

Periodic 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

Product name:
Goldman Sachs Japan Equity Portfolio

Legal entity identifier:
549300MUETWVGSNZ6O68

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective ?

☒ ☒ ☐ Yes

☐ ☒ ☒ No

<input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:___% <div> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy </div>	<input type="checkbox"/> It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of___% of sustainable investments <div> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective </div>
<input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with a social objective:___%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments

To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Investment Adviser has implemented an approach to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations into its fundamental investment process which consists of exclusionary screens as set forth below (the "ESG Criteria").

As part of the ESG investment process, the Investment Adviser has not invested in companies that are, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, directly engaged in, and/or deriving significant revenues from the following activities, which over the reference period included but were not limited to:

- controversial weapons (including nuclear weapons);
- extraction and/or production of certain fossil fuels (including thermal coal, oil sands, arctic oil and gas);
- tobacco;
- adult entertainment;
- for-profit prisons;
- civilian firearms.

The Portfolio additionally excluded from its investment universe companies the Investment Adviser believes to be violating the United Nations Global Compact’s ten principles (which are widely recognised corporate sustainability principles that meet fundamental responsibilities in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption).

How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The Portfolio used sustainability indicators to measure the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Portfolio.

These sustainability indicators have performed as follows:

0% of the companies invested in by the Portfolio were directly engaged in, and/or derived significant revenues from:

- controversial weapons (including nuclear weapons);
- extraction and/or production of certain fossil fuels (including thermal coal, oil sands, arctic oil and gas);
- tobacco;
- adult entertainment;
- for-profit prisons;
- civilian firearms

• 0% of the companies in the Portfolio were believed by the Investment Adviser to be violating the United Nations Global Compact ten principles.

... and compared to previous periods ?

Sustainability Indicator	November 30, 2022	November 30, 2023	Unit
Companies invested in by the Portfolio that were directly engaged in, and/or derived significant revenue from excluded activities (as outlined above)	0	0	%
Companies violating the United Nations Global Compact's ten principles	Not applicable	0	%

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The consideration of investments made by the Portfolio as sustainable investments was determined by reference to the Investment Adviser's Sustainable Investment Framework, which includes an assessment as to whether the investment contributes to an environmental and/or social objective. Under this framework, an investment is considered to be contributing to an environmental and/or social objective via either a product or operational contribution.

Product contribution considers either i) the proportion of an issuer's revenue dedicated to an environmentally and/or socially sustainable impact category, ii) the alignment of a product to an environmental and/or social Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), iii) best-in-class scoring of an issue(r) as against environmental and/or social opportunities themes defined by an external data provider, or iv) the percentage of taxonomy aligned revenue of the issuer. Due to availability of reliable data, the taxonomy aligned revenue route will only be used as data improves.

Operational contribution takes a thematic approach, looking at the promotion of climate transition (environmental) within the operational framework of the issuer, inclusive growth (social) within the operational framework of the issuer, operational alignment to an environmental or social SDG, or the application of a best-in-class proprietary environmental and social score.

This Portfolio did not target a specific category of sustainable investments but assessed all investments made pursuant to its overall investment strategy using the Sustainable Investment Framework. Hence, the sustainable investments made by this Portfolio may contribute to a variety of environmental and/or social objectives of the sustainable investments.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Issuers that were classified as contributing to a sustainable investment were also required to meet the do no significant harm (DNSH) criteria of the Investment Adviser's Sustainable Investment Framework. Any issuers that do not meet the DNSH test will not qualify as a sustainable investment. A proprietary quantitative or qualitative threshold for significant harm has been set for all 14 mandatory indicators relating to investee companies for adverse impacts on sustainability factors ("PAIs") set out in the regulatory technical standards supplementing SFDR.

Additionally, all issuers with a very severe controversy are considered to be causing significant harm and excluded from qualifying as a sustainable investment.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

This Portfolio considered principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors across environmental and social pillars. The PAIs were taken into account through the application of the DNSH principle outlined above for the determination of sustainable investments as well as qualitatively through the Portfolio's investment approach. In regard to the consideration of the PAIs as part of the DNSH assessment of an issuer, as noted above a proprietary quantitative or qualitative threshold for significant harm has been set for all 14 mandatory PAIs relating to investee companies, and is assessed using information from an external data provider. These thresholds for significant harm have been set on a relative or absolute basis against each PAI depending on the Investment Adviser's assessment of the worst performing investments with respect to those PAIs. Where data is not available for a specific PAI a suitable proxy metric has been identified. If both PAI and proxy PAI data (where relevant) is not available and/or applicable to complete the DNSH assessment on an issuer, such issuer is generally excluded from qualifying as a sustainable investment.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The Portfolio leveraged Goldman Sachs Asset Management's proprietary approach to identifying and evaluating companies which, amongst other factors, are not considered to be aligned with global norms as further described below. Following this assessment, any companies which are considered to be in violation of these global norms (including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights) were excluded from qualifying as a sustainable investment.

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 Union 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 the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

Over the reference period, the Portfolio considered principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (PAIs) across the environmental and/or social pillars. PAIs are taken into account qualitatively through the application of the binding ESG criteria outlined in the prospectus. On a non-binding and materiality basis, PAIs are also considered through firm-wide and investment team specific engagement. The PAIs considered by this Portfolio included:

PAI CATEGORY	PAI
Mandatory PAIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green house gas emissions • Carbon footprint • Green house gas intensity of investee companies • Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas • Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises • Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact Principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises • Unadjusted gender pay gap • Board gender diversity • Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)
Non-mandatory Climate PAIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives • Land degradation, desertification, soil sealing • Investments in companies without sustainable land or agriculture practices or policies • Natural species and protected areas • Deforestation
Non-mandatory social PAIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate of accidents • Number of days lost to injuries, accidents, fatalities or illness • Number of incidents of discrimination • Number of incidents of discrimination leading to sanctions • Excessive CEO pay ratio



What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting **the greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is: 2022-12-01 / 2023-11-30

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
SONY GROUP CORPORATION	Manufacturing	4.69%	JP
TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION	Manufacturing	3.65%	JP
MITSUBISHI UFJ FINANCIAL GROUP INC.	Financial and insurance activities	3.40%	JP
KEYENCE CORPORATION	Manufacturing	2.75%	JP
ORIX CORPORATION	Financial and insurance activities	2.65%	JP
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO.LTD.	Administrative and support service activities	2.59%	JP
SUMITOMO CORPORATION	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.98%	JP
UNICHARM CORPORATION	Manufacturing	1.92%	JP
ITOCHU CORPORATION	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.89%	JP
NITORI HOLDINGS CO. LTD.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.79%	JP
MITSUBISHI CORPORATION	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.76%	JP
SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO. LTD.	Manufacturing	1.74%	JP
SHIMAMURA CO. LTD.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.71%	JP



Asset allocation
describes the share of
investments in specific
assets.

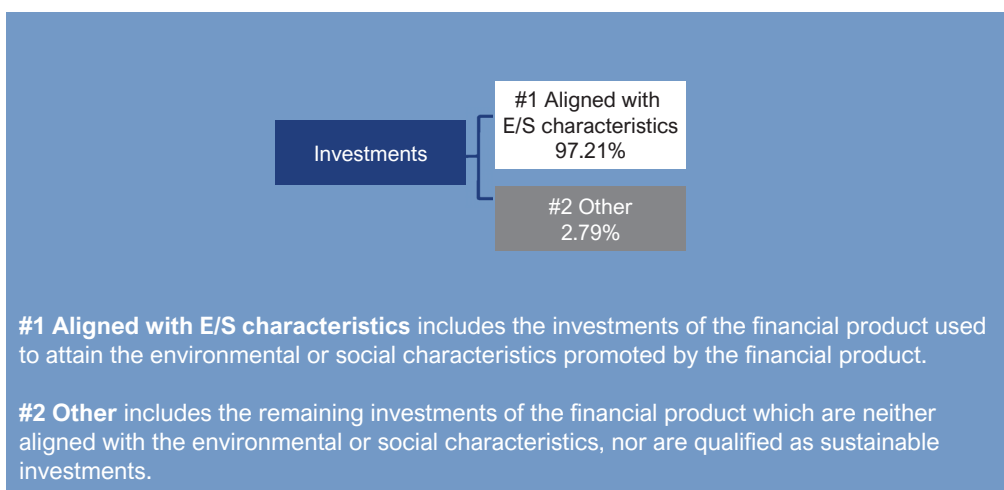
DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY LIMITED	Manufacturing	1.69%	JP
ASICS CORPORATION	Manufacturing	1.65%	JP

What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

Over the reference period, 97.21% of investments were aligned to the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this Portfolio.

What was the asset allocation?

Over the reference point, 97.21% of investments were aligned to the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this Portfolio. 2.79% were held in cash, cash equivalents, and derivatives. Over the reference period, a minimum of 90% of the Portfolio's investments were consistently aligned to the environmental and/or social characteristics described above.



In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Sector	Sub Sector	% of NAV as at November 30, 2023
Accommodation and food service activities	Accommodation	0.88%
Administrative and support service activities	Employment activities	3.76%
Arts entertainment and recreation	Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities	0.53%
Construction	Specialised construction activities	0.61%
Electricity gas steam and air conditioning supply	Electricity gas steam and air conditioning supply	1.39%
Financial and insurance activities	Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities	1.23%
	Financial service activities except insurance and pension funding	6.53%
	Insurance reinsurance and pension funding except compulsory social security	2.88%
Information and communication	Computer programming consultancy and related activities	6.65%
	Information service activities	0.83%
	Motion picture video and television programme production sound recording and music publishing activities	0.63%

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	Telecommunications	1.56%
Manufacturing	Manufacture of basic metals	0.80%
	Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	3.56%
	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	4.04%
	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	1.56%
	Manufacture of computer electronic and optical products	13.51%
	Manufacture of electrical equipment	0.91%
	Manufacture of fabricated metal products except machinery and equipment	1.03%
	Manufacture of food products	1.25%
	Manufacture of leather and related products	1.41%
	Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	6.17%
	Manufacture of motor vehicles trailers and semi-trailers	7.54%
	Manufacture of paper and paper products	1.58%
	Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	0.56%
	Manufacture of wearing apparel	0.64%
	Other manufacturing	4.08%
	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	0.80%
Mining and quarrying	Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas	0.73%
Not classified	Not classified	2.85%
Professional scientific and technical activities	Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis	0.91%
	Scientific research and development	0.42%
Real estate activities	Real estate activities	1.37%
Transporting and storage	Land transport and transport via pipelines	1.10%
	Warehousing and support activities for transportation	0.77%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	7.98%
	Wholesale trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	5.45%

limitations on emissions and switching to fully 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.

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.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852



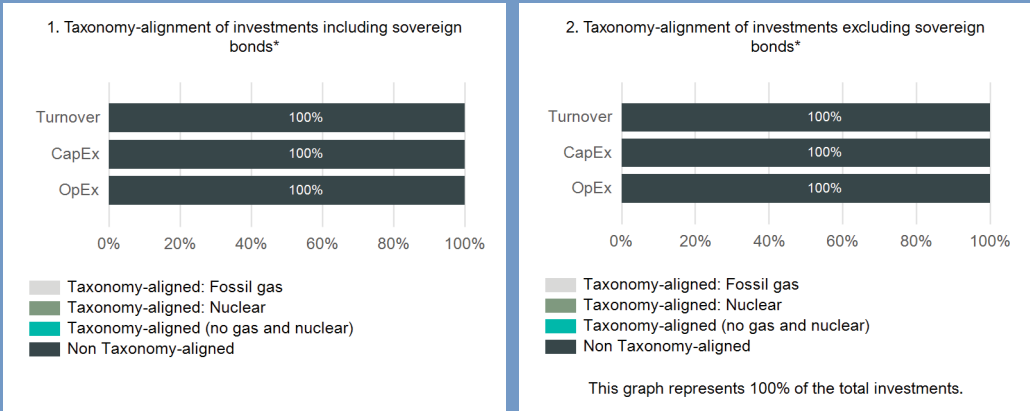
To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Whilst this Portfolio has made sustainable investments, it does not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

- ☐ Yes
 ☐ In fossil gas
 ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ No

The two graphs below show in blue the percentage of investments that were 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.



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

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

As the Portfolio does not commit to invest any “sustainable investment” within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy, the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy was also 0%.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

There have been no changes compared with previous reference periods.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Whilst this Portfolio has invested in sustainable investments, it does not specifically commit to a minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy. Hence, the minimum commitment is 0%.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Whilst this product has made sustainable investments, it did not specifically commit to a minimum proportion of socially sustainable investments. Hence, the minimum commitment is 0%. As noted above, whether investments made by this product were sustainable investments is determined by reference to the Investment Adviser’s Sustainable Investment Framework for assessing the contribution of investments to environmental and/or social objectives. This product did not target one specific category of sustainable investments, but instead assesses all investments made pursuant to its overall investment strategy using the framework.

¹Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change(“climate change mitigation”) and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objectives - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



What investments were included under “other”, what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Investments included under “other” include cash and cash equivalents for liquidity purposes and derivatives (including but not limited to index futures) for efficient portfolio management. These investments were used to achieve the investment objective of the Portfolio but neither promote the environmental or social characteristics of the Portfolio, nor qualify as sustainable investments. These financial instruments were not subject to any minimum environmental or social safeguards.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Adviser has taken actions to ensure that the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Portfolio were met during the reference period. The sustainability indicators of the Portfolio were measured and evaluated on an ongoing basis. GSAM used proprietary firm and third-party systems to monitor compliance with binding environmental or social characteristics of the Portfolio contained within the investment guidelines in line with the GSAM Investment Guidelines Policy. Breaches or errors regarding investment guidelines (including breaches or errors regarding the binding environmental or social characteristics and minimum sustainable investment commitments of the Portfolio) were handled in accordance with the Management Company's Policy on Breaches and Errors and the Policy on GSAM Error Handling which also requires that employees promptly report any incidents (whether resulting from action or inaction) to their GSAM supervisors as well as GSAM Compliance. The information gathered in the incident reporting process is to ensure that clients are appropriately compensated, to assist in improving business practices and help prevent further occurrences. Additionally, the Investment Adviser leveraged the Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team's engagement initiatives in respect of the Portfolio. The Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team focuses on proactive, outcomes-based engagement, in an attempt to promote best practices. Engagement initiatives were continually reviewed, enhanced, and monitored to ensure they incorporated current issues, evolving views about key environmental, social, and governance topics and sustainability-related controversies. To guide engagement efforts, the Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team creates an annual Focus List, which reflects the Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team's thematic priorities and guided voting and engagement efforts.



How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Portfolio.

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