

## ANNEX

**Product name:** WisdomTree Strategic Metals and Rare Earths Miners UCITS ETF **Legal entity identifier:** 2138007GEG43OBGHNFO5

### Environmental and/or social characteristics

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

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>		<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective:</b> ____%	<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ____% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective:</b> ____%	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but <b>will not make any sustainable investments</b>



**What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?** WisdomTree Strategic Metals and Rare Earths Miners UCITS ETF (the **Fund**) promotes the environmental objective of reduction in carbon emissions generated, primarily by investing in companies involved in the energy transition metals value-chain (**ETMVC**). Reduction in carbon emissions is necessary to combat the impact of climate change. ETMVC includes the exploration and processing of metals which are used in technologies and solutions associated with energy transition themes such as electric vehicles, transmission, charging, energy storage, solar, wind, and hydrogen. Development of such products and services supports goals to action climate change and ensuring access to affordable, reliable sustainable and modern energy for all.

The Fund additionally promotes the specific environmental characteristic of climate action by excluding companies significantly involved in the high green house gas emitting sector of thermal coal and unconventional oil and gas exploration/production and the social characteristics of good health and well-being and peace, justice and strong institutions by respectively excluding companies significantly involved in the tobacco and small arms sectors, companies involved in controversial weapons as well as companies having severe or high controversy ratings and which do not adhere to internationally accepted human rights, labour standards or anti-corruption principles in line with the Index methodology.

**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

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.

WisdomTree Strategic Metals and Rare Earths Miners Index (the “**Index**”) has been designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether the Fund is aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that it promotes

- **What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?** The Fund observes indicators linked to individual United Nations Sustainable Development Goals of Climate Action and Clean and Affordable Energy to measure the attainment of the environmental characteristics it promotes.

The Index applies exclusionary ESG screening and global standards screening (**GSS**) criteria to verify companies’ eligibility for inclusion in the Index. The sustainability indicators to measure the attainment of each of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund are based on exclusionary screening applied by the Index methodology. Principal Adverse Impact (**PAI**) indicators are considered in selecting the sustainability indicators for the Fund. The sustainability indicators are as follows:

Indicator	Metric
Exposure to controversial weapons	Share of investments in companies that are involved in, or own significant shares of companies involved in, the manufacture of controversial weapons such as anti-personnel mines and cluster munitions.
Exposure to small arms	Share of investments in companies which derive a certain proportion of revenue from activities connected to small arms. Such activities include the manufacturing and selling of small arms, or the manufacturing and selling of key components involved in small arms manufacture or being involved in the distribution of small arms.
Exposure to companies involved in tobacco	Share of investments in companies that are involved in tobacco production and supplying of tobacco-related products/services, or companies which derive a certain proportion of revenue from tobacco distribution as detailed in the Index methodology.
Coal exposure	Share of investments in companies which derive a certain proportion of revenue from thermal coal extraction, revenue from thermal coal-based power generation, revenue from tailor-made products and services that support thermal coal extraction as detailed in the Index methodology.
Exposure to companies involved in unconventional oil & gas exploration/production	Share of investments in companies which derive a certain proportion of revenue from unconventional oil & gas exploration/production such as oil sands, Arctic oil and gas or shale energy as detailed in the Index methodology.
Violations of UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines	Share of investment in investee companies that violate commonly accepted international norms and standards, such as the United Nations Global Compact ( <b>UNGC</b> ) Principles, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights ( <b>UNGPs</b> ), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ( <b>OECD</b> ) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and their underlying conventions.

Further information regarding the exclusionary screening criteria can be found in the methodology for the Index.

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

**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?** N/A.

**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?** N/A.

— — How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account? N/A.

*How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details: N/A.*

*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 the EU 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?**

**X** Yes. PAIs of investee companies based on Table 1 of Annex I of the Regulatory Technical Standards and any relevant indicators in Tables 2 and 3 of Annex I are produced at Fund level. The Manager conducts controls on PAI indicators and monitors them. Threshold events are set for individual PAIs. If these thresholds are reached, the Manager may take action such as engagement and proxy voting to effect change or propose to exclude such security or securities from the eligible investable universe. Further information relating to PAIs will be made available in the annual report and audited financial statements of the ICAV.

☐ No



**What investment strategy does this financial product follow?** The Fund follows a passive (or indexing) investment strategy and will invest in a portfolio of equity securities that so far as possible and practicable consists of a representative sample of the component securities of the Index.

The Index is designed to measure the performance of companies involved in ETMVC including companies associated with energy transition themes such as electric vehicles, transmission, charging, energy storage, solar, wind, and hydrogen as outlined in the Index methodology.

**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.

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

- **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 Fund will seek to invest all, or substantially all, of its assets in the constituents of the Index which seeks to provide exposure to companies which derive revenue, operating profit, own assets or invest capital expenditures in ETMVC related businesses.. The Fund may also invest in a sample of Index constituents whose risk, return and other characteristics closely resemble the risk, return and other characteristics of the Index as a whole.

The Index methodology also excludes investee companies which do not satisfy ESG criteria. The exclusionary screen verifies companies' eligibility for inclusion in the Index based on ESG criteria described above as detailed in the Index methodology. In addition, each company from the ETMVC universe is assessed based on a greenhouse gas intensity as part of the selection and weighting process applied by the Index. The eligible investment universe is determined through the Index methodology and the proportion of investments in securities that are excluded by the Index as a result of the exclusionary screen supports the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

- **What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?** There is no committed minimum rate, rather an investment will always be excluded if it does not meet specific criteria, including ESG criteria, built into the composition methodology of the Index.

- **What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?** To be eligible for inclusion in the Index, a company must be listed on an eligible stock exchange and therefore has to comply with securities listing rules including relevant corporate governance codes. Companies will be excluded if they do not meet the GSS assessment which includes an assessment for satisfying governance issues. The GSS assessment identifies companies that violate or are at risk of violating certain commonly accepted international norms and standards, such as UNGCP, UNGPs and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and their underlying conventions. Companies on the UN, US and EU sanctions list are also excluded. Companies identified as having a severe or high controversy rating with controversy defined as an event or events with negative environmental, social and/or governance implications are excluded from the eligible investment universe as detailed in the Index methodology. In addition to the governance screening, the Fund, through its Investment Manager, adopts an active ownership policy to develop good governance practices in investee companies.

**What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?** The Fund will invest all, or substantially all, of its assets in the constituents of the Index. The Fund may also invest in a sample of Index constituents whose risk, return and other characteristics closely resemble the risk, return and other characteristics of the Index as a whole.

The Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets from time to time, for example, as dividends are collected. Where the Fund uses instruments which are not constituents of the Index, it will do so where it is consistent with its investment objective and policy, where the risk, return and other characteristics of these instruments resemble the risk, return and other characteristics of the Index as a whole. As a result, at least 90% of the Fund's assets are aligned with the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund (#Aligned with E/S characteristics). Up to 10% of the investments of the Fund are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other).

At each Index rebalance (or as soon as reasonable possible and practicable thereafter), the Fund's portfolio will be rebalanced in line with the Index so with at least 90% of the

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



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

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

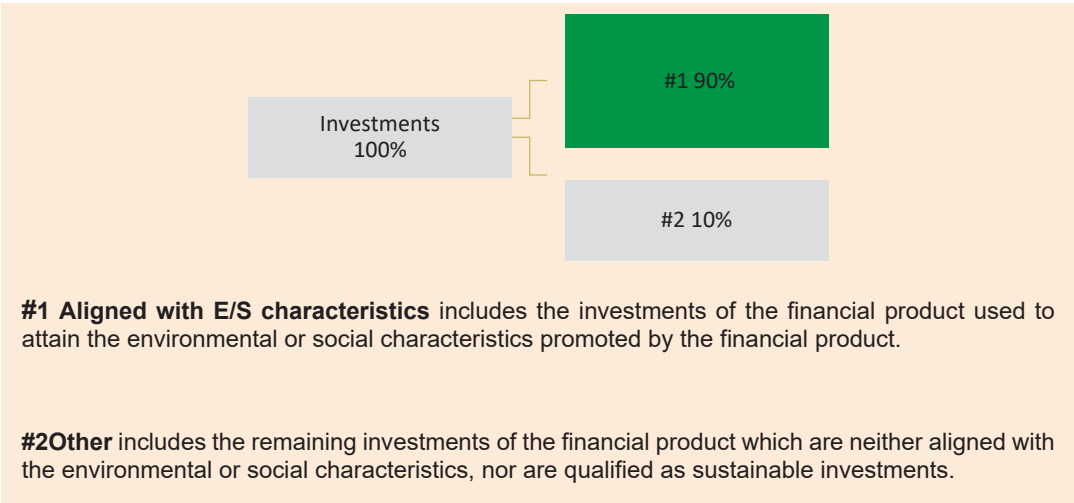
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities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

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.

Fund's assets will be aligned with environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.



- **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?** The Fund does not use derivatives to attain its environmental or social characteristics.



**To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?** 0%. The Fund does not commit to a minimum extent of EU Taxonomy alignment for its investments because of the narrow scope for EU Taxonomy alignment. Some investments may be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

**Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

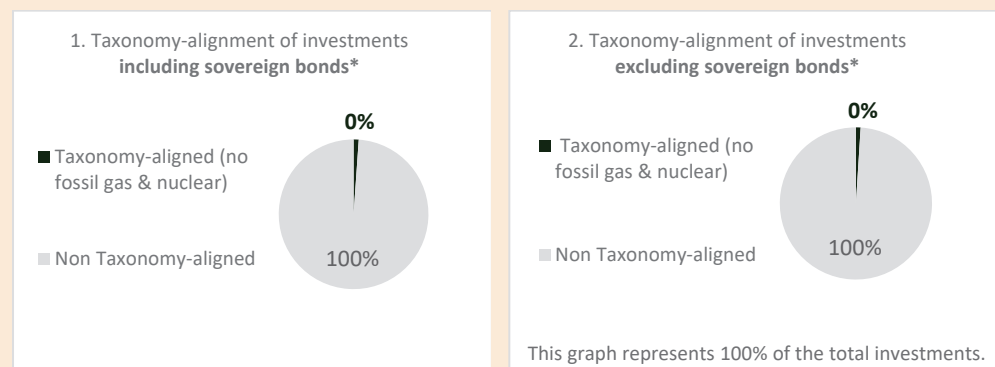
☐ Yes

☐ 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 not significantly harm 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.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are 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 is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

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 sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy? N/A.**



**What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments? 0%**



**What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?** To be eligible for inclusion in the Index, companies must satisfy the Index criteria to be a ETMVC company and pass certain minimum ESG screening standards. This has the effect that all companies in which the Fund invests should be aligned with environmental and / or social characteristics. In accordance with the UCITS Regulations the Fund may invest up to 10% in ancillary liquid assets. If the Fund from time to time holds ancillary liquid assets, e.g. cash from dividends received, those ancillary liquid assets may not be aligned with environmental or social characteristics. There may be no minimum environmental or social safeguards in relation to any ancillary liquid assets. The Fund may also hold securities which no longer meet the environmental and/or social criteria described above but will not be removed from the Index until the next Index rebalance. Investments may also fall under #2 Other if insufficient ESG-related data is available. This applies in particular to assets for which ESG factors are insufficiently defined at present or which are not yet covered by the Fund's ESG data provider.



**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? Yes**

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?** The Index is designed to track the performance of companies involved in ETMVC technologies and solutions. To be eligible for inclusion in the Index a security must be issued by a ETMVC company which is involved in one or more of the ETMVC



categories as defined in the Index description section of this Supplement. The Index excludes companies based on ESG criteria described above.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?** The investment strategy is to passively track the Index.
- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?** The Index was developed to identify companies involved in ETMVC technologies and solutions by WisdomTree in collaboration with third-party specialists in ETMVC. A scoring process helps identify parts of the value-chain that deserve a higher weight and then individual companies are also scored on the basis of their exposure to the ETMVC. The Index methodology includes the GSS process described above which takes ESG considerations into account. Companies that are non-compliant with GSS criteria are excluded. The Index methodology also excludes companies engaged in specific activities, such as involvement in controversial weapons, tobacco, thermal coal activities, oil and gas exploration/production and small arms and military contracting described in more detail in the Index methodology.
- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?** <https://www.wisdomtree.eu/-/media/eu-media-files/documents/1604/wisdomtree-index-methodology-217.pdf>

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



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