the application of the Index exclusions. Specifically, the Index considers

- Violations of UN Global Compact Principles
- Exposure to controversial weapons



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

The list includes the investments constituting the **greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
AIA GROUP LTD	FINANCIALS	7.62%	HONG KONG
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRAL	FINANCIALS	6.79%	AUSTRALIA
CSL LTD	HEALTH CARE	5.70%	AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD	FINANCIALS	3.88%	AUSTRALIA
HONG KONG EXCHANGES + CLEAR	FINANCIALS	3.19%	HONG KONG
WESTPAC BANKING CORP	FINANCIALS	3.12%	AUSTRALIA
DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	FINANCIALS	2.66%	SINGAPORE
WOODSIDE ENERGY GROUP LTD	ENERGY	2.63%	AUSTRALIA
MACQUARIE GROUP LTD	FINANCIALS	2.47%	AUSTRALIA
WESFARMERS LTD	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	2.07%	AUSTRALIA
AUST AND NZ BANKING GROUP	FINANCIALS	2.80%	AUSTRALIA
OVERSEA CHINESE BANKING CORP	FINANCIALS	1.81%	SINGAPORE
WOOLWORTHS GROUP LTD	CONSUMER STAPLES	1.76%	AUSTRALIA
TRANSURBAN GROUP	INDUSTRIALS	1.71%	AUSTRALIA
RIO TINTO LTD	MATERIALS	1.63%	AUSTRALIA



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

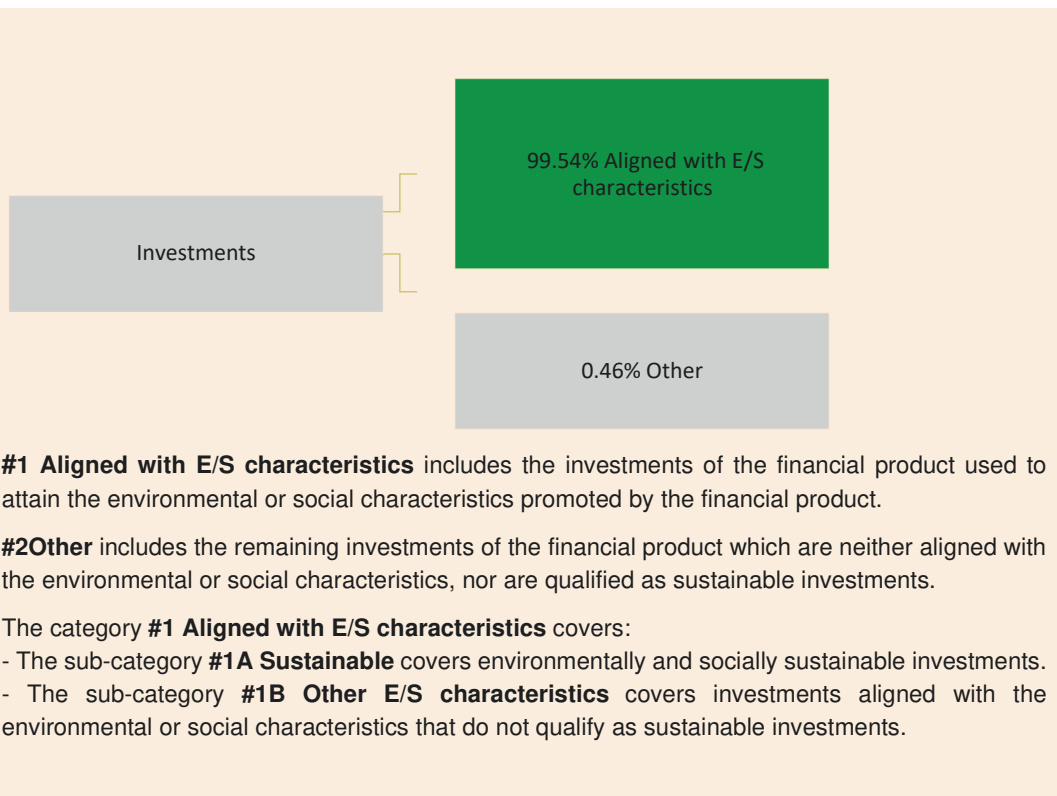
See below – The Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments within the meaning of the SFDR or the Taxonomy Regulation.

### ● What was the asset allocation?

99.54% of the Fund's assets were invested in securities which are #1 Aligned with the environmental and social characteristics as outlined in the table below. 0.46% of the assets,

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

consisting of cash as well as cash equivalents were classified under #2 Other in the below table and will not be aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics.



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

FINANCIALS	26.75%
BANKS	15.77%
INSURANCE	6.54%
CAPITAL MARKETS	4.45%
REAL ESTATE	7.49%
EQUITY RE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (R	3.76%
REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT & DEVEL	3.73%
INDUSTRIALS	5.28%
INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATES	1.38%
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE	1.36%
ROAD & RAIL	0.66%
MACHINERY	0.57%
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	0.45%
AIRLINES	0.35%
AEROSPACE & DEFENSE	0.17%
BUILDING PRODUCTS	0.15%
MARINE	0.12%
TRADING COMPANIES & DISTRIBUTO	0.08%
HEALTH CARE	5.14%
BIOTECHNOLOGY	3.79%
HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS & SERVIC	0.71%
HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLI	0.64%
MATERIALS	4.39%
METALS & MINING	3.86%
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	0.35%
CHEMICALS	0.18%

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 arrangement 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.

CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	3.43%
HOTELS, RESTAURANTS & LEISURE	1.84%
MULTILINE RETAIL	1.34%
SPECIALTY RETAIL	0.15%
DIVERSIFIED CONSUMER SERVICES	0.13%
CONSUMER STAPLES	2.98%
FOOD & STAPLES RETAILING	2.05%
FOOD PRODUCTS	0.46%
BEVERAGES	0.46%
ENERGY	2.85%
OIL, GAS & CONSUMABLE FUELS	2.85%
COMMUNICATION SERVICES	2.50%
DIVERSIFIED TELECOMMUNICATION	1.51%
ENTERTAINMENT	0.80%
INTERACTIVE MEDIA & SERVICES	0.18%
UTILITIES	2.40%
ELECTRIC UTILITIES	1.45%
GAS UTILITIES	0.79%
INDPNDENT PWR & RENEWABLE ELEC	0.16%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1.13%
SOFTWARE	0.43%
IT SERVICES	0.39%
INTERNET SOFTWARE & SVCS-DISCO	0.16%
ELECTRONIC EQUIP, INSTRUMENT &	0.15%
CASH EQUIVALENT	1.10%
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FUTURES	0.17%
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**To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund does not currently commit to investing in any “environmentally sustainable investment’ within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation.

**Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply 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.

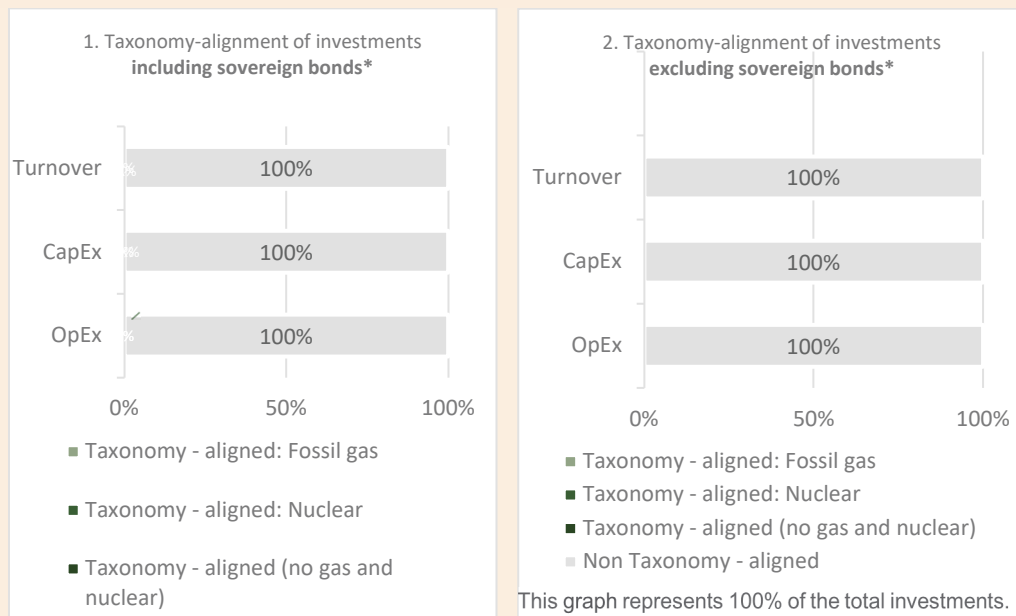
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

-**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 the 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

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.

● **What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**

As the Fund does not commit to invest any “environmentally sustainable investment” within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation, the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation is therefore also set at 0%.

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

N/A – first reporting period. No comparison available.



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

The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not commit to making any environmentally sustainable investments. As a consequence, the Fund does not commit to a minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



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

N/A



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



At year end, the Fund held 0.46% of its assets in cash or cash equivalents, including financial derivative instruments employed for efficient portfolio management, hedging or liquidity management purposes, at the Investment Manager's discretion, which would be classified under #2 Other in the above table. Given the nature of cash or cash equivalents or including financial derivative instruments employed for efficient portfolio management, hedging or liquidity management purposes, such assets will not be aligned with environmental and social characteristics nor will there be any environmental or social safeguards in place.

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

The Fund is an index fund tracking the performance of the MSCI Pacific ex Japan ex UNGC and CW Index. The Index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The Index integrates exclusion criteria relating to companies that are associated with Controversial Weapons or that fail to comply with the UNGC Principles.

Securities in the Fund are selected primarily from the constituents of the Index. Essentially, the portfolio of the Fund would be a near mirror-image of the Index. The Fund also may, in exceptional circumstances, invest in securities not included in the Index but that are believed to closely reflect the risk and distribution characteristics of securities of the Index. The Fund may also hold (i) securities which, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, are likely to become part of the Index and (ii) securities acquired through corporate activity which may not form part of the Index. Securities in the Index are weighted by free float-adjusted market capitalisation after screening out securities based on an assessment of their adherence to ESG criteria i.e., non-compliance with UNGC principles and controversial weapons.

The Index is reviewed and rebalanced on a quarterly basis, with the changes implemented as of the close of the last business day of February, May, August and November at which time the Index is screened for the ESG exclusion criteria outlined above. The Fund rebalances on a quarterly basis, in line with the Index rebalancing frequency.

The assessment of good governance practices is implemented through the negative screening utilised by the Index. Companies deemed by the Index provider to not violate UNGC principles are considered to exhibit good governance.

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

The objective of the Fund is to track the performance of the MSCI Pacific ex Japan ex UNGC and CW Index as closely as possible while seeking to minimize as far as possible the tracking difference between the Fund's performance and that of the Index.

During the one year period ending 31 December 2022, the Fund's performance was in line with expectations. The Fund returned -8.13% on a gross of fees basis, overperforming the benchmark performance of -8.20% by 7 basis points (bps). The I share class of the Fund returned -8.41% on a net of fees basis during the Reporting Period. The overperformance of the Fund was mainly attributed to tax benefits and small factors including cash drag and security selection.

For information on the methodologies used in the construction of the Index and further information on the exclusion criteria and data sources, please refer to MSCI's index methodology description which can be found at the following link: <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology> (index code 731091)

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

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

The Index is based on MSCI Pacific ex Japan Index , its parent index, which captures large and mid-cap representation across the Japanese equity market. The Fund's designated Index (i.e., MSCI Pacific exJapan ex UNGC and CW index) represents the performance of the broad global emerging equity markets while excluding companies that are associated with Controversial Weapons or fail to comply with UNGC principles. Constituent selection is based on data from MSCI ESG Research.

● ***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?***

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● ***How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?***

The Fund returned -8.13% on a gross of fees basis, underperforming the broad market index performance of -5.56% by 2.27%. The I share class of the Fund returned -8.20% on a net of fees basis during the Reporting Period. The investment policy of the Fund is to track the performance of the MSCI Pacific ex Japan ex UNGC and CW Index as closely as possible while seeking to

minimize as far as possible the tracking difference between the Fund's performance and that of the Index.