

Annex 2

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: VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF

Legal entity identifier: 254900806XAC7GF55143

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective? *[tick and fill in as relevant, the percentage figure represents the minimum commitment to sustainable investments]*

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with a social objective: ___%	<input type="checkbox"/> It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of ___% of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments

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.



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

The following environmental and social characteristics applied to the Sub-fund’s investments during the reporting period:

1. The Sub-fund promoted the reduction of the most negative impacts on society and the environment, through reducing exposure to controversies, by using the GRESB overall ESG disclosure score in the index selection and weighting process.

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

2. The Glass Lewis ESG tilted voting policy was applied, whereby votes were cast on sustainability matters.

A reference benchmark, GPR Global 100 Index, has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

The performance of the Sub-fund’s characteristics has been measured with the sustainability indicators included in the next question.

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

During the reporting period, the SFDR precontractual disclosure template was not yet available and applicable for this Fund. Therefore, the sustainability indicators mentioned therein were not yet applicable as well.

Consequently, the Fund measured the following sustainability indicators:

Indicator	Score
The percentage of portfolio involved in violations of UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights	0.00%
The percentage of companies involved in activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas	0.00%

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

This question will be answered when this report has been published for more than one reporting periode. The first time a comparison of the sustainability indicators will be included is in the annual report over 2023.

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

This question and the corresponding questions below were not applicable as the Fund did not intend to make sustainable investments during the reporting period.

● **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.



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

The Sub-fund considered the principal adverse impacts by means of screening, excluding and reweighting companies with a low performance on the below subjects in the following manner:

1. Social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters;
2. Part of the overall ESG disclosure score via GRESB KPI "D4: Public commitment to ESG leadership standards and/or principles".

Additionally, principal adverse impacts are considered as part of the Glass Lewis ESG tilted voting policy, whereby casted votes regard the environment, energy efficiency, the use of renewable energy sources, enhancing the rights of workers, violation of international human rights standards, gender pay inequity and board diversity.

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.



What were the top investments of this financial product?

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
PROLOGIS INC	Real Estate	10.37	US
PUBLIC STORAGE	Real Estate	4.62	US
SIMON PROPERTY GROUP	Real Estate	3.99	US
REALTY INCOME CORP	Real Estate	3.68	US
WELLTOWER INC	Real Estate	3.17	US
DIGITAL REALTY TRUST INC	Real Estate	3.01	US
VICI PROPERTIES INC	Real Estate	2.94	US
AVALONBAY	Real Estate	2.35	US
ALEXANDRIA REAL ESTATE	Real Estate	2.28	US
EQUITY RESIDENTIAL	Real Estate	2.08	US
EXTRA SPACE STORAGE INC	Real Estate	2.03	US
MITSUBISHI ESTATE CO LTD	Real Estate	1.89	JP
VENTAS INC	Real Estate	1.88	US
MID-AMERICA APARTMENT	Real Estate	1.87	US
MITSUI FUDOSAN CO LTD	Real Estate	1.85	JP

The list includes the investments constituting the **greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is: 2022



What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the the environmental and social characteristics that it promotes on the basis that all of the Index holdings are screened against its exclusion strategy.

● **What was the asset allocation?**

The Sub-fund has invested in direct financial instruments of which 100% was aligned with the promoted environmental or social characteristics.

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.



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

As of 31/12/2022 the assets were allocated to the following sectors:

Sector	Weight, %
Real Estate	99.3
Other/Cash	0.7



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

0%. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reporting period. During the reporting period a limited amount of companies has reported on Taxonomy-alignment.

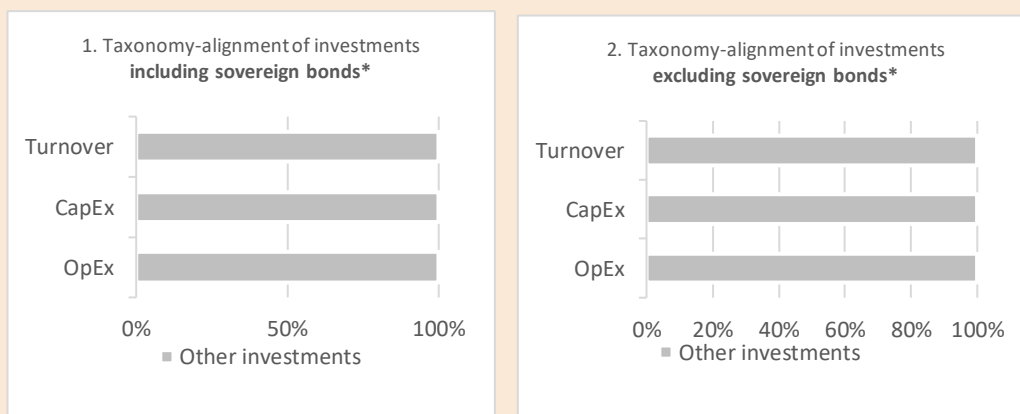
Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy³?

Yes

In fossil gas In nuclear energy

No0020

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

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflects the “greenness” of investee companies today.
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.

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.

³ 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.

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

The minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities was 0%.

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

This question will be answered when this report has been published for more than one reporting period. The first time a comparison of the Taxonomy-aligned investments will be included is in the annual report over 2023.

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 sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments

Not applicable. The Sub-fund did not intend to make socially sustainable investments.



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

Not applicable, all investments were aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.



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

The following rules applied:

Companies have been screened for compliance with the Index rules and the Index is rebalanced on a semi annual basis by the Index Provider. The Sub-fund replicates the Index based on the Index rules.

Furthermore, the European ESG Committee has performed a review and reported on the alignment of of the environmental and social characteristics of the Sub-fund.

No breaches of the index have occurred.

In addition, the Glass Lewis ESG voting guidelines applied to this Sub-fund. Glass Lewis manages proxy voting, policy implementation, recordkeeping and reporting of voting activities.



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

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

The index differed from a generic broad market real estate index in following ways:

- Regional Diversification constraints: 40 shares from North America, 30 from EMEA and 30 from Asia Pacific;
- ESG Screening: companies with a GRESB ESG disclosure score of “E” are excluded from the index;
- ESG-tilted weighting: weights of companies with a GRESB ESG disclosure score above “E” adjusted based on the score, with better-performing stocks in terms of ESG getting increased weights.

● ***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?***

The Sub-bund invested 100% in line with the reference benchmark and had for that reason the same score on the sustainability indicators as the reference benchmark.

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

Indicator	Sub-fund: VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF	Reference benchmark: GPR Global 100 Index
The percentage of portfolio involved in violations of UN Global Compact, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights	0.00%	0.00%
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Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

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

Indicator	Sub-fund: VanEck Global Real Estate UCITS ETF	Broad market index: Solactive GBS Developed Markets Investable Universe Property Index
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