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# MS INVF US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund

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**Product name:** *US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund (the “Fund”)*

**A fund of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds**

**Legal entity identifier:** 5493008B8KBFODOHZX52

## No Sustainable investment objective

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

The Fund aims to invest a minimum proportion of 15% of its assets in sustainable investments.

The Fund seeks to ensure that the sustainable investments of the Fund do not cause significant harm to relevant environmental or social sustainable investment objectives by:

- testing whether the investment meets the thresholds set by the Investment Adviser for each of the PAI indicators which are mandatory for the Investment Adviser to consider under the EU SFDR rules and which are relevant to the investment; and
- ensuring that the sustainable investments of the Fund are aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Principles on Business and Human Rights.

## Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The Fund promotes the environmental characteristic of climate change mitigation by excluding investments in certain types of fossil fuels. In addition, the Fund promotes the social characteristic of avoiding investments in activities which can cause harm to human health and wellbeing, in sovereign issuers that significantly violate social rights, and securitisations that violate responsible business or lending practices.

Further detail on the nature of these exclusions is set out below (in response to the section below titled, “*Investment Strategy*”).

The Fund also aims to make a minimum of 15% sustainable investments in:

- Corporate issuers whose business practices, products or solutions, make a net positive contribution towards United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (“**SDGs**”);
- Sovereign issuers with ESG scores in the top-2 ranks according to the Investment Adviser’s proprietary scoring methodology, associated with positive environmental or social attributes; or
- Sustainable Bonds, from any type of issuer, which make a positive environmental or social contribution through their use of proceeds, as explained in response to the section below titled, “*Methodologies*”.

## Investment Strategy

The Fund aims to provide an attractive rate of relative return, measured in US Dollars, through investments in issues of high quality USD denominated fixed income securities, and for the avoidance of doubt including asset backed securities (including mortgage backed securities), while reducing exposure to sustainability risks through exclusionary screening of selected fossil fuels and of activities which can cause dangers to human health and wellbeing, of sovereign issuers that violate social rights, and of securitisations that violate responsible business or lending practices.

**Investment strategy used to meet the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund**

The binding elements of the investment strategy are described in the table below.

The criteria are implemented and monitored by the Investment Adviser using a combination of third-party data and in-house research.

<b>Binding criteria</b>	
<p><b>The Fund will not invest in corporate issuers which:</b></p>	<p><b><u>Derive any revenue from any of the following activities:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Controversial weapons manufacturing or retail (anti-personnel landmines, cluster munitions, biological or chemical weapons, and nuclear weapons);</li> <li>• Civilian firearms manufacturing or retail;</li> <li>• Tobacco manufacturing; or</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Derive more than 5% revenue from any of the following activities:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thermal coal mining and extraction. The Fund may, as an exception, invest in labelled Sustainable Bonds issued by fossil fuel companies, which are intended to raise proceeds specifically for projects that promote positive environmental contributions mitigating the adverse sustainability impact of coal, such as renewable energy or energy efficiency, based on information available in the bond issuance documentation.</li> </ul> <p>These exclusions are implemented in line with the Fund's Restriction Screening &amp; ESG policy, which can be found on <a href="http://www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com">www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com</a> and on <a href="http://www.morganstanley.com/im">www.morganstanley.com/im</a>.</p>
<p><b>The Fund will not invest in sovereign issuers which:</b></p>	<p>Are in the bottom-10% ranked countries for social violations, based on the Investment Adviser's custom indicator.</p> <p>The social violations custom indicator is calculated by the Investment Adviser taking into consideration a country's performance on issues including, but not limited to, the application of human rights and civil liberties, the quality of contract enforcement and security, freedom of expression, association and free media, as assessed by underlying data from third parties.</p> <p>Any investments in sovereign issuers exhibiting positive momentum with respect to such violations, shall not be subject to the purchase restriction. For example, if a country is in the process of making significant remediation efforts, such as through electoral or policy reforms and engagement with civil society, with regard to any social violations, the Investment Adviser may not exclude the investment from the Fund, provided this is kept under review by the Investment Adviser.</p>
<p><b>The Fund will not invest in securitisations in which:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The underlying loans show evidence of predatory lending, as determined by the applicable usury laws, and in the context of market rates and borrower's risk profile;*</li> <li>• The lender or servicer of the underlying assets has committed a severe breach of consumer protection standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ as established by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) in the United States; or</li> <li>○ as established by any relevant regulatory and supervisory agency in the jurisdiction where the securitisation's originator and/or collateral are located; if the breach relates to the securitisation's underlying collateral, underwriting and servicing practices, unless there is evidence of the breach having been or being remediated;** or</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The originator, lender or servicers has been involved in controversy cases related to business ethics and fraud that the Investment</li> </ul>

	<p>Adviser views as “Very Severe” based on data by relevant ESG data providers, and where the Investment Adviser considers appropriate remedial action has not been taken.</p> <p>* A loan is considered a predatory loan if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest rates do not comply with U.S. usury laws or the equivalent in other jurisdictions; or</li> <li>• Interest rates being offered exceed a limit for which the Investment Adviser deems to be exceedingly higher than the industry standard. The Investment Adviser may choose to proceed with an investment where interest rates where interest rates surpass this level if following enhanced due diligence (including through direct engagement with the lending team and/or servicing department on the securitisation deal), the Investment Adviser determines that access to the loan is still beneficial to the borrower when taking into consideration its risk profile and alternative borrowing options. The interest rate levels which are considered industry standard are subject to periodic review by the Investment Adviser, based on the prevailing market conditions and prevailing rates across the industry at the time.</li> </ul> <p>** This exclusion criterion does not apply to lenders or servicers of U.S. government sponsored mortgage-backed securities, as their compliance of such securitisations with local regulatory standards is already monitored by the U.S. government on an ongoing basis. Such investments will be considered to fall within “#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics”, in response to the section below titled, “<i>Proportion of investments</i>”</p>
<p><b>Sustainable investments</b></p>	<p>The Fund will maintain a minimum of 15% of sustainable investments, which meet the criteria as set out in response to the section below titled, “<i>Methodologies</i>”</p>

The Investment Adviser may apply additional ESG-related investment restrictions over time that it believes are consistent with the Fund’s investment objectives and its environmental and social characteristics. Such additional investment restrictions will be disclosed as they are implemented on [www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com](http://www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com) and on [www.morganstanley.com/im](http://www.morganstanley.com/im).

In addition to the binding ESG considerations, the Fund integrates ESG considerations in the investment decision-making process to support its environmental and social characteristics on a non-binding basis, based on the Investment Adviser’s in-house research and methodologies and on third-party data.

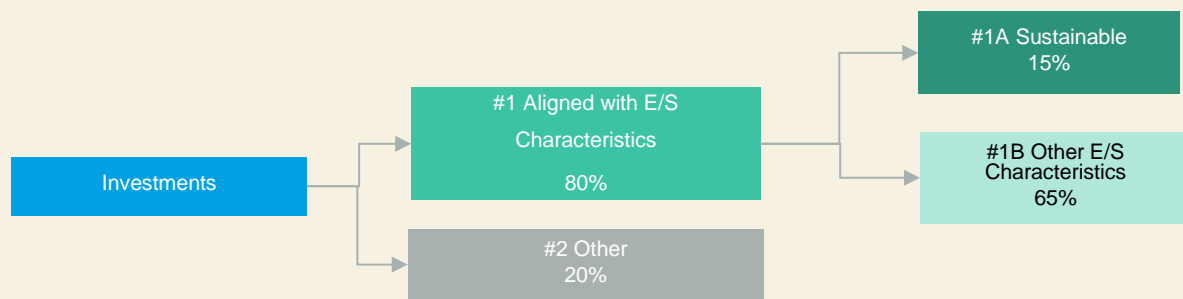
**Good governance of investee companies**

As part of its bottom-up, fundamental research process, the Investment Adviser systematically incorporates the assessment of an issuer’s corporate governance and business practices, including but not limited to evidence of sound management structures and employee relations, fair remuneration of staff, and tax compliance, in order to ensure that every investee company follows good governance practices.

This is done through the monitoring of data on governance-related, as well as on other environmental and/or social factors and controversies, sourced from third party providers, through in-house research, and through engagement with the management of selected issuers on corporate governance and disclosure issues.

In addition, the Fund’s sustainable investments exclude any company that is involved in very severe governance-related controversies.

## Proportion of investments



**#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 sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments

The exclusions (as described above) will be applied to at least 80% of the portfolio. The Fund also expects to allocate a minimum of 15% of its assets to sustainable investments.

Of the 80% of investments which are aligned with environmental or social characteristics, most of this comprises of investments which offer direct exposure to investee entities, although a small portion of such 80% may comprise of securitisations which offer indirect exposure to underlying loan assets.

These percentages are measured according to the value of the investments.

### Sustainable investments

The Fund may make sustainable investments which contribute to either environmental or social themes and does not commit to any minimum share of sustainable investments which contribute to an environmental (as opposed to social) objective.

### “#2 Other” investments

It is anticipated that up to 20% of the Fund’s assets may be invested in hedging instruments for efficient portfolio management and in cash held as ancillary liquidity. These instruments are included in the “#2 Other” category and are not subject to any environmental or social screening or any minimum environmental or social safeguards.

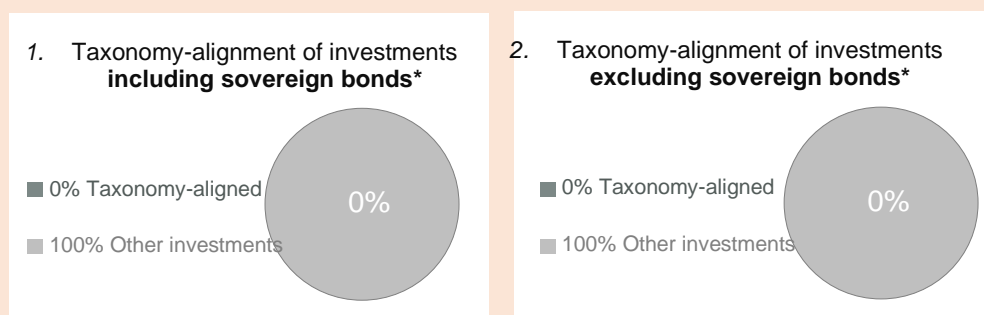
### Taxonomy disclosures

The Fund’s sustainable investments do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the Taxonomy Regulation. Further information can be found in the environmental and social characteristics section.

Although some of these sustainable investments may be Taxonomy aligned, due to lack of available data regarding the Taxonomy alignment of the underlying securities, the Investment Adviser has not been able to confirm whether these investments are in fact Taxonomy aligned and accordingly will not consider them as such in calculations until this data is reported on or otherwise becomes more reliable. As such, the Investment

Adviser uses its own methodology to determine whether certain investments are sustainable in accordance with the SFDR sustainable investment test, and then invests in such assets for the Fund.

**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

## Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The sustainability indicators of the Fund will be measured and evaluated on an ongoing basis, using a combination of tools / screens, portfolio surveillance tools and manual desk reviews and analyses.

The investment process is subject to regular review, as part of a control and monitoring framework implemented by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser's Compliance, Risk and Portfolio Surveillance teams collaborate with the investment team to conduct regular portfolio/performance reviews and systemic checks to ensure compliance with portfolio investment objectives and environmental and social characteristics, taking into account changing market conditions, information and strategy developments.

Investments that are held by the Fund but become restricted because they breach the exclusion criteria set out above after they are acquired for the Fund will be sold. Such sales will take place over a time period to be determined by the Investment Adviser, considering the best interests of the shareholders of the Fund.

If the Investment Adviser considers that the portfolio or an investment no longer meets the Fund's other binding environmental or social criteria, the Investment Adviser will take such remedial action as it determines to be appropriate. Any such remedial action will be taken over a time period to be determined by the Investment Adviser, considering the relevant circumstances and best interests of the shareholders of the Fund.

## Methodologies

The sustainability indicator used to measure the attainment of the Fund's environmental and social characteristics is the Fund's exposure, in percentage market value, to issuers that violate any of the exclusion criteria, as described in the section above titled, "Investment strategy".

## Sustainable investments

The Fund's sustainable investments will fall within one of the following categories:

- Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds ("**Sustainable Bonds**"), as labelled in the securities' documentation, where the issuer commits to allocate the proceeds to projects making a positive environmental or social contribution. This includes, but is not limited to, bonds that align with the International Capital Market Association (ICMA)'s Green Bond Principles, Social Bond Principles, and Sustainability Bond Guidelines, and bonds which have been assessed through the Investment Adviser's proprietary Sustainable Bond evaluation framework. Sustainable Bonds mobilise financing directly towards a multiplicity of environmental and social projects whose focus spans across a number of sustainability objectives. Examples include, but are not limited to, financing for renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean transportation, affordable housing, and financial inclusion projects. The specific objectives to which the Sustainable Bonds contribute depend on the eligible environmental and social project categories of each security.
- Bonds from corporate issuers whose business practices, products or solutions, make a net positive contribution towards the SDGs. The SDGs were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The Investment Adviser defines positive contribution to the SDGs as a net positive aggregate alignment score across all the SDGs (i.e., scores measuring positive contribution to individual SDGs have to, in total, be greater than the total of any negative contribution scores), based on third-party data. The Investment Adviser will also only include issuers which have sufficient positive SDG alignment (in the Investment Adviser's view) with at least one individual SDG, and which do not have any material mis-alignments (in the Investment Adviser's view) on any of the SDGs.
- Bonds from sovereign issuers with an ESG rank of 4 or 5, in a 1-5 range where 5 is best, based on the Investment Adviser's proprietary ESG scoring methodology. Ranks of 4 and 5 reflect a country's positive contribution towards environmental and social themes such as decarbonisation, forestry conservation, promotion of education, health and wellbeing, and good living standards. The Investment Adviser will, however, not treat the investment as sustainable if the sovereign issuer ranked 4 or 5 has experienced recent negative momentum as assessed through in-house research, which is not captured by ESG data providers. For example, this may include circumstances whereif a country is facing significant political and/or social instability.

## PAI indicators

The "do no significant harm" methodology applied by the Investment Adviser on sustainable investments seeks to exclude investments that cause harm to any of the PAI indicators which are mandatory for the Investment Adviser to consider under the EU SFDR rules, and which are relevant to the investment.

The Investment Adviser has determined specific metrics and quantitative thresholds for what constitutes significant harm to screen PAI indicators that are relevant to the investment, using third-party data as well as in-house research. The thresholds are set: (i) on an absolute value basis; (ii) on a relative basis in the context of the investment universe; or (iii) using pass/fail scores. Different metrics or thresholds may apply to issuers located in developed markets and in emerging markets, respectively. This is intended to reflect the different extent to which the Investment Adviser deems that meeting minimum sustainability standards in these markets is currently achievable. In addition, different relative thresholds may apply to similar indicators: for example, the Investment Adviser currently applies a lower threshold to determine significant adverse impact with respect to scope 3 emissions intensity as compared to scope 1 and 2 emissions intensity. This is because: (i) companies have less control over their indirect emissions; and (ii) data estimates for scope 3 emissions, which currently prevail over reported data compared to scope 1 and 2 emissions, may result in a less accurate PAI assessment.

The Investment Adviser may use reasonable proxy indicators sourced from third parties to address the current lack of data for the certain PAI indicators.

The Investment Adviser's use of proxy indicators will be kept under review and will be replaced by PAI data from third-party data providers, when the Investment Adviser determines that sufficiently reliable data has become available.

The Investment Adviser generally conducts the PAI assessment at the issuer level. However, where appropriate the assessment may be done at the security level in whole or in part. For instance, in the case of Sustainable Bonds, as defined above, the PAI indicators that are directly related to the sustainability factors targeted by the bond's use of proceeds will be assessed at the security level, through the Investment Adviser's proprietary Sustainable Bond Evaluation Framework. As an example, the Fund may invest in a Green Bond issued by a utility company that has a negative assessment of the PAI indicators related to GHG emissions and/or GHG intensity, as long as the Investment Adviser evaluates that the issuer has a credible strategy to reduce its GHG emissions, and that the Green Bond specifically contributes towards such goal. Other PAI indicators that are unrelated to the Sustainable Bond's use of proceeds are still assessed at the issuer level.

The Fund's PAI assessment is supported, on a qualitative basis, by the Investment Adviser's engagement with selected issuers on their corporate governance practices, as well as on other material sustainability issues related to the SDGs, in line with the Investment Adviser's Fixed Income Engagement Strategy, available on [www.morganstanley.com/im](http://www.morganstanley.com/im).

#### **Alignment with OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights**

The Fund's sustainable investments exclude issuers which have experienced very severe controversies that are deemed to violate the UN Global Compact, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, or the ILO Fundamental Principles, and issuers with very severe controversies related to violations of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. This screening is done using third-party data.

## **Data sources and processing**

The Investment Adviser leverages ESG data from various external vendors. This data is collected and stored in Morgan Stanley's centralized ESG data repository, to allow any Morgan Stanley business unit, including MSIM Investment teams, to access the information for research, portfolio analysis and construction, and client and regulatory reporting.

MSIM assesses data quality by liaising with the different data providers to obtain updates to the datasets as the regulation evolves. They also ensure that ESG data adheres to the Firm's data governance and quality standards through procedures to assess the appropriateness and delivery of data feeds. MSIM also conducts as appropriate, due diligence on the external data providers in order to assess whether their methodologies are appropriate for the intended use case.

Due to gaps in data coverage, a small proportion of the data which is used to assess alignment with E/S characteristics may be estimated data. The Investment Adviser will keep data gaps under review and replace the estimated data with third-party data sources or data obtained by other means (e.g., directly from investee companies) when available.

The SFDR dataset definitions which this Fund uses are listed below:



Data Set	Definition
Screening/Controversies	Business practices and products/services
SDG	Revenue and/or operational contribution or obstruction towards the UN SDGs
Diversity & Inclusion	Board level diversity metrics and corporate policies
Environmental Metrics	Water use, waste generation, and local pollution
Carbon Metrics	Emissions, Fossil Fuel, and Power Generation
Gender Equality	Gender-related metrics and policies

## Limitations to methodologies and data

The Investment Adviser uses data to assess the PAI indicators from third-party providers. The Fund may use reasonable proxy data for PAI indicators where the Investment Adviser considers that the data is not widely or reliably available. Any use of proxies will be kept under review and will be replaced by data from third-party data providers, when the Investment Adviser determines that sufficiently reliable data has become available. This limitation does not affect how the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund are met because any proxies used are reviewed and assessed by the Investment Adviser to ensure that they are appropriate substitutes for the relevant PAI indicator.

Currently the Fund does not use proxy data for PAI indicators and this document will be updated if the Fund does need to use reasonable proxy data for PAI indicators.

Additionally, the below outlines some of the key themes and commonalities which contribute to limitations in the methodologies and/or data and/or poor data quality of the Fund:

- methodology differences between data providers
- discrepancies in reported vs. estimated carbon emissions data such as Scope 3 emissions
- data lags i.e., reporting timelines for data may not align with SFDR reporting timelines
- coverage gaps across asset classes, geographies, and market capitalisations

Despite these limitations, which impact all consumers of ESG data and are not particular to MSIM, the Investment Adviser takes reasonable steps to mitigate the risk of these limitations hindering the Fund's ability to meet its environmental and social characteristics – these include (as appropriate), assessing vendor data quality and methodologies, comparing ESG data points between vendors or against its own internal analyses and using appropriate estimations to manage data gaps.

## Due diligence

The Investment Adviser relies on internal research to derive its own independent assessment of an issuer's value and credit worthiness, using third-party agency and sell side research as an input.

The Investment Adviser conducts in-depth bottom-up analysis:

- for corporate bonds, to identify bond issuers that meet its investment criteria in terms of competitive position, franchise value and management quality;

- for government bonds, to identify bond issuers that meet its investment criteria that underpin economic progress and resilience of sovereign nations, and which the Investment Adviser considers most material to the performance of their debt; and
- for securitisations, to analyse each security's underlying loans or collateral covering factors such as location, occupancy rates, borrowers' credit availability and history of defaults.

As part of this process, the Investment Adviser also conducts bottom-up due diligence on the Fund's investments to identify any sustainability risks that could impact the value of the assets, which is considered by the Investment Adviser when making investment decisions on a non-binding basis. The due diligence process is based on in-house research and third-party data.

In addition, the Investment Adviser's Risk team conducts top-down sustainability investment risk analysis on the Fund. This information is monitored on an ongoing basis and monthly reports are provided to the Investment Adviser's senior management, and are taken into account as a non-binding element of the Fund's investment decision making processes.

## Engagement policies

The Investment Adviser may engage with selected bond issuers on their corporate and sovereign governance practices, as well as on other material sustainability issues related to the SDGs, including sustainability-related controversies or breaches of international norms and principles. Such engagement activities support, on a qualitative and non-binding basis, the Fund's PAI and good governance assessment.

A non-exhaustive list of examples of the Investment Adviser's engagement priorities are:

- Climate Change – promote policies to hasten energy transition to clean and renewable sources of energy and to address the physical risks of climate change;
- Diversity – advance women and minorities at board and management levels, and promote diversity and inclusion at all levels of the workforce;
- Labour and Human Rights – strengthen performance in company operations and supply chains; and
- Disclosure – improve disclosure of material ESG matters.

The Investment Adviser has developed a Fixed Income Engagement Strategy, available on [www.morganstanley.com/im](http://www.morganstanley.com/im), to structure and conduct engagement meetings with bond issuers.

## Designated reference benchmark

The Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining its environmental or social characteristics.

US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund

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**Offenlegung nach Artikel 8 SFDR auf der Website**

**Produktname:** *US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund* (der „Fonds“)

**Ein Fonds von Morgan Stanley Investment Funds**

**LEI-Code:** 5493008B8KBFODOHZX52

**Zusammenfassung**

**Kein nachhaltiges Investitionsziel**

Dieses Finanzprodukt bewirbt ökologische und soziale Merkmale, hat jedoch keine nachhaltige Investition zum Ziel.

Der Fonds wird einen Anteil von mindestens 15 % in nachhaltigen Investitionen halten.

Die Methode des Anlageberaters, keine erhebliche Beeinträchtigung („do no significant harm“) zu verursachen, soll sicherstellen, dass die nachhaltigen Investitionen des Fonds keine der obligatorischen Indikatoren für die wichtigsten nachteiligen Auswirkungen („PAI“) in den SFDR-Regeln der EU, die für die Investition relevant sind und mit bestimmten sozialen Mindestschutzmaßnahmen konform sind, erheblich beeinträchtigen.

**Ökologische oder soziale Merkmale des Finanzprodukts**

Der Fonds bewirbt das ökologische Merkmal des Klimaschutzes, indem er Investitionen in bestimmte Arten von fossilen Brennstoffen ausschließt. Darüber hinaus bewirbt der Fonds das soziale Merkmal der Vermeidung von Investitionen in Aktivitäten, die der Gesundheit und dem Wohlbefinden der Menschen schaden können, in staatliche Emittenten, die soziale Rechte erheblich verletzen, und in Verbriefungen, die gegen verantwortungsvolle Geschäfts- oder Kreditvergabepraktiken verstoßen. Darüber hinaus hält der Fonds einen Teil seiner Investitionen in nachhaltigen Anlagen: (a) Unternehmensemittenten, deren Geschäftspraktiken, Produkte oder Lösungen einen positiven Nettobeitrag zu den Zielen für nachhaltige Entwicklung der Vereinten Nationen („SDGs“); oder (b) grüne, soziale oder Nachhaltigkeitsanleihen („nachhaltige Anleihen“), deren Erlöse für einen positiven ökologischen oder sozialen Beitrag verwendet werden.

**Anlagestrategie**

Ziel des Fonds ist es, eine Rendite zu generieren, indem er vorrangig in qualitativ hochwertige, auf US-Dollar lautende festverzinsliche Wertpapiere investiert.

Der Fonds erreicht seine ökologischen und sozialen Merkmale durch den Ausschluss von:

- a) Unternehmensemittenten, die: (a) Umsätze aus der Herstellung von umstrittenen Waffen, der Herstellung oder dem Verkauf von zivilen Schusswaffen oder der Herstellung von Tabakwaren erzielen; oder (b) 5 % oder mehr ihres Umsatzes mit dem Abbau und der Förderung von Kraftwerkskohle erwirtschaften.

- b) staatlichen Emittenten, die auf der Grundlage des vom Anlageberater entwickelten Indikators zu den 10 % der Länder gehören, die in Bezug auf soziale Verletzungen am schlechtesten bewertet sind; und
- c) Verbriefungen, die mit bestimmten negativen Verhaltensweisen in Verbindung gebracht werden, einschließlich wucherischer Kreditvergabepraktiken, Verstößen gegen bestimmte Verbraucherschutzstandards und betrügerischen Verhaltens.

Darüber hinaus strebt der Fonds an, mindestens 15 % seines Vermögens in nachhaltige Anlagen zu investieren (wie oben dargelegt).

Im Rahmen seines Verfahrens der Bottom-up-Fundamentalanalyse bezieht der Anlageberater systematisch die Bewertung der Unternehmensführung und der Geschäftspraktiken der Emittenten ein.

**Aufteilung der Investitionen**

<b>Im Einklang mit ökologischen und sozialen Merkmalen</b>	<b>80%</b>
<i>Nachhaltige Investitionen</i>	15%
<i>Taxonomie-konform</i>	-
<i>Sonstig ökologisch</i>	-
<i>Sozial</i>	-
<i>Sonstige ökologische und soziale Merkmale</i>	65%
<b>Sonstige Investitionen</b>	<b>20%</b>

Der Fonds erwartet, mindestens 15 % seines Vermögens in nachhaltigen Investitionen zu halten. 80 % der Investitionen sind auf ökologische oder soziale Merkmale ausgerichtet. Dabei handelt es sich größtenteils um Investitionen, die ein direktes Engagement in den Portfoliounternehmen bedeuten, wengleich ein Teil dieser 80 % aus Verbriefungen bestehen kann, die ein indirektes Engagement in den Basiswerten darstellen. Diese Prozentanteile werden gemäß dem Anlagewert gemessen

**Überwachung der ökologischen oder sozialen Merkmale**

Die ökologischen und sozialen Merkmale werden durch Tools/Filter, Portfolioüberwachungs-Tools und manuelle Überprüfungen und Analysen des Teams überwacht. Die Compliance-, Risiko- und Portfolioüberwachungsteams des Anlageberaters arbeiten mit dem Anlageteam zusammen, um regelmäßige Portfolio-/Performanceüberprüfungen und systemische Kontrollen durchzuführen, um die Compliance mit den Anlagezielen sowie den ökologischen und sozialen Merkmalen des Portfolios sicherzustellen.

**Methoden**

Die Compliance mit den Ausschlussfiltern wird anhand des Anteils der Investitionen des Fonds gemessen, die gegen die Ausschlussfilter verstoßen.

Die vom Fonds getätigten nachhaltigen Investitionen werden wie oben beschrieben in Bezug auf die

„ökologischen oder sozialen Merkmale des Finanzprodukts“ bewertet.

### **Datenquellen und -verarbeitung**

Der Anlageberater nutzt ESG-Daten verschiedener externer Anbieter. Diese Daten werden im zentralisierten ESG-Datenspeicher von Morgan Stanley gesammelt und gespeichert, sodass alle Geschäftseinheiten von Morgan Stanley, darunter auch die Anlageteams von MSIM, Zugang zu diesen Informationen für Research, Portfolioanalyse und -konstruktion sowie die Berichterstattung an Kunden und Aufsichtsbehörden haben.

Aufgrund von Lücken bei der Datenabdeckung kann es sich bei einem kleinen Anteil der Daten, die zur Bewertung der Ausrichtung auf ökologische und soziale Merkmale eingesetzt werden, um Schätzungen handeln.

### **Beschränkungen hinsichtlich der Methoden und Daten**

Der Fonds kann angemessene Proxydaten für PAI-Indikatoren einsetzen, wenn der Anlageberater der Ansicht ist, dass die Daten nicht allgemein verfügbar oder leicht erhältlich sind. Weitere Informationen zur begrenzten Datenverfügbarkeit finden Sie in der vollständigen Offenlegung auf der Website.

Der Anlageberater ergreift angemessene Maßnahmen, um sicherzustellen, dass der Fonds seine ökologischen und sozialen Merkmale trotz dieser Einschränkungen erfüllen kann, beispielsweise die Prüfung und Bewertung von Proxydaten, um sicherzustellen, dass sie ein angemessener Ersatz für die vom jeweiligen PAI-Indikator beworbenen ESG-Themen sind.

Wenn für einen Emittenten keine Screening-Daten von Dritten bezüglich der Ausschlusskriterien des Fonds zur Verfügung stehen, wird sich der Anlageberater nach besten Kräften bemühen, mit eigenem Research zu überprüfen, dass der Emittent nicht gegen die verbindlichen Kriterien des Fonds verstößt.

### **Sorgfaltspflicht**

Der Anlageberater betreibt sein eigenes internes Research, um den Unternehmenswert und die Kreditwürdigkeit eines Emittenten unabhängig zu bewerten, wobei er sich auf das Research von Drittanbietern und der Sell Side stützt.

Der Anlageberater führt eine gründliche Bottom-up-Analyse durch:

- für Unternehmensanleihen, um Emittenten zu identifizieren, die seine Anlagekriterien in Bezug auf Wettbewerbsposition, Unternehmenswert und Managementqualität erfüllen,
- für Staatsanleihen, um Emittenten zu identifizieren, die seine Anlagekriterien erfüllen, die den wirtschaftlichen Fortschritt und die Widerstandsfähigkeit der Staaten untermauern und

die der Anlageberater als am wichtigsten für die Wertentwicklung ihrer Schuldtitel erachtet, und

- für Verbriefungen, um die zugrunde liegenden Kredite oder Sicherheiten jedes Wertpapiers zu analysieren, wobei Faktoren wie Standort, Auslastungen, Kreditverfügbarkeit und Ausfälle in der Vergangenheit berücksichtigt werden.

Im Rahmen dieses Prozesses führt der Anlageberater auch eine Bottom-up-Due-Diligence-Prüfung der Investitionen des Fonds durch, um etwaige Nachhaltigkeitsrisiken zu ermitteln, die sich auf den Wert der Vermögenswerte auswirken könnten, was der Anlageberater dann bei seinen Anlageentscheidungen auf unverbindlicher Basis berücksichtigt. Die Due-Diligence-Prüfung stützt sich auf internes Research und Daten Dritter.

Darüber hinaus führt das Risikoteam des Anlageberaters für den Fonds eine Top-Down-Risikoanalyse zu Nachhaltigkeitsaspekten durch. Diese Informationen werden laufend überwacht und der Geschäftsleitung des Anlageberaters werden monatliche Berichte vorgelegt, die bei den Anlageentscheidungen des Fonds als nicht bindendes Element berücksichtigt werden.

### **Mitwirkungspolitik**

Der Anlageberater engagiert sich gegebenenfalls bei ausgewählten Anleiheemittenten zu deren Praktiken der Unternehmens- und Staatsführung sowie anderen wesentlichen Nachhaltigkeitsthemen im Zusammenhang mit den Zielen für nachhaltige Entwicklung (SDGs), einschließlich nachhaltigkeitsbezogener Kontroversen oder Verstößen gegen internationale Normen und Grundsätze. Solche Mitwirkungsaktivitäten unterstützen auf qualitativer und unverbindlicher Basis die Bewertung der wichtigsten nachteiligen Auswirkungen (Principal Adverse Impacts, PAI) und der Unternehmensführung.

### **Bestimmter Referenzwert**

Der Fonds hat keinen Referenzwert für das Erreichen seiner ökologischen oder sozialen Merkmale bestimmt.

## SFDR Article 8 Website Disclosure

**Product name:** *US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund (the "Fund")*

**A fund of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds**

**Legal entity identifier:**

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### Summary

#### No Sustainable investment objective

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

The Fund will have a minimum proportion of 15% sustainable investments.

The "do no significant harm" methodology applied by the Investment Adviser seeks to ensure that the Fund's sustainable investments do not cause significant harm to any of the mandatory principal adverse impact ("PAI") indicators in the EU SFDR rules that are relevant to the investment and comply with certain minimum social safeguards.

#### Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The Fund promotes the environmental characteristic of climate change mitigation by excluding investments in certain types of fossil fuels. In addition, the Fund promotes the social characteristic of avoiding investments in activities which can cause harm to human health and wellbeing, in sovereign issuers that significantly violate social rights, and securitisations that violate responsible business or lending practices.

In addition, a proportion of the Fund's investments will be sustainable investments in: (a) corporate issuers whose business practices, products or solutions make a net positive contribution towards United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"); (b) sovereign issuers associated with positive environmental or social attributes based on their ESG scores; or (c) Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds ("**Sustainable Bonds**") that make a positive environmental or social contribution through their use of proceeds.

#### Investment Strategy

The Fund's objective is to generate a return through investments primarily in issues of high quality USD denominated fixed income securities.

The Fund meets its environmental and social characteristics through exclusions of:

- a) corporate issuers which: (i) generate any revenue from controversial weapons, civilian firearms manufacturing or retail or tobacco manufacturing; or (ii) derive 5% or more of their revenue from thermal coal mining and extraction;
- b) sovereign issuers which are in the bottom-10% ranked countries for social violations, based on the Investment Adviser's custom indicator; and
- c) securitisations linked with certain negative behaviours including predatory lending practices, breach of certain consumer protection standards fraudulent behaviour.

In addition, the Fund aims to invest a minimum of 15% of its assets in sustainable investments (as described above).

As part of its bottom-up, fundamental research process, the Investment Adviser systematically incorporates the assessment of an issuer's corporate governance and business practices.

#### Proportion of Investments

<b>Aligned with E/S characteristics</b>	<b>80%</b>
<i>Sustainable investments</i>	15%
<i>Taxonomy aligned</i>	-
<i>Other environmental</i>	-
<i>Social</i>	-
<i>Other E/S characteristics</i>	65%
<b>Other investments</b>	<b>20%</b>

The Fund expects to allocate a minimum of 15% of its assets to sustainable investments. 80% of investments are aligned with environmental or social characteristics. Most of this comprises of investments which offer direct exposure to investee entities, although a portion of such 80% may comprise of securitisations which offer indirect exposure to underlying assets. These percentages are measured according to the value of the investments.

#### Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The environmental and social characteristics are monitored using a combination of tools / screens, portfolio surveillance tools and manual desk reviews and analyses.

The Investment Adviser's Compliance, Risk and Portfolio Surveillance teams collaborate with the investment team to conduct regular portfolio/performance reviews and systemic checks to ensure compliance with portfolio investment objectives and environmental and social characteristics.



## Methodologies

Compliance with the exclusionary screens is measured based on the percentage of the Fund's investments which breach the exclusionary screens.

The sustainable investments made by the Fund are assessed as described above in relation to 'environmental or social characteristics of the financial product'.

## Data sources and processing

The Investment Adviser leverages ESG data from various external vendors. This data is collected and stored in Morgan Stanley's centralized ESG data repository, to allow any Morgan Stanley business unit, including MSIM Investment teams, to access the information for research, portfolio analysis and construction, and client and regulatory reporting.

Due to gaps in data coverage, a small proportion of the data which is used to assess alignment with E/S characteristics may be estimated data.

## Limitations to methodologies and data

The Fund may use reasonable proxy data for PAI indicators where the Investment Adviser considers that the data is not widely or reliably available. For further details of data limitations, please see the full website disclosure.

The Investment Adviser takes reasonable steps to ensure that the Fund is able to meet its environmental and social characteristics despite these limitations, including reviewing and assessing proxies to ensure they are appropriate substitutes for the ESG themes promoted by the relevant PAI indicator.

In addition, where third-party screening data in relation to the Fund's exclusions is not available for an issuer, the Investment Adviser will apply its best efforts to verify, through in-house research, that the issuer does not violate the Fund's binding criteria.

## Due diligence

The Investment Adviser relies on internal research to derive its own independent assessment of an issuer's value and credit worthiness, using third-party agency and sell side research as an input. The Investment Adviser conducts in-depth bottom-up analysis:

- for corporate bonds, to identify bond issuers that meet its investment criteria in terms of competitive position, franchise value and management quality;
- for government bonds, to identify bond issuers that meet its investment criteria that underpin economic progress and resilience of sovereign nations, and which the Investment Adviser considers most material to the performance of their debt; and
- for securitisations, to analyse each security's underlying loans or collateral covering factors such as location, occupancy rates, borrowers' credit availability and history of defaults.

As part of this process, the Investment Adviser also conducts bottom-up due diligence on the Fund's investments to identify any sustainability risks that could impact the value of the assets, which is considered by the Investment Adviser when making investment decisions on a non-binding basis. The due diligence process is based on in-house research and third-party data.

In addition, the Investment Adviser's Risk team conducts top-down sustainability investment risk analysis on the Fund. This information is monitored on an ongoing basis and monthly reports are provided to the Investment Adviser's senior management, and are taken into account as a non-binding element of the Fund's investment decision making processes.

## Engagement policies

The Investment Adviser may engage with selected bond issuers on their corporate and sovereign governance practices, as well as on other material sustainability issues related to the SDGs, including sustainability-related controversies or breaches of international norms and principles. Such engagement activities support, on a qualitative and non-binding basis, the Fund's PAI and good governance assessment.

## Designated reference benchmark

The Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining its environmental or social characteristics.

## Divulgación de información en el sitio web en virtud del Artículo 8 del SFDR

**Nombre del producto:** *US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund (el "fondo")*

**Fondo de Morgan Stanley Investment Funds**

**Identificador de personas jurídicas:**

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### Resumen

#### Sin objetivo de inversión sostenible

Este producto financiero promueve características medioambientales y sociales, si bien no tiene como objetivo una inversión sostenible.

El fondo tendrá una proporción mínima del 15% de inversiones sostenibles.

La metodología "no causar un perjuicio significativo" aplicada por el asesor de inversiones tiene como fin velar por que las inversiones sostenibles del fondo no ocasionen un perjuicio significativo a ninguno de los indicadores obligatorios de principales incidencias adversas ("PIA") de la normativa que establece el SFDR de la UE relevantes para la inversión y cumplan determinadas garantías sociales mínimas.

#### Características medioambientales o sociales del producto financiero

El fondo promueve la característica medioambiental de mitigación del cambio climático excluyendo inversiones en determinados tipos de combustibles fósiles. Además, el fondo promueve la característica social de evitar inversiones en actividades que pueden ser perjudiciales para la salud y el bienestar de los seres humanos, en emisores soberanos que infringen significativamente derechos sociales y titulaciones que infringen prácticas empresariales o de financiación responsables. Además, una parte de las inversiones del fondo serán inversiones sostenibles en: (a) emisores corporativos cuyos productos, soluciones o prácticas empresariales contribuyen de manera netamente positiva a los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible ("ODS") de las Naciones Unidas; (b) emisores soberanos que se asocian con atributos medioambientales o sociales positivos con base en sus puntuaciones ESG; o (c) bonos verdes, sociales o de sostenibilidad ("bonos sostenibles") que contribuyen de forma positiva desde el punto de vista medioambiental o social mediante el uso de su producto.

#### Estrategia de inversión

El objetivo del fondo es generar rentabilidad invirtiendo principalmente en emisiones de títulos de renta fija de alta calidad denominados en dólares estadounidenses.

El fondo cumple sus características medioambientales y sociales excluyendo:

- a) emisores corporativos que: (i) obtienen ingresos de armas controvertidas, la fabricación o la venta al por menor de armas de fuego de uso civil o la fabricación de tabaco; o que (ii) obtienen al menos

el 5% de sus ingresos de la minería y la extracción de carbón térmico;

- b) emisores soberanos que sean países pertenecientes al 10% inferior por infracciones sociales, según el indicador adaptado del asesor de inversiones; y
- c) titulaciones asociadas con determinadas conductas negativas como prácticas de financiación abusiva, incumplimiento de determinadas normas de protección al consumidor y conducta fraudulenta.

Además, el fondo procurará destinar al menos el 15% de sus activos a inversiones sostenibles (según se describe anteriormente).

En el marco de su proceso bottom-up de análisis fundamental, el asesor de inversiones lleva a cabo sistemáticamente una evaluación del gobierno corporativo y las prácticas empresariales del emisor.

#### Proporción de inversiones

<b>Conformes con características medioambientales/sociales</b>	<b>80%</b>
<i>Inversiones sostenibles</i>	15%
<i>Conformes con la Taxonomía</i>	-
<i>Otras medioambientales</i>	-
<i>Sociales</i>	-
<i>Otras características medioambientales/sociales</i>	65%
<b>Otras inversiones</b>	<b>20%</b>

El fondo prevé destinar un mínimo del 15% de sus activos a inversiones sostenibles.

El 80% de las inversiones son conformes con características medioambientales o sociales. La mayoría son inversiones que ofrecen exposición directa a las compañías en las que se invierte, aunque una parte de ese 80% puede incluir titulaciones que ofrecen exposición indirecta a activos subyacentes. Estos porcentajes se cuantifican de acuerdo con el valor de las inversiones.

#### Seguimiento de las características medioambientales o sociales

Las características medioambientales o sociales se controlan utilizando una combinación de herramientas/controles, medios de supervisión de las carteras y revisiones y análisis manuales.

Los equipos de cumplimiento, riesgo y supervisión de carteras del asesor de inversiones colaboran con el equipo de inversión para llevar a cabo revisiones periódicas de la cartera / el rendimiento y comprobaciones sistémicas para asegurar el cumplimiento de los objetivos de inversión de la cartera y las características medioambientales y sociales.

#### Métodos

El cumplimiento con los controles de exclusión se cuantifica según el porcentaje de las inversiones del fondo que los incumplen.

Las inversiones sostenibles que realiza el fondo se evalúan como se describe con anterioridad en relación



con las "características medioambientales o sociales del producto financiero".

### Fuentes y tratamiento de datos

El asesor de inversiones recurre a datos ESG de varios proveedores externos. Estos datos se recogen y se almacenan en el depósito centralizado de datos ESG de Morgan Stanley para permitir a la unidad de negocio de Morgan Stanley, incluidos los equipos de inversión de MSIM, acceder a la información para realizar estudios, llevar a cabo análisis y elaboración de carteras, y facilitar información a clientes y reguladores.

Debido a las carencias en la cobertura de los datos, una pequeña proporción de los datos que se utilizan para evaluar el cumplimiento de las características medioambientales/sociales puede corresponder a datos estimados.

### Limitaciones de los métodos y los datos

El fondo puede utilizar datos indirectos razonables relativos a los indicadores de PIA cuando el asesor de inversiones considere que no se dispone de datos de forma generalizada o que estos no resultan fiables. Para obtener más información sobre limitaciones de los datos, consulte la información íntegra en el sitio web.

El asesor de inversiones toma medidas razonables para velar por que el fondo pueda cumplir sus características medioambientales o sociales a pesar de estas limitaciones; esas medidas incluyen revisar y evaluar los datos indirectos para velar por que sean sustitutos adecuados para los temas ESG promovidos por el indicador de PIA correspondiente.

Además, en los casos en que no se dispone de datos de control de terceros en relación con las exclusiones del fondo correspondientes a un emisor, el asesor de inversiones desplegará todas las medidas que queden a su alcance para verificar, mediante un análisis interno, que el emisor no infringe los criterios vinculantes del fondo.

### Diligencia debida

El asesor de inversiones se basa en análisis internos para llevar a cabo su propia evaluación independiente del valor y la solvencia del emisor, recurriendo a análisis de agencias terceras y análisis de ventas.

El asesor de inversiones lleva a cabo análisis bottom-up exhaustivos:

- en el caso de los bonos corporativos, para identificar emisores de bonos que cumplen sus criterios de inversión en cuanto a posición

competitiva, valor de negocio y calidad de la gestión;

- en el caso de la deuda pública, para identificar emisores de bonos que cumplen sus criterios de inversión que sustentan el progreso económico y la resiliencia de las naciones soberanas, y que el asesor de inversiones considera más sustanciales para el rendimiento de su deuda; y
- en el caso de las titulizaciones, para analizar los préstamos subyacentes de cada país o sus garantías, abarcando factores como la ubicación, las tasas de ocupación, la disponibilidad de crédito de los prestatarios y el historial de impagos.

En el marco de este proceso, el asesor de inversiones también aplica un proceso bottom-up de diligencia debida a las inversiones del fondo para identificar posibles riesgos de sostenibilidad que pudieran afectar al valor de los activos; el asesor de inversiones lo tiene en cuenta, de manera no vinculante, a la hora de tomar decisiones de inversión. El proceso de diligencia debida se basa en análisis internos y datos de terceros. Además, el equipo de riesgo del asesor de inversiones lleva a cabo un análisis top-down del riesgo de inversión en clave de sostenibilidad del fondo. Esta información se controla de manera continua y se proporcionan informes mensuales a la alta dirección del asesor de inversión, que se tienen en cuenta como elemento no vinculante de los procesos de toma de decisiones de inversión del fondo.

### Políticas de implicación

El asesor de inversiones puede implicarse con emisores de bonos seleccionados acerca de sus prácticas de gobierno corporativo y soberano, así como sobre otros temas de sostenibilidad sustancial relativos a los ODS, como controversias relativas a sostenibilidad o incumplimientos de normas y principios internacionales. Estas actividades de implicación contribuyen, de manera cualitativa y no vinculante, a una evaluación adecuada de las PIA y el gobierno del fondo.

### Índice de referencia designado

El fondo no ha designado un índice de referencia para cumplir sus características medioambientales o sociales.

**SFDR-asetuksen 8 artiklan perusteella verkkosivustolla annettavat tuotetiedot**

**Tuotteen nimi:** *US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund ("rahasto")*

**Morgan Stanley Investment Funds -rahasto**

**Oikeushenkilötunnus:** 5493008B8KBFODOHZX52

**Tiivistelmä**

**Ei kestävä sijoitustavoitetta**

Tämä rahoitustuote edistää ympäristöön tai yhteiskuntaan liittyviä ominaisuuksia, mutta sen tavoitteena ei ole kestävien sijoitusten tekeminen. Rahasto sijoittaa vähintään 15 prosenttia varoistaan kestäviin sijoituksiin. Rahastonhoitaja pyrkii "ei merkittävää haittaa" -periaatetta noudattamalla varmistamaan, etteivät rahaston kestävät sijoitukset aiheuta merkittävää haittaa millekään niiden kannalta relevantille EU:n SFDR-sääntöjen mukaiselle pakolliselle pääasiallisten haitallisten vaikutusten indikaattorille (PAI) ja että ne noudattavat määrättyjä sosiaalisia vähimmäissuojatoimia.

**Ympäristöön tai yhteiskuntaan liittyvät rahoitustuotteen ominaisuudet**

Rahasto edistää ilmastonmuutoksen hillitsemisen ympäristöominaisuutta sulkemalla pois sijoitukset tietyntyyppisiin fossiilisiin polttoaineisiin. Lisäksi rahasto edistää sosiaalista ominaisuutta välttämällä sijoittamista aktiviteetteihin, joista voi aiheutua haittaa ihmisten terveydelle ja hyvinvoinnille, tai sellaisten valtioiden velkakirjoihin, jotka merkittävästi rikkovat yhteiskunnallisia oikeuksia, sekä arvopaperistamisiin, jotka rikkovat vastuullisia liiketoiminta- tai lainanantokäytäntöjä.

Lisäksi rahasto sijoittaa osan varoistaan kestäviin sijoituksiin: a) yrityksiin, joiden liiketoimintakäytännöllä, tuotteilla tai ratkaisulla on positiivinen nettokontribuutio YK:n kestävä kehityksen tavoitteisiin (**Sustainable Development Goals, SDG**), b) valtion velkakirjoihin, joiden liikkeeseenlaskijoilla on ESG-pisteiden perusteella positiivisia ympäristö- tai yhteiskuntavaikutuksia tai c) vihreisiin, sosiaalisiin tai kestäviin joukkovelkakirjalainoihin ("**kestävät joukkovelkakirjalainat**"), joilla on positiivinen ympäristö- tai yhteiskuntavaikutus niiden tuottojen käytön kautta.

**Sijoitusstrategia**

Rahaston tavoite on tuottaa voittoa sijoittamalla ensisijaisesti Yhdysvaltain dollarin määräisiin kiinteätuottoisiin arvopapereihin.

Ympäristöön ja yhteiskuntaan liittyvien ominaisuuksien toteutumiseksi rahasto sulkee pois:

- a) yrityssektorin liikkeeseenlaskijat, jotka i) saavat tuloja kiistanalaisten aseiden valmistuksesta, siviilituliasien valmistuksesta tai tupakan valmistuksesta tai ii) saavat vähintään viisi

prosenttia tuloistaan kivihillen louhinnasta ja talteenotosta,

- b) valtiolliset liikkeeseenlaskijat, jotka sijoittuvat rahastonhoitajan mukautetun indikaattorin perusteella maiden heikoimpaan 10 prosenttiin sosiaalisten rikkomusten osalta, ja
- c) arvopaperistamiset, joihin liittyy tiettyjä kielteisiä käyttäytymismalleja, kuten saalistava luotonanto, tiettyjen kuluttajansuojastandardien rikkominen ja petollinen toiminta.

Rahasto aikoo lisäksi sijoittaa vähintään 15 prosenttia varoistaan kestäviin sijoituksiin (edellä kuvatusti).

Osana bottom-up-perustutkimusprosessiaan rahastonhoitaja arvioi järjestelmällisesti liikkeeseenlaskijan hallinnointi- ja ohjausjärjestelmän sekä liiketoimintakäytännöt.

**Sijoitusten osuus**

<b>Ympäristöön tai yhteiskuntaan liittyvien ominaisuuksien mukainen</b>	<b>80%</b>
<i>Kestävät sijoitukset</i>	15%
<i>Luokitusjärjestelmän mukainen</i>	-
<i>Muu ympäristöön liittyvä</i>	-
<i>Yhteiskuntaan liittyvä</i>	-
<i>Muu ympäristöön tai yhteiskuntaan liittyvä ominaisuus</i>	65%
<b>Muut sijoitukset</b>	<b>20%</b>

Rahasto aikoo sijoittaa vähintään 15 prosenttia varoistaan kestäviin sijoituksiin.

80 prosenttia sijoituksista on kohdennettu ympäristöön tai yhteiskuntaan liittyvien ominaisuuksien mukaan. Suurin osa on sijoituksia, jotka sisältävät sijoituskohteena oleviin yhteisöihin liittyvän välittömän vastuun, vaikka osa tästä 80 prosentista voi olla arvopapereita, jotka sisältävät sijoituskohteeseen liittyvän välillisen vastuun. Nämä prosenttiosuudet mitataan sijoitusten arvon mukaan.

**Ympäristöön tai yhteiskuntaan liittyvien ominaisuuksien seuranta**

Ympäristöön ja yhteiskuntaan liittyviä ominaisuuksia seurataan yhdistelemällä työkaluja/seulontoja, salkun valvontatyökaluja ja käsin tehtävää asiakirjatarkastusta ja analyyseja.

Rahastonhoitajan compliance-, riski- ja salkkuasioiden valvontaryhmät toimivat yhteistyössä sijoitusryhmän kanssa säännöllisten salkun tai tulosten tarkastelujen ja järjestelmällisten tarkastusten suorittamiseksi sen varmistamiseksi, että salkun sijoitustavoitteita ja ympäristöön ja yhteiskuntaan liittyviä ominaisuuksia noudatetaan.

**Menetelmät**

Poissulkevien seulontojen noudattamista mitataan sen perusteella, mikä osuus rahaston sijoituksista rikkoo sen poissulkemisrajoja.

Rahaston kestävät sijoitukset arvioidaan edellä kuvatusti rahoitustuotteen ympäristöön tai yhteiskuntaan liittyvät ominaisuudet huomioiden.

## Tietolähteet ja tietojen käsittely

Rahastonhoitaja hyödyntää ulkopuolisilta toimittajilta saatuja ESG-tietoja. Nämä tiedot kerätään ja niitä säilytetään Morgan Stanley'n keskitetyssä ESG-tietovarastossa, jotta Morgan Stanley'n liiketoimintayksiköillä ja MSIM-sijoitusryhmillä on pääsy tietoihin tutkimusta, salkkuanalyysseja ja salkun rakentamista sekä asiakasraportointia ja sääntelyn edellyttämää raportointia varten.

Tietojen kattavuudessa olevien puutteiden takia pieni osa tiedoista, joita käytetään ympäristöön tai yhteiskuntaan liittyvien ominaisuuksien mukaisuuden arvioimiseen, on arvioituja tietoja.

## Menetelmiä ja tietoja koskevat rajoitukset

Rahasto voi PAI-indikaattorien osalta hyödyntää kohtuudella korvikedataa, jos rahastonhoitaja katsoo, ettei kattavia tai luotettavia tietoja ole saatavilla. Lisätietoja tietojen rajoituksista on verkkosivuilla annetuissa täydellisissä tuotetiedoissa. Rahastonhoitaja ryhtyy kohtuullisiin toimiin sen varmistamiseksi, että rahasto pystyy toteuttamaan ympäristöön ja yhteiskuntaan liittyvät ominaisuudet näistä rajoituksista huolimatta, esimerkiksi tarkastelemalla ja arvioimalla korvikedataa sen varmistamiseksi, että se edustaa kunkin PAI-indikaattorin edistämää ESG-teemaa asianmukaisesti. Jos rahaston poissulkemisiin liittyviä kolmannen osapuolen seulontatietoja ei ole saatavilla jonkin liikkeeseenlaskijan osalta, rahastonhoitaja pyrkii parhaansa mukaan hyödyntämään talon sisäistä tutkimusta tarkistaakseen, ettei liikkeeseenlaskija riko rahaston sitovia kriteerejä.

## Asianmukainen huolellisuus

Rahastonhoitaja tukeutuu sisäiseen tutkimukseen muodostaakseen oman riippumattoman arvionsa liikkeeseenlaskijan arvosta ja luottokelpoisuudesta käyttäen apunaan ulkopuolisen toimiston ja myyntipuolen tutkimuksia.

Rahastonhoitaja suorittaa perusteellisen bottom-up-analyysin:

- löytääkseen joukkovelkakirjojen liikkeeseenlaskijoita, jotka täyttävät sen sijoituskriteerit kilpailuaseman, franchise-arvon ja johdon laadun osalta,
- löytääkseen valtion joukkovelkakirjalainojen osalta joukkolainojen liikkeeseenlaskijoita, jotka täyttävät rahaston itsenäisten valtioiden taloudellista edistystä ja resilienssiä koskevat sijoituskriteerit, joita rahastonhoitaja pitää olennaisimpina niiden velan tuoton kannalta, ja
- arvopaperistamisen osalta analysoidakseen kunkin arvopaperin kohde-etuutena olevat lainat ja vakuudet, kattaen sellaiset tekijät kuin sijainti,

käyttöasteet, lainanottajien luottokelpoisuus ja maksuhäiriöhistoria.

Osana tätä prosessia rahastonhoitaja tekee rahaston sijoituksille myös bottom-up due diligence -tarkastuksia yksilöidäkseen kaikki kestävyysriskit, jotka voivat vaikuttaa varojen arvoon. Rahastonhoitaja ottaa nämä riskit huomioon tehdessään sijoituspäätöksiä ei-sitovasti. Due diligence -prosessi perustuu sisäisiin tutkimuksiin ja kolmannen osapuolen tietoihin.

Lisäksi rahastonhoitajan riskitiimi suorittaa rahastolle top-down-lähestymistavan mukaisia sijoitusten kestävyysriskianalyyssejä. Näitä tietoja seurataan jatkuvasti, ja kuukausiraportit toimitetaan rahastonhoitajan ylimmälle johdolle. Ne otetaan huomioon ei-sitovana tekijänä rahaston sijoituksia koskevassa päätöksenteossa.

## Vaikuttamispolitiikat

Rahastonhoitaja voi keskustella valittujen yritys- ja valtionjoukkovelkakirjojen liikkeeseenlaskijoiden kanssa niiden hallintokäytännöistä sekä muista olennaisista kestäväen kehityksen tavoitteisiin liittyvistä vastuullisuuskysymyksistä, mukaan lukien kestävyteen liittyvät kiistat tai kansainvälisten normien ja periaatteiden rikkomukset. Tällaiset vaikuttamistoimet tukevat laadulliselta ja ei-sitovalta pohjalta rahaston PAI:n ja hyvän hallintotavan arviointia.

## Nimetty vertailuarvo

Rahastolla ei ole nimettyä vertailuarvoa sen ympäristöön tai yhteiskuntaan liittyvien ominaisuuksien toteutumiseksi.

## Divulgations sur le site Web en vertu de l'Article 8 du SFDR

**Nom du produit :** *US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund* (le « **Fonds** »)

**Un fonds de Morgan Stanley Investment Funds**

**Identifiant de l'entité juridique :**

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### Résumé

#### Absence d'objectif d'investissement durable

Ce produit financier promeut des caractéristiques environnementales et sociales, mais n'a pas pour objectif l'investissement durable.

Le Fonds comportera un minimum de 15 % d'investissements durables.

La méthodologie « ne pas nuire de manière significative » appliquée par le conseiller en investissement vise à garantir que les investissements durables du Fonds ne nuisent pas de manière significative à l'un des indicateurs obligatoires des principales incidences négatives (« **PAI** ») des règles SFDR de l'UE qui sont pertinentes pour l'investissement et respectent certaines garanties sociales minimales.

#### Caractéristiques environnementales ou sociales du produit financier

Le Fonds promeut la caractéristique environnementale d'atténuation du changement climatique en excluant les investissements dans certains types d'énergies fossiles. En outre, le Fonds promeut la caractéristique sociale consistant à éviter les investissements dans des activités qui peuvent nuire à la santé et au bien-être humains, dans des émetteurs souverains qui violent de façon significative les droits sociaux et dans des titrisations qui violent les pratiques commerciales ou de prêt responsables.

En outre, une partie des investissements du Fonds sera constituée d'investissements durables dans : (a) des émetteurs d'entreprises dont les pratiques commerciales, les produits ou les solutions apportent une contribution positive nette aux Objectifs de développement durable des Nations unies (« **SDG** ») ; (b) des émetteurs souverains associés à des attributs environnementaux ou sociaux positifs en fonction de leurs scores ESG ; ou (c) des obligations vertes, sociales ou de développement durable (« **Obligations durables** ») apportant une contribution environnementale ou sociale positive à travers leur utilisation de produits.

#### Stratégie d'investissement

L'objectif du fonds est de générer un rendement en investissant principalement dans des émissions d'obligations de haute qualité libellées en dollars américains.

Le Fonds respecte ses caractéristiques environnementales et sociales à travers l'exclusion des :

- émetteurs d'entreprise qui : (i) génèrent des revenus d'armes controversées, de la fabrication ou la vente d'armes à feu civiles ou de la fabrication de tabac ; ou (ii) génèrent 5 % ou plus de leurs revenus grâce à l'extraction de charbon thermique ;
- émetteurs souverains qui se situent dans les pays classés dans les 10 % inférieurs en termes de violations sociales, selon l'indicateur personnalisé du conseiller en investissement ; et
- des titrisations liées à certains comportements négatifs dont les pratiques de prêt abusives, la non-conformité à certaines normes de protection des consommateurs.

En outre, le Fonds vise à investir un minimum de 15 % de ses actifs en investissements durables (tel que décrit ci-dessus).

Dans le cadre de son processus de recherche fondamentale « bottom-up (ascendante) », le Conseiller en investissement incorpore systématiquement l'évaluation de la gouvernance d'entreprise et des pratiques commerciales d'un émetteur.

#### Proportion des investissements

<b>alignés sur les caractéristiques environnementales et sociales (E/S)</b>	<b>80%</b>
<i>Investissements durables</i>	15%
<i>alignés sur la taxonomie</i>	-
<i>Autres caractéristiques environnementales</i>	-
<i>Sociales</i>	-
<i>Autres caractéristiques E/S</i>	65%
<b>Autres investissements</b>	<b>20%</b>

Le Fonds prévoit d'allouer un minimum de 15 % de ses actifs aux investissements durables.

80 % des investissements sont alignés sur des caractéristiques environnementales ou sociales. Il s'agit principalement d'investissements qui offrent une exposition directe aux entités émettrices, même si une portion de ces 80 % peut inclure des titrisations qui offrent une exposition indirecte aux actifs sous-jacents. Ces pourcentages sont mesurés en fonction de la valeur des investissements.

#### Contrôle des caractéristiques environnementales ou sociales

Les caractéristiques environnementales et sociales sont contrôlées à l'aide d'une combinaison d'outils et de filtres, d'outils de surveillance du portefeuille et d'examen et analyses documentaires manuels.

Les équipes de conformité, de risque et de surveillance du portefeuille du Conseiller en investissement collaborent avec l'équipe d'investissement pour effectuer des examens réguliers du portefeuille/de la performance et des contrôles systémiques afin de garantir le respect des objectifs d'investissement du portefeuille et des caractéristiques environnementales et sociales.

#### Méthodes

La conformité aux filtres excluants est mesurée en fonction du pourcentage des investissements du Fonds

qui ne remplissent pas les conditions de filtrages excluants.

Les investissements durables effectués par le Fonds sont évalués tel que susmentionné en lien avec les caractéristiques environnementales ou sociales du produit financier.

### Sources et traitement des données

Le Conseiller en investissement du Fonds utilise des données ESG provenant de divers fournisseurs externes. Ces données sont collectées et stockées dans le référentiel de données ESG centralisé de Morgan Stanley afin de permettre à toute division commerciale de Morgan Stanley, y compris les équipes d'investissement MSIM, d'accéder aux informations à des fins de recherche, d'analyse et de constitution de portefeuilles, ainsi que pour les rapports destinés aux clients et aux autorités réglementaires.

En raison de lacunes dans la couverture des données, une faible proportion des données utilisées pour évaluer la conformité aux caractéristiques E/S peuvent être des données estimées.

### Limites aux méthodes et aux données

Le Fonds peut utiliser des données de substitution raisonnables pour les indicateurs PAI lorsque le Conseiller en investissement considère que les données ne sont pas disponibles de manière large ou fiable. Pour plus d'informations sur les limitations des données, veuillez consulter la déclaration complète du site Web. Le Conseiller en investissement prend des mesures raisonnables pour s'assurer que le Fonds est en mesure de respecter ses caractéristiques environnementales et sociales malgré ces limites, notamment en examinant et en évaluant les mandataires pour s'assurer qu'ils sont des substituts appropriés aux thèmes ESG préconisés par l'indicateur PAI pertinent.

En outre, lorsque les données de filtrage tierces en lien avec les exclusions du Fonds ne sont pas disponibles pour un émetteur, le Conseiller en investissement utilisera tous les moyens pour vérifier, via une recherche interne, que l'émetteur ne viole pas les critères contraignants du Fonds.

### Diligence raisonnable

Le Conseiller en investissement s'appuie sur la recherche interne pour évaluer de manière indépendante la valeur et la solvabilité des émetteurs, à l'aide d'une agence tierce et des analyses sell-side. Le conseiller en investissement mène une analyse « bottom up (ascendante) » approfondie :

- pour les obligations corporate, pour sélectionner des émetteurs obligataires qui répondent aux critères d'investissement fixés en matière de

positionnement concurrentiel, de valeur de l'entreprise et de qualité de l'équipe de direction ;

- pour les obligations gouvernementales, pour sélectionner des émetteurs obligataires qui répondent aux critères d'investissement qui soutiennent une progression économique et la résilience de nations souveraines, et que le Conseiller en investissement considère comme les plus importants pour la performance de leur dette ; et
- pour les titrisations, pour analyser les prêts sous-jacents ou facteurs de couverture collatérale de chaque titre tels que le lieu, les taux d'occupation, la disponibilité de crédit des emprunteurs et l'historique des défaillances.

Dans le cadre de ce processus, le Conseiller en investissement mène également des vérifications « bottom up (ascendantes) » sur les investissements du Fonds pour identifier tout risque de développement durable qui pourrait impacter la valeur des actifs, pris en compte par le Conseiller en investissement lors de la prise de décision d'investissement sur une base non contraignante. Le processus de vérification se base sur la recherche interne et les données tierces.

En outre, l'équipe de risque du Conseiller en investissement mène une analyse des risques d'investissement de durabilité descendante sur le Fonds. Ces informations sont constamment surveillées et des rapports mensuels sont fournis aux membres de la direction du conseiller en investissement, et sont prises en compte en tant qu'élément non contraignant des processus de prise de décision d'investissement du Fonds.

### Politiques d'engagement

Le Conseiller en investissement peut nouer un dialogue avec des émetteurs d'obligations sélectionnées sur leur pratiques de gouvernance d'entreprise et souveraines, ainsi que sur d'autres questions significatives de développement durable liées aux SDG, y compris les controverses liées à la durabilité ou les violations des normes et principes internationaux. Lesdites activités de dialogue appuient, sur une base qualitative et non contraignante, les PAI et la bonne évaluation de la gouvernance du Fonds.

### Indice de référence désigné

Le Fonds n'a pas désigné d'indice de référence aux fins de la réalisation de ses caractéristiques environnementales ou sociales.



## Informativa per i prodotti Articolo 8 SFDR del sito web

**Nome del prodotto:** *US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund (il "Comparto")*

**Un comparto di Morgan Stanley Investment Funds**  
**Identificativo della persona giuridica:**

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### Sintesi

#### Nessun obiettivo d'investimento sostenibile

Questo prodotto finanziario promuove caratteristiche ambientali e sociali, ma non persegue l'obiettivo di un investimento sostenibile.

Il Comparto avrà una percentuale minima del 15% di investimenti sostenibili.

La metodologia "nessun danno significativo" (DNSH, Do No Significant Harm) applicata dal Consulente d'investimento del Comparto mira a garantire che gli investimenti sostenibili del Comparto non solo non causino danni significativi ad alcun indicatore obbligatorio dei principali effetti negativi ("PAI") ai sensi delle norme del Regolamento UE SFDR e applicabile all'investimento, bensì che rispettino anche alcune garanzie sociali minime.

#### Caratteristiche ambientali o sociali del prodotto finanziario

Il Comparto promuove la caratteristica ambientale della lotta ai cambiamenti climatici escludendo gli investimenti in determinati tipi di combustibili fossili. Il Comparto promuove inoltre la caratteristica sociale rappresentata dalla scelta di evitare di investire in attività suscettibili di arrecare danni alla salute e al benessere dell'uomo, in emittenti sovrani che violano gravemente i diritti sociali e in prodotti cartolarizzati che violano prassi aziendali o di finanziamento responsabili.

Inoltre, il Comparto avrà una percentuale di investimenti sostenibili in: (a) emittenti societari con prassi aziendali, prodotti o soluzioni che apportano un contributo positivo netto agli Obiettivi di Sviluppo Sostenibile delle Nazioni Unite ("SDG"); (b) emittenti sovrani che, sulla base dei punteggi ESG, sono associati a caratteristiche ambientali o sociali positive; (c) investimenti obbligazionari classificati come verdi/sociali/sostenibili ("Obbligazioni sostenibili") che utilizzano i proventi per dare un contributo positivo all'ambiente o alla società.

#### Strategia d'investimento

L'obiettivo del Comparto è quello di generare un rendimento investendo principalmente in emissioni di titoli obbligazionari di alta qualità denominati in dollari statunitensi.

Il Comparto soddisfa le caratteristiche ambientali e sociali operando le seguenti esclusioni:

- a) emittenti societari che: (i) generano ricavi da armi controverse, dalla produzione o dalla vendita di armi da fuoco per uso civile o dalla fabbricazione di prodotti a base di tabacco; (ii) realizzano il 5% o più

dei ricavi dall'estrazione e dallo sfruttamento del carbone termico;

- b) emittenti sovrani che, in base all'indicatore elaborato su misura dal Consulente d'investimento, si trovano nel 10% inferiore della classifica dei paesi in cui si verificano violazioni sociali, e
- c) cartolarizzazioni collegate a determinati condotte negative, tra cui pratiche di prestito predatorie, violazione di determinati standard di protezione dei consumatori e comportamenti fraudolenti.

Inoltre, il Comparto mira a investire almeno il 15% del proprio patrimonio in investimenti sostenibili (come descritto sopra).

Nell'ambito del proprio processo di ricerca fondamentale bottom-up, il Consulente d'investimento integra sistematicamente la valutazione della corporate governance e delle prassi aziendali di un emittente.

#### Quota degli investimenti

<b>Allineati alle caratteristiche E/S</b>	<b>80%</b>
<i>Investimenti sostenibili</i>	15%
<i>Allineati alla tassonomia</i>	-
<i>Altre caratteristiche ambientali</i>	-
<i>Sociali</i>	-
<i>Altre caratteristiche E/S</i>	65%
<b>Altri investimenti</b>	<b>20%</b>

Il Comparto prevede di allocare almeno il 15% del proprio patrimonio negli investimenti sostenibili. Il 80% degli investimenti è allineato a caratteristiche ambientali o sociali. La maggior parte di questi investimenti è costituita da investimenti che offrono un'esposizione diretta alle società partecipate, anche se una parte di quell'80% può essere costituita da cartolarizzazioni che offrono un'esposizione indiretta agli attivi sottostanti.

Queste percentuali sono misurate in base al valore degli investimenti.

#### Monitoraggio delle caratteristiche ambientali o sociali

Le caratteristiche ambientali e sociali vengono monitorate utilizzando una combinazione di screening/strumenti, strumenti di monitoraggio del portafoglio e analisi/revisioni della sala operativa. I team responsabili della conformità, del rischio e del monitoraggio del portafoglio del Consulente d'investimento collaborano con il team d'investimento per condurre periodicamente esami del portafoglio/della performance e controlli sistemici per garantire l'aderenza agli obiettivi d'investimento del portafoglio e alle caratteristiche ambientali e sociali.

#### Metodologie

La conformità ai filtri di esclusione viene misurata in base alla percentuale di investimenti del Comparto che viola i filtri di esclusione.

Gli investimenti sostenibili effettuati dal Comparto vengono valutati secondo le modalità sopra descritte in relazione alle "caratteristiche ambientali o sociali del prodotto finanziario".

## Fonti e trattamento dei dati

Il Consulente d'investimento si avvale di dati ESG provenienti da diversi fornitori esterni. Questi dati vengono raccolti e conservati nell'archivio dei dati ESG centralizzato di Morgan Stanley per consentire a qualunque divisione di quest'ultima, ivi compresi i team d'investimento MSIM, di accedere alle informazioni per effettuare ricerche e analisi e occuparsi della costruzione del portafoglio, nonché per fornire a clienti e autorità di regolamentazione le informative richieste. Per via di alcune lacune nella copertura dei dati, una piccola parte dei dati utilizzati per valutare l'allineamento a caratteristiche E/S potrebbe essere costituita da dati stimati.

## Limiti delle metodologie e dei dati

Il Comparto può utilizzare dati surrogati ragionevoli per gli indicatori PAI laddove il Consulente d'investimento ritenga che i dati non siano generalmente disponibili o non siano attendibili. Per maggiori dettagli sui limiti dei dati, si rimanda all'informativa completa presente sul sito web.

Il Consulente d'investimento adotta misure ragionevoli per garantire che il Comparto risponda alle proprie caratteristiche ambientali e sociali nonostante tali limitazioni, conducendo, tra le altre cose, una revisione e una valutazione dei dati surrogati per assicurarsi che siano sostituiti adeguati per i temi ESG promossi dall'indicatore PAI applicabile.

Inoltre, ove per un emittente non fossero disponibili dati di screening forniti da terzi in relazione alle esclusioni del Comparto, il Consulente d'investimento farà del suo meglio per verificare, tramite ricerche interne, che l'emittente non violi i criteri vincolanti del Comparto.

## Dovuta diligenza

Per derivare una valutazione indipendente del valore e del merito di credito di un emittente, il Consulente d'investimento si basa su un'attività di ricerca interna utilizzando i dati di ricerche sell-side e di agenzie terze. Il Consulente d'investimento conduce un'approfondita analisi bottom-up:

- sulle obbligazioni societarie, al fine di individuare gli emittenti obbligazionari che soddisfano i suoi criteri d'investimento in termini di posizionamento competitivo, solidità del marchio e qualità del management;
- sui titoli di Stato, al fine di individuare gli emittenti obbligazionari che soddisfano i suoi criteri di investimento in termini di sostegno al progresso economico e alla resilienza dei paesi sovrani e in termini di rilevanza per la performance del debito di tali paesi;
- sulle cartolarizzazioni, al fine di studiare i prestiti o le garanzie sottostanti a ciascun titolo, tenendo conto di fattori quali l'ubicazione, i tassi di

locazione, la disponibilità di credito dei mutuatari e l'andamento storico delle inadempienze.

Nell'ambito di questo processo, il Consulente d'investimento conduce anche una due diligence bottom-up sugli investimenti del Comparto per individuare eventuali rischi di sostenibilità suscettibili di incidere sul valore degli attivi, tenendone conto al momento di prendere decisioni d'investimento su base non vincolante. Il processo di due diligence si fonda su una ricerca interna e su dati di terzi.

Inoltre, il team di gestione del rischio del Consulente d'investimento esegue un'analisi top-down del rischio d'investimento sulla sostenibilità del Comparto. Queste informazioni vengono monitorate su base continuativa e le relazioni mensili vengono trasmesse al management senior del Consulente d'investimento e prese in considerazione come elemento non vincolante dei processi decisionali d'investimento del Comparto.

## Politiche di impegno

Il Consulente d'investimento può condurre attività di engagement con emittenti obbligazionari selezionati sia in merito alle prassi di governance societaria e sovrana che in merito ad altri aspetti rilevanti sul piano della sostenibilità e relativi agli SDG, ad esempio controversie riguardanti la sostenibilità o violazioni di norme e principi internazionali. Tali attività di engagement contribuiscono, su base qualitativa e non vincolante, alla valutazione dei PAI e della buona governance del Comparto.

## Indice di riferimento designato

Per realizzare le proprie caratteristiche ambientali o sociali, il Comparto non ha designato alcun benchmark.

## SFDR Artikel 8 Openbaarmaking van de website

**Productnaam:** *US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund*  
(het "Fonds")

**Een fonds van Morgan Stanley Investment Funds**

**Rechtspersoonlijkheid:** 5493008B8KBFODOHZX52

### Samenvatting

#### Geen duurzame beleggingsdoelstelling

Dit financiële product bevordert milieu- en sociale kenmerken, maar heeft niet tot doel duurzaam te beleggen.

Het fonds zal voor minimaal 15% duurzaam beleggen. De door de beleggingsadviseur toegepaste "do no significant harm"-methodologie moet ervoor zorgen dat de duurzame beleggingen van het fonds geen significante schade veroorzaken aan een van de verplichte hoofd ("PAI") indicatoren voor negatieve effecten in de SFDR-regels van de EU die relevant zijn voor de belegging en voldoen aan bepaalde minimale sociale waarborgen.

#### Ecologische of sociale kenmerken van het financiële product

Het fonds bevordert het milieukenmerk van beperking van klimaatverandering door beleggingen in bepaalde soorten fossiele brandstoffen uit te sluiten. Daarnaast bevordert het fonds het sociale kenmerk van het vermijden van beleggingen in activiteiten die schade kunnen toebrengen aan de gezondheid en het welzijn van mensen, in soevereine emittenten die de sociale rechten aanzienlijk schenden, en securitisaties die verantwoordelijke zakelijke of kredietpraktijken schenden.

Een deel van de beleggingen van het fonds zal daarnaast bestaan uit duurzame beleggingen in: (a) bedrijfsemissanten wier bedrijfspraktijken, producten of oplossingen een netto positieve bijdrage leveren aan de Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"); (b) soevereine emittenten met positieve milieu- of sociale eigenschappen op basis van hun ESG-scores; of (c) groene, sociale of duurzaamheidsobligaties ("Sustainable Bonds") die een positieve ecologische of sociale bijdrage leveren door het gebruik van de opbrengsten.

#### Beleggingsstrategie

De doelstelling van het Fonds is rendement te genereren door voornamelijk te beleggen in vastrentende effecten van hoge kwaliteit in Amerikaanse dollar.

Het fonds voldoet aan zijn milieu- en sociale kenmerken door uitsluiting van:

- bedrijfsemissanten die: (i) inkomsten genereren uit controversiële wapens, de productie van civiele vuurwapens of de detailhandel of de productie van tabak; of (ii) 5% of meer van hun inkomsten halen uit de winning van thermische kolen;

- soevereine emittenten die in de laagste-10% positie innemen op het gebied van sociale schendingen, gebaseerd op de aangepaste indicator van de beleggingsadviseur; en
- securitisaties die verband houden met bepaalde negatieve gedragingen, waaronder roofovervalpraktijken, schending van bepaalde normen inzake consumentenbescherming frauduleus gedrag.

Daarnaast streeft het fonds ernaar minimaal 15% van zijn activa te beleggen in duurzame beleggingen (zoals hierboven beschreven).

Als onderdeel van zijn bottom-up, fundamenteel onderzoeksproces neemt de beleggingsadviseur systematisch de beoordeling van het ondernemingsbestuur en de bedrijfspraktijken van een emittent op.

#### Aandeel beleggingen

Op één lijn met de E/S-eigenschappen	80%
Duurzame beleggingen	15%
Afgestemd op taxonomie	-
Overige milieu-	-
Sociale-	-
Overige E/S-eigenschappen	65%
<b>Overige beleggingen</b>	<b>20%</b>

Het fonds verwacht minimaal 15% van zijn vermogen toe te wijzen aan duurzame beleggingen. 80% van de beleggingen liggen op één lijn met milieu- of sociale kenmerken. Het grootste deel hiervan bestaat uit beleggingen die directe blootstelling bieden aan entiteiten waarin wordt geïnvesteerd, hoewel een deel van deze 80% kan bestaan uit securitisaties die indirecte blootstelling aan onderliggende activa bieden. Deze percentages worden gemeten volgens de waarde van de beleggingen.

#### Monitoring ecologische of sociale kenmerken

De milieu- en sociale kenmerken worden gecontroleerd met een combinatie van instrumenten/screens, instrumenten voor portefeuillebewaking en handmatige documentaire beoordelingen en analyses.

De teams Compliance, Risk en Portfolio Surveillance van de beleggingsadviseur werken samen met het beleggingsteam om regelmatig portefeuille-/prestatiebeoordelingen en systemische controles uit te voeren om ervoor te zorgen dat de beleggingsdoelstellingen van de portefeuille en de milieu- en sociale kenmerken worden nageleefd.

#### Methodologieën

De naleving van de uitsluitingsschermen wordt gemeten op basis van het percentage van de beleggingen van het fonds dat de uitsluitingsschermen schendt.

De duurzame beleggingen van het fonds worden beoordeeld zoals hierboven beschreven met betrekking tot "milieu- of sociale kenmerken van het financiële product".



## Databronnen en -verwerking

De beleggingsadviseur maakt gebruik van ESG-gegevens van diverse externe leveranciers. Deze gegevens worden verzameld en opgeslagen in de gecentraliseerde ESG-gegevensopslagplaats die elke afdeling van Morgan Stanley, inclusief de beleggingsteams van MSIM, toegang verstrekt tot de informatie voor onderzoek, portefeuilleanalyse en -opbouw, en rapportage aan cliënten en toezichthouders. Als gevolg van gaten in de gegevensdekking wordt een klein deel van de gegevens die worden gebruikt om de afstemming op de E/S-kenmerken eventueel te beoordelen, geschat.

## Methodologische en databeperkingen

Het Fonds kan redelijke vervangende gegevens voor PAI-indicatoren gebruiken wanneer de beleggingsadviseur van mening is dat de gegevens niet algemeen beschikbaar of betrouwbaar zijn. Voor meer details over de gegevensbeperkingen wordt verwezen naar de volledige bekendmaking op de website. De beleggingsadviseur neemt redelijke maatregelen om ervoor te zorgen dat het fonds ondanks deze beperkingen aan zijn milieu- en sociale kenmerken kan voldoen, met inbegrip van het herzien en beoordelen van volmachten om ervoor te zorgen dat zij geschikte substituten zijn voor de ESG-thema's die door de relevante PAI-indicator worden bevorderd. Wanneer voor een emittent geen screeninggegevens van derden met betrekking tot de uitsluitingen van het fonds beschikbaar zijn, zal de beleggingsadviseur bovendien zijn uiterste best doen om via intern onderzoek na te gaan of de emittent de bindende criteria van het fonds niet schendt.

## Due diligence

De beleggingsadviseur baseert zich op intern onderzoek om zijn eigen onafhankelijke beoordeling van de waarde en kredietwaardigheid van een emittent af te leiden, waarbij hij gebruik maakt van onderzoek van agentschappen en sell side van derden als input. De beleggingsadviseur voert een diepgaande bottom-up analyse uit:

- voor bedrijfsobligaties, om obligatie-emittenten te identificeren die voldoen aan zijn beleggingscriteria in termen van concurrentiepositie, franchise-waarde en managementkwaliteit;
- voor staatsobligaties, om obligatie-emittenten te identificeren die voldoen aan zijn beleggingscriteria die de economische vooruitgang en veerkracht van soevereine naties ondersteunen, en die de beleggingsadviseur het meest van belang acht voor de prestaties van hun schuld; en
- voor securitisaties, om de onderliggende leningen of zekerheden van elk effect te analyseren met betrekking tot factoren zoals locatie,

bezettingsgraad, kredietbeschikbaarheid van kredietnemers en geschiedenis van wanbetalingen.

Als onderdeel van dit proces voert de beleggingsadviseur ook bottom-up due diligence uit op de beleggingen van het fonds om eventuele duurzaamheidsrisico's op te sporen die de waarde van de activa zouden kunnen beïnvloeden. Het due diligence-proces is gebaseerd op intern onderzoek en gegevens van derden.

Daarnaast voert het risicoteam van de beleggingsadviseur een top-down analyse uit van de beleggingsrisico's op het gebied van duurzaamheid voor het fonds. Deze informatie wordt voortdurend gecontroleerd en er worden maandelijks rapporten verstrekt aan het senior management van de beleggingsadviseur, waarmee rekening wordt gehouden als een niet-bindend element van het besluitvormingsproces van het fonds.

## Engagementbeleid

De beleggingsadviseur kan in contact treden met geselecteerde obligatie-emittenten over hun praktijken op het gebied van ondernemingsbestuur en overheidsbestuur, alsook over andere belangrijke duurzaamheidskwesties in verband met de SDG's, met inbegrip van duurzaamheidsgerelateerde controverses of schendingen van internationale normen en beginselen. Dergelijke engagementactiviteiten ondersteunen, op kwalitatieve en niet-bindende basis, de beoordeling van de PAI en goed bestuur van het fonds.

## Aangewezen referentiebenchmark

Het fonds heeft geen referentiebenchmark aangewezen voor het bereiken van zijn milieu- of sociale kenmerken.

## SFDR-artikkel 8 – kunngjøring på nettstedet

**Produktnavn:** *US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund*  
("fondet")

**Et fond i Morgan Stanley Investment Funds**

**LEI-kode:** 5493008B8KBFODOHZX52

### Sammendrag

#### Ingen mål om bærekraftig investering

Dette finansproduktet fremmer miljømessige og sosiale egenskaper, men har ikke bærekraftig investering som mål.

Fondet vil ha en minimumsandel på 15 % bærekraftige investeringer.

Metoden for "ingen vesentlig skade" som anvendes av investeringsrådgiveren, søker å sikre at fondets bærekraftige investeringer ikke forårsaker betydelig skade på noen av de obligatoriske indikatorene for vesentlig negative konsekvenser på bærekraftsfaktorer ("PAI") i EUs SFDR-regler som er relevante for investeringen, samt at de overholder visse minste sosiale sikkerhetstiltak.

#### Miljømessige eller sosiale egenskaper ved det finansielle produktet

Fondet fremmer miljøegenskapen med å redusere klimaendringer ved å utelukke investeringer i visse typer fossilt brensel. I tillegg fremmer fondet sosiale egenskaper ved å unngå investeringer i aktiviteter som kan skade menneskers helse og velvære, i statlige utstedere som i betydelig grad bryter sosiale rettigheter, og verdipapiriseringer som bryter med ansvarlig forretnings- eller utlånspraksis.

En andel av fondets investeringer vil i tillegg være bærekraftige investeringer i: (a) selskapsutstedere hvis forretningspraksis, produkter eller løsninger gir et netto positivt bidrag til FNs mål for bærekraftig utvikling ("SDG") eller (b) statlige utstedere assosiert med positive miljømessige eller sosiale attributter basert på deres ESG-score eller (c) grønne, sosiale eller bærekraftige obligasjoner ("bærekraftige obligasjoner") som gir et positivt miljømessig eller sosialt bidrag gjennom bruken av inntektene.

#### Investeringsstrategi

Fondets mål er å generere avkastning gjennom investeringer primært i utstedelser av høykvalitets rentepapirer pålydende USD.

Fondet oppfyller sine miljømessige og sosiale egenskaper gjennom utelukkelse av:

- selskapsutstedere som: (i) genererer inntekter fra kontroversiell våpenproduksjon, sivil våpenproduksjon eller detaljhandel eller tobakksproduksjon; eller (ii) innhenter 5 % eller mer av sine inntekter fra termisk kullgruvedrift og utvinning.
- statlige utstedere som er i de 10 % lavest rangerte landene mht. sosiale overtredelser, basert på investeringsrådgiverens tilpassede indikator, og

- verdipapiriseringer knyttet til visse typer negativ atferd, inkludert uhederlig utlånspraksis, brudd på visse forbruksbeskyttelsesstandarder, bedragerisk oppførsel.

I tillegg har fondet som mål å investere minst 15 % av sine aktiva i bærekraftige investeringer (som beskrevet ovenfor).

Som en del av sin prosess med nedenfra-og-opp-analyse av fundamentale forhold, innlemmer investeringsrådgiveren systematisk vurderingen av en utstedeers selskapsstyring og forretningskikk.

#### Andel av investeringer

<b>Tilpasset miljømessige/sosiale egenskaper</b>	<b>80%</b>
<i>Bærekraftige investeringer</i>	15%
<i>Tilpasset taksonomi</i>	-
<i>Andre miljøforhold</i>	-
<i>Sosiale forhold</i>	-
<i>Andre miljømessige/sosiale egenskaper</i>	65%
<b>Andre investeringer</b>	<b>20%</b>

Fondet forventer å allokere minimum 15 % av sine aktiva til bærekraftige investeringer.

80 % av investeringene er tilpasset miljømessige eller sosiale egenskaper. Mesteparten av dette består av investeringer som tilbyr direkte eksponering til enheter som det er investert i, selv om en del av slike 80 % kan bestå av verdipapiriseringer som tilbyr indirekte eksponering mot underliggende eiendeler. Disse prosentandelene måles i henhold til verdien av investeringene.

#### Overvåking av miljømessige eller sosiale egenskaper

De miljømessige og sosiale egenskapene overvåkes ved hjelp av en kombinasjon av verktøy/utsilingsmekanismer, porteføljeovervåkingsverktøy og manuelle gjennomganger av dokumentasjon og analyser. Investeringsrådgiverens etterlevelses-, risiko- og porteføljeovervåkingsteam samarbeider med investeringsteamet for å gjennomføre regelmessige portefølje-/verdiutviklingsgjennomganger og systemkontroller for å sikre etterlevelse mht. porteføljens investeringsmål og miljømessige og sosiale egenskaper.

#### Metoder

Etterlevelsen av utsilingsmekanismene måles ut fra prosentandelen av fondets investeringer som ikke oppfyller utsilingsmekanismene.

De bærekraftige investeringene som gjøres av fondet vurderes som beskrevet ovenfor i forhold til "miljømessige eller sosiale egenskaper ved det finansielle produktet".

#### Datakilder og -behandling

Investeringsrådgiveren utnytter ESG-data fra ulike eksterne leverandører. Disse dataene samles inn og lagres i Morgan Stanleys sentraliserte ESG-datalager,

slik at enhver forretningsenhet hos Morgan Stanley, deriblant MSIM-investeringssteam, har tilgang til informasjonen for analyse, porteføljegjennomgang og -oppbygning samt klient- og regelverksrapportering. På grunn av hull i datadekningen kan en liten andel av dataene som brukes til å vurdere samsvar med miljømessige og sosiale egenskaper, være estimerte data.

### Begrensninger i metoder og data

Fondet kan bruke rimelige referansedata for PAI-indikatorer der investeringsrådgiveren anser at dataene ikke er allment tilgjengelig eller pålitelige. Ytterligere detaljer om databegrensninger er å finne i de fullstendige opplysningene på nettsiden. Investeringsrådgiveren treffer rimelige tiltak for å sikre at fondet er i stand til å oppfylle sine miljømessige og sosiale egenskaper til tross for disse begrensningene, inkludert gjennomgang og vurdering av fullmakter for å sikre at de utgjør passende erstatninger for ESG-temaene som fremmes av den relevante PAI-indikatoren.

I tillegg, dersom tredjeparts utslingsdata med hensyn til fondets ekskluderinger ikke er tilgjengelig for en utsteder, vil investeringsrådgiveren gjøre sitt beste for å bekrefte, gjennom interne undersøkelser, at utstederen ikke bryter fondets bindende kriterier.

### Due diligence

Investeringsrådgiveren er avhengig av intern analyse for å utlede sin egen uavhengige vurdering av en utstedeers verdi og kredittverdighet, ved å bruke tredjepartsbyråer og salgssideanalyse som utgangspunkt.

Investeringsrådgiveren gjennomfører en dyptgående nedenfra-og-opp-analyse:

- for selskapsobligasjoner, for å identifisere obligasjonsutstedere som oppfyller investeringskriteriene mht. konkurranseposisjon, franchiseverdi og ledelseskvalitet.
- for statsobligasjoner, for å identifisere obligasjonsutstedere som oppfyller investeringskriteriene som underbygger økonomisk fremgang og motstandskraft for suverene nasjoner, og som investeringsrådgiveren anser som mest vesentlig for verdiutviklingen av deres gjeldspapirer; og
- for verdipapiriseringer, å analysere hvert verdipapirs underliggende lån eller sikkerhetsdekningsfaktorer som plassering, utnyttelsesgrad, tilgjengelighet for låntakere og misligholdshistorikk.

Som en del av denne prosessen gjennomfører investeringsrådgiveren også nedenfra-og-opp-basert due diligence av fondets investeringer for å identifisere eventuelle bærekraftsrisikoer som kan påvirke verdien av aktivaene, noe som vurderes av investeringsrådgiveren når investeringsbeslutninger tas

på ikke-bindende grunnlag. Due diligence-prosessen er basert på intern analyse og tredjepartsdata.

I tillegg utfører investeringsrådgiverens risikoteam ovenfra-og-ned-baserte risikoanalyser av bærekraftsinvestering for fondet. Denne informasjonen overvåkes fortløpende, og månedlige rapporter leveres til investeringsrådgiverens toppledelse og tas med i betraktningen som et ikke-bindende element i fondets investeringsbeslutningsprosesser.

### Retningslinjer for engasjement

Investeringsrådgiveren kan engasjere seg overfor utvalgte obligasjonsutstedere, både stater og selskaper, vedrørende deres styringspraksis, så vel som om andre vesentlige bærekraftsspørsmål knyttet til bærekraftsmålene, inkludert bærekraftsrelaterte kontroverser eller brudd på internasjonale normer og prinsipper. Slike engasjementsaktiviteter understøtter, på et kvalitativt og ikke-bindende grunnlag, fondets vurdering av vesentlige negative konsekvenser (PAI) og god selskapsstyring.

### Utpekt referanseindeks

Fondet har ikke utpekt en referanseindeks for å oppnå sine miljømessige eller sosiale egenskaper.

## SFDR Artikel 8 Webbplatsinformation

**Produktnamn:** *US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund* ("Fonden")

En fond som tillhör Morgan Stanley Investment Funds

**Identifieringskod för juridisk person:**  
5493008B8KBFODOHZX52

### Sammanfattning

#### Inga mål för hållbar investering

Denna finansiella produkt främjar miljömässiga och sociala egenskaper, men har inte hållbar investering som mål.

Fonden kommer att ha minst en andel på 15 % i hållbara investeringar.

Metoden för "ingen betydande negativ inverkan" som tillämpas av investeringsrådgivaren syftar till att säkerställa att Fondens hållbara investeringar inte orsakar betydande negativ inverkan på någon av de obligatoriska PAI-indikatorerna (**negativ påverkan på hållbarhetsfaktorer**) i EU:s SFDR-regler som är relevanta för investeringar och följer vissa sociala minimigarantier.

#### Den finansiella produktens miljörelaterade eller sociala egenskaper

Fonden främjar de miljömässiga egenskaper som bidrar till att mildra klimatförändringarna genom att utesluta investeringar i vissa typer av fossila bränslen. Dessutom främjar Fonden den sociala egenskapen att undvika investeringar i verksamhet som kan orsaka skada på människors hälsa och välbefinnande, i statliga emittenter som i verkligheten överträder sociala rättigheter, och värdepapperiseringar som överträder ansvarsfulla företag eller utlåningspraxis.

Dessutom kommer en del av Fondens investeringar att vara hållbara investeringar inom: (a) företagsemittenter vars företagspraxis, produkter eller lösningar skapar ett positivt bidrag till FN:s hållbarhetsmål ("**SDG**"), (b) statliga emittenter som är förknippade med positiva miljömässiga eller sociala egenskaper baserat på deras ESG-poäng eller (c) gröna, sociala eller hållbarhetsrelaterade obligationer ("**hållbarhetsobligationer**") som bidrar positivt till miljö eller samhälle genom det sätt som behållningen används.

#### Investeringsstrategi

Fondens mål är att generera inkomster genom att investera i högkvalitativa emissioner av räntebärande värdepapper som är noterade i US-dollar.

Fonden uppfyller sina miljömässiga och sociala egenskaper genom att utesluta:

- a) företagsemittenter som: (i) genererar intäkter från tillverkning eller försäljning av kontroversiella vapen, tillverkning eller försäljning av civila skjutvapen eller tobakstillverkning eller (ii) får 5 % eller mer av sina intäkter från brytning och utvinning av termiskt kol.

- b) statliga emittenter som är i de lägst rangordnade 10 % av länder avseende social orättvisa, baserat på investeringsrådgivarens anpassade indikator och
- c) värdepapperiseringar kopplade till vissa negativa beteenden däribland utlåningspraxis till ockerpriser, överträdelse av vissa konsumentskyddsstandarder genom bedrägligt beteende.

Dessutom strävar Fonden efter att investera minst 15 % av tillgångarna i hållbara investeringar (enligt beskrivningen ovan).

Som en del av sin företagsanalysprocess tar investeringsrådgivaren systematiskt hänsyn till bedömningen av en emittents bolagsstyrning och affärsmetoder.

#### Andel av investeringar

<b>I linje med miljömässiga och sociala egenskaper</b>	<b>80%</b>
<i>Hållbara investeringar</i>	15%
<i>I linje med taxonomin</i>	-
<i>Övrigt miljömässigt</i>	-
<i>Socialt</i>	-
<i>Andra miljömässiga och sociala egenskaper</i>	65%
<b>Övriga investeringar</b>	<b>20%</b>

Fonden förväntas allokera minst 15 % av tillgångarna till hållbara investeringar.

80 % av investeringarna är i linje med miljömässiga och sociala egenskaper. Det mesta av detta består till [X] % av investeringar som erbjuder direkt exponering mot investeringsobjekt även om en del av dessa 80 % kan omfatta värdepapperiseringar som erbjuder direkt exponering mot underliggande tillgångar. Dessa procentsatser mäts efter investeringarnas värde.

#### Övervakning av miljörelaterade eller sociala egenskaper

De miljömässiga och sociala egenskaperna övervakas med en kombination av verktyg/granskningar, verktyg för portföljövervakning och manuella skrivbordsgranskningar och analyser.

Investeringsrådgivarens efterlevnads-, risk- och portföljövervakningsteam samarbetar med investeringsteamet för att genomföra regelbundna portfölj-/resultatgranskningar och systemkontroller för att säkerställa efterlevnad av portföljens investeringsmål och miljömässiga och sociala egenskaper.

#### Metoder

Efterlevnad av uteslutningsgranskningarna mäts baserat på den procentsats av Fondens investeringar som överträder uteslutningsgranskningarna.

Fondens hållbara investeringar bedöms enligt vad som beskrivs ovan i förhållande till den finansiella produktens miljömässiga och sociala egenskaper.

#### Datakällor och databehandling

Investeringsrådgivaren utnyttjar ESG-data från olika externa leverantörer. Dessa data samlas in och lagras i Morgan Stanleys centraliserade ESG-dataarkiv för att

göra det möjligt för alla Morgan Stanleys affärsenheter, inklusive MSIM-investeringssteamerna, att få tillgång till informationen för forskning, portföljanalys och portföljkonstruktion samt kundrelaterad och lagstadgad rapportering.

På grund av luckor i datatäckningen kan en liten del av de data som används för att bedöma överensstämmelse med de miljömässiga och sociala egenskaperna vara uppskattade data.

### Begränsningar för metoder och data

Fonden kan använda rimliga indirekta uppgifter för PAI-indikatorer där investeringsrådgivaren anser att data inte är allmänt eller tillförlitligt tillgängliga. För mer information om databegränsningar, se den fullständiga informationen på webbplatsen.

Investeringsrådgivaren vidtar rimliga åtgärder för att säkerställa att fonden kan uppfylla sina miljömässiga och sociala egenskaper trots dessa begränsningar, inklusive granskning och bedömning av indirekta uppgifter för att säkerställa att de är lämpliga substitut för ESG-teman som främjas av den relevanta PAI-indikatorn.

Om det dessutom inte finns några uppgifter från tredje part om granskning av en emittent i förhållande till Fondens utslutningar, kommer investeringsrådgivaren att göra sitt bästa för att genom intern forskning kontrollera att emittenten inte bryter mot Fondens bindande kriterier.

### Due diligence

Investeringsrådgivaren förlitar sig på interna analyser för att få fram sin egen oberoende bedömning av en emittents värde och kreditvärdighet, med hjälp av analyser från tredjepartsbyråer och säljare som indata. Investeringsrådgivaren genomför en djupgående företagsanalys:

- av företagsobligationer, för att identifiera obligationsemittenter som uppfyller investeringskriterierna när det gäller konkurrensläge, franchisevärde och ledningskvalitet,
- av statsobligationer, för att identifiera obligationsemittenter som uppfyller

investeringskriterierna, som stöder suveräna nationers ekonomiska framsteg och motståndskraft, och som investeringsrådgivaren anser vara mest väsentliga för resultatet av deras skuldsättning och

- av värdepapperiseringar, för att analysera varje värdepappers underliggande lån eller säkerhet med hänsyn till faktorer som lokalisering, beläggningsgrad, låntagares kreditillgänglighet och historik av betalningsinställelser.

Som en del av denna process utför investeringsrådgivaren också en due diligence-analys på företagsnivå på Fondens investeringar för att identifiera eventuella hållbarhetsrisker som skulle kunna påverka värdet av tillgångarna, vilket beaktas av investeringsrådgivaren när denne fattar investeringsbeslut på icke-bindande basis. Due diligence-processen baseras på intern forskning och uppgifter från tredje part.

Dessutom utför investeringsrådgivarens riskteam omvärldsanalyser av hållbarhetsinvesteringsrisker för Fonden. Denna information övervakas löpande och månadsrapporter lämnas till investeringsrådgivarens högsta ledning och beaktas som en icke-bindande del av Fondens investeringsbeslutsprocesser.

### Strategier för engagemang

Investeringsrådgivaren kan komma att samarbeta med utvalda obligationsemittenter om deras företags- och statliga styrningspraxis samt om andra viktiga hållbarhetsfrågor med anknytning till hållbarhetsmålen, inklusive hållbarhetsrelaterade tvister eller brott mot internationella normer och principer. Sådan engagemangsverksamhet stöder, på en kvalitativ och icke-bindande grund, Fondens bedömning av negativ påverkan på hållbarhetsfaktorer (PAI) och god bolagsstyrning.

### Valt referensvärde

Fonden har inte angivit något referensindex i syfte att uppnå sina miljömässiga eller sociala egenskaper.



Applications for shares in the Fund should not be made without first consulting the current Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document (“KIID”), which are available in English and in the official language of your local jurisdiction at [morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com](http://morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com) or free of charge from the Registered Office of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds, European Bank and Business Centre, 6B route de Trèves, L-2633 Senningerberg, R.C.S. Luxemburg B 29 192. A summary of investor rights is available in English at the same website.

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## DEFINITIONS

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## ESG RISKS

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