

WEBSITE DISCLOSURE OF A FUND THAT PROMOTES E/S CHARACTERISTICS

EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS –ASIAN LOCAL BOND FUND

Summary

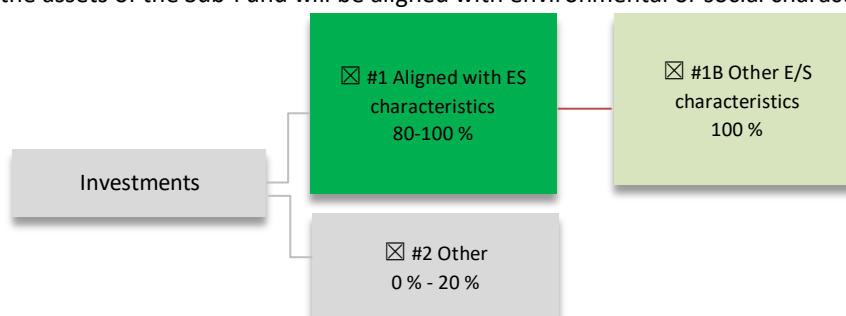
Eastspring Investments Asia Local Bond Fund is a fund qualifying as Article 8 fund within the meaning of Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (EU 2019/2088), promoting environmental (E) and Social (S) characteristics without engaging into sustainable investing. The Sub fund promotes E S characteristics, namely ESG integration and ESG exclusions.

This Sub-Fund invests in a diversified portfolio consisting primarily of fixed income / debt securities issued by Asian entities or their subsidiaries. This Sub-Fund’s portfolio primarily consists of securities denominated in the various Asian currencies and aims to maximize total returns through investing in fixed income / debt securities that are rated as well as unrated.

This Sub-Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in ABS, MBS, Contingent Convertible Bonds (“CoCos”), Distressed Securities and Defaulted Securities, with a limit of 10% for Distressed Securities and Defaulted Securities. The Sub-Fund may invest less than 30% of its net assets in debt instruments with loss absorption features out of which up to 10% of its net assets may be invested in CoCos with loss absorption features (such as Additional Tier 1 capital and Tier 2 capital instruments with mechanical triggers (i.e. debt instruments with write-down or conversion into equity features with pre-specified triggers)) and up to 20% of its net assets in non-preferred senior debt and other subordinated debts with loss absorption features.

The binding elements of the strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics are: 1) Minimum of 80% of Fund Under Management (“FUM”) to undergo ESG Integration, and 2) No exposure to companies that fit the ESG Exclusions criteria.

The Sub-Fund shall invest up to a maximum of 100% in equity and equity-related securities with a possibility to hold a maximum of 20% in cash. The Investment Manager shall ensure that 100% of equity and equity-related securities holdings of the Sub-Fund or a minimum 80% of the assets of the Sub-Fund will be aligned with environmental or social characteristics.



ESG characteristics are considered and integrated in the investment process based on the assessment and due diligence framework employed by the investment manager, who also commits to monitor the investee company’s progress using both quantitative and qualitative criteria to measure improvement as well as any financially material environmental and social factors as part of the research, portfolio construction and ongoing portfolio risk review.

The Investment Manager utilizes dedicated sets of data and methodologies to address sustainability indicators, to identify environmental and social characteristics and integrates

	this information into the investment decision-making process and ongoing monitoring of the Sub-Fund. The Investment Manager assesses good governance practices of the Sub-Fund's issuers through the ESG Integration process. The ESG metrics that are incorporated within the ESG Integration process include key governance metrics corresponding to sub-issues such as board quality and business ethics and risk management. Evaluation of a company's governance practices considers an issuer's market, sector and track record of operation. Quantifiable metrics are generated in-house and are supported by market-leading third-party data providers, including but not limited to, MSCI Sustainability indices which help identify material ESG evaluation criteria where data is available and relevant, and Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) for guidance on exclusions and voting. Where data is limited, incomplete or deemed inaccurate, the Investment Manager will use its judgment and qualitative knowledge of the company and sector to estimate material ESG impacts on the business. The proportion of estimated data will also vary depending on the market and over time, based on the holdings of the Sub-Fund. The Investment Manager utilizes desk top tools, combining a range of ESG data sources to monitor for changes that may impact the portfolio and applies judgement in assessing the portfolio. Where applicable, company engagement is also used to monitor for progress and to promote sustainable business practices. The Risk and Compliance function utilizes the same desk top tools to monitor for portfolio exposures. The Risk Oversight function incorporates the monitoring of environmental and social factor exposures in portfolios and is a forum for a dialogue with the Investment Manager. The investment manager recognizes that data coverage and availability will vary across markets and will vary over time, based on the holdings of the Sub-Fund. Where data availability is limited estimations provided by data vendors may be utilized. On the Due Diligence side Eastspring Singapore's Fixed Income team recognises that the assessment of environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) factors of individual issuers is playing an increasingly important role in helping investors mitigate potential business risks and identify opportunities in the medium to longer term. Eastspring Singapore's Fixed Income team views the assessment and monitoring of ESG factors to be an integral part of our bottom-up credit research process. Focus is on ESG issues that are material with regards to the issuer's credit fundamentals, such as those that have a current or potential future impact on its operating or financial performance (through fines and compensations, operational disruption, reputational loss, reduced access to financing, etc.), its risk of default, and the valuation of the bonds it issues. No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund.
No sustainable investment objective	This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.
E/S characteristics of the financial product	1. ESG Integration - Non-cash and non-cash equivalent securities shall undergo a process of ESG Integration. The Sub-Fund seeks to identify, assess, and monitor material ESG risks and

	opportunities. The Investment Manager integrates ESG issues with material impact on a company's valuation, credit worthiness, and license to operate within the investment analysis, investment decision, and active monitoring of holdings. This process also considers the impact of a company's readiness to position itself positively to exploit future ESG opportunities in its specific market and sector. Through the ESG Integration process, the Investment Manager develops an informed and holistic assessment of a company's exposure to and management of ESG risks and opportunities. This includes incorporation of third party ESG data, materiality metrics, as well as company and market specific data. The ESG Integration process results in the assignment of an overall internal ESG risk and preparedness ranking. Issuers assessed to have high ESG risk and low ESG preparedness are excluded from the investment universe of this Sub-Fund. 2. ESG Exclusions are applied on i) Companies with a verified involvement to cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, biological weapons, chemical weapons, and nuclear weapons outside of the UN Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons ("NPT") as companies to be excluded for controversial weapons (PAI 14). ii) Companies classified under the Tobacco Sub-Industry by Global Industry Classification Methodology ("GICS"): manufacturers of cigarettes and other tobacco products. iii) Companies that derive greater than 30% of their revenues from thermal coal mining and/or electricity generated from thermal coal (PAI 4).
Investment Strategy	This Sub-Fund invests in a diversified portfolio consisting primarily of fixed income / debt securities issued by Asian entities or their subsidiaries. This Sub-Fund's portfolio primarily consists of securities denominated in the various Asian currencies and aims to maximize total returns through investing in fixed income / debt securities that are rated as well as unrated. This Sub-Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in ABS, MBS, Contingent Convertible Bonds ("CoCos"), Distressed Securities and Defaulted Securities, with a limit of 10% for Distressed Securities and Defaulted Securities. The Sub-Fund may invest less than 30% of its net assets in debt instruments with loss absorption features out of which up to 10% of its net assets may be invested in CoCos with loss absorption features (such as Additional Tier 1 capital and Tier 2 capital instruments with mechanical triggers (i.e. debt instruments with write-down or conversion into equity features with pre-specified triggers)) and up to 20% of its net assets in non-preferred senior debt and other subordinated debts with loss absorption features. <i>Binding Elements</i> 1. ESG Integration - Non-cash and non-cash equivalent securities shall undergo a process of ESG Integration. The Sub-Fund seeks to identify, assess, and monitor material ESG risks and opportunities. The Investment Manager integrates ESG issues with material impact on a company's valuation, credit worthiness, and license to operate within the investment analysis, investment decision, and active monitoring of holdings. This process also considers the impact of a company's readiness to position itself positively to exploit future ESG opportunities in its specific market and sector. Through the ESG Integration process, the Investment Manager

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Proportion of investments	The Sub-Fund shall invest up to a maximum of 100% in equity and equity-related securities with a possibility to hold a maximum of 20% in cash. The Investment Manager shall ensure that 100% of equity and equity-related securities holdings of the Sub-Fund or a minimum 80% of the assets of the Sub-Fund will be aligned with environmental or social characteristics. <pre> graph LR Investments[Investments] --- Box1["#1 Aligned with ES characteristics 80-100 %"] Investments --- Box1B["#1B Other E/S characteristics 100 %"] Investments --- Box2["#2 Other 0 % - 20 %"] </pre> #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 the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments. The investments under "Other" includes but not limited to direct cash holdings, short term instruments, index instruments, liquidity funds, derivatives and money market funds may not be aligned with ESG Characteristics, and neither environmental nor social safeguards have been considered for their inclusion.

Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics	Consistent with the investment approach, the Investment Manager monitors financially material environmental and social factors as part of the research, portfolio construction and ongoing portfolio risk review. The Investment Manager utilizes desk top tools, combining a range of ESG data sources to monitor for changes that may impact the portfolio and applies judgement in assessing the portfolio. Where applicable, company engagement is also used to monitor for progress and to promote sustainable business practices. The Risk and Compliance function utilizes the same desk top tools to monitor for portfolio exposures. The Risk Oversight function incorporates the monitoring of environmental and social factor exposures in portfolios and is a forum for a dialogue with the Investment Manager.
Methodologies	The Investment Manager predominantly utilizes datasets and methodologies developed by MSCI to address sustainability indicators under SFDR requirements. The Investment Manager utilizes tools and methodologies, combining a range of ESG data sources, to identify environmental and social characteristics of investee companies and integrates this information into the investment decision-making process and ongoing monitoring of the Sub-Fund. Availability and accuracy of published data on environmental and social criteria may be more limited in some emerging markets than is commonly available elsewhere. Where data is limited, incomplete or deemed inaccurate, the Investment Manager may use other data sources or rely on its own judgment and qualitative knowledge of the company and sector to estimate material ESG impacts on the business.
Data sources and processing	(a) The Investment Manager predominantly utilizes datasets and methodologies developed by MSCI to address sustainability indicators under SFDR requirements. (b) Eastspring Investments undergoes third party risk profiling due diligence and assessment prior to entering into contractual arrangements. (c) Data management protocols allow for straight through processing of data into front office desk top tools, which reduces the potential for errors in processing data. (d) We recognize that data coverage and availability will vary across markets and will vary over time, based on the holdings of the Sub-Fund. Where data availability is limited, we may utilize estimations provided by our data vendor. The proportion of estimated data will also vary depending on the market and over time, based on the holdings of the Sub-Fund.
Limitations to methodologies and data	Potential limitations to the methodologies or data sources generally relate to the level and quality of disclosures by investee entities, timing delays in the assessment of such data by vendors, and differences in estimation processes between vendors where such data is not supplied. These limitations are ameliorated by the careful selection of industry leading vendors with broad coverage of issuer data, interaction with vendors in relation to questionable data points and direct engagement with portfolio companies on their environmental and social characteristics. In addition, many of these limitations are expected to be resolved as the International Sustainability Standards Board standards become mandatory throughout markets.
Due Diligence	Eastspring Singapore's Fixed Income team recognises that the assessment of environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) factors of individual issuers is playing an increasingly

	important role in helping investors mitigate potential business risks and identify opportunities in the medium to longer term. Eastspring Singapore's Fixed Income team views the assessment and monitoring of ESG factors to be an integral part of our bottom-up credit research process. Focus is on ESG issues that are material with regards to the issuer's credit fundamentals, such as those that have a current or potential future impact on its operating or financial performance (through fines and compensations, operational disruption, reputational loss, reduced access to financing, etc.), its risk of default, and the valuation of the bonds it issues. In incorporating ESG considerations into fundamental analysis, we adopt a structured approach with a focus on industry or region specific ESG risks or opportunities that the issuer faces and how prepared the issuer is in dealing with these ESG issues. This includes consideration of factors such as an issuer's carbon emissions, water stress and pollution levels, energy usage, labour/human capital management, workplace safety, management transparency and accountability. The evaluation of the issuer's preparedness to deal with these ESG risks takes into consideration the issuers' policies and actions with regards to these risks. The process also involves assessing the issuer's ESG practices relative to peers and how these may change over time. In evaluating the materiality of these factors, we recognise that different industries face different sets of ESG risks and the materiality of the same ESG risk factor varies. It is also necessary to consider how the materiality of these ESG risks may change over time with shifts in regulation. ESG Risk Management Our assessment and ongoing monitoring of ESG factors incorporates information obtained from both public sources (including financial/sustainability reports, news/media outlets, etc.) and direct interaction with the issuers, as well as from third-party ESG analysis providers, to assist us in identifying relevant ESG issues. As debtholders, we are not able to vote on key company matters but we aim to have active engagement with the company to obtain a better understanding on how the company is managing, or plans to manage, relevant ESG risks, and to exchange feedback on positive sustainable practices. Finally, Eastspring Investments' Risk and Compliance function utilises desktop tools to monitor portfolio exposures. The risk oversight function incorporates the monitoring of environmental and social factor exposures in portfolios and is a forum for a dialogue with the investment team and Eastspring Investments' Management.
Engagement policies	Eastspring Investments has standards and policies which address engagement activities. These may be found on our Responsible Investment website on the link below: https://www.eastspring.com/sustainability