

Swiss Life Funds (LUX)

Bond Euro High Yield

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Summary

This sub-fund falls within the scope of Article 8 under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) of the EU. The sub-fund promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have as its objective a sustainable investment.

The sub-fund's ESG approach is defined in comparison with its reference universe, considered representative of the sub-fund's investment strategy.

The sub-fund aims to outperform its reference universe in the following way:

- reach a lower carbon footprint than its reference universe, measured in tCO₂/M USD (tons of carbon dioxide emissions per million of dollars invested) including direct (scope 1) and indirect carbon emissions related to the electricity consumption (scope 2).

Furthermore, the sub-fund aims to:

- reach a ratio of sustainable investment of 5%

The reference universe used is the **BofA Merrill Lynch Euro Non-Financial High Yield Constrained Index (EUR)**, an index that does not take into account environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors.

In addition, the sub-fund seeks to mitigate sustainable risks by excluding or restricting issuers facing very severe controversies or belonging to the exclusion lists of Swiss Life Asset Managers.

All key performance indicators (KPIs) are fed from MSCI ESG into our portfolio management and risk system and are monitored on a daily basis by the investment controlling team and risk management team.

The sub-fund excludes investments in issuers:

- Companies which are failing at least one of the ten UNGC principles
- Companies involved in controversial weapons
- Companies which generate more than 10% of their revenues from mining or selling thermal coal

The sub-fund may seek to engage with portfolio companies on relevant ESG issues.

Please refer to the bottom of the document for a French, Italian and German translation of this summary.¹⁾

1) The English version of this summary is the legally binding version whereas the French, Italian and German summaries are translations only.

No sustainable investment objective

This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 5% of sustainable investments. This is achieved by investing in:

- Corporate issuers that have robust net-zero commitments and targets aligned with recognized frameworks (e.g. MSCI net zero tracker), or derive a significant proportion of their revenues or other measurable metrics from activities that meet these objectives, or use the proceeds of issued green bonds that meet these objectives;
- and sovereign issuers by considering the share of their expenditures towards achieving climate and social objectives, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adopting renewable energy, or addressing inequality.

The sustainable investments made by the financial product adhere to stringent Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) and Good Governance assessments.

Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The sub-fund promotes the following E/S characteristics:

- lower carbon footprint than its reference universe.

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Investment strategy

The sub-fund manages its portfolio of investments according to the Swiss Life Asset Managers' [Responsible Investment Policy](#), and follows following investment strategy:

ESG approach: The sub-fund's ESG approach is defined in comparison with its reference universe, considered representative of the fund's investment strategy.

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Active ownership: Swiss Life Asset Managers may seek to engage with portfolio companies on relevant ESG issues.

The sub-fund's binding elements are:

- Exclusion of investments in issuers involved in the activities listed in the Swiss Life Asset Managers sectorial and norms-based exclusions
- lower carbon footprint than the reference universe
- sustainable investment of at least 5%
- Minimum 60% of its NAV, and 75% of assets excluding cash, covered by ESG investment criteria, and consequently promoting E/S characteristics.

Policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies:

The sub-fund assesses companies' governance practices including:

- Sound management structures
- Employee relations
- Remuneration of staff
- Tax compliance

Good Governance is considered by the application of Swiss Life Asset Managers normative exclusions (i.e. breaches of the UN Global Compact) and assessment of material controversies, using both external data providers and internal qualitative research.

Swiss Life Asset Managers considers the following standards within this process: The UN Global Compact (UNGC), the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPR), the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct (OECD Guidelines) and the International Labour Organization Conventions (ILO).

Details are set out in Swiss Life Asset Managers Responsible Investment Policy (<http://www.swisslife-am.com/ri-policy>).

Proportion of investments

The sub-fund is expected to invest at least 60% of its NAV and 75% (excluding cash) in issuers that are covered by ESG investment criteria and consequently aiming to promote E/S characteristics. These instruments can be equities, bonds and/or UCITS/UCIs. The sub-fund is allowed to invest the remainder of its NAV in remaining investments, such as cash, cash equivalents, derivative instruments and/or instruments that are not covered by any ESG investment criteria. Further, the sub-fund is expected to invest at least 5% of its NAV in issuers that are sustainable investments.

Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The monitoring of environmental and/or social characteristics is built on the three lines of defense model, supported by formal governance processes, individual responsibilities, and senior management oversight, ensuring independent risk monitoring and control activities.

- First Line of Defense: The Portfolio Manager is responsible for identification, assessment, controlling and management of environmental and/or social characteristics and the sustainability indicators on a day-to-day basis.

- Second Line of Defense: Investment controlling team and risk management team are responsible for oversight and guidance ensuring that environmental and/or social characteristics and the sustainability indicators are systematically monitored and remain compliant.
- Third Line of Defense: Independent assurance of effectiveness and efficiency of processes on environmental and/or social characteristics and the sustainability indicators monitoring (audit functions).

Methodologies

Carbon footprint methodology (MSCI ESG Research)

The sub-fund has chosen carbon footprint (expressed in tons of CO₂ / \$M invested) as an indicator to promote environmental characteristics. The data comes from the rating agency MSCI ESG Research. A company's carbon footprint is the ratio between its greenhouse gas emissions, calculated in tons of CO₂ equivalent, and its enterprise value (equity + net debt + cash), expressed in dollars. The sub-fund has chosen to focus its monitoring on two of the three recognized scopes of corporate greenhouse gas emissions:

- Scope 1: greenhouse gas emissions directly generated by companies' activities
- Scope 2: greenhouse gas emissions generated by the production of electricity used by companies

For scopes 1 and 2, MSCI relies primarily on information provided by companies; however, if a company does not report its scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions, MSCI estimates them using a proprietary methodology. MSCI ESG Research uses one of the following three models, in order of preference, to estimate the carbon emissions of any company:

1. Production model: specific to electricity utilities that generate energy, based on their energy production mix.
2. Company-specific intensity model: based on historical data.
3. Industry-specific intensity model: based on a comparison between industries when companies have not reported emissions data in the past.

Finally, in the absence of company-specific production or intensity data, and in order to obtain a satisfactory coverage rate, the Management Company may apply a complementary method to assign a carbon footprint value to all issuers. Each issuer receives the average carbon footprint of a group of comparable companies. These groups are formed based on the sector of activity, geographical area, and level of turnover.

Sustainable investment methodologies

Methodology for identifying instruments issued by companies credibly committed to carbon neutrality:

To assess the credibility of a company's climate-related commitments, Swiss Life Asset Managers considers the following criteria in particular:

- the ambition to contribute to carbon neutrality by 2050,
- the definition of quantified targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are consistent with this ambition of carbon neutrality,
- the fact that these quantified targets cover a significant scope – at least 75% – of its total emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3),

- or the fact that the undertaking is actually keeping to the pace of the reduction trajectory.

To conduct this analysis, Swiss Life Asset Managers relies on data from the rating agency MSCI ESG Research.

Methodology for analysing and selecting green, social or sustainable instruments

The Management Company carries out a specific analysis to ensure the credibility and soundness of the commitments made by issuers at the time of issuance of these instruments and during their lifetime.

The Management Company verifies compliance with the criteria defined by the “Green Bonds Principles” of the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) relating to:

- the description and management of the use of funds: the objects of financing must be clearly identified and described in the regulatory documentation relating to the issue of the instrument and provide an easily identifiable environmental or social benefit;
- the project evaluation and selection process: an issuer of green, social or sustainable instruments must specify (i) the processes, (ii) the selection criteria and (iii) the environmental or social objectives that led to the selection of the projects financed;
- the management of the funds raised: the funds raised must be managed according to a blocking principle (dedicated accounts or portfolios) or be the subject of a mechanism to track financing transactions. It must be possible to monitor the level of financing reached on a regular basis;
- Reporting: issuers must publish regularly (at least annually) information on the actual use of funds and the impact of eligible projects financed.

Swiss Life Asset Managers also conducts an analysis of the use of the funds to verify whether each instrument is used to finance concrete and credible environmental and social cohesion projects.

To conduct these verifications, the Management Company relies in particular on documents published by the issuer (e.g. the description of the green issuance program or “framework”) and second-party opinions (external review of the extra-financial features of the instrument). Swiss Life Asset Managers France also relies on data provided by an external service provider.

Data sources and processing

As part of its ESG analysis of issuers, the portfolio manager relies on internal and external data sources to attain each of the environmental and social characteristics promoted.

KPI	Data sources used to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted	Measures taken to ensure data quality	Data processing	Proportion of data that are estimated
Reach a lower carbon footprint than its reference universe, measured in tCO ₂ /MUSD (tons of carbon dioxide emissions per million of dollars invested in the sub-fund) including all direct and part of the indirect carbon emissions (scope 1 and 2).	MSCI ESG, complemented by an inhouse calculation	The data from MSCI is fed via file transfer protocol (ftp) transfer. Before the data is stored in our portfolio and risk management systems, broad data quality checks are conducted. Several automated checks ensure good data quality in terms of format, mapping and consistency on a daily basis.	Data is taken as it is from the data provider and fed into our portfolio management and risk system	none
Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSCI ESG • Financial Action Task Force (FATF) • Schweizer Verein für verantwortungsbewusste Kapitalanlagen (SVVK-ASIR) • SIX 	The data from MSCI is fed via file transfer protocol (ftp) transfer. Before the data is stored in our portfolio and risk management systems, broad data quality checks are conducted. Several automated checks ensure good data quality in terms of format, mapping and consistency on a daily basis.	Data is taken as it is from the data provider and fed into our portfolio management and risk system	none

Limitations to methodologies and data

To determine the extra-financial quality of the securities in the portfolios, the sub-fund relies on various sources of data and methodologies. The main methodological limitations can be summarized as follows:

Limitations of the carbon footprint methodology (MSCI ESG Research)

The two main limitations of the carbon footprint metric used by the Fund are as follows:

- Use of a simplified estimation method for some emitters: in order to achieve a satisfactory coverage rate, the Fund uses a method proposed by MSCI ESG Research, which consists of assigning a company the average carbon footprint of its sample of comparable companies. This data may therefore be less accurate. This method is only used as a supplement, when company-specific data is not available. The Management Company has conducted an analysis of the relevance of this method, which confirmed that the carbon footprint values are relatively consistent across the different estimation methods used, and that there is no significant bias.

- Scope 3 emissions (indirect greenhouse gas emissions related to the company's upstream and downstream activities) are not taken into account: Scope 3 is generally the main source of greenhouse gas emissions for companies. However, these emissions have been ignored in the Fund's ESG approach due to the lack of information available on this scope for issuers of speculative securities. This approach may change in the future, depending on developments in data availability.

Limitations of sustainable investment methodologies

Methodology for analysing carbon neutrality commitments made by companies

In order to carry out this assessment, the Management Company relies on data provided by a rating agency, MSCI ESG Research. The Management Company depends on the quality of the analyses carried out by the agency. Nevertheless, it puts in place a targeted control and may contact the agency if it receives data that does not appear consistent.

Methodology for analysing green, social or sustainable instruments

Green, social or sustainable instruments are analysed on the basis of the documentation published by the issuers. When issuing a new instrument, the Management Company relies on the intentions initially communicated by the issuer regarding the use of the proceeds of the issue. These intentions are sometimes unclear. In this case, the Management Company may make its own interpretations and may contact the issuer to obtain additional information. A check is carried out after the instrument is purchased, when the allocation report is made available, i.e. generally within 12 months of the issue.

Due diligence

Direct investments: The portfolio manager conducts due diligence reviews of all internal and external data on an ongoing basis, and continuously assesses if new data providers can improve the analysis and models.

Indirect investments: The underlying funds managed by management companies outside the Swiss Life Group have their own methodologies for taking ESG criteria into account. An analysis of these methodologies, both quantitative and qualitative, is carried out by Swiss Life Asset Managers in order to ensure that the approaches are consistent.

Engagement policies

Swiss Life Asset Managers has an overarching engagement and voting activities approach which does not target any fund or product specifically, but rather investee companies.

Therefore, there is no specific engagement policy at the level of the sub-fund, but engagement may occur at the level of investee companies that may be included in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

Designated reference benchmark

The sub-fund uses a variety of ways to assess its environmental and/or social performance, but does not use a reference benchmark to assess the environmental and/or social characteristics it promotes.

Additional documentation and information: The periodic reporting of Swiss Life Funds (LUX) as well as its prospectus (including the SFDR precontractual appendices) are available from Swiss Life Asset Managers Luxembourg [as well as on the website https://invest.swisslife-am.com/](https://invest.swisslife-am.com/). The periodic disclosure of the sub-fund in the annual report can be found at the end of the document. This information is sent within one week upon the shareholder's written request to Swiss Life Investor Service, Swiss Life Asset Managers Luxembourg, 4a rue Albert Borschette L-1246 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; by email to info@swisslife-am.com, or by telephone on +352 267 585 0. These contact details can also be used to request further information if necessary.

Résumé

Ce compartiment relève du champ d'application de l'Article 8 du Règlement sur la publication d'informations en matière de durabilité dans le secteur des services financiers (SFDR) de l'UE. Il promeut des caractéristiques environnementales et sociales mais n'a pas pour objectif l'investissement durable.

L'approche ESG du compartiment est définie par rapport à son univers de référence, considéré comme représentatif de la stratégie d'investissement du compartiment.

Le compartiment vise à surperformer son univers de référence comme suit:

- présenter une empreinte carbone plus faible que son univers de référence, mesurée en tonnes d'émissions de dioxyde de carbone par million de dollars investis (tCO₂/MUSD) et incluant les émissions directes (scope 1) et indirectes (scope 2) liées à la consommation d'électricité.

En outre, le compartiment vise à atteindre un ratio d'investissement durable de 5%.

L'univers de référence utilisé est l'indice **BofA Merrill Lynch Euro Non-Financial High Yield Constrained** (EUR), qui ne prend pas en compte les facteurs environnementaux, sociaux et de gouvernance (ESG).

Le compartiment entend par ailleurs atténuer les risques liés à la durabilité en excluant ou en limitant les positions sur les émetteurs impliqués dans de très graves controverses ou figurant sur les listes d'exclusion de Swiss Life Asset Managers.

Tous les indicateurs clés de performance (ICP) découlent de données MSCI ESG et sont intégrés dans notre système de gestion des portefeuilles et des risques. Ils sont surveillés quotidiennement par les équipes en charge du contrôle des investissements et de la gestion des risques.

Le compartiment exclut les investissements dans les émetteurs suivants:

- Entreprises qui ne respectent pas au moins un des dix principes du Pacte mondial des Nations unies
- Entreprises impliquées dans des armes controversées
- Entreprises qui tirent plus de 10% de leur chiffre d'affaires de l'extraction ou de la vente de charbon thermique

Le compartiment peut chercher à s'engager auprès des sociétés en portefeuille au sujet de questions ESG pertinentes.⁽¹⁾

1) La version anglaise du présent résumé est la version juridiquement contraignante, alors que les résumés français, italien et allemand ne sont que des traductions.

Zusammenfassung

Dieser Teilfonds fällt in den Anwendungsbereich von Artikel 8 der EU-Offenlegungsverordnung (SFDR). Der Teilfonds bewirbt ökologische und soziale Merkmale, hat jedoch keine nachhaltigen Investitionen zum Ziel.

Der ESG-Ansatz des Teilfonds beruht auf dem Vergleich zu seinem Referenzuniversum, das als repräsentativ in Bezug auf die Anlagestrategie des Teilfonds erachtet wird.

Der Teilfonds ist bestrebt, sein Referenzuniversum auf folgende Art zu übertreffen:

- ein kleinerer CO₂-Fußabdruck als sein Referenzuniversum, gemessen in Tonnen CO₂/Mio. USD (CO₂-Emissionen in Tonnen je in den Teilfonds investierter Million EUR) einschließlich direkter CO₂-Emissionen (Scope 1) und indirekter CO₂-Emissionen im Zusammenhang mit dem Stromverbrauch (Scope 2).

Außerdem strebt der Teilfonds Folgendes an:

- einen Anteil von 5% an nachhaltigen Investitionen

Als Referenzuniversum dient der **BofA Merrill Lynch Euro Non-Financial High Yield Constrained Index** (EUR); dieser Index berücksichtigt keine Faktoren in den Bereichen Umwelt, Soziales und Unternehmensführung (ESG).

Darüber hinaus ist der Teilfonds bestrebt, Nachhaltigkeitsrisiken zu mindern, indem Anlagen in Emittenten, die in sehr schwerwiegende Kontroversen verwickelt oder in den Ausschlusslisten von Swiss Life Asset Managers aufgeführt sind, ausgeschlossen oder eingeschränkt werden.

Alle Leistungskennzahlen (Key Performance Indicators, KPI) stammen von MSCI ESG. Sie werden in unser Portfolioverwaltungs- und -risikosystem integriert sowie täglich durch das Anlagekontrollteam und das Risikomanagementteam überwacht.

Der Teilfonds schließt Investitionen in folgende Emittenten aus:

- Unternehmen, die gegen mindestens einen der zehn UNGC-Grundsätze verstoßen
- Unternehmen, die im Zusammenhang mit umstrittenen Waffen tätig sind
- Unternehmen, die mehr als 10% ihres Umsatzes mit dem Abbau oder Verkauf von Kraftwerkskohle erwirtschaften

Der Teilfonds kann in Bezug auf relevante ESG-Themen mit Portfoliounternehmen in den Dialog treten.⁽¹⁾

1) Die englische Version dieser Zusammenfassung ist rechtlich verbindlich, bei der französischen, italienischen und der deutschen Version handelt es sich lediglich um Übersetzungen.

Riassunto

Il comparto rientra nell'ambito di applicazione dell'articolo 8 del Regolamento relativo all'informativa sulla sostenibilità nel settore dei servizi finanziari (SFDR) dell'UE. Il comparto promuove caratteristiche ambientali e sociali, ma non ha come obiettivo un investimento sostenibile.

L'approccio ESG del comparto è definito rispetto al suo universo di riferimento, considerato rappresentativo della strategia d'investimento del comparto.

Il comparto mira a sovraperformare il suo universo di riferimento nel modo seguente:

- ottenere un'impronta di carbonio inferiore rispetto all'universo di riferimento, misurata in tCO₂/M USD (tonnellate di emissioni di anidride carbonica per milione di dollari investiti), incluse le emissioni dirette (scope 1) e indirette legate al consumo di energia elettrica (scope 2).

Inoltre, il comparto mira a:

- raggiungere una percentuale di investimento sostenibile del 5%

L'universo di riferimento utilizzato è il **BofA Merrill Lynch Euro Non-Financial High Yield Constrained Index** (EUR), un indice che non tiene conto dei fattori ambientali, sociali e di governance (ESG).

Inoltre, il comparto mira a mitigare i rischi sostenibili, escludendo o limitando gli emittenti confrontati con controversie molto gravi o che appartengono alle liste di esclusione di Swiss Life Asset Managers.

Tutti gli indicatori chiave di performance (KPI) provengono da MSCI ESG e vengono integrati nel nostro sistema di gestione del portafoglio e di rischio nonché monitorati quotidianamente dal team addetto al controllo degli investimenti e dal team direttivo addetto alla gestione del rischio.

Il comparto esclude gli investimenti in emittenti:

- aziende che non rispettano almeno uno dei dieci principi UNGC;
- aziende coinvolte nella produzione o nella vendita di armi controverse;
- aziende che generano più del 10% del loro fatturato con la produzione o la vendita di carbone termico.

Il comparto può cercare di impegnarsi con le società in portafoglio su questioni rilevanti a livello di ESG.⁽¹⁾

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Review of disclosures

As required by Article 12 of the SFDR, please find below the explanation of the amendments brought to the website disclosures, published in accordance with Article 10 of the SFDR:

Date	Explanations of amendments
10 March 2021	Initial document created.
1 January 2023	Update following the entry into force of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 of 6 April 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards specifying the details of the content and presentation of the information in relation to the principle of 'do no significant harm', specifying the content, methodologies and presentation of information in relation to sustainability indicators and adverse sustainability impacts, and the content and presentation of the information in relation to the promotion of environmental or social characteristics and sustainable investment objectives in precontractual documents, on websites and in periodic reports.
5 May 2023	Update to bring the website disclosures in line with the prospectus of Swiss Life Funds (LUX) and pre-contractual disclosures of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector, as amended, of Swiss Life Funds (LUX) – Bond ESG Euro High Yield.
8 January 2024	Update to bring the website disclosures in line with the latest prospectus of Swiss Life Funds (LUX) and pre-contractual disclosures of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector, as amended, of Swiss Life Funds (LUX) - Bond ESG Euro High Yield.
4 April 2024	Addition of the Italian translation of the "Summary" section.
22 December 2025	Update to bring the website disclosures in line with the latest prospectus of Swiss Life Funds (LUX) and pre-contractual disclosures of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector, as amended. In addition the proportion of investments as to asset allocation has been revised.

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