# NORTHERN TRUST WORLD SMALL CAP ESG LOW CARBON INDEX FGR FUND

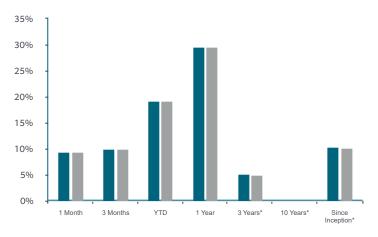
## **Investment Objective**

The Fund is a UCITS feeder fund. The Fund's investment objective is to invest at least 85% of its assets in the Northern Trust World Small Cap ESG Low Carbon Index Fund (the "Master Fund") a Sub- Fund of the Northern Trust UCITS Common Contractual Fund, the investment objective of which is to closely match the risk and return characteristics of the MSCI World Small Cap Custom ESG Low Carbon Index (the "Index") with net dividends reinvested. The Master Fund invests in equities (that is, shares and other similar kinds of assets) issued by or relating to companies included in the Index. The Index is a custom index which corresponds with the MSCI World Small Cap Index with the exclusion of companies not considered to meet socially responsible principles identified by applying criteria that refer to the UN Global Compact ten principles, as well as other ESG criteria selected by the investment manager. This Fund may be appropriate for investors who can benefit from the tax status of the FGR fund range.

Target Market: This Fund is appropriate for investors who plan to invest over the medium to long term; and are looking for a passively managed investment in the relevant market(s) with Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles implemented according to a defined set of exclusions as well as assessment of ESG ratings.



#### SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE % - AS OF 30/11/2024



Northern Trust World Small Cap ESG Low Carbon Index FGR Fund Index

Reference Index: MSCI World Small Cap Custom ESG Low Carbon Index

#### All performance in EUR

## 12 MONTHS PERFORMANCE PERIODS - TO LAST MONTH END

	30/11/23 to 30/11/24	30/11/22 to 30/11/23	30/11/21 to 30/11/22	30/11/20 to 30/11/21	30/11/19 to 30/11/20	30/11/18 to 30/11/19	30/11/17 to 30/11/18	30/11/16 to 30/11/17	30/11/15 to 30/11/16	30/11/14 to 30/11/15	Calendar Year 2023
Share Class	29.70	-3.98	-6.63	26.68	4.51	-	-	-	-	-	12.01
Index	29.61	-4.17	-6.79	26.72	4.30	-	-	-	-	-	11.86

Index performance returns do not reflect any advisory fees, transaction costs or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in any index. The performance figures were re-calculated on 30/08/2024 with minor updates, where appropriate. Further information of any changes can be obtained from the relevant Account Manager.

# **RISK WARNINGS**

Counterparty Risk – In case of bankruptcy of the broker, there is no guarantee collateral held by the broker will be returned to the Fund. In the event of bankruptcy of the counterparty, the premium and any unrealised gains may be lost.

Investment Risk – The Fund may not achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Fund involves investment risks including possible loss of the amount invested.

Derivative Risk – Derivatives may result in gains or losses that are greater than the original amount invested.

Currency Risk – Where a class of units are in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund, the non-base unit classes of the Fund may be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates.

Valuation Risk - A position in the Fund may be valued incorrectly, as some prices may be uncertain at a point in time.

Risks associated with investing in the Master Fund – The value of this Fund and the income from it is closely linked to the performance of the Master Fund. There is no guarantee that the investment objective of the Master Fund will be achieved. As a unitholder of the Master Fund, this Fund bears, along with other unitholders, its pro rata portion of the expenses of the Master Fund. These fees are in addition to the other fees and expenses which this Fund bears directly in connection with its own operations.

## Past performance does not predict future returns

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	Since Inception*
Share Class	9.50	9.98	19.32	29.70	5.16	9.01	-	10.33
Index	9.50	9.96	19.14	29.61	5.00	8.88	-	10.17

Performance is calculated from the inception of the share-class. All data shown is net of fees.

Please refer to the Fund prospectus for pricing information.

\* Performance shown annualized for periods greater than 1 year.

Where your own currency is different to the currency of the fund's investments, the fund's returns can also be affected by fluctuations in currency exchange.

The unswung initial launch price has been used as the starting point for performance. Thereafter swung NAVs are used. Please note the above represents the performance that was achievable by eligible Dutch investors and includes income distributions gross of Dutch withholding tax because these investors receive a refund of the 15% Dutch withholding tax levied. Different investor types and investors from other jurisdictions may not be able to achieve the same level of performance due to their tax status and local tax rules.

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# **PASSIVE EQUITY**

SHARE CLASS A EUR AS OF NOVEMBER 2024

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#### **TOP HOLDINGS %**

Natera, Inc. XPO, Inc. Comfort Systems USA, Inc. FTAI Aviation Ltd. Affirm Holdings, Inc. Class A	
Comfort Systems USA, Inc. FTAI Aviation Ltd. Affirm Holdings, Inc. Class A	0.3
FTAI Aviation Ltd. Affirm Holdings, Inc. Class A	0.3
Affirm Holdings, Inc. Class A	0.3
	0.3
	0.2
SoFi Technologies Inc	0.2
Toll Brothers, Inc.	0.2
Guidewire Software, Inc.	0.2
US Foods Holding Corp.	0.2
Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.	0.2

#### **SECTOR ALLOCATION %**

	Fund	Benchmark
Industrials	20.1	20.1
Financials	18.0	18.0
Consumer Discretionary	13.3	13.3
Information Technology	12.0	12.0
Health Care	10.8	10.8
Real Estate	9.1	9.1
Materials	6.3	6.4
Consumer Staples	4.5	4.5
Communication Services	2.7	2.7
Other	3.2	3.2

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#### **TOP REGIONS/COUNTRIES %**

	Fund	Benchmark
United States	64.9	65.0
Japan	12.1	12.1
United Kingdom	5.1	5.1
Canada	3.3	3.2
Australia	3.3	3.3
Other	11.3	11.2

#### **CURRENCY ALLOCATION %**

	Fund	Benchmark
U S Dollar	65.0	65.2
Japanese Yen	12.1	12.1
British Pounds	5.1	5.1
Euro	4.8	4.8
Australian Dollar	3.3	3.3

## FUND OVERVIEW

Domicile	Netherlands
Legal Structure	Fonds voor gemene rekening (FGR)
Regulatory Structure	UCITS
Proxy Voting*	Yes
Use of Income	Distributing
Distributions	February
Total Fund Assets	1,430.89m EUR
Benchmark MSCI World Sma	II Cap Custom ESG Low Carbon Index
Fund Launch Date	06/06/2019
Share Class Launch Date	11/06/2019
Fund Base Currency	EUR
Share Class Currency	EUR
Bloomberg Code	NTSCLAE NA
ISIN	NL0013552078
Minimum Initial Investment	0.00 EUR
Minimum Subsequent Investment	0.00 EUR
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Dealing Deadline 2:00 PM Dutch Tir	ne on the day prior to the Dealing Day
Settlement	T+ 2
Portfolio Manager	Team Managed
OCF Share Class**	0.23%
Has Securities Lending	No
SFDR	8
Swing Pricing	Yes
Country Registration	Austria, Germany, United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Netherlands

\*Details on proxy voting can be found here:

www.northerntrust.com/netherlands/what-we-do/investment-management/ stewardship/proxy-voting-policies

\*\* Where a share class has less than a full calendar year history the Ongoing Charge Figures (OCF) are estimated and may vary from time to time.

#### FUND CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Benchmark
Trailing 12-Month Price-to-Earnings Ratio	17.3	17.3
Weighted Average Market Cap ( $\in$ M)	4,669.1	4,663.8
Price-to-Book Ratio	1.9	1.9
Dividend Yield*** (%)	1.7	1.7
Return on Equity (%)	10.5	10.6
Number of Holdings	3093	3079

\*\*\* The Dividend yield is calculated at the fund level by Factset as a weighted average of the gross dividend yield of the stocks within the portfolio and index.

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#### CARBON DATA METRICS

Carbon footprint of the index constituents versus parent

	NT Index Fund	Standard Benchmark
Financed Emissions Scope 1+2 Tons of CO2	58,605.09	104,541.04
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI) Scope 1+2 Tons of CO2e/\$M Sales	50.49	125.71
Financed Emissions Scope 3 Tons of CO2	717,275.70	708,628.49
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI) Scope 3 Tons of CO2e/\$M Sales	493.35	739.34

The financed emissions metric apportions the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of a portfolio based on the ownership of an issuer by its enterprise value including cash (EVIC). Carbon intensity represents the company's most recently reported or estimated Direct (fuel combustion, company vehicles) and Indirect (purchased electricity heat and steam) greenhouse gas emissions, divided by sales.

#### ADVOCACY DATA

Advocacy data is updated on a quarterly basis capturing the previous 3 months engagement activity. For more information on our engagement, please read our quarterly engagement reporting at Advocacy Data Link. Engagement undertaken by Hermes EOS on behalf of Northern Trust.

#### ESG EXCLUSIONS ON BASE INDEX

Number of securities excluded in the fund index when compared to the standard benchmark.

ESG Screen	N° of Securities	% of Market Capitalization
Business Related Exclusions*	19	0.73%
Combined Governance	543	8.56%
Combined Weapons	42	1.76%
Fossil Fuels**	128	3.91%
High Carbon Intensity	158	3.81%
Not Rated	68	0.47%
Nuclear Power	0	0.00%
UNGC & Other Severe Controversies	3	0.06%
Combined Basket***	929	18.54%

\* Business Related Exclusions includes tobacco, adult entertainment, gambling and for profit prisons.

\*\* Fossil Fuels includes Thermal Coal, Shale, Oil Sands and Arctic Oil & Gas. \*\*\* Stocks may appear in multiple ESG Screens but are only considered once in the Combined Basket.



#### Glossary

Business Related Exclusions : Business related exclusions cover tobacco manufacturing, retail and trade and for-profit prisons.

ISIN: International Securities Identification Number. It is a 12-digit alphanumeric code that uniquely identifies a specific security.

Ongoing Charge: is a figure representing all annual charges and other payments taken from the fund.

Price-to-Book Ratio: is used to compare a firm's market capitalization to its book value. It's calculated by dividing the company's stock price per share by its book value per share. Book value is calculated as follows: (total asset - total liabilities) / number of shares outstanding.

Quant Active: securities are chosen based on numerical data compiled through quantitative analysis. It is aiming for high alpha from exposure to multiple factors: proven stock ranking model focused on selecting stocks that exhibit good value, quality, momentum and analyst revisions characteristics etc.

Standard Risk Indicator: is a value based on the volatility of the fund, which gives an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the fund.

Swing Pricing: protects existing shareholders against fund dilution by passing transaction costs to purchasing or redeeming shareholders. It allows funds to adjust the net asset value up or down once purchase or redemption limits are exceeded.

Trailing 12-month price-to-earnings ratio: is a relative valuation multiple based on the last 12 months of actual earnings, calculated by dividing the current stock price by the trailing EPS for the previous year.

Weighted Average Market Cap: refers to a type of stock market index construction that is based on the market capitalization of the index's constituent stocks.

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