

**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 lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product Name:** HSBC GLOBAL INVESTMENT FUNDS - ESG SHORT DURATION CREDIT BOND

**Legal Entity Identifier:** 21380015NZ84K2X6J127

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

☒ ☐ **Yes**

☐ It made **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 made **sustainable investments with a social objective:** \_%

☒ ☐ **No**

☒ It **promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 21.59% 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 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 environmental and/or social characteristics ("E/S characteristics") promoted by this sub-fund were:

1. A minimum proportion of the sub-fund's investments met minimum ESG standards, i.e. the issuers that the sub-fund invested in were required to meet minimum ESG and E, and S and G score levels.
2. The identification and analysis of a issuer's environmental and social factors, including corporate governance practices which formed an integral part of the investment decision making process.
3. Consideration of lower carbon intensity investments.
4. Consideration of responsible business practices in accordance with United Nations Global Compact ("UNGC") and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises ("OECD") principles. Where instances of potential violations of UNGC principles were identified, issuers were subject to HSBC's proprietary ESG due diligence checks to determine their suitability for inclusion in the sub-fund's portfolio and, if deemed unsuitable, excluded.

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

5. Excluding activities covered by HSBC Asset Management's Responsible Investment Policies the ("Excluded Activities").

### ● *How did the sustainability indicators perform?*

Sustainability Indicator	sub-fund	Reference Benchmark
<b>Minimum ESG standards</b>		
Percentage of the sub-fund aligned with the E/S characteristics	94.92	NA
<b>Identification and analysis of a company's environmental and social factors</b>		
ESG score (third-party score)	7.48	6.30
<b>Consideration of lower carbon intensity investments</b>		
GHG Intensity of investee companies - Tons of CO2 equivalents per million of Euros of revenue	189.16	299.21
<b>Responsible business practice in line with UNGC and OECD principles</b>		
Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	0.01%	1.03%
<b>Excluded Activities</b>		
The sub-fund did not invest in any of the Excluded Activities detailed in the Prospectus/pre-contractual disclosure		

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Reference Benchmark - 50% ICE BofA 1-5 Year BB US High Yield Index|50% ICE BofA 1-5 Year BBB US Corporate Index

### ● *...and compared to previous periods?*

Sustainability Indicator	Period Ending	sub-fund	Reference Benchmark
<b>Minimum ESG standards</b>			
Percentage of the sub-fund aligned with the E/S characteristics	31 March 2025	94.92	NA
	31 March 2024	91.98	NA
	31 March 2023	92.26	NA
<b>Identification and analysis of a company's environmental and social factors</b>			
ESG score (third-party score)	31 March 2025	7.48	6.30
	31 March 2024	7.13	6.08
	31 March 2023	7.00	5.84
<b>Consideration of lower carbon intensity investments</b>			
GHG Intensity of investee companies - Tons of CO2 equivalents per million of Euros of revenue	31 March 2025	189.16	299.21
	31 March 2024	223.04	334.38
	31 March 2023	147.11	358.28

**Responsible business practice in line with UNGC and OECD principles**

Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	31 March 2025	0.01%	1.03%
	31 March 2024	0.01%	1.01%
	31 March 2023	0.00%	1.30%

**Excluded Activities**

Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	31 March 2025	0.00%	0.09%
	31 March 2024	0.00%	0.03%
	31 March 2023	0.00%	0.00%

Please note that the sustainability indicators were updated in the latest pre-contractual disclosure document, which formed part of the Prospectus dated 31 March 2025, and there may be some variation in the table above in comparison to previous years.

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

Not applicable for this sub-fund.

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

Not applicable for this sub-fund.

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

Not applicable for this sub-fund.

**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, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

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

The Investment Adviser used third-party research providers to monitor companies for controversies which indicated potential breaches of the UNGC principles. Companies that were flagged for potential violation of UNGC principles were systematically excluded, unless they went through an ESG due diligence assessment, undertaken by HSBC, and were determined not to be in breach of these principles.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do no 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 Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union 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?

The sub-fund specifically considered the following PAIs, as part of the investment process:

Principal Adverse Impact	Period Ending	sub-fund	Reference Benchmark
3. GHG Intensity of investee companies - Tons of CO2 equivalents per million of Euros of revenue	31 March 2025	189.16	299.21
	31 March 2024	223.04	334.38
	31 March 2023	147.11	358.28
10. Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	31 March 2025	0.01%	1.03%
	31 March 2024	0.01%	1.01%
	31 March 2023	0.00%	1.30%
14. Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	31 March 2025	0.00%	0.09%
	31 March 2024	0.00%	0.03%
	31 March 2023	0.00%	0.00%

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## 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: Based on the four-quarter average holdings of the reference period as at 31/03/2025

<b>Largest Investments</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>% Assets</b>	<b>Country</b>
Lloyds Banking Group Plc 5.462% 05-jan-2028	Financials	2.84%	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Societe Generale Sa 4.75% 24-nov-2025	Financials	2.77%	France
Barclays Plc 6.97333% 07-may-2026	Financials	2.75%	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Aercap Ireland Capital Designated Activity Company 6.1% 15-jan-2027	Financials	2.17%	Ireland
Ge Healthcare Technologies Inc. 4.8% 14-aug-2029	Health Care	2.13%	United States of America
Nxp B.v. 4.3% 18-jun-2029	Information Technology	2.08%	China
Cco Holdings, Llc 5.125% 01-may-2027	Communication Services	2.06%	United States of America
Wrkco Inc. 4.0% 15-mar-2028	Materials	2.03%	United States of America
Western Midstream Operating, Lp 4.5% 01-mar-2028	Energy	1.64%	United States of America
Sunoco Lp 7.0% 15-sep-2028	Energy	1.58%	United States of America
Graphic Packaging International, Llc 1.512% 15-apr-2026	Materials	1.56%	United States of America
United Rentals (north America), Inc. 6.0% 15-dec-2029	Industrials	1.55%	United States of America
Amgen Inc. 5.507% 02-mar-2026	Health Care	1.54%	United States of America
Ball Corporation 6.875% 15-mar-2028	Materials	1.45%	United States of America
Nova Chemicals Corporation 9.0% 15-feb-2030	Materials	1.43%	Canada

Cash and derivatives were excluded

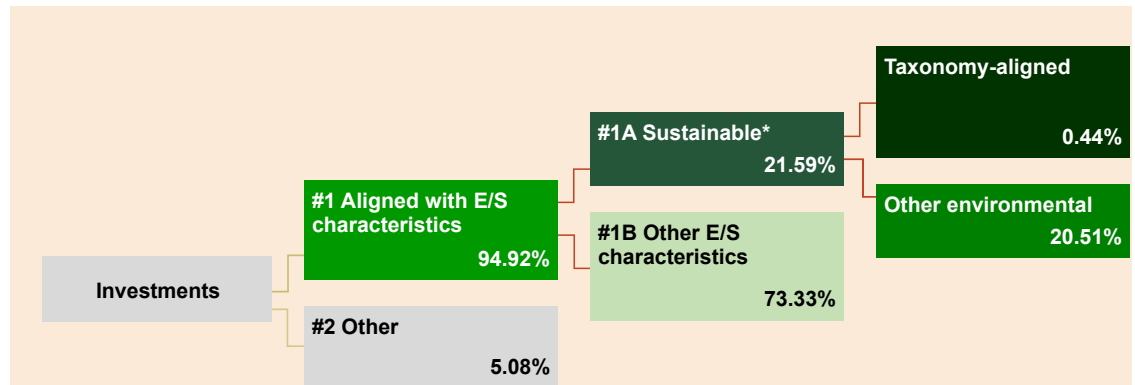


## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

21.59% of the portfolio was invested in sustainable investments.

**Asset allocation**  
describes the share  
of investments in  
specific assets.

### What was the asset allocation?



**#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 category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

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

\*A company or issuer considered as a sustainable investment may contribute to both a social and environmental objective, which can be aligned or non-aligned with the EU Taxonomy. The figures in the above diagram take this into account, but one Company or Issuer may only be recorded once under the sustainable investments figure (#1A Sustainable).

Due to the difference in the calculation methods, the percentages of Taxonomy-aligned and Other environmental, do not equal #1A Sustainable.

### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Sector / Sub-Sector	% Assets
Cash & Derivatives	26.18%
Financials	19.34%
Materials	16.38%
Industrials	12.63%
Energy	11.42%
[Unassigned]	3.16%
Health Care	11.00%
Information Technology	8.31%
Consumer Discretionary	6.65%
Communication Services	4.17%
Real Estate	4.14%
Consumer Staples	2.57%
Utilities	1.49%
[Unassigned]	1.49%
Other	0.81%
Government	0.02%
Total	100.00%



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include 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.

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

The proportion of sustainable investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy was 0.44%. The sub-fund did not make any commitment to make any EU Taxonomy aligned investments.

### Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

☒ Yes: ☒ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☐ No

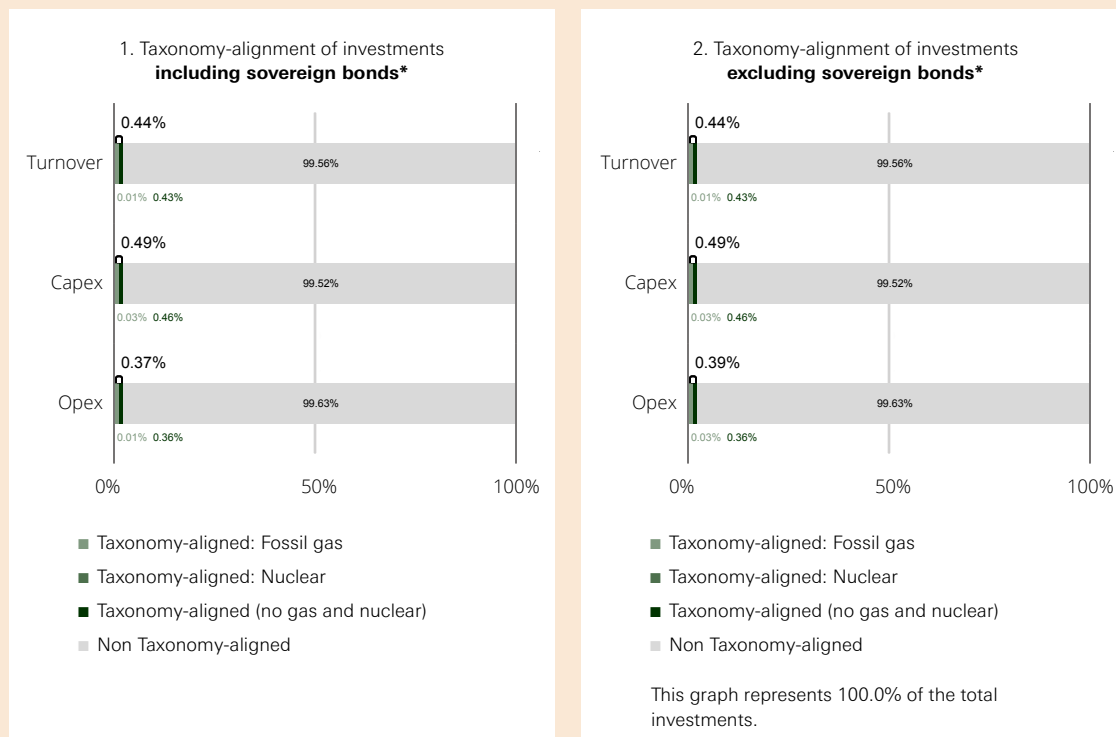
<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do no significant harm to any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.

**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.

*The graphs below show in green 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?

For the reference period the sub-fund's share of investment in transitional activities was 0.00% and the share of investment in enabling activities was 0.08%.

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

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

Indicator	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Revenue - Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%
Revenue - Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Revenue - Taxonomy-aligned (no gas and nuclear)	0.43%	0.45%	0.00%
Revenue - Non Taxonomy-aligned	99.56%	99.55%	100.00%
CAPEX - Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%
CAPEX - Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CAPEX - Taxonomy-aligned (no gas and nuclear)	0.46%	0.11%	0.00%
CAPEX - Non Taxonomy-aligned	99.52%	99.88%	100.00%
OPEX - Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%
OPEX - Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
OPEX - Taxonomy-aligned (no gas and nuclear)	0.36%	0.37%	0.00%
OPEX - Non Taxonomy-aligned	99.63%	99.63%	100.00%

 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.



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

The sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy were 20.51%. Due to lack of coverage and data, the sub-fund did not commit to making any EU Taxonomy aligned investments.



**What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

The sub-fund did not invest in socially sustainable investments.



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

#2 Other included money market funds for liquidity management purposes, liquid assets (ancillary liquid assets, bank deposits, money market instruments and money market funds) and financial derivative instruments which may have been used for efficient portfolio management. This may also have included investments that were not aligned for other reasons such as corporate actions and non-availability of data.

Liquid assets (ancillary liquid assets, bank deposits, money market instruments and money market funds) and financial derivatives instruments are not considered to be aligned with E/S characteristics within the sub-fund and do not have any minimum environmental or social safeguards applied. However, money market funds which meet the requirements of Article 8 SFDR are deemed to have minimum environmental or social safeguards.



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

Over the course of the reporting period, the Investment Adviser excluded activities including, but not limited to banned weapons, controversial weapons, companies with more than 10% revenue generated from thermal coal extraction and coal fired power generation and tobacco production and invested in companies with responsible business practices in accordance with UNGC principles.

All holdings in the portfolio were assessed for their individual greenhouse gas intensity, resulting in PAI scores above the benchmark. The sub-fund also assessed ESG scores resulting in an ESG score above the benchmark throughout the reporting period. In addition, all holdings were assessed for violations of UNGC and OECD principles ensuring good governance practices within the portfolio.





## How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

- ***How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?***

Not applicable.

- ***How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?***

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?***

Not applicable.

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