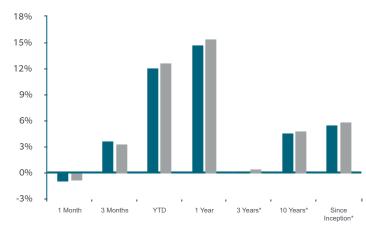
# THE NT EMERGING MARKETS CUSTOM ESG EQUITY INDEX FUND

### **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to closely match the risk and return characteristics of the MSCI Emerging Markets Custom ESG Index (the "Index"). The 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 Emerging Markets Custom ESG 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 ESG criteria selected by the investment manager.

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



The NT Emerging Markets Custom ESG Equity Index Fund Index

Reference Index: MSCI Emerging Markets Custom ESG Index

### All performance in EUR

### 12 MONTHS PERFORMANCE PERIODS - TO LAST MONTH END

|             | 30/11/23 to<br>30/11/24 | 30/11/22 to<br>30/11/23 | 30/11/21 to<br>30/11/22 | 30/11/20 to<br>30/11/21 | 30/11/19 to<br>30/11/20 | 30/11/18 to<br>30/11/19 | 30/11/17 to<br>30/11/18 | 30/11/16 to<br>30/11/17 | 30/11/15 to<br>30/11/16 | 30/11/14 to<br>30/11/15 | Calendar<br>Year 2023 |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Share Class | 14.83                   | -1.85                   | -10.89                  | 7.66                    | 10.92                   | 9.60                    | -4.96                   | 18.68                   | 6.62                    | -0.99                   | 5.49                  |
| Index       | 15.51                   | -1.64                   | -10.73                  | 8.02                    | 11.16                   | 10.13                   | -4.72                   | 18.91                   | 6.92                    | -0.75                   | 5.89                  |

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 shares are in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund, the non-base share 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.

Emerging Markets Risk – Emerging markets are generally more sensitive to economic and political conditions than developed markets and so may be more volatile. Disclosure and

regulatory standards may be less stringent, the legal infrastructure may not provide the same degree of shareholder protection and the Fund may encounter restrictions on investment or transfer of assets and failed/delayed delivery of securities or payments.

#### Past performance does not predict future returns

|                | 1<br>Month | 3<br>Months | YTD   | 1 Year | 3<br>Years* | 5<br>Years* | 10<br>Years* | Since<br>Inception* |
|----------------|------------|-------------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Share<br>Class | -0.87      | 3.65        | 12.16 | 14.83  | 0.14        | 3.70        | 4.58         | 5.52                |
| Index          | -0.86      | 3.30        | 12.71 | 15.51  | 0.47        | 4.02        | 4.89         | 5.85                |

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.

# Marketing Communication

# **PASSIVE EQUITY**

Don't take any unnecessary risks

Higher risk

SHARE CLASS C EUR AS OF NOVEMBER 2024

Lower risk

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#### **TOP HOLDINGS %**

|  | Fund |
|--|------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | 10.4 |
| Tencent Holdings Ltd.                        | 4.6  |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.                | 2.6  |
| Alibaba Group Holding Limited                | 2.4  |
| HDFC Bank Limited                            | 1.7  |
| Meituan Class B                              | 1.5  |
| Reliance Industries Limited                  | 1.3  |
| ICICI Bank Limited                           | 1.1  |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.         | 1.0  |
| Infosys Limited                              | 1.0  |
|  |      |

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION %

|                        | Fund | Benchmark |
|------------------------|------|-----------|
| Financials             | 25.0 | 25.0      |
| Information Technology | 24.5 | 24.5      |
| Consumer Discretionary | 13.7 | 13.7      |
| Communication Services | 9.8  | 9.7       |
| Industrials            | 5.6  | 5.7       |
| Materials              | 5.4  | 5.4       |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.7  | 4.7       |
| Energy                 | 4.2  | 4.2       |
| Health Care            | 3.6  | 3.6       |
| Other                  | 3.4  | 3.4       |

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

|        | Fund | Benchmark |
|--------|------|-----------|
| China  | 27.1 | 27.0      |
| Taiwan | 19.9 | 19.9      |
| India  | 18.8 | 18.8      |
| Korea  | 9.9  | 9.9       |
| Brazil | 4.2  | 4.2       |
| Other  | 20.2 | 20.2      |
|        |      |           |

#### **CURRENCY ALLOCATION %**

|                     | Fund | Benchmark |
|---------------------|------|-----------|
| Hong Kong Dollar    | 21.3 | 21.3      |
| Taiwan Dollar       | 19.9 | 19.9      |
| Indian Rupee        | 18.8 | 18.8      |
| South Korean Won    | 9.9  | 9.9       |
| Saudi Arabian Riyal | 4.2  | 4.2       |

#### FUND OVERVIEW

| Domicile                        | Ireland   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Legal Structure                 | ICVC  |
| Regulatory Structure            | UCITS   |
| Proxy Voting*                   | Yes   |
| Use of Income                   | Accumulating  |
| Total Fund Assets               | 2,277.40m USD   |
| Benchmark MS                    | CI Emerging Markets Custom ESG Index  |
| Fund Launch Date                | 08/01/2014  |
| Share Class Launch Date         | 08/01/2014  |
| Fund Base Currency              | USD   |
| Share Class Currency            | EUR   |
| Bloomberg Code                  | NTEMEEC ID  |
| ISIN                            | IE00BH3GZH52  |
| Minimum Initial Investment      | 0.10m USD   |
| Minimum Subsequent Investmen    | t 0.00 USD  |
| Dealing Frequency               | Daily   |
| Dealing 2:00 PM Iri<br>Deadline | sh Time on the business day prior to the Dealing Day  |
| Settlement                      | T+ 2  |
| Portfolio Manager               | Team Managed  |
| OCF Share Class**               | 0.16%   |
| Has Securities Lending          | No  |
| Has UK Reporting Status         | Yes   |
| SFDR                            | 8   |
| Swing Pricing                   | No  |
| Country Registration            | Austria, Germany, Denmark, Finland,<br>United Kingdom, Ireland, Italy,<br>Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway,<br>Sweden, Singapore |

\*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 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Trailing 12-Month<br>Price-to-Earnings Ratio | 14.7      | 14.7      |
| Weighted Average Market Cap (\$M)            | 129,048.7 | 128,890.0 |
| Price-to-Book Ratio                          | 1.8       | 1.8       |
| Dividend Yield*** (%)                        | 2.4       | 2.4       |
| Return on Equity (%)                         | 15.6      | 15.6      |
| Number of Holdings                           | 1142      | 1136      |
|  |           |           |

\*\*\* 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<br>Benchmark |
|---|---------------|-----------------------|
| Financed Emissions Scope 1+2<br>Tons of CO2                                     | 192,110.89    | 274,097.28            |
| Weighted Average Carbon Intensity<br>(WACI) Scope 1+2<br>Tons of CO2e/\$M Sales | 217.58        | 312.18                |
| Financed Emissions Scope 3<br>Tons of CO2                                       | 754,178.30    | 1,027,050.33          |
| Weighted Average Carbon Intensity<br>(WACI) Scope 3<br>Tons of CO2e/\$M Sales   | 700.16        | 925.65                |

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<br>Capitalization |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Business Related Exclusions*      | 5                | 0.38%                         |
| Combined Governance               | 41               | 2.29%                         |
| Combined Weapons                  | 12               | 1.08%                         |
| Fossil Fuels**                    | 47               | 1.77%                         |
| High Carbon Intensity             | 0                | 0.00%                         |
| Not Rated                         | 10               | 0.82%                         |
| Nuclear Power                     | 0                | 0.00%                         |
| UNGC & Other Severe Controversies | 13               | 0.99%                         |
| Combined Basket***                | 120              | 6.73%                         |

\* 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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