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WisdomTree Battery Solutions UCITS ETF - USD Acc

Sustainability-related disclosure

Summary

Sin objetivo de inversión sostenible

El Fondo promueve características ambientales y sociales, pero no tiene un objetivo de inversión sostenible.

El Fondo se compromete a realizar inversiones sostenibles en actividades económicas que, según la Taxonomía de la UE, se consideran medioambientalmente sostenibles.

Características ambientales o sociales del producto financiero

El Fondo promueve el objetivo medioambiental de reducción de las emisiones de carbono generadas principalmente por el transporte por carretera y la producción de energía, potenciando el suministro de energías renovables y la transición energética. Reducir las emisiones de carbono es necesario para combatir el impacto del cambio climático. El Fondo promueve estas características proponiendo una idea de inversión que fomenta la evolución de soluciones de almacenamiento de energía en baterías (BESS, por sus siglas en inglés).

El Fondo también promueve el objetivo medioambiental concreto de la acción por el clima mediante la exclusión de empresas que cuentan con una implicación importante en el sector del carbón térmico y la explotación o producción de petróleo y gas no convencional, gran emisor de gases de efecto invernadero, y promueve las características sociales de buena salud y bienestar y de paz, justicia e instituciones sólidas, excluyendo, respectivamente, las empresas que cuentan con una implicación importante en la industria del tabaco y los sectores de las armas ligeras, empresas relacionadas con armas controvertidas, así como aquellas que no cumplen los principios internacionalmente aceptados sobre derechos humanos, estándares laborales o de lucha contra la corrupción, de acuerdo con la metodología del Índice.

Estrategia de inversión

El objetivo de inversión del Fondo es replicar el precio y la rentabilidad del WisdomTree Battery Solutions Index (NTR) (el Índice), antes de descontar comisiones y gastos. El Índice se ha seleccionado como índice de referencia con el fin de determinar si el Fondo se ajusta a las características medioambientales y sociales que promueve.

Proporción de inversiones

El Fondo invertirá todos o prácticamente todos sus activos en los valores que componen el Índice, lo que hará que, como mínimo, el 90% de su valor liquidativo se ajuste a las características medioambientales y sociales del Fondo. El Fondo dedica una proporción mínima del 10% de su valor liquidativo a inversiones sostenibles en actividades económicas que, según la Taxonomía de la UE, se consideran medioambientalmente sostenibles.

Hasta el 10% de los activos del Fondo podrán invertirse en activos líquidos accesorios, de conformidad con los Reglamentos de las Comunidades Europeas (Organismos de Inversión Colectiva de Valores Mobiliarios) de 2011 (Reglamentos OICVM), o en valores cuyos datos ASG a disposición de los proveedores de datos terceros son insuficientes.

Evaluación de características ambientales o sociales

WisdomTree vigila las características medioambientales y sociales que promueve el Fondo y el compromiso de inversión sostenible cada vez que se reajusta el Índice.

Metodologías

Las características medioambientales y sociales que promueve el Fondo se cuantifican mediante datos proporcionados por el proveedor del Índice y proveedores de datos terceros, cuando proceda.

Fuentes y tratamiento de datos

El Fondo aplica la gestión pasiva y replica el Índice, que es precisamente como logra las características medioambientales y sociales que promueve.

WisdomTree procesa los datos de terceros para seleccionar a los emisores en función de los criterios de exclusión ambientales, sociales y de gobernanza (ASG), tal como se prevé en la metodología del Índice, a fin de determinar el universo de inversión admisible. Como parte de los procesos de diligencia debida y supervisión reforzada de WisdomTree, cada año se hace un seguimiento del proveedor del Índice y de los proveedores de datos terceros.

Limitaciones de las metodologías y los datos

A fin de lograr el objetivo y la política de inversión establecidos por el Fondo, WisdomTree recurre a datos, entre los que figuran los relativos a cuestiones ASG. Los datos ASG proceden de terceros y pueden ser incompletos o inexactos o no estar disponibles. Por consiguiente, también existe el riesgo de que el proveedor del Índice u otros proveedores de datos (según corresponda) evalúen de forma incorrecta la calificación ASG o la implicación de una empresa en determinadas actividades como parte de los criterios de exclusión que aplica el Índice.

Diligencia debida

WisdomTree aplica la diligencia debida al proveedor del Índice y al Índice de referencia antes de que se lance el Fondo con el fin de determinar si este lograría el resultado de inversión deseado y las características medioambientales o sociales que promueve el Fondo.

Políticas de implicación

WisdomTree ejerce los derechos de voto y participa de forma constructiva en las empresas participadas a través de sus gestores de inversiones, en los que se externalizan las actividades de gestión de carteras. A la hora de seleccionar y dar seguimiento a los gestores de inversiones, WisdomTree se asegura de que las políticas de voto e implicación de los Gestores de Inversiones se ajustan a las normas definidas por WisdomTree.

Índice de referencia designado

El Índice se ha seleccionado como índice de referencia para cumplir las características ambientales o sociales promovidas por el Fondo. Puede obtener más información sobre el Índice aquí.

No sustainable investment objective

The Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

The Fund commits to making sustainable investments in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy.

The do no significant harm assessment is undertaken for the portion of the Fund's sustainable investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. This assessment is carried out as part of the EU Taxonomy's technical screening criteria (TSC) process. Companies are considered not to significantly harm any of the other environmental objectives and considered EU Taxonomy aligned where they pass the TSC. The TSC is carried out by third-party data providers and is evaluated by WisdomTree for the portion of the Fund's investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The Fund promotes the environmental objective of reduction in carbon emissions generated, primarily by road transportation and power production, scaling up renewable energy delivery and energy transition. Reduction in carbon emissions is necessary to combat the impact of climate change. The Fund promotes these characteristics by offering an investment case supporting the evolution of BESS. Development of BESS products and services supports goals of action to combat 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 greenhouse gas emitting sector of thermal coal and unconventional oil and gas exploration/production and the social characteristic of good-health and well-being and peace, justice and strong institutions, by respectively excluding companies significantly involved in the tobacco industry and small arms sectors, companies involved in controversial weapons as well as companies which do not adhere to internationally accepted human rights, labour standards or anti-corruption principles in line with the Index methodology.

The Index has been designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether the Fund is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

Investment strategy

The investment objective of the Fund is to track the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the Index. In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will employ a "passive management" (or indexing) investment approach 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 has been designated as a reference benchmark for the purpose of determining whether the Fund is aligned with the environmental and social characteristics it promotes.

The Index applies ESG exclusionary criteria and seeks to exclude companies from the eligible investment universe that are significantly involved (as described in the Index methodology) in thermal coal, unconventional oil and gas exploration/production and in the tobacco industry and small arms sectors. Companies with any involvement in controversial weapons are also excluded from the eligible investment universe by the Index.

The Index methodology includes robust governance criteria whereby companies are assessed based on the Global Standards Screening (GSS) assessment which identifies and excludes companies from the eligible investment universe companies that violate international norms and standards, such as United Nations Global Compact principles (UN GCPs), UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UN GPs) and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and their underlying conventions. Companies on the UN, US and EU sanctions list are excluded. In addition to the governance screening, to be eligible for inclusion in the Index, a company must be listed on an eligible stock exchange listed in the main body of the supplement for the Fund (the Supplement) and must comply with securities listing rules including relevant corporate governance codes.

The Fund considers principal adverse impacts (PAIs) at the fund level in accordance with the regulatory technical standards of SFDR (RTS). Indicators for PAIs (PAI Indicators) are a way of measuring how issuers negatively impact sustainability factors. Please refer to the section below "Due Diligence"" regarding the controls in place to monitor constituent data for PAIs.

The Fund, through its Investment Manager, adopts an active ownership policy to develop good governance practices in investee companies.

Proportion of investments

The Fund will invest all, or substantially all, of its assets in the constituents of the Index with the result that a minimum of 90% of the Fund's NAV will align with the environmental and social characteristics of the Fund. The Fund commits a minimum proportion of 10% of its NAV to sustainable investments in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy. A larger proportion of the Fund’s investments may be aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

Up to 10% of the Fund’s assets may be invested in ancillary liquid assets in accordance with the UCITS Regulations or invested in securities for which there is insufficient ESG-related data available from third-party data providers. This applies in particular to assets for which ESG factors are insufficiently defined at present or which are not covered by third-party data providers. For more information, please see the Supplement for the Fund.

Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics outlined above by tracking the Index which applies ESG exclusionary criteria.

WisdomTree monitors the Fund's adherence to the environmental and social characteristics it seeks to promote at each Index rebalance. This is carried out by evaluating whether the Index is correctly applying the stated ESG screening and GSS assessment criteria described above. This includes an evaluation by WisdomTree of the ESG data, including EU Taxonomy data, which is provided by the third-party data providers.

WisdomTree also monitors the tracking error of the Fund and reports this to investors as part of the publication of annual and interim financial statements of the ICAV. Information on the anticipated tracking error is also published in the Supplement.

Methodologies

The environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund and sustainable investment commitment are measured using data from the Index Provider and third-party data providers, where relevant.

The Fund seeks to track the Index which excludes companies based on ESG exclusionary criteria outlined in the Index methodology. The ESG exclusionary criteria is measured based on companies' revenue thresholds and data sources evaluated at each Index rebalance. The Fund's investments are assessed as being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund at each Index rebalance.

In addition, certain PAIs are considered when evaluating the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund using data provided by third party data provider which includes an evaluation of involvement in controversial weapons (PAI Indicator 14), fossil fuels (PAI Indicator 4), non-renewable energy production (PAI Indicator 5) and UNGCP and OECD Guidelines violations (PAI Indicators 10 and 11).

Data sources and processing

The Fund is a passively managed index tracking fund and attains the environmental and social characteristics it promotes by tracking the Index.

WisdomTree processes data provided by third-party ESG data providers to screen issuers based on the ESG exclusionary criteria as set out in the Index methodology to establish the eligible investment universe.

Monitoring of the Index Provider and third-party data providers is carried out annually as part of WisdomTree's enhanced oversight and due diligence processes. This due diligence includes evaluating methodologies adopted by third-party data providers to assess issuers, the sources of information that they use and the quality of the ESG data they provide. ESG Data coverage provided by third-party data providers is also assessed at each Index rebalance.

WisdomTree uses data sources from other third-parties for comparison purposes to identify any potential data inconsistencies. There may be issuers for which insufficient ESG-related data is available due to a lack of coverage by third-party data providers.

Data estimates may be used by third-party data providers particularly for smaller companies or where there are gaps in company reported data or where a company does not report actual revenues or certain business involvement categories.

Limitations to methodologies and data

To meet the stated investment objective and policy of the Fund, WisdomTree relies on ESG data. ESG data is provided by third-party providers and may be incomplete, inaccurate, or unavailable. As a result, there is a risk that the Index Provider or other data providers (as applicable) may incorrectly assess the ESG rating or the involvement of a company in certain activities as part of the exclusionary criteria applied by the Index Provider. This may result in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security from the Index and therefore the portfolio of the Fund.

Please refer to the section above ""Data Sources and Processing"" and ""Due Diligence"" regarding internal controls to monitor constituent data.

In placing reliance on external data providers, there may be inherent risk associated with errors in third-party data which may not be detected by WisdomTree or the Index Provider. The result being that companies may from part of the investment universe that are inconsistent with the stated methodology of the Index and/or the stated investment objective/policy of the Fund. WisdomTree seeks to mitigate this risk by obtaining ESG data from reputable sources, using a second independent data source and investigating data differences to our primary ESG data provider.

Where an index constituent is identified as not meeting the exclusionary criteria, it will be removed from the Index at the next scheduled rebalance (or periodic review). The Index may cease to meet the stated ESG criteria between index rebalances until the Index is rebalanced back in line with the Index methodology, at which point the Fund will also be rebalanced in line with the Index.

ESG Data Providers may have different business interests that could give rise to conflicts of interest when assigning ESG ratings or assessing the involvement of a company in certain activities.

Due Diligence

WisdomTree carries out due diligence on the Index Provider and reference Index prior to the launch of the Fund.

As part of this due diligence, WisdomTree assesses the Index methodology to determine whether it would achieve the desired investment outcome and environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

This evaluation includes the investment universe of the securities, coverage by third-party data providers and the exclusionary screening criteria implemented by the Index.

In addition, WisdomTree monitors PAIs Indicators on sustainability factors of investee companies at the Fund level on a quarterly basis using an internally developed monitoring system and data received from the Investment Manager and the third-party ESG data provider.

Engagement Policies

As a responsible investor, WisdomTree adopts an active ownership approach to promote better corporate behaviour in investee companies in terms of sustainability and management of Environmental, Social and Governance risks.

WisdomTree exercises voting rights and constructively engages with investee companies through its investment managers, to whom portfolio management activities are outsourced. In selecting and monitoring investment managers, WisdomTree ensures that voting and engagement policies of the Investment Managers match the standards defined by WisdomTree.

Further details on WisdomTree's proxy voting policy are available at https://www.wisdomtree.eu/en-gb/wisdomtree-investment-governance and on WisdomTree voting dashboard available at: https://www.wisdomtree.eu/en-ie/proxy-voting-dashboard

Designated reference benchmark

The Index has been designated as a reference benchmark and utilises ESG screening criteria to meet certain environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund. Information on how that index is aligned with the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund, including the input data, the methodologies used to select those data, the rebalancing methodologies and how the index is calculated can be found here.