# NORTHERN TRUST EUROPE CUSTOM ESG INDEX FGR FUND

# Marketing Communication

# **PASSIVE EQUITY**

Don't take any unnecessary risks

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Higher risk

SHARE CLASS A EUR AS OF NOVEMBER 2024

Lower risk

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#### **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to closely match the risk and return characteristics of the MSCI Europe Custom ESG Index (the "Index") with net dividends reinvested. The Fund invests in equities (that is, shares and other similar kinds of assets) issued by or relating to companies included in the Index. 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.

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



Northern Trust Europe Custom ESG Index FGR Fund

#### Reference Index: MSCI Europe Custom ESG 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	12.34	8.47	-2.86	21.62	-1.03	17.41	-3.79	15.99	-7.69	-	16.33
Index	12.18	7.71	-3.40	21.38	-1.45	16.75	-4.53	15.77	-8.20	-	15.90

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**

Liquidity Risk - Some recognised exchanges are less liquid or more volatile which may affect the price received and time taken when selling investments.

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.

#### Past performance does not predict future returns

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	Since Inception*
Share Class	0.53	-3.11	8.57	12.34	5.78	7.34	-	5.74
Index	0.78	-3.12	8.10	12.18	5.29	6.90	-	5.17

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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#### **TOP HOLDINGS %**

	Fund
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	3.5
ASML Holding NV	2.8
SAP SE	2.5
Nestle S.A.	2.3
AstraZeneca PLC	2.1
Novartis AG	2.1
Roche Holding Ltd Dividend Right Cert.	2.0
Shell Plc	2.0
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	1.7
HSBC Holdings Plc	1.7

#### **SECTOR ALLOCATION %**

SECTOR ALEOCATION 70		
	Fund	Benchmark
Financials	21.2	21.2
Health Care	16.6	16.6
Industrials	14.8	14.8
Consumer Staples	10.2	10.2
Consumer Discretionary	9.6	9.6
Information Technology	7.9	7.9
Materials	5.9	5.9
Energy	5.1	5.1
Utilities	4.2	4.2
Other	4.6	4.6

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

	Fund	Benchmark
United Kingdom	22.1	22.1
Switzerland	16.0	16.0
France	15.9	15.9
Germany	14.3	14.3
Netherlands	7.3	7.3
Other	24.4	24.4

#### **CURRENCY ALLOCATION %**

	Fund	Benchmark		
Euro	50.2	50.5		
British Pounds	21.9	21.9		
Swiss Franc	16.0	16.0		
Danish Krone	5.4	5.4		
Swedish Krona	5.2	5.0		

#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

Domicile	Netherlands
Legal Structure	Fonds voor gemene rekening (FGR)
Regulatory Structure	UCITS
Proxy Voting*	Yes
Use of Income	Distributing
Distributions	May;November
Total Fund Assets	1,598.65m EUR
Benchmark	MSCI Europe Custom ESG Index
Fund Launch Date	11/03/2015
Share Class Launch Date	11/03/2015
Fund Base Currency	EUR
Share Class Currency	EUR
Bloomberg Code	NTEEIAE NA
ISIN	NL0010948220
Minimum Initial Investment	0.00 EUR
Minimum Subsequent Investment	t 0.00 EUR
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Dealing Deadline	2:00 PM Dutch Time on the Dealing Day
Settlement	T+ 2
Portfolio Manager	Team Managed
OCF Share Class**	0.10%
Has Securities Lending	No
Has UK Reporting Status	Yes
SFDR	8
Swing Pricing	Yes
Country Registration	Austria, Germany, United Kingdom,

Luxembourg, Netherlands

\*Details on proxy voting can be found here:

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\*\* 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
14.1	14.1
88,442.1	88,430.6
1.9	1.9
3.2	3.2
19.0	19.0
394	392
	14.1 14.1 88,442.1 1.9 3.2 19.0

\*\*\* 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	84,376.45	85,714.76
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI) Scope 1+2 Tons of CO2e/\$M Sales	78.89	79.16
Financed Emissions Scope 3 Tons of CO2	733,168.48	826,382.92
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI) Scope 3 Tons of CO2e/\$M Sales	687.80	795.05

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*	3	0.88%
Combined Governance	0	0.00%
Combined Weapons	12	3.27%
Fossil Fuels**	1	0.48%
High Carbon Intensity	0	0.00%
Not Rated	1	0.04%
Nuclear Power	0	0.00%
UNGC & Other Severe Controversies	0	0.00%
Combined Basket***	17	4.67%

\* 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.

#### For More Information

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