

SFDR PRODUCT DISCLOSURE

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(a) Résumé

Le gestionnaire ciblera en priorité les technologies et les entreprises innovantes susceptibles d'avoir un impact positif sur l'environnement et sur la société en général, en évaluant comment celles-ci peuvent contribuer à la réalisation des Objectifs de développement durable (« ODD ») des Nations unies, regroupés en quatre catégories : convergence économique, croissance économique équilibrée, mesures en faveur de l'environnement et infrastructures pour l'avenir.

La stratégie du Compartiment s'appuie sur un système de notation exclusif (sur une échelle de 1 à 10) conçu pour évaluer les entreprises, qui prend en compte sept facteurs, dont un facteur intitulé « Impact sur les ODD de l'ONU » qui prime sur les six autres, et un facteur appelé « Personnel, gestion et culture » qui jauge les risques liés à une mauvaise gouvernance, à la menace d'actions en justice, à un manque d'efficacité dans l'acquisition des talents et au départ de collaborateurs ayant un rôle clé.

Le processus de construction du portefeuille exige que chaque entreprise envisagée contribue à un des ODD de l'ONU. Si les scores obtenus chutent en dessous de 6, la position sur l'entreprise sera automatiquement réexaminée. Le conseiller du Gestionnaire recourt à un écosystème de recherche ouvert qui combine approche top-down et approche bottom-up. Cet écosystème est conçu pour identifier rapidement les innovations disruptives, ce qui permet un échange organisé d'informations détaillées entre le gérant de portefeuille, les directeurs de la recherche, le directeur de l'analyse financière, les analystes, les associés de recherche et les sources externes. Malgré tout, dès lors que l'impact attendu d'une technologie spécifique sur les ODD de l'ONU se fonde sur des prévisions et des estimations, il ne se concrétise pas toujours.

Sachant que les ODD de l'ONU ne peuvent être atteints que grâce à des progrès technologiques rapides, le conseiller du gestionnaire se concentre sur les plateformes d'innovation majeures qu'il a identifiées. Les technologies qu'abritent ces plateformes sont ensuite modélisées, à l'aide de critères tels que les baisses prévisionnelles des coûts, les charges/produits par unité de base, l'élasticité de la demande par rapport au prix et le taux de pénétration probable de ces technologies à moyen et long terme, afin d'identifier celles qui sont susceptibles de se trouver à des stades critiques de convergence et d'inflexion et qui constituent les locomotives de l'innovation disruptive.

La mesure dans laquelle des titres individuels peuvent contribuer aux ODD de l'ONU est évaluée au moyen d'un mécanisme de notation qui se fonde sur les analyses suivantes menées par le conseiller du Gestionnaire :

- Impact attendu d'une technologie sur les ODD de l'ONU
- Exposition de l'entreprise à cette technologie
- Alignement du produit avec l'impact attendu

Le Gestionnaire examine ensuite le portefeuille modèle de son conseiller et les modifications recommandées à la lumière de l'objectif du compte, de la stratégie d'investissement et des restrictions. Par ailleurs, les vérifications de conformité (effectuées en amont et en aval de l'acquisition des titres) qui font partie intégrante du système de gestion des ordres permettent de s'assurer que toutes les positions du portefeuille modèle sont conformes aux restrictions et directives d'investissement.

La stratégie du Compartiment n'exige pas qu'un dialogue soit engagé sur les questions environnementales et sociales et ne désigne pas d'indice de référence aligné sur les caractéristiques environnementales ou sociales qu'elle promeut.

(b) No sustainable investment objective

This financial product promotes environmental and/or social characteristics but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

(c) Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product'

The investment manager will focus on innovative technologies and companies that are likely to have a positive impact on the environment and our society.

The ability of a company to deliver positive environmental and/or social impact through innovation is assessed by dimensioning the impact that its rapid technological progress could have on accelerating progress towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals ('UN SDGs') which have been categorised into four broad global sustainable ambitions:

1. Economic Convergence: No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Reduced Inequalities, Partnership for the Goals, Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.
2. Healthy Economic Growth: Decent Work and Economic Growth, Good Health and Well-being, Responsible Consumption and Production, Gender Equality.
3. Environmental Action: Affordable and Green Energy, Climate Action, Life Below Water, Life on Land.
4. Infrastructure for the Future: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Clean Water and Sanitation, Quality Education.

(d) Investment strategy

Environmental or social characteristics

The Sub-Fund strategy relies on a proprietary scoring system to value companies. The scoring process considers the following seven factors:

1. People, management, and culture
2. Execution
3. Moat/barriers to entry
4. Product and service leadership
5. Valuation
6. Thesis risk
7. Impact on UN SDGs

The environmental and social characteristics of the Sub-Fund are implemented through the 'Impact on UN SDGs Score', which takes precedence over the other six factors.

The score assesses the degree to which a company's technologies, products, and business model are likely to accelerate material progress towards meeting each UN SDGs, as measured on a 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest) scale.

Good governance

Within the Sub-Fund company scoring system, governance considerations are acknowledged in the 'People, management, and culture' factor. This score allows the Sub-Fund to consider risks that may be generated as a result of poor governance, threat of legal action, inefficient talent acquisition, and departure of key personnel.

In addition to the scoring mechanism, controversies that may be related to management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff, and tax compliance are monitored to ensure a company's behaviour remains coherent with governance practices.

(e) Proportion of investments

The Sub-Fund product promotes environmental and/or social characteristics but without having a sustainable investment objective and does not commit to make sustainable investments.

The portfolio construction process will require that companies considered for selection have an impact on UN SDGs through their technologies, products, or business model. All invested assets, therefore, will be aligned with the Sub-Fund environmental and social characteristics.

(f) Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The investment manager advisor continuously monitors its portfolio companies and Directors of Research and Analysts will adjust scores according to quantitative and qualitative inputs. Any score downgraded to 6 or lower would trigger a position review.

In terms of UN SDG's impact, a downgrade could be triggered by a downward revision of the expected technology impact based on the investment manager advisor's top-down research or a change in the company's product/service alignment with the specific UN SDG outcomes that were selected as part of the portfolio construction process.

(g) Methodologies for environmental or social characteristics

The investment manager advisor shall ensure that each company selected remains exposed to a technology, product, or business model that is likely to accelerate progress to meeting at least one of the UN SDGs.

To that end, during the investment process each company is allocated an 'Impact on UN SDG Score'.

The Sub-Fund disaggregates major innovation platforms (such as Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Energy Storage, DNA Sequencing, and Blockchain Technology) into their underlying technologies, each with cost decline and demand elasticity curves that can be quantified, helping to dimension their commercial potential and their potential impact on the UN SDGs.

The ability of a holding to contribute to reaching an UN SDG is based on fundamental research into the business model and technologies of the company and how it can impact a particular SDG.

The conclusion of the research is expressed in the Impact on UN SDG Score component, which has a one-third weight in a proprietary scoring system.

The next step is to determine if there is product alignment with the SDGs at the company level, in which the investment manager advisor will evaluate whether the financial success and product lines of the company are intrinsically tied to the UN SDGs.

Between these two pillars, the Impact on UN SDG Score for each company is calculated. Each Impact on UN SDG Score is evaluated annually but can be re-evaluated if there are any meaningful business changes.

(h) Data sources and processing

The investment manager advisor uses an open research ecosystem that combines top-down and bottom-up research. It is designed to identify disruptive innovation early, allowing for an organised exchange of insights between the portfolio manager, directors of research, director of investment analysis, analysts, research associates, and external sources.



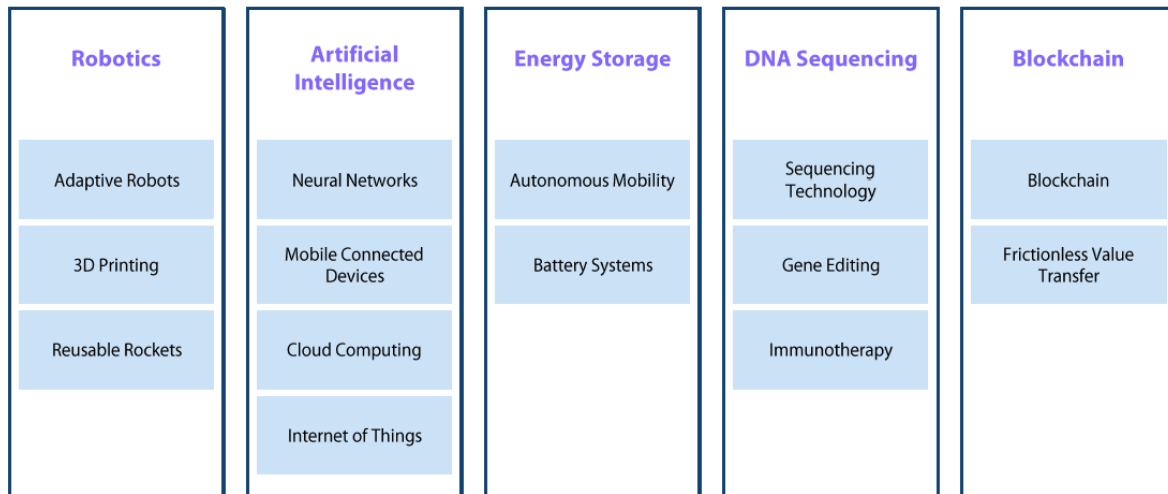
Source: ARK Investment Management LLC

(i) Limitations to methodologies and data

The expected impact of a specific technology on UN SDGs are based on the investment manager advisor forecasts and estimations which may not materialize.

(j) Due diligence

With the view that UN SDGs can be achieved only with rapid technological progress, the investment manager advisor focuses on major innovation platforms:



Source: ARK Investment Management LLC

The technologies within the identified innovation platforms are modelled to assess those that can be expected to be at critical stages of convergence and inflection and that serve as key drivers of disruptive innovation, utilizing criteria such as cost decline forecasts, unit economics, price elasticity of demand, and likely penetration of these technologies over the medium and long term.

The degree to which individual securities could be expected to impact UN SDGs is assessed through a scoring mechanism that is based on the investment manager advisor analysis of:

- A technology expected impact on UN SDGs
- The company exposure to that technology
- The product alignment with the expected impact

The Investment Manager then reviews its advisor model portfolio and the recommended changes in light of the objective of the account, the investment strategy and investment restrictions. Additionally, pre- and post-trade compliance checks embedded in the order management system ensure all holdings of the model portfolio comply with the investment restrictions and guidelines.

(k) Engagement Policies

Engagement is not specifically performed in the context of Nikko AM ARK Positive Change Innovation Fund environmental or social investment strategy.

(l) Designated reference benchmark

The Sub-Fund has not designated a reference benchmark that is aligned with the environmental or social characteristics it promotes.