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**Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852**

**Product name:** BANTLEON SELECT CORPORATE HYBRIDS

**Legal entity identifier (LEI-Code):** 5299003CN034QST6D261

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

<p><b>Sustainable investment</b> means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.</p> <p>The <b>EU Taxonomy</b> is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of <b>environmentally sustainable economic activities</b>. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.</p>	<b>Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?</b>	
	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective:</b> ___%</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with a social objective:</b> ___%</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of ___% of sustainable investments.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not make any sustainable investments.</b></p>



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

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

The environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund include the following:

1. Use of value-based or norm-based criteria:
  - a. Companies participating in the UN Global Compact are favoured.
  - b. Companies from countries that promote the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises are favoured.

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters..

2. Use of screening criteria:
  - a. Companies:
    - i. Manufacturers/distributors of anti-personnel mines (Ottawa Convention, 1997)
    - ii. Manufacturers/distributors of cluster munitions (Oslo Convention, 2008)
    - iii. Manufacturers/distributors of biological and chemical weapons
    - iv. Manufacturers/distributors of depleted uranium weapons
3. Use of a minimum allocation to securities with a specific ESG rating
  - i. At least 65% of the securities held by the sub-fund must be from issuers with an average ESG profile (equals a MSCI ESG rating »BB«, »BBB« or »A«) or above-average ESG profile (equals a MSCI ESG rating »AA« or »AAA«).

The above mentioned environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the sub-fund were fully met during the reporting period. The sub-fund has not used any derivatives to enhance the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics.

• **How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

The following indicators were used to measure the extent to which individual environmental or social characteristics are achieved:

Environmental/social characteristic	Indicator
Favours companies participating in the UN Global Compact	Data field: <i>Global Compact Signatory</i> Data source: MSCI ESG Research
Favours companies from countries that promote the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	The country in which the company has its registered office has signed up to the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.  Data sources: information in the public domain and information from MSCI ESG Research
Excludes manufacturers/distributors of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anti-personnel mines</li> <li>▪ Cluster munitions</li> <li>▪ Biological and chemical weapons</li> <li>▪ Depleted uranium weapons</li> </ul>	Revenue generated from or in connection with controversial weapons  Data field: <i>Controversial Weapons – Any Tie</i> Data source: MSCI ESG Research
At least 65% of the securities held by the sub-fund must be from issuers with an average or above-average ESG profile.	Minimum rating of BB from MSCI ESG Research  Data field: <i>ESG Rating</i> Data source: MSCI ESG Research

The selection criteria, restrictions and minimum requirements on which the defined sustainability indicators are based were continuously monitored during the reporting period and were complied with. As of 30 November 2023, the degree of conformity

with regard to the advertised environmental or social characteristics, which is measured using corresponding sustainability indicators, was 88.51%.

- **...and compared to previous periods?**

Compared to the previous period, there has been a small increase in the degree of compliance with the advertised environmental or social characteristics, which is measured using corresponding sustainability indicators (as of 30 November 2022, 85.83% of the sub-fund's securities met the advertised environmental or social characteristics).

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

Not applicable. The financial product advertised environmental and/or social characteristics but did not aim to make sustainable investments.

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

Not applicable. The financial product advertised environmental and/or social characteristics but did not aim to make sustainable investments.



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

The sub-fund considered the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors. The table below sets out which sustainability factors were considered and which measures/exclusions were foreseen to prevent or reduce the adverse impacts of investment decisions on these factors

Sustainability factors	Consideration	Reasoning
<b>Indicators for investments in companies</b>		
1. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 2. Carbon footprint 3. Intensity of the company's GHG emissions	Screening criterion: No. 3 i)	The screening criteria rule out companies that have high ESG risks (this applies to at least 65% of the sub-fund's assets).  It can therefore be assumed that the portfolio's direct and indirect emissions are lower.
4. Investment in companies with fossil fuel operations	Screening criterion: No. 3 i)	The screening criteria rule out companies that have high ESG risks (this applies to at least 65% of the sub-fund's assets).  This partially avoids exposure to these types of company.
5. Proportion of energy consumption and generation from non-renewable sources	none	n/a

6. Intensity of energy consumption by climate-intensive sectors	none	n/a
7. Activities with an adverse impact on regions with biodiversity that requires protection 8. Water pollution 9. Proportion of hazardous and radioactive waste	none	n/a
10. Violations of the principles of the UN Global Compact and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	none	n/a
11. Insufficient processes and mechanisms for monitoring compliance with the principles of the UN Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Screening criterion: No. 3 i)	The screening criteria rule out companies that have high ESG risks (this applies to at least 65% of the sub-fund's assets).  This partially avoids exposure to these types of company.
12. Persistent gender pay gaps 13. Mix of genders in management and control bodies	Screening criterion: No. 3 i)	An above-average MSCI ESG rating for the "S" (social) dimension addresses risks relating to equal treatment and discrimination.  It can therefore be assumed that applying both criteria will reduce adverse impacts.
14. Involvement with controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical and biological weapons)	Screening criterion: No. 2a i) bis v)	Companies that are involved with and/or manufacture controversial weapons are categorically excluded.  It can therefore be assumed that adverse impacts in this respect are significantly reduced or avoided altogether.
<b>Indicators for investments in countries and supranational organisations</b>		
15. Intensity of GHG emissions	Screening criterion: Country emits over 1,000 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> per EUR 1 million of gross domestic product  Data field: <i>Country GHG intensity</i>  Data source: MSCI ESG Research	The screening criterion rules out countries that make no effort to bring their CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (measured in tonnes) down to a reasonable level in relation to their gross domestic product.
16. Countries in which investments are made that violate social norms	none	n/a



The list includes the investments constituting **the greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is:

## What were the top investments of this financial product?

Data as of 30.11.2023

Largest investment	Sector	in % of the assets	Country
Orange S.A. EO-FLR Med.-T. Nts 23(23/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials /	3.55%	France
BP Capital Markets PLC EO-FLR Notes 2020(29/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Energy	2.84%	UK
Repsol Intl Finance B.V. EO-FLR Notes 2020(28/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Energy	2.72%	Netherlands
TotalEnergies SE EO-FLR Med.-T. Nts 16(26/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Energy	2.69%	France
BP Capital Markets PLC EO-FLR Notes 2020(26/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Energy	2.69%	UK
British American Tobacco PLC EO-FLR Notes 2021(26/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Consumer Goods	2.20%	UK
Holcim Finance (Luxembg) S.A. EO-FLR Notes 2019(24/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Industrials	1.85%	Luxembourg
Koninklijke FrieslandCampina EO-FLR Notes 2020(25/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Consumer Goods	1.84%	Netherlands
ELM B.V. EO-FLR M.-T. Nts 2020(25/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Basic Materials	1.81%	Netherlands
SSE PLC EO-FLR Notes 2022(28/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Utilities	1.79%	UK
ENEL S.p.A. EO-FLR Nts. 2023(23/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Utilities	1.63%	Italy
Veolia Environnement S.A. EO-FLR Notes 2023(28/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Utilities	1.58%	France
Iberdrola Finanzas S.A. EO-FLR M.-T. Nts 2023(23/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Utilities	1.55%	Spain
TotalEnergies SE EO-FLR Med.-T. Nts 15(25/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Energy	1.53%	France
Stedin Holding N.V. EO-FLR Notes 2021(21/Und.)	Corporates / Non-Financials / Utilities	1.48%	Netherlands



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

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

- **What was the asset allocation?**

According to the sales prospectus, at least 65% of the bonds of the sub-fund must fulfil the promoted environmental or social characteristics according to #1. As of the reporting date 30.11.2023, 88.51% of the sub-fund's bonds met the promoted environmental or social characteristics according to #1. #2 accounted for the sub-fund's remaining bonds as well as the sub-fund's cash and derivatives. The investment purpose of the investments covered by #2 is, on the one hand, to achieve the investment objective (securities and derivatives) and, on the other hand, to invest liquidity (cash); for the question of the description of any minimum environmental and social safeguards in the investments covered by #2, please refer to the section below "What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?"



**#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.

## In which economic sectors were the investments made?

The share of the sub-fund's investments in various sectors and sub-sectors as of the reporting date 30.11.2023 was assessed as follows:

Sectoren and sub-sectors	Share in %
Financials / Financials	0.91
Financials / Real Estate	1.83
Non-Financials / Real Estate	0
Non-Financials / Basic Materials	1.81
Non-Financials / Consumer Goods & Consumer Services	11.22
Non-Financials / Energy	21.61
Non-Financials / Health Care	5.27
Non-Financials / Industrials	1.85

Non-Financials / Oil & Gas	4.60
Non-Financials / Technology	1.03
Non-Financials / Telecommunications	15.00
Non-Financials / Utilities	33.13
Non-Financials / Others	0
Collateralized	0
Sovereigns	0
Sub-Sovereigns	0
Commodities (ETCs)	0
Funds	0



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

Not applicable. The financial product does not seek an investment that is in line with an environmental objective of the EU taxonomy.



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



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

Not applicable. Environmental and/or social characteristics were advertised with the financial product, but it did not aim to make sustainable investments.



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

Not applicable. Environmental and/or social characteristics were advertised with the financial product, but it did not aim to make sustainable investments.



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

**#2 Other investments** covers investments held by the sub-fund that are permitted under the investment policy in the annex to this Sales Prospectus pertaining to the sub-fund but are neither aligned with environmental or social characteristics nor categorised as sustainable.

Up to 35% of the securities held by the sub-fund may fall under **#2 Other investments**. The following value-based and norm-based criteria and minimum screening criteria ensure a

minimum level of environmental or social characteristics with respect to these investments:

1. Use of value-based or norm-based criteria:
  - a. Companies participating in the UN Global Compact are favoured.
  - b. Companies from countries that promote the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises are favoured.
  
2. Use of screening criteria:
  - a. Companies:
    - i. Manufacturers/distributors of anti-personnel mines (Ottawa Convention, 1997)
    - ii. Manufacturers/distributors of cluster munitions (Oslo Convention, 2008)
    - iii. Manufacturers/distributors of biological and chemical weapons
    - iv. Manufacturers/distributors of depleted uranium weapons

The listed value and standard-based criteria and minimum exclusion criteria were complied with during the reporting period.



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

The measures taken during the reference period to comply with the sub-fund's environmental and/or social characteristics include, in particular, the implementation of sustainability analyses, compliance with ethical corporate principles and the analysis of reputational risks using ESG ratings from the data provider MSCI ESG Research as well as own analyses based on publicly available sources. The mapping of ESG restrictions was carried out within the framework of an investment compliance system, so that ex ante and ex post compliance with the specifications (and thus the environmental and/or social characteristics) could be technically verified at any time.

The participation policy defined by BANTLEON GmbH as the sub-fund's management company on the basis of the EU Shareholder Rights Directive 2007/36/EC and Section 134b of the German Stock Corporation Act is not applied in the case of this sub-fund, as it does not invest in equities in accordance with its investment policy.



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

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

No ESG reference benchmark has been determined to assess whether the financial product is positioned on the advertised characteristics.

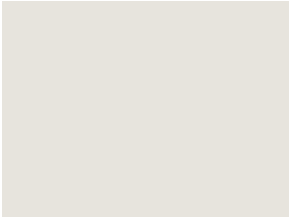
- **How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.





- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark***  
Not applicable.
- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?***  
Not applicable.

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