

ANNEX III

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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Product name: NextPower U.K. (“NPUK” or the “Fund”)
Legal entity identifier: 2138008DMF2DKL4ZQV66

Sustainable investment objective

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of sustainable investments¹ with an environmental objective: 95% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy² <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy 	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with a social objective: 0 %	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments

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What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

Sustainable investment objective pursued by NPUK

Sustainability indicators
measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product

The Fund invests in renewable energy, specifically the UK solar sector. It focuses on the construction and long-term ownership of solar power plants. The sustainable investment objective of the Fund is to generate a more sustainable future by leading the transition to clean energy. The Fund’s sustainability framework is based on three pillars of biodiversity, climate change and human rights, and is aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Through its investments, the Fund will also substantially contribute to the environmental objective of climate change mitigation within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

NPUK substantially positively contributes to avoiding CO2e emissions to the atmosphere and fossil fuel use. From June 2023, NPUK will report the amount of CO2e avoided consistently year on year through a publicly available report (its ‘Green Impact Report’), which is prepared independently by a third-party provider.

● **What sustainability indicators³ are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?**

Monitoring of progress against the sustainable investment objectives is primarily based on the calculation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and fossil fuel consumption avoided by the generation of renewable energy by solar assets within the NPUK portfolio. Avoidance of GHG emissions is assessed by comparing the emissions associated with the portfolio to a counterfactual based on marginal grid emissions. The table below provides an overview of the indicators that will be provided as part of the calculation. The calculation will be measured and verified by an external independent party on the basis of the internationally recognised International Financial Institution Harmonised Conversion Factors released and maintained by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Metric	Unit
GHG Avoided	ktCO ₂ e
NO _x Avoided	tonnes
SO _x Avoided	tonnes
PM _{2.5}	tonnes

³ Sustainability indicators measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.
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PM ₁₀	tonnes
Fossil fuels avoided	kilotonnes oil equivalent (ktoe)

How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

NPUK’s investment decision-making process ensures that investments not only contribute to environmental objectives but also cause no significant harm to other environmental objectives, and are conducted in accordance with minimum safeguards on matters such as human rights and labour conventions. A robust due diligence process captures all the relevant key risks associated with each acquisition and whether they harm or have a potential to harm the sustainable investment objective of the Fund. The risks are aligned with and extend beyond the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) approach of the Taxonomy. Relevant risks include those relating to:

- Climate change;
- Circular economy;
- Biodiversity and ecosystems.

In the event that any risks are identified, they are captured and recorded and either mitigated against, or, if they cannot be mitigated, the transaction is halted and not progressed.

For more information on the NextEnergy Capital/NPUK due diligence process, please refer to the ESG Disclosure document on the [NextEnergy Capital website](#).

How have the indicators for adverse impacts⁴ on sustainability factors been taken into account?

The due diligence process, as detailed in the Sustainability Policy and NextEnergy Capital ESG Disclosure document, reviews all aspects of the asset and potential associated principal adverse impacts (PAI), including those relating to environmental, social and employee, human rights, and anti-corruption matters, during the pre-investment stage. Prior to and post-acquisition of the assets, all relevant parties are subject to due diligence as required to capture and identify any potential risks.

As per the Sustainable Investment Policy and other governing documents, NPUK’s sustainability approach is based on a four-step approach: identify, manage, report and engage. If, during a due diligence process, an adverse impact is identified, it will be managed and reported internally to the NPUK Investment Committee for further consideration.

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.

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Where possible, mitigation actions are put forward through specific action plans which are implemented and monitored during the ownership phase. In addition, NPUK will also report based on specific KPIs which are aligned with Table 1 of Annex I of the Commission Delegated Regulation 2022/1288, as well as additional KPIs aligned with material Sustainable Development Goals.

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

NextEnergy Capital and NPUK have a strong Sustainable Investment Policy and Human Rights Position Statement in place which are aligned with the associated requirements of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles. These require NPUK to perform due diligence on both its own activities and its business relationships with the objective of acting upon any findings. The due diligence focuses on environmental, social and governance factors that include but are not limited to impacts of the specific investments (NPUK solar assets) on biodiversity, climate change, waste and water management, health and safety, land management, community and stakeholder engagement, grievance mechanisms, labour and working conditions, and more broadly any potential human rights violation across the value chain. This due diligence applies to all counterparties involved in the investment, from the seller to contractors and subcontractors. Should gaps with NPUK policies be identified, an action plan is presented prior to the acquisition, which outlines the actions needed to mitigate potential impacts, their frequency, and the cost of doing so.

Additionally, the Fund ensures that investments are carried out in compliance with other safeguards, relating, in particular, to human rights matters, guided by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Human rights are one of the three pillars of NEC's Sustainability Framework; this is reflected in the designation of certain human rights matters as "No-Go" and in human rights related due-diligence questions. Matters such as modern slavery, child and forced labour (all of which are "No-Go" risks under NEC's ESG Policies), community displacement, and commitments to national and international human rights and labour conventions by sellers, targets, and contractors, are considered in the process of NEC's ESG due diligence and assessment.

For more information, please refer to the Human Rights Position Statement on [NextEnergy Capital's website](#).



Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?



Yes

The Fund currently does consider Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) on sustainability factors.

NPUK invests only in solar PV assets and ancillary technologies, and the investment decision is based on the outcome of due diligence which includes ESG adverse impacts as explained above. The due diligence process, as detailed in the Sustainable Investment Policy and NPUK ESG Disclosure document, reviews all aspects of the asset(s) and counterparties (contractors, and suppliers) and potential associated adverse impacts (including environmental, social and employee, human rights, anti-corruption and other relevant issues) during the pre-investment stage. When gaps are identified, mitigation measures are proposed, and action plans are agreed during the approval process. Costs for implementation of ESG actions are also allocated into the financial model, to ensure capital can be deployed for these activities during the lifetime of the asset.

Post-acquisition of the assets, all relevant contractors who construct or operate the asset are requested to provide their ESG Key Performance Indicators (KPI). These include resource consumption, GHG scope 1, 2, and 3, H&S, biodiversity, diversity, and other relevant ESG indicators at the asset level. A full set of KPIs related to PAI has been developed consistent with the requirements of Table 1, Annex 1 of the Commission Delegated Regulation 2022/1288.

Further information on how PAI are considered is explained in the ESG Disclosure Document and in the Periodic Reporting (Annex V).



What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

[NPUK Investment Strategy](#)

NPUK is an investment fund focused exclusively on investments in the construction and long-term ownership of solar power projects across the UK market. NPUK invests in assets on the secondary market as well as those that are under development (e.g., at the stage of origination, project planning or construction) when acquired. The fund also has the capacity to invest in ancillary technologies in the energy transition space that complement the primary portfolio of solar PV plants, in aggregate consisting of no more than 5% of Benchmark Commitments (as defined in the Memorandum), provided that investments in energy storage are connected to solar PV plants (i.e. co-located battery storage).

Under the Sustainable Investment Policy, ESG factors are considered throughout the entire investment process, including an ESG screening during the initial project selection and a

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

subsequent full ESG due diligence and assessment during the pre-acquisition phase. In addition, the dedicated ESG team provides input and makes recommendations regarding the investment decision, carries out ESG monitoring and reporting during the ownership phase and, finally, the divestment phase.

NextEnergy Capital monitors and reports on the impacts of its investments at both the portfolio level, which includes annual reports on NextEnergy Capital's portfolio's contribution to specific ESG KPIs, and at the asset-specific level, where the ESG team works alongside the portfolio manager to implement any action plan that was agreed to during the investment approval process. This ensures the implementation of NextEnergy Capital's sustainable investment strategy throughout the entire investment process.

● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?***

The investment strategy is exclusively focused on investments in the construction and long-term ownership of solar power projects/assets and ancillary technologies that complement them. Solar power projects, by definition, generate renewable energy, which is aligned with the sustainable investment objective "to generate a more sustainable future by leading the transition to clean energy". This is a binding element of the investment strategy and dictates investment selection.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

The practice of good governance is an integral part of the way NPUK executes its investment strategy and plays an important role in shaping the Fund's long term sustainable success and the achievement of the Next Energy Group strategic objectives. The NextEnergy Capital Advisory Board includes high profile professionals with energy, financial and environmental backgrounds and advises the management team at NPUK to implement and uphold the best governance practices.

At the investment level, NPUK is committed to ensuring that it and its business partners are transparent and fair in their dealings. The Fund takes into full account business integrity, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering legislation and rules in each jurisdiction in which it owns and operates assets. For every acquisition, due diligence questionnaires are sent to all involved counterparties (sellers, contractors, and suppliers), and they are screened for environmental, social and governance issues, including AML purposes. All contractors are required to abide by NextEnergy Capital's Code of Conduct for Suppliers, and must agree to provide data on ESG KPIs on an annual basis to align with the Fund's objectives. The Head of ESG is a member of the NPUK Investment Committee and she attends all meetings, ensuring that each NPUK investment meets the ESG objectives consistently across the portfolio.

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



What is the asset allocation⁵ and the minimum share of sustainable investments?

The Fund will make a minimum of 95% sustainable investments with an environmental objective, as its objective is to invest solely in renewable energy assets and most specifically the UK solar sector, focused on the construction and long-term ownership of solar power plants.

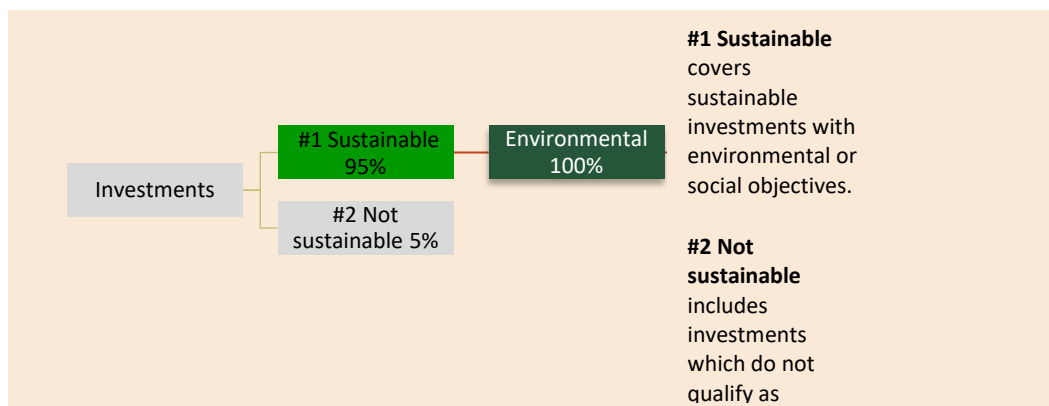
The Fund may hold up to 5% of its Net Asset Value (NAV) in cash, bank deposits and other cash equivalents for liquidity purposes.

The Fund will not make any investments that qualify as sustainable investments with an environmental objective but are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy or any investments that qualify as sustainable investments with a social objective.

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in

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



How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?

The Fund will not use derivatives in order to attain the sustainable investment objective. In accordance with the terms of the Supplement, the fund may enter into derivative instruments for the purposes of hedging. For the avoidance of doubt, derivatives will not be utilised for investment purposes and instead would always be considered as ancillary to its sustainable investments and used only as a risk mitigation measure. In the event that derivatives are ever utilised, such instruments will be reviewed to ensure they do not significantly harm social or environmental objectives within the meaning of SFDR.

⁵ Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.



To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?⁶

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

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

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

As further described above, the Fund will invest solely in renewable energy, most specifically the international solar sector, focused on the construction and long-term ownership of solar power plants.

Specifically, 95% of NPUK investment is designated for the acquisition of solar PV assets and associated facilities, while the other 5% of the NAV is retained for liquidity purposes. Of the 95% of investment into solar PV and associated facilities, 100% of this investment is aligned with the EU taxonomy because i) it substantially contributes to climate mitigation through the generation of clean energy and avoidance of GHG emissions and fossil fuel; ii) it does not do significant harm to the other environmental objectives of the taxonomy and iii) it meets minimum social safeguards. This is further explained below:

a) The objective of climate mitigation is expected to be attained by making investments whose objective is solely to generate clean energy. In particular, the performance of sustainability indicators of GHG emissions avoided will be accounted for and reported. The objective of climate mitigation remains the core business of the Fund's investments, and all investments will be made in renewable energy infrastructure.

b) NPUK's sustainable investment objective of climate mitigation is met through a due diligence process pre-and post-investment which ensures that No Significant Harm (DNSH) is done to any other environmental objective considered material to the activity of the fund (Solar PV generation). These other objectives are climate change adaptation, biodiversity, and circular economy.

c) The due diligence also considers additional safeguards such as human rights, community engagement, and labour conditions, among others. As described above, the due diligence is aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN

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

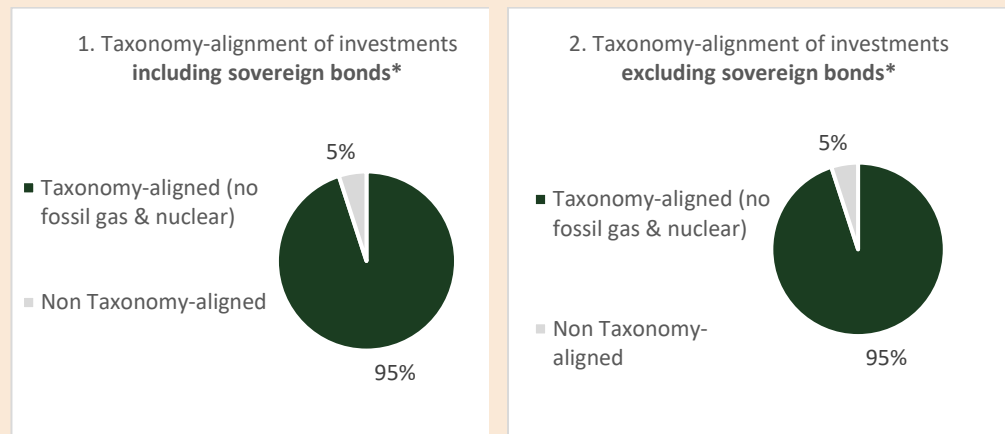
The relevant legislation does not provide a definition of "investee company", however, we have interpreted this term as intended to refer to an entity in which the relevant fund intends to make an investment, or has made an investment, on behalf of its investors, which would include the SPV which owns each asset.

Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and other international conventions on human rights, as per the Human Rights Position Statement.

● **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy⁷?**

- Yes:
 - In fossil gas
 - In nuclear energy
- No

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*



* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

The Fund will make a minimum of 0% of total investments in transitional and enabling activities.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

⁷ Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objectives - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

The Fund solely invests in renewable energy assets and commits to Taxonomy-aligned investments. The minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with EU Taxonomy is 0%.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

Not applicable.



What investments are included under “#2 Not sustainable”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The investments of the Fund that will be classified as “not sustainable” will be composed of government bonds, fixed-income securities, and money market instruments, such as units in money market funds and overnight and/or time deposits at credit institutions. Such investments will be made to manage excess liquidity and to hedge currency/interest rate risks and thus to ensure efficient portfolio management by way of protecting and enhancing returns from the Fund’s portfolio.



Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

- ***How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?***

NPUK has not designated a specific index as a reference sustainable benchmark.

- ***How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?***

Not Applicable

- ***How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?***

Not Applicable

- ***Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?***

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

Not Applicable



Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the website:
<https://www.nextenergycapital.com/sustainability/>.