Template pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Sustainable **investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Product name:
ECHIQUIER VALUE EUROPE

Legal entity identifier: 9695000XVWUFVDES5704

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

☐ Yes	☒ No
☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective: %** ☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy ☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy ☐ It will make a minimum of**sustainable investments with a social objective: %**	☒ It **promotes environmental and social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 10% of sustainable investments ☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy ☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy ☒ with a social objective ☐ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

Sustainability indicators are used to verify if the financial product complies with the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

The product's ESG approach is based on the implementation of a base of exclusions defined at the level of the LBP AM group SRI and the use of an issuer ESG rating aimed at monitoring the extra-financial risks of the financial product.
This analysis is based on the LBP AM group's proprietary quantitative tool GREaT, which provides an ESG rating based on the following 4 pillars:
- Responsible governance
- Sustainable resource management
- Energy transition
- Regional development

The weight associated with each pillar for the calculation of the GREaT score of an issuer is adjusted according to its business sector in order to take into account its specific features. For example, the greenhouse gas reduction issue is not the same for a company in the services sector and an industrial company, as the former produces less emissions than the latter. In all cases, the weight of each of the three "Environmental", "Social" and "Governance" pillars, calculated by reassigning the criteria of the GREaT pillars, is systematically higher or equal to 20% and can go up to 60%.

No specific index was designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

The financial product invests in sustainable investments within the meaning of Article 2 (17) of the SFDR.

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

○ **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?**

Indicator	Associated constraints
Investments in environmentally or socially sustainable activities	At least 10% of the financial product's net assets will be invested in environmentally or socially sustainable investments, as defined in the section "What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?" below.

- ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

The financial product seeks to make environmental and social Sustainable Investments within the meaning of the SFDR Regulation. The minimum Sustainable Investment threshold of the financial product is specified in the box at the top of this annex. The sustainable investments thus made by the financial product can meet environmental and/or social objectives.

For the environmental theme, the six objectives of the European Taxonomy are considered, namely:
- Climate change mitigation,
- Climate change adaptation,
- Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources,
- Transition to a circular economy,
- Pollution prevention and control,
- Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

Note that the methodology applied does not make it possible to measure the contribution of investments according to the definition of the European Taxonomy (i.e. the taxonomy alignment of investments).
However, the contribution of investments to environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 2(17) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 ("SFDR Regulation") is measured using indicators specific to the LBP AM Group and specified above.

For the social theme, the objectives considered are:
- Respect and promotion of human rights, in particular the promotion of fair and favourable working conditions, social integration through work, protection and the promotion of rights of local communities,
- The development of territories and communities, through relations with stakeholders outside the company and the responsible management of value chains, and in order to address the challenges of socio-economic development, the fight against social and territorial divides, support for local players and access to education,
- Improving access to health and essential care worldwide by addressing the issues of availability, geographical accessibility, financial accessibility and acceptability of treatments.

This generalist strategy does not imply that all sustainable investments meet all of the aforementioned environmental and social objectives, but that the sustainable investments must meet at least one of these objectives, while not causing significant harm to the others.

The contribution to one of the aforementioned environmental and social objectives is assessed using various sources, including:

For all environmental and social objectives:
- The "GREaT" score, the proprietary quantitative analysis methodology of the LBP AM Group, which covers all environmental and social objectives,
- The "SDG" score, a proprietary qualitative analysis of LFDE that assesses companies' products, services and practices with a view to measuring their contribution to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For objectives specific to climate and biodiversity:
- The issuer's commitment to a decarbonisation trajectory in its activities compatible with the objectives of the Paris Agreement, according to criteria defined by the Management Company,
- The "Greenfin" score, a quantitative indicator measuring the exposure of the business model of an issuer to green activities as defined by the French government label Greenfin, dedicated to financing the energy and ecological transition,
- The "Bird" score, a proprietary quantitative indicator of the LBP AM Group that aims to assess companies primarily on their policies as well as on their practices and impacts related to biodiversity,
- The "Climate & Biodiversity Maturity" score, a proprietary qualitative analysis of LFDE that aims to assess the maturity of companies in their consideration of the current and future climate and biodiversity issues they face. For the theme specific to healthcare:
- The "AAAA" (Acceptability, Accessibility, Affordability, Availability) score, a proprietary qualitative analysis of LFDE that aims to assess the contribution of companies through their products and services to the four dimensions of access to healthcare (Availability, Geographical Accessibility, Financial Accessibility, Acceptability) inspired by the work of the World Health Organization (WHO) on the subject.

A more complete description of the thresholds applied for each criterion is available in the "SFDR – Sustainable Investment Methodology" document accessible on the Management Company's website (https://www.lfde.com), in the "Responsible Investment" section, on the "To find out more" page, under "LFDE Documents - SFDR".

○ ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

In order to ensure that an investment contributing to a sustainability objective, according to the analysis method presented above, does not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective, the methodology applied systematically considers, on a cumulative basis:
- The issuer's practices relating to its management of human rights and environmental resources. This point is controlled using the proprietary "GREaT" extra-financial analysis methodology
- The issuer's exposure to sectors that are sensitive in terms of environmental and social aspects (such as thermal coal, controversial weapons, tobacco, gambling, etc.) in connection with the exclusion policies applicable in the Management Companies of the LBP AM Group. A more complete description of the exclusions is available in the "Exclusion Policy" document available on the Management Company's website (https://www.lfde.com), in the "Responsible Investment" section, on the "To find out more" page, under "LFDE Documents - Approach and Methodologies".
- The issuer's exposure to a severe controversy on environmental, social and governance issues, or a critical risk of serious breach of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guidelines on Business and Human Rights.

- ***How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?***

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights and anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 (hereinafter the "SFDR Delegated Regulation") defines a list of indicators to measure the adverse impacts of an issuer on environmental and social sustainability factors (hereinafter the "adverse impact indicators"). The adverse impact indicators are calculated for each issuer, when the data is available and integrated into the extra-financial analysis tool.
Some indicators have been directly integrated, either into the proprietary GREaT scoring methodology used to identify both a positive contribution or significant adverse impact, or into the controversy indicator mentioned above, or into the exclusion policies. The principal adverse impacts are also taken into account through the shareholder engagement approach with companies in order to improve their transparency on these indicators and reduce their negative externalities.

- ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

In order to ensure that the sustainable investments are aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the United Nations Guidelines on Business and Human Rights, the Management Company systematically controls:
- The proper application of the Management Company's exclusion policy relating to these international treaties and the process for ad hoc controversy monitoring.
- The disqualification of issuers identified as having poor practices on the "Sustainable Resource Management" pillar of the GREaT analysis methodology, which incorporates criteria relating to respect for human rights and labour law.

A more complete description of the thresholds applied for each criterion is available in the "SFDR – Sustainable Investment Methodology" document accessible on the Management Company's website (https://www.lfde.com), in the "Responsible Investment" section, on the "To find out more" page, under "LFDE Documents - SFDR".

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria. The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account European Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☐ Yes

☒ No

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

The objective of the fund is to invest in European equity markets, by selecting securities that meet socially responsible investment criteria (according to the management company's analysis) and whose valuation is deemed undervalued by the management company ("Value" stocks), while seeking to limit the risks of significant fluctuations in the portfolio.

- ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The binding elements used to select investments and achieve the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the fund are as follows:
- the Management Company's exclusion policy and the resulting sectoral or norm-based exclusion constraints,
- constraints associated with the sustainability indicators presented in the section "What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?" above.
- marginally, the ESG assessment of each of the issuers present in the portfolio through the quantitative analysis using the GREaT scoring tool (LBP AM group's proprietary methodology); however, this analysis is not intended to result in a selectivity criteria, except in the case of an identified extra-financial risk.

- ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

The implementation of sectoral and norm-based exclusion filters leads to a reduction in the investment universe.

- ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

The monitoring of the application of good governance principles by issuers is controlled by means of a quantitative indicator derived from the proprietary "GREaT" analysis methodology, the "Governance" pillar notably covering issues such as balance of powers, fair remuneration and business ethics.

If this quantitative assessment of the Governance pillar appears to be insufficient or in the case of a significant controversy, the management team will also carry out a qualitative analysis of the governance.

In addition, the Management Company encourages good governance practices through its engagement and voting policy, which deals in particular with the issues of balanced remuneration, value sharing between senior managers and employees, and diversity and parity within management bodies.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

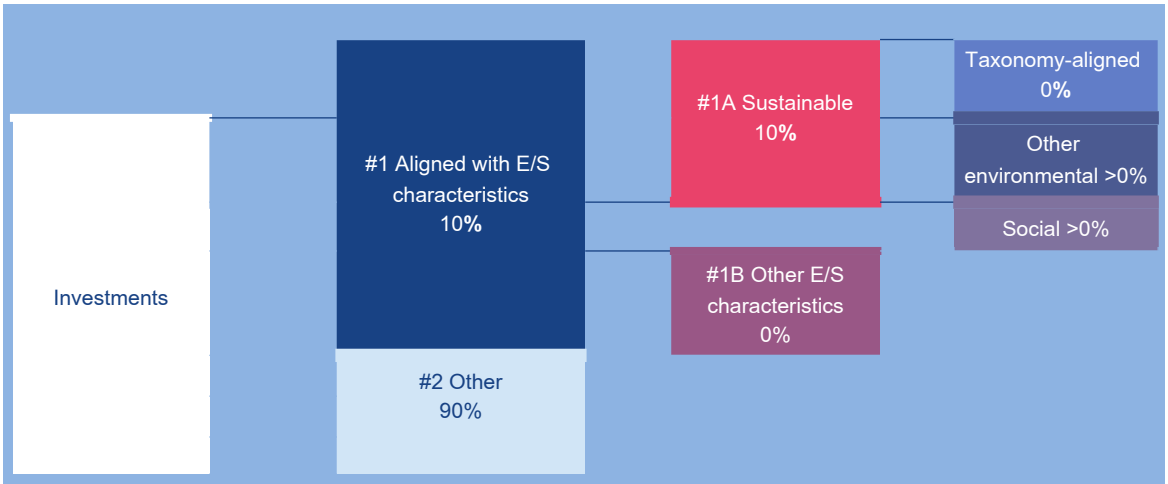
Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies;
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy;
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The financial product invests at least 10% of its assets in assets considered "eligible" according to the ESG process implemented - therefore in investments that are aligned with the environmental and social characteristics promoted (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).
Up to 90% of investments may not be aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other).

It should also be noted that, in line with the information provided in the pre-contractual documentation, the financial product undertakes to carry out an ESG analysis for at least 75% of the assets invested in equities and debt securities issued by private and quasi-public issuers. This ESG analysis, based on the GREaT rating methodology, aims to provide the manager with information on the ESG risk attached to the issuers. However, it is not intended to be systematically and measurably taken into account in the selection of portfolio securities.

The financial product invests at least 10% of its assets in assets considered to be sustainable investments (#1A Sustainable).
A more detailed description of the specific asset allocation of this financial product can be found in its prospectus.



#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.
#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:
- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives,
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

○ ***How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

Any derivatives authorised/used by the financial product are not intended to contribute to achieving the environmental or social characteristics promoted. Their use is limited to hedging or temporary exposure in order to cover a strong movement in liabilities, to gain temporary exposure to market beta or to accompany a change in strategy. Furthermore, the Management Company ensures that the use of derivatives does not run counter to the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product. In particular, the Management Company does not use derivatives to artificially improve the product's extra-financial performance. The constraints relating to the use of derivatives are specified in the pre-contractual documentation for the financial product.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The financial product may invest in environmentally sustainable economic activities, however the investments of this financial product do not take into account the European Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The financial product is committed to a 0% alignment with the European Taxonomy.

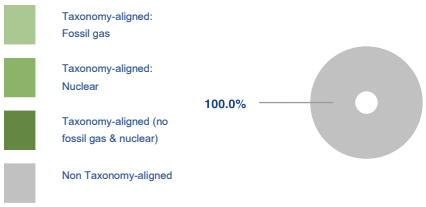
○ ***Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy?***[1]

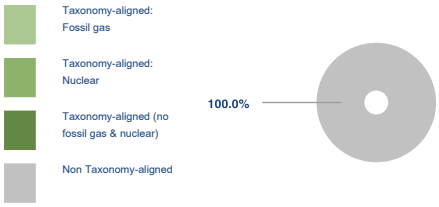
☐ Yes

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product, including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





This graph represents 100% of the total investments.

**** For the purpose of these graphs, "sovereign bonds" consist of all sovereign exposures.***

○ ***What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?***

The financial product does not commit to a minimum proportion of investment in transitional and enabling activities.

What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

This product intends to invest part of its assets in sustainable investments. These investments may contribute to environmental or social objectives, without any commitment being made as to the minimum share of each one. Thus, the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy is >0%.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

This product intends to invest part of its assets in sustainable investments. These investments may contribute to environmental or social objectives, without any commitment being made as to the minimum share of each one. Thus, the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective is >0%.

What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Investments included in the category "#2 Other" of the financial product represent up to 90% of investments. Depending on the eligible instruments as defined in the product's prospectus, these may include derivatives traded on regulated or organised markets to expose and hedge the portfolio, cash and unrated issuers.
Derivatives and cash do not provide environmental or social safeguards.

(1) Fossil gas and nuclear activities will only be aligned with the EU Taxonomy if they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not cause significant harm to any other EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left margin. All criteria applicable to economic activities in the fossil gas and nuclear energy sectors that comply with the EU Taxonomy are defined in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Not applicable

- ***How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

Not applicable

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

Not applicable

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

Not applicable

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

Not applicable

Where can I find more product specific information online?

More information about the product is available on the website:

More information about the Management Company's extra-financial approach can be obtained through the documents available on its website (https://www.lfde.com), in the "Responsible Investment" section, on the "To find out more" page, under "LFDE Documents - SFDR".

Additional information about the fund, in particular its regulatory documentation, is available on the Management Company's website (www.lfde.com), under the "Our Funds" section.