# Storebrand Global ESG Plus Lux B EUR

The Core Equity Holding for Climate Aware Investors

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## **FUND INFORMATION**

Strategy launch date*	18/04/2016	
Fund launch date	04/12/2019	
Strategy AuM*	€7.0bn	
No. of holdings	697	
Benchmark	MSCI World Index	
Morningstar Category	Global Large- Cap Blend Equity	
Morningstar Sustainability Rating	Percent Reak Beliative to Global Category, Above Average	
Bloomberg	STGEAAE:LX	
ISIN	LU1932670927	
UCITS	Yes	
Management Fee	0.3%	
SFDR Categorisation	8	
Portfolio	Henrik Wold Nilsen	

<sup>\*</sup> Includes NOK, SEK and CCF funds



Henrik Wold Nilsen, Senior Portfolio Manager

- Joined Storebrand Asset Management in 2010
- Masters in theoretical high energy physics (University of Bergen, 2005)
- Doctorate in experimental high energy physics (University of Freiburg, Germany, 2009)
- Post-doctoral position in Freiburg in connection with research lab CERN, Geneva (2009-2010)

#### **ABOUT STOREBRAND**

Storebrand Asset Management (SAM) is Norway's largest private asset manager and a specialist in sustainable investing. We take a holistic and integrated approach to ESG, aiming for real impact and long-term value creation. Our main objective with sustainable investments is to contribute to real world impact and long-term value creation for clients and the companies we invested in on their behalf.

Climate change poses a growing threat to our future, including the stability of our financial system<sup>1</sup>. Global equities, particularly in emerging markets, contain high carbon risk and fossil fuel exposures, meaning that traditional passive investments represent increasing unmanaged climate risks.

To address this problem, we have been managing sustainable index funds since 2005, successfully optimising portfolios to minimise climate risk and tracking error. Our funds' performance demonstrates that incorporating sustainability has not diminished returns.

#### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

Storebrand Global ESG Plus is a unique fossil-free global equity strategy which aims to provide long-term capital growth through a model-based portfolio of developed market equities. The fund is managed systematically and seeks to reproduce the risk and return profile of the MSCI World Index whilst excluding companies within fossil fuel related industries and with additional ESG criteria and sustainability focus.

Since inception over six years ago, the Norwegian-domiciled fund has provided index relative returns of -0.4% with 1.4% tracking error2. The strategy seeks to provide a low-cost investment solution for the global climate emergency by using six key components:



### **FOSSIL FREE**

We exclude fossil fuels (>5% of sales) and companies with climate negative exposures (e.g. plastics and meat). The strategy is Paris-aligned and considers climate risk across the value chain.



# **CLIMATE SOLUTIONS**

We allocate c.15% of the portfolio to climate solutions companies<sup>3</sup>, such as renewable energy, green transport, recycling and water, and optimise the portfolio for FTSE green revenues.



# **CARBON INTENSITY**

We optimise the fund, considering lifecycle emissions (scope 3) and avoided emissions (scope 4) to minimise carbon intensity, resulting in a portfolio with significantly lower carbon intensity than the index<sup>4</sup>.



#### **TARGET SETTING**

We reward companies for genuine climate mitigation efforts and target setting, considering appropriate use of engagement vs. risk-based divestment.



# **CLIMATE NEGATIVE LOBBYING**

Companies are not passive 'takers' of climate policy. We engage with but avoid investing in those lobbying against climate action, using data from InfluenceMap and other sources.



# **ESG RATING**

We have developed a proprietary ESG rating system to analyse companies, using qualitative and quantitative assessment of wider environmental, social and governance issues.

<sup>3</sup> Based on Trucost data (tons / mUSD sales)

All information as at 31/03/2024 unless stated.

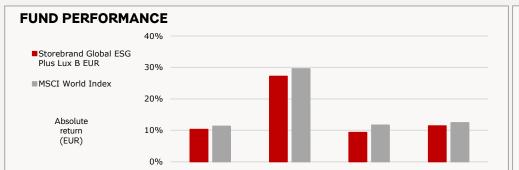
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: <u>Bank of England</u> <sup>2</sup> Inception date: 27/04/2017. Gross of fees and in EUR. 3-year tracking error.

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	Q1 2024	1-year	3-years	Since Inception
Storebrand Global ESG Plus Lux B EUR	10.29%	27.22%	9.33%	11.44%
MSCI World Index	11.33%	29.59%	11.70%	12.44%
Relative return	-1.04%	-2.37%	-2.36%	-1.00%

Performance figures in EUR, net of fees

Historical returns are no guarantee for future returns. Future returns will depend, inter alia, on market developments, the fund manager's skill, the fund's risk profile and management fees. The return may become negative as a result of negative price developments. There is a risk associated with investing in the fund due to market movements, currency developments, interest rate levels, economic, sector and company-specific conditions.

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY COMMENTARY<sup>1</sup>**

- In absolute terms, the year has had a strong start, again driven by Al-related returns from US mega-caps. Al is a topic on which the fund has no view and similar exposure to that of the benchmark. On a relative basis, the fund was 0.8% behind the MSCI World Index in Q1. Single-company contributions were in the range of -0.14% to +0.11%, with 17 stocks having a contribution with an absolute value larger than 0.05%.
- To explain the fund's relative returns, our favoured method is to group companies not by sector or currency, but rather into three categories: screening criterion, climate solutions and the rest of the portfolio.
- The vast majority of the fund's relative underperformance in Q1 was attributable to being overweight companies providing products and services which help mitigate climate change. Such solutions companies had just under 12% weight in the portfolio, compared to 1.7% in the MSCI World Index, and their poor performance in 2023 continued in 2024, resulting in a -0.9% contribution to relative return. In particular, companies within renewable electricity and low-carbon transportation struggled.
- The fund's investment screens in aggregate produced a marginally positive contribution of +0.1%.
- The main part of the fund is invested in companies which are neither on the screening list nor the white list of climate solutions companies. This part of fund has a portfolio weighting of 88%, compared with 78% for the index, reflecting a preference for being overweight companies which have attractive climate properties, such as green revenues according to FTSE, a climate target approved by the Science Based Target initiative or a relatively low scope 1+2 carbon emission intensity. This part of the fund delivered a neutral contribution to relative returns in Q1.
- The fund's currency exposure matches that of the benchmark to within 2% for all currencies, and the small deviations detracted -0.1% on a relative basis in Q1.

#### **PORTFOLIO INFORMATION**

### Top 10 Holdings:

TOTAL	21.8%
BROADCOM INC COM	0.9%
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO COM	0.9%
ELI LILLY & CO COM	1.1%
ALPHABET INC C	1.1%
ALPHABET INC A	1.4%
META PLATFORMS INC COM	1.6%
AMAZON COM INC	2.5%
NVIDIA CORP	3.3%
APPLE INC COM	4.2%
MICROSOFT CORP COM	4.8%

#### Sector breakdown:

25.1%
14.1%
13.5%
12.0%
10.0%
8.1%
6.6%
4.8%
3.3%
2.4%
0.0%

# Country breakdown:

United States	69.4%
Japan	6.9%
United Kingdom	3.4%
France	3.3%
Canada	2.8%
Germany	2.4%
Switzerland	2.2%
Australia	1.8%
Netherlands	1.3%
Denmark	1.1%

## WHY INVEST IN STOREBRAND GLOBAL ESG PLUS?

- Core-holding strategy with broad and consistent climate adjustments
- \* Reduces climate risk by not investing in the fossil fuel value chain
- Increases exposure to climate solutions via 10% dedicated allocation
- Low carbon footprint
- High ESG score
- Systematic, risk-minimising portfolio construction, expected tracking error below 1%

#### RISK PROFILE

We have classified this product as 5 out of 7, which is a medium-high risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-high level. Other risks not included in the summary risk indicator but materially relevant: Event risk, liquidity risk, operational risk, counterparty risk, derivatives risk. Be aware of currency risk. You will receive payments in a different currency, so the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above. This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Attribution figures based on the NOR fund but expected to be similar for the LUX fund

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