# Website Product Disclosures further to art. 10(1) of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation for art. 8 financial products

#### **SUMMARY**

Name:	Legal entity identifier:
AMUNDI MSCI SMART CITIES ESG SCREENED	5493004ZDNQO27QH8R39

### No sustainable investment objective

This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment

#### Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The Sub-Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics through among others, replicating an Index integrating an environmental, social and governance ("ESG") rating. The Index methodology is constructed using a "Best-in-class approach": best ranked companies are selected to construct the Index. "Best-in-class" is an approach where leading or best-performing investments are selected within a universe, industry sector or class. Using such Best-in-class approach, the Index follows an extra-financial approach significantly engaging that permits the reduction by at least 20% of the initial investment universe (expressed in number of issuers).

#### Investment strategy

The Sub-Fund objective is to track the performance of MSCI ACWI IMI Smart Cities ESG Filtered (the "Index"), and to minimize the tracking error between the net asset value of the Sub-Fund and the performance of the Index. The Index aims to represent the performance of companies that are expected to derive significant revenues from activities associated with the development of new products and services focused on smart solutions for urban infrastructure and to exclude companies which are Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") laggards relative to the theme universe.

This is a passively managed ETF. Its investment strategy is to replicate the Index while minimizing the related tracking error. The Index is constructed by selecting stocks from the MSCI ACWI Investable Market Index (IMI) (the 'Parent Index'). It selects companies which are assessed to have high exposure to business activities such as: -Smart Connectivity (IoT) -Smart Infra -Smart Buildings -Smart Homes -Smart Safety & Security -Smart Mobility -Smart Waste and Water Management -Smart Energy and Grids The Index is an equity index calculated and published by the international index provider MSCI. The Index features the following characteristics: a) Same investment universe as the MSCI ACWI

Investable Market Index (IMI) (the "Parent Index"); ie including large, mid and small cap stocks across developed and emerging countries. b) A set of relevant words and phrases derived from the above business activities is used to identify companies (the "Eligible Universe") which could benefit from the increased adoption and utilization of products and services focused on automation and artificial intelligence. c) Companies from the Eligible Universe with a "Relevance Score" (as defined by MSCI) above 25% constitute the "Selected Universe". d) Further liquidity/size/country/sectorial filters are applied to the Selected Universe. e) An ESG negative screening is performed on the Selected Universe as defined in the methodology in order to exclude: - Companies with exposure to controversial businesses such as controversial weapons, conventional weapons, tobacco, thermal coal, civilian firearms, oil sands, nuclear weapons or companies in violation of UN Global Compact; and - Companies with no "ESG Rating" (as defined by MSCI). f) A filtered universe is constructed using a "Best-in-class" approach (the "Filtered Universe"): bottom quartile companies by an industry-adjusted ESG Rating (as defined by MSCI) are excluded from the filtered Selected Universe. "Best-in-class" approach is an approach where leading or best-performing investments are selected within a universe, industry sector or class.MSCI ESG Rating methodology uses a rules-based methodology designed to measure a company's resilience to longterm, industry material ESG risks. It is based on extra-financial ESG key issues that focus on the intersection between acompany's core business and the industry-specific issues that may create significant risks and opportunities for the company. The ESG key issues are weighted according to impact and time horizon of the risk or opportunity. The ESG key issues include for instance, but are not limited to, water stress, carbon emissions, labor management or business ethics. By using such Best-in-class approach, the Sub-Fund follows an extra-financial approach significantly engaging that permits the reduction by at least 20% of the initial investment universe (expressed in number of issuers). Limits of the extra-financial approach are mentioned in the section "Main risks" below. The extra-financial data coverage is 100% of the eligible securities of the Parent Index. Non ESG rated companies are excluded from the selection process of the Index. g) The top half in terms of Relevance Score of the Filtered Universe constitutes the Index composition. h) The index is weighted in line with the MSCI Adaptive Capped Indexes Methodology (as described on MSCI website), with fixed multiplier ("L") set to 5. This methodology aims to generate a capped index with high replicability and low turnover with a pre-defined maximum constraint factor for the uncapped constituents of the index. i) An iterative downweighting ensures that the carbon emission intensity and the weighted average of board independence of the Index are respectively lower and higher than the ones of the MSCI ACWI IMI Smart Cities Index. For further information in relation to the general and specific environmental, social and governance (ESG) objectives targeted by the Sub-Fund, please refer to the Transparency Code of the Sub-Fund available on https://www.amundietf.com. Environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund are met through the MSCI ESG Rating methodology (as described above). The complete methodology for the Index (including maintenance and rebalancing of the Index) is available for consultation on the MSCI website: https://www.msci.com/index-methodology. The Product strategy is also relying on systematic exclusions policies (normative and sectorials) as further described in Amundi Responsible Investment policy. The Product strategy is also relying on systematic exclusions policies (normative and sectorials) as further described in Amundi Responsible Investment policy.

To assess good governance practices of the investee companies, we rely on Amundi ESG scoring methodology. Amundi's ESG scoring is based on a proprietary ESG analysis framework, which accounts for 38 general and sector-specific criteria, including governance criteria. In the Governance dimension, we assess an issuer's ability to ensure an effective corporate governance framework that guarantees it will meet its long-term objectives (e.g., guaranteeing the issuer's value over the long term). The

governance sub-criteria considered are: board structure, audit and control, remuneration, shareholders' rights, ethics, tax practices and ESG strategy. Amundi ESG Rating scale contains seven grades, ranging from A to G, where A is the best and G the worst rating. G-rated companies are excluded from our investment universe.

Each corporate security (shares, bonds, single name derivatives, ESG equity and fixed income ETFs) included in investment portfolios has been assessed for good governance practices applying a normative screen against UN Global Compact (UN GC) principles on the associated issuer. The assessment is performed on an ongoing basis. Amundi's ESG ratings Committee monthly reviews lists of companies in breach of the UN GC leading to rating downgrades to G. Divestment from securities downgraded to G is carried out by default within 90 days.

Amundi Stewardship Policy (engagement and voting) related to governance complements this approach.

### Proportion of investments

At least 90% of the Sub-Fund's securities and instruments will meet the promoted environmental or social characteristics in accordance with the binding elements of the Index methodology. Furthermore, the Sub-Fund commits to have a minimum of 15 % of sustainable investments as per the below chart. Investments aligned with other E/S characteristics (#1B) will represent the difference between the actual proportion of investments aligned with environmental or social characteristics (#1) and the actual proportion of sustainable investments (#1A). The planned proportion of other environmental investment represents a minimum of 15 % (i) and may change as the actual proportions of Taxonomyaligned and/or Social investments increase.

### Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

All ESG data, either externally or internally processed, is centralised by the Responsible Investment Business line, which is responsible for controlling the quality of the inputs and processed ESG outputs. This monitoring includes an automated quality check as well as a qualitative check from ESG analysts who are specialists of their sectors. ESG scores are updated on a monthly basis within Amundi's proprietary tool Stock Rating Integrator (SRI) module.

Sustainability indicators used within Amundi rely on proprietary methodologies. These indicators are continuously made available in the portfolio management system allowing the portfolio managers to assess the impact of their investment decisions.

Moreover, these indicators are embedded within Amundi's control framework, with responsibilities spread between the first level of controls performed by the Investment teams themselves and the second level of controls performed by the Risk teams, who monitor compliance with environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund on an ongoing basis.

### Methodologies

The Amundi ESG rating used to determine the ESG score is an ESG quantitative score translated into seven grades, ranging from A (the best scores universe) to G (the worst). In the Amundi ESG Rating scale, the securities belonging to the exclusion list correspond to a G. For corporate issuers, ESG performance is assessed globally and at relevant criteria level by comparison with the average performance of its industry, through the combination of the three ESG dimensions:

- **Environmental dimension**: this examines issuers' ability to control their direct and indirect environmental impact, by limiting their energy consumption, reducing their greenhouse emissions, fighting resource depletion and protecting biodiversity;
- **Social dimension**: these measures how an issuer operates on two distinct concepts: the issuer's strategy to develop its human capital and the respect of the human rights in general;
- **Governance dimension**: This assesses capability of the issuer to ensure the basis for an effective corporate governance framework and generate value over the long-term.

The methodology applied by Amundi ESG rating uses 38 criteria that are either generic (common to all companies regardless of their activity) or sector specific which are weighted according to sector and considered in terms of their impact on reputation, operational efficiency and regulations in respect of an issuer. Amundi ESG ratings are likely to be expressed globally on the three E, S and G dimensions or individually on any environmental or social factor.

### Data sources and processing

Amundi's ESG scores are built using Amundi's ESG analysis framework and scoring methodology. We source data from the following sources for ESG scores: Moody, ISS-Oekem, MSCI, and Sustainalytics.

Data quality controls of external data providers are managed by the Global Data Management unit. Controls are deployed at different steps of the value chain, from pre-integration controls, post-integration ones, to post calculation ones like controls on proprietary scores for instance.

External data are collected and controlled by the Global Data Management team and are plugged into the SRI module.

The SRI module is a proprietary tool that ensures the collection, quality check and processing of ESG data from external data providers. It also calculates the ESG ratings of issuers according to Amundi proprietary methodology. The ESG ratings in particular are displayed in the SRI module to portfolio managers, risk, reporting and the ESG teams in a transparent and user-friendly manner (issuer's ESG rating together with the criteria and the weights of each criterion).

For ESG ratings, at each stage of the calculation process, the scores are normalised and converted into Z-scores (difference between the company's score and the average score in the sector, as a number of standard deviations). Hence each issuer is assessed with a score scaled around the average of their sector, enabling to distinguish best-practices from worst practices at sector level (Best-in-Class

approach). At the end of the process, each issuer is assigned an ESG score (approximately between -3 and +3) and the equivalent on a letter scale from A to G, where A is the best, and G the worst.

Data is then disseminated via Alto front office to portfolio managers and is monitored by the risk team.

ESG scores utilize data derived from external data providers, internal ESG assessment/research conducted by Amundi, or through a regulated third party recognised for the provision of professional ESG scoring and assessment. Without mandatory ESG reporting at company level, estimations are a core component of data providers' methodology.

#### Limitations to methodologies and data

Our methodology limitations are by construction linked to use of ESG data. The ESG data landscape is currently being standardised which can impact data quality; data coverage also is a limitation. Current and future regulation will improve standardized reporting and corporate disclosures on which ESG data rely.

We are aware of these limitations which we mitigate by a combination of approaches: the monitoring of controversies, the use of several data providers, a structured qualitative assessment by our ESG research team of the ESG scores, the implementation of a strong governance.

#### Due diligence

Each month, the ESG scores are recalculated according Amundi quantitative methodology. The result of this calculation is then reviewed by the ESG analysts who perform a qualitative "sampling control" on its sector based on various checks that may include (but are not limited to): the main significant variations of the ESG score, the list of the new names with a bad score, the main divergence of score between 2 providers. After this review the analyst can override a score from the calculated score which is validated by the management of the team and is documented by a note stored in Amundi database iPortal. This can also be subject to a validation of the ESG Rating Committee.

The investment management team is responsible for defining the investment process of the product, including the design of the appropriate risk framework in collaboration with the investment risk teams. In this context, Amundi has an investment guideline management procedure as well as a breach management procedure applying across all operations. Both procedures reiterate strict compliance with regulations and contractual guidelines. Risk managers are in charge of monitoring breaches on a day-to-day basis, alerting fund managers and requiring that portfolios are brought back into compliance as soon as possible and in the best interest of investors.

#### **Engagement policies**

Amundi engages investee or potential investee companies at the issuer level regardless of the type of holdings held (equity and bonds). Issuers engaged are primarily chosen by the level of exposure to the subject of engagement, as the environmental, social, and governance issues that companies face have a major impact on society, both in terms of risk and opportunities.

## Designated reference benchmark

The Index has been designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether the financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

According to applicable regulations to index sponsors (including BMR), index sponsors should define appropriate controls/diligence when defining and/or operating index methodologies of regulated indexes.

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Additional information on the Index can be found at :www.MSCI.com