

# SUSTAINABILITY RISK POLICY

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This document is made in compliance with article 3 of EU regulation 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("**SFDR**") and aims at stating how sustainability risks are integrated in investment decision-making and advisory activities ("**Sustainability Risk Policy**") of Société Générale Private Wealth Management (hereinafter "SGPWM").

Sustainability risk is defined as an environmental, social or governance event or situation that, if it occurs, could have a material adverse impact on the value of the investment.

Consistently with its patrimonial philosophy, SGPWM aims for more sustainability and social responsibility within its investments and allows its institutional and private clients to contribute to the positive and necessary changes that are set in motion.

The objective of this Sustainability Risk Policy is to describe the integration of sustainability risks into **SGPWM's portfolio management services and investment advisory activities.** 

For the avoidance of doubt, this Sustainability Risk Policy does not cover derivatives, structured products on a stock index or a basket of securities, currencies, commodities.

In the same way as market risk, counterparty risk or liquidity risk, sustainability risks should be taken into consideration in any investment, such as:

- **transition risks**, resulting from the development of a low-carbon economic model (regulatory and legal risks, technological risks, reputational risks or risks linked to market opportunities),
- physical risks, resulting from damage caused by extreme weather and climate events. These can be
  acute (due to natural events such as fires), or chronic (related to sustained higher temperatures and
  long-term geographic shifts such as rising sea level). These include heat, cold, drought, tropical
  cyclones, fires and floods.
- social and human rights risks, impacting negatively workers and surrounding communities (forced labour and slavery, child labour, respect for indigenous peoples and their cultural heritage, the right of ownership, discrimination, freedom of association, the health and safety of persons, the decent nature of working conditions, remuneration and social protection, the right to privacy),
- **governance and other ethical risks** (embargoes and sanctions, terrorism, corruption and bribery, resources appropriation, tax evasion, data protection).

Evaluating the interest and/or the intended yield of an investment therefore requires complementing financial data with:

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- **Environmental** criteria ("E") including notably energy efficiency, reduction of emission of greenhouse gases and waste treatment;
- **Social** criteria ("S") concerning in particular respect of human and workers' rights, human resources management (workers' health and safety, diversity) and
- Governance criteria ("G") relating in particular to the independence of the board of directors/management body, the remuneration of managers and the respect of minority shareholders rights;

(together hereinafter referred to as "ESG" criteria) which are the three pillars of extra-financial analysis used by SGPWM for assessing how and to what extent a financial product issuer integrates ESG matters in its strategy and risks policy.

In the framework of its daily activities, SGPWM is likely to act as a financial market participant<sup>1</sup> providing portfolio management services, as well as financial advisor<sup>2</sup> providing investment services, within the meaning of SFDR.

## 1. INTEGRATION OF SUSTAINABILITY RISKS IN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT ADVISORY

In the context of portfolio management and investment advisory, the management of sustainability risks covers several financial instruments:

- Equities and fixed-income bonds issued by private companies,
- Single-stock or basket of shares structured products, i.e. structured products where the underlying is a single equity or a basket of shares,
- Single share or basket of shares derivatives, i.e. derivatives where the underlying is a single share or a basket of shares,
- Investment funds.

# **1.1** Equities, Corporate fixed-income bonds, single-stock structured products or basket of shares, single share derivative products or basket of shares

1.1.1 General Investment Policy

The SGPWM general investment policy consists, on the one hand, in defining its investment universe, integrating ESG criteria, and on the other hand, in systematically integrating ESG analysis alongside financial analysis when making investment decisions.

To define this investment universe:

- SGPWM systematically applies the recommendations of the Société Générale Group and complies with sectoral policies,
- SGPWM excludes any financial security from an issuer with the worst ESG rating or facing a very severe ESG controversy.

### Exclusions related to Greenhouse gas emissions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Within the meaning of Article 2 (1) of the SFDR

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  Within the meaning of Article 2 (11) of the SFDR



The Societe Generale Group has defined a "*Thermal Coal Sector Policy*" (see <u>https://investors.societegenerale.com/fr/base-documentaire</u> for the complete list of sectoral policies), the entities of the Societe Generale Group, which manage assets for their own account, or on behalf of third parties, exclude from their investment universe companies with the following characteristics:

- More than 10% of turnover is linked to thermal coal mining,
- Members of the energy sector and more than 30% of their electricity production comes from coal.
- Who are thermal coal developers. Thermal coal developers develop or plan to develop new thermal coal mines, new coal-fired power generation capacities (strictly over 300 MW) or new dedicated thermal coal transmission projects. Only majority owners of assets will be considered. Companies purchasing Thermal Coal assets will be considered as developers if they do not make a commitment to stop operating them within a reasonable time.

#### Exclusions related to oil & gas

Following the Net Zero objective by 2050, SGPWM excludes from its investment universe oil & gas pure players when more than 90% of their turnover is generated from production or exploration. In addition, SGPWM excludes from its investment universe companies whose turnover is more than 10% linked to the exploration and production of unconventional oil & gas : tar sands, oil shale (rich deposits in kerogen), shale gas, shale oil, coal gas, coal bed methane as well as production in the onshore or offshore Arctic.

#### **Exclusions related to controversial arms**

The Société Générale Group has also defined a "*Defense and Security Sector Policy*" (see <u>https://investors.societegenerale.com/fr/base-documentaire</u> for the complete list of sectoral policies), which prohibits knowingly financing transactions and investing in companies linked to prohibited or controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster bombs, depleted uranium-based munitions). For the financial products labeled by Luxflag ESG label the companies linked to nuclear weapons are also excluded.

#### Exclusions related to tobacco

The Société Générale Group has defined a policy related to tobacco producing companies. SGPWM has decided to exclude from the investment universe companies producing tobacco, tobacco-related products (e-cigarettes and new-generation tobacco/nicotine products) and related services (filters, smoking rooms, etc.) in the event of involvement, as well as supplier or distributor companies, if more than 15% of their sales are tobacco-related.

#### Exclusions related to palm oil

In line with the Société Générale Group's "Palm Oil" sector policy, SGPWM excludes from the investment universe producers and distributors (i.e. mills, traders and refiners) of palm oil from the first euro in sales, with the exception of palm oil producers certified by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) with a certification level of at least 70% and with a commitment to be 100% by 2030.

#### **Exclusion of issuers from sanctioned jurisdictions**

International sanctions are regulatory obligations issued by the Competent Authorities listed below. These sanctions aim to restrict all or part of the activities in designated countries, regimes, entities, or persons or to prevent targeted persons, entities or countries from using their funds and to access the financial system, depending on the type of international sanctions applicable. Société Générale Group applies zero tolerance for violations of international sanctions.



SGPWM excludes from its investment universe all issuers from countries subject to economic or financial sanctions, trade embargoes or similar measures adopted, applied, or implemented by one of the following Competent Authorities (or by one of their bodies):

- United Nations Security Council,
- The United States of America,
- the European Union,
- France or,
- any local Competent Authority in charge of legally enforceable sanction measures.

#### **Controversies exclusion filter**

SGPWM do not make any investment in companies whose ESG controversy rating is considered very severe.

→ What is an ESG controversy? An ESG controversy may be defined as an incident or an ongoing situation in which a company faces allegations of negatively impacting stakeholders (i.e.: workers, communities, the environment, shareholders, or society at large), via some type of wrongdoing across several ESG indicators. The controversy indicator is also a warning measure of the reputational and operational risks to which companies are exposed when they directly or indirectly contravene the 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the field of human rights, international labor standards, the environment and the fight against corruption. A very severe controversy can ultimately result in heavy financial penalties. The aim of ESG Controversies research is to assess the severity of the negative impact of each event or situation on the investment, rather than the extent of negative press attention or public opprobrium.

#### ESG integration based on extra-financial analysis

SGPWM is committed to considering ESG factors by relying on the extra-financial research of its partner MSCI. SGPWM systematically incorporates ESG ratings into its investment management process and at a minimum excludes any investment in companies with the lowest ESG rating ("CCC").

→ What is the ESG rating? SGPWM has access to the ESG analysis of issuers. This ESG analysis provides an evaluation of the positioning of companies in the face of sustainable development issues by assigning a rating to the three ESG pillars and then a global ESG rating. The purpose of this rating is to identify the companies that best succeed, on the one hand, to limit the ESG risks they face and, on the other hand, to seize the opportunities related to sustainable development.

Each analyzed company receives an ESG rating on a scale from AAA to CCC (CCC being the worst).

#### 1.1.2 Investment Policy dedicated to SRI management

Consistently with its commitment, SGPWM promotes a sustainable portfolio management offer which is based on a dedicated investment policy consisting in a Socially Responsible Offer ("SRI") investment sub-universe and in a specific policy for selecting financial securities according to ESG criteria.

Built from the SGPWM investment universe, the SGPWM SRI investment sub-universe results from:

- the application of the filters described above (sectors excluded by Société Générale Group, worst controversies, CCC ESG rating),
- the application of additional exclusions related to controversial activities (which are defense and armament, tobacco, gambling, GMOs, adult entertainment, when the issuers are linked to these activities with more than 15% of their turnover) as well as those based on ESG ratings (exclusion of ratings below or equal to B).

The SGPWM SRI investment universe is updated on a regular basis.



The policy of ESG selection of financial securities consists in selecting the issuers with the best practices or the best improvements related to ESG criteria in their sector.



#### **Financial markets and SGPWM investment universes**

## 1.2 Investment funds (UCITS, AIF)

SGPWM works in open architecture and thus selects investment funds managed by third party management companies. The selection process of these funds is based on:

- The analysis of the management company itself, including a minimum annual rating, carried out on the basis of a questionnaire including points relating to its ESG policy and its rating from the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI), supplemented, if necessary, if the management company is listed or belongs to a listed group, by its ESG rating, its ESG controversy rating and elements of reputation;
- The analysis of the funds, which consists of the use of their financial data such as the level of assets under management, the history and quality of management and financial performance.

On this basis, a list composed of 150 to 200 investment funds on average is established for the purpose of integrating the SGPWM investment universe.

In addition, an internal methodology for rating the extra-financial data of the investment funds belonging to the SGPWM investment universe has been developed. It consists of:

- an ex-ante basis, incorporating criteria such as their ESG investment policy, the potential existence of an SRI label, the asset manager ESG standards; and
- an ex-post basis, via the database called MSCI FundMetrics, allowing to access fund extra-financial data based on a look-through approach (ratings, controversies, sectorial exclusions).

# 2. INTEGRATION OF INDICATORS OF IMPACT IN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Within the framework of funds labeled with ESG Label delivered by LuxFLAG and classified as Article 8 funds within the SFDR Regulation, SGPWM commits to using the impact indicators for the 3 pillars E, S, G and to include them in the monthly reports made available on the site <u>www.sgpwm.societegenerale.com/en/range-moorea-fund/</u>.

### 2.1 Environment

#### Carbon footprint (in tCO2/\$M sales)



As key climate change indicators, Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) are classified as per the Greenhouse Gas Protocol and are grouped in three categories:

**Scope 1 - Direct scope:** GHG emissions are those directly occurring from sources that are owned or controlled by the institution.

**Scope 2 - Indirect scope**: GHG emissions are indirect emissions generated in the electricity production consumed by the institution.

**Scope 3 - Indirect scope**: GHG emissions are all the other indirect emissions that are consequences of the institution's activities, but that occur from sources not owned and controlled by the institution.

The calculation of the carbon footprint uses MSCI data which are based on declarative or estimated figures from companies. It aims to take into account the GHG emissions of Scope 1 and 2, produced by the companies held in the portfolio. GHG emissions are compared to the sales of each company and adjusted with the security weight in the portfolio. Emissions are expressed in carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2e). This indicator measures the portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive emitters without, however, taking into account all of the emissions induced indirectly by the company, in particular those produced by the use of products and services marketed or by suppliers.

#### Science-Based Target signatory

Science-based targets provide companies with a clearly defined pathway to future-proof growth by specifying how much and how quickly they need to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Targets adopted by companies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are considered "science-based" if they are in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement – to limit global warming to well-below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C.

#### Sustainable impact revenues

Revenue exposure to Sustainable Impact Solutions reflects the extent to which company revenue is exposed to products and services that help solve the world's major social and environmental challenges. It is calculated as a weighted average, using portfolio or index weights and each issuer's percent of revenue generated from Sustainable Impact Solutions. To be eligible to contribute, an issuer must maintain minimum ESG standards.

#### 2.2 Social

#### Severe or Very severe controversies related to human capital or work rights

SGPWM analyzes the share of issuers, weighted by their weight in the portfolio, which have a severe and very severe controversy in terms of human capital and work management. These indicators show whether a company is exposed to reputational and operational risks due to major and/or very important (controversy) breaches with regard to social issues such as the management of Human Capital and labor.

#### Concerns about respect for human rights

SGPWM analyzes the share of issuers, weighted by their weight in the portfolio, which have a very severe controversy in terms of human rights. This indicator helps to ensure that companies comply with the main principles laid down by the United Nations in the field of Human Rights and in particular freedom of expression, civil liberties, the fight against discrimination, respect for minorities and communities.

#### 2.3 Governance

#### Presence of women on the Board of Directors



SGPWM analyzes the rate of feminization of the boards of the companies present in the portfolio. SGPWM measures the percentage of women on the boards of invested companies compared to that of companies in the investment universe of each of the funds. For companies with a two-tier board of directors, the calculation is based only on the members of the supervisory board.

#### Independence of the Board of Directors

SGPWM assesses the percentage of independent members on the Board of Directors. The independence of the Board of Directors is fundamental to harmonize the interests of management and investors. This indicator is calculated on weighted average basis.

## 3. SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS

To identify the positive contribution to an environmental and/or social objective, SGPWM implements the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations in 2015 with a target date for delivery of 2030 and the European Taxonomy.

The 17 SDGs aim to foster collaboration within private and public entities to address the global challenges such as poverty, climate change, inequality, or peace and justice. To identify the contribution, positive or negative, to an SDG, the issuer is assessed in terms of his operational and product alignment towards each of the 17 SDGs. Every company may contribute to the goals in a variety of ways (positively and negatively) and across several goals. The operational alignment assesses the extent to which an issuer addresses a specific SDG via its internal policies and practices, targets, performance metrics. The product alignment assesses the net impact of issuer's products or services to achieve a specific SDG. The data provider MSCI has been selected to measure this companies' alignment with the SDGs.

In order for an investment to be considered sustainable, it must be aligned with at least one SDG without being misaligned with any other SDG, while respecting all the principles of our ESG policy.

In addition, SGPWM considers the alignment of companies with the first 2 environmental objectives of the European Taxonomy (Mitigation of climate change and adaptation to climate change).

SGPWM portfolio managers consider in their portfolio management and advisory in which proportion the investment is sustainable. The products classified as Article 8 or Article 9 within the SFDR regulation are each engaged to invest some part of their assets into sustainable investments. The details about these engagements can be found in "Pre-contractual disclosures" for each product or in "Website disclosure" SFDR documentation.

## 4. INTEGRATION OF PRINCIPAL ADVERSE IMPACT INDICATORS

SGPWM assesses, integrates and manages the main negative impacts of these investment or advisory decisions on sustainability factors. The sustainability factors are grouped together on the Environmental (E) and Social (S) themes and more specifically:

- In the field of the environment: greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity, water, waste management.
- In the social, employment and respect for human rights field: international companies take into account the United Nations Global Compact, pay gaps between men and women, diversity in governance bodies, but also exposure to controversial weapons.

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The regulation has identified a list of indicators allowing market players to manage their negative impacts in terms of sustainability. To date, SGPWM has adopted a policy of reducing the negative impacts of sustainability in its investment process and incorporates the principal impact indicators to all its portfolio management strategies via exclusions and engagement.

This policy consists in practicing exclusions from the investment universe as described above, except for certain market instruments such as funds managed by external managers, monetary supports, structured products with underlying indices, currencies, and derivatives.

The consideration of negative impact indicators is also completed by SGPWM's engagement actions. To promote best practices in this area, this engagement policy is based on three axes:

- Target the companies most exposed to the challenges of economic transition and just transition,
- Continuous dialogue on environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues, including through the various collective engagement initiatives,
- Materialize SGPWM engagement through votes at general meetings.

	PAI	Measurement criteria	Engage- ment	Exclusion	Comment
1	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Scope 1 GHG emissions	Х	Х	- Thermal Coal Sector Policy - Net Zero Asset Managers Signatory
		Scope 2 GHG emissions	Х	Х	
		Scope 3 GHG emissions	Х	Х	
		Total GHG emissions	Х	Х	
2	Carbon footprint	Carbon footprint	Х	Х	
3	GHG intensity of investee companies	GHG intensity of investee companies	Х	х	
4	Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Х	x	
7	Activities negatively affecting biodiversity- sensitive areas	Share of investments in investee companies with sites/operations located in or near to biodiversity sensitive areas where activities of those investee companies negatively affect those areas	Х	X	- Palm oil exclusion policy - Biodiversity Pledge Signatory
10	Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Х	X	- Controversies exclusion filter
11	Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD	Share of investments in investee companies without policies to monitor compliance with the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises or grievance /complaints handling	x	x	- Very severe controversy exclusion

#### SGPWM considers the following principal adverse impact indicators:



	Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	mechanisms to address violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises			
13	Board gender diversity	Average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies	х		- Engagement policy
14	Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons	х	х	- Controversial arms exclusion

In addition, for all SGPWM funds that are subject to the LuxFlag ESG Label labeling, the following 2 factors are subject to regular monitoring:

- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and more particularly the carbon intensity of the portfolios;
- Diversity of the Boards of directors of the companies underlying the portfolios and more particularly the female presence rate in the Boards. The policy consists in targeting, for a given portfolio, a higher result (lower carbon intensity or better rate of female presence in the Boards) than the reference universe of the product.



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