## Appendix 2:

Sustainable

**investment** means an investment in an

economic activity that contributes to

an environmental

or social objective, provided that the

investment does not

significantly harm

any environmental

or social objective

good governance

The **EU Taxonomy** 

is a classification system laid down

in Regulation

(EU) 2020/852,

sustainable economic activities.

establishing a list

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.

of environmentally

practices.

and that the investee companies follow

# Annex IV, **SFDR** periodic disclosure

Template 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:** 

ASR Dutch Farmland Fund (the 'Fund')

Legal entity identifier:

724500Q41C88QY4A2N91

× No

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

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

Yes

- It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:
  - %
  - in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_%

- x It promoted Environmental/ Social (E/S) characteristics
  - and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 0%<sup>1</sup> of sustainable investments
  - with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - × with a social objective
- It promoted E/S characteristics, but **did not make any sustainable investments**

<sup>1</sup> The Fund's investments are not eligible to the screening criteria for sustainable investments under the SFDR and EU Taxonomy.





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 Fund promotes various environmental and social characteristics which are set out in its ESG policy. The Fund's vision on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) is to accommodate the interests of tenants and investors in the best possible way by creating and maintaining assets that have long-term value from both a financial and a social perspective, and to achieve this in a sound and responsible manner with engaged and aware partners and employees. To work towards these goals, the Fund has developed an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) strategy around three themes:

1. Environmental Dedicated to sustainable soil management and the

improvement of ecosystem services

Social: Making a positive impact on society
 Governance: Compliant with sustainability regulations

The Fund does not use a formal benchmark to compare its results with those of its peers.

## How did the sustainability indicators perform?

#### ESG goals and results 2024



	Target 2024	Realised 2024
Environmental		
Sustainable productivity and sustainable farmer's		
income		
Green leases for new ground lease agreements	≥ 90%	99.6%
Green leases for existing agreements	≥ 20%	24.0%
Portfolio contributes to food supply	≥ 80%	97.3%
Reducing greenhouse gas emission		
Carbon emission (tons CO <sub>2</sub> -equivalent per hectare)	≤ 14.2	14.4
Nitrogen emission (kg NH <sub>3</sub> per hectare)	≤ 38.7	40.7
Facilitating farmers in execution of CO <sub>2</sub> reduction plan	≥ 10	10
Nitrogen emission reduction strategy	Design plan	Designed
Adapting to climate change and improve biodiversity		
Climate adaptation - landscape elements	≥ 10	10
(# of projects / year)		
Agricultural land available for the development of	100	61
sustainable initiatives and alternative crops (# hectares)		



Social		
Community & Tenants		
Tenant satisfaction rating (score out of 10)	≥ 7.5 /10	7.3
Facilitate young farmers (# of hectares new young	200	328
farmers ground leases / year)		
Our employees		
Employee satisfaction rating (eMood® score)	≥ 7.5	7.8
Personal development		
- Training (% of annual salaries)	≥ 1%	1.0%
- Sustainable employability (% of annual salaries)	≥ 1%	1.0%
Health & well being (eMood® vitality score)	≥ 7.5	7.5
Diversity, equity & inclusion	Execute	Ongoing
	policy	



Governance		
Sound business practices	<b>⊘</b>	<b>⊘</b>
Alignment with sustainability guidelines	<b>⊘</b>	<b>⊘</b>
- SDGs	<b>Ø</b>	<b>⊘</b>

## ... and compared to previous periods?

## ESG goals and results 2023

		Target 2023	Realised 2023
	Environmental		
	Sustainable productivity and sustainable farmer's		
	income		
	Soil use - Portfolio contributes to food supply	≥ 80%	97.0%
	(% of portfolio)		
	Soil quality - Tenant participation in	≥ 10%	16.2%
	'Open bodemindex' (% of portfolio)		
	Green leases for new ground lease agreements	≥ 60%	79.2%
	for arable farmers		
	Green leases for new ground lease agreements	≥ 90%	90.1%
	for dairy farmers		
00:	Green leases for existing agreements	≥ 10%	16.0%
( E & )	Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions		
	Carbon footprint (tons CO <sub>2</sub> -equivalent per hectare)	≤ 15.2	15.3
	Allocate suitable farmland for renewable energy	≥ 5	3
	(# of projects / year)		
	Expand our emission reduction plan with nitrogen	Design	Plan
	emissions and water quality	plan	designed
	Climate change adaptation and promotion		
	of biodiversity		
	Climate adaptation - landscape elements	≥ 5	2
	(# of projects / year)		
	Making agricultural land available for the development	100	43
	of sustainable initiatives and alternative crops		
	(# hectares)		
	Improve local biodiversity	Design plan	In progress
	Social		
	Community & Tenants		
	Tenant satisfaction	≥ 7.5 /10	7.6
	Active tenant participation programme	≥ 2	3
	(# of events / year)	<u> </u>	3
	Facilitate young farmers (# of hectares new young	150	594
1:	farmers ground leases / year)	130	374
80;	Facilitate and publish agricultural confidence index (#	4	4
VU	of publications / year)		
	Our employees		
	Employee satisfaction rating (eMood® score)	≥ 7.5	7.7
	Personal development		
	- Training (% of annual salaries)	≥ 1%	1.3%
	- Sustainable employability (% of annual salaries)	≥ 1%	1.0%
	Health & well being (eMood® vitality score)	≥ 7.5	7.6
	Governance		
	Alignment with sustainability guidelines		<b>Ø</b>
	- SDGs		<b>Ø</b>
	- SFDR article 8	<b>Ø</b>	<b>⊘</b>
	Sound business practices	<b>⊘</b>	$\bigcirc$

The performance of some of the key sustainability indicators compared to the previous period (2023) are listed below.

The green leases for existing agreements increased significantly in 2024 compared to 2023 (24.0% in 2024 vs. 16.0% in 2023) and well above the target of 20%. In addition,



99.6% of new ground lease agreements concluded in 2024 (2023: 86.3%) included green lease clauses. Despite the lower number of hectares Young Farmers Ground lease in 2024 (328 hectares) versus 2023 (594 hectares, the Fund performed well above the target of facilitating young farmers to start their agricultural business. The tenant satisfaction score of the Fund (7.3 in 2024) is slightly lower than previous year (7.6 in 2023) and slightly lower than the target (7.5).

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

The Fund promotes one of the climate and environmental objectives as included in article 9 of the Taxonomy Regulation, being the objective 'climate mitigation'. The Fund promotes this objective in its underlying investments, by promoting the stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level which prevents dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system consistent with the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement. The Fund has activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available but is dedicated to measure, report on and reduce the emissions from the portfolio. The objectives as presented in the table above go beyond carbon emissions only. These strategic ESG objectives are part of every investment decision the Fund makes.

The Fund's GHG intensity decreased in 2024 with 0.5 tons  $CO_2$ -equivalent per hectare. The GHG intensity figures are published on page 44 in the annual report.

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

The Fund can state that it did no significantly harm to any other of the environmental objectives (i.e. climate change adaptation, the sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, the transition to a circular economy, pollution prevention and control, and the protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems).

To ensure that the sustainable investment in which the Fund invests do not significant harm to any environmental or social objective, various environmental or social sustainability related subjects were monitored, more specifically the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors applicable to rural real estate assets.

The do no significant harm principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

## How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

The Fund considered principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors as per its ESG Policy by measuring and monitoring the negative impact on sustainability factors. The adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors that we consider are aligned with the ESG Policy and strategic areas of interest and are chosen taking into account materiality, data quality and availability. The following principal adverse impacts are taken into consideration in this statement for investments in rural real estate assets:

#### Exposure to fossil fuel through rural real estate assets

Exposure to fossil fuels through rural real estate assets is measured in terms of the share of rural real estate investments involved in the extraction, storage, transport or manufacture of fossil fuels. The Fund has no exposure to fossil fuels.

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, anticorruption and anti-

bribery matters.

### ii) Greenhouse gas emission

Coinciding with its Paris Proof target, the Fund has set the objective to reduce its GHG emissions, measured in tons of  $\mathrm{CO}_2$ -equivalent per hectare, achieving a significant reduction of GHG emission. The Fund has set ambitious objectives to reduce emissions in its portfolio, even more ambitious than the objectives mentioned in the national Climate Agreement for the agriculture sector as presented by the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality.

The Fund's GHG intensity decreased in 2024 with 0.5 tons CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent per hectare. The GHG intensity figures are published on page 44 in the annual report.

## Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The Fund is committed to the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including the principles and rights set out in the eight fundamental conventions identified in the Declaration of the International Labour Organisation on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the International Bill of Human Rights. In 2024, the AIF Manager's policy and control framework were refined to once more comply with the required minimum safeguards on human rights.



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

The Fund considers principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors by drawing up its own annual ESG policy which sets out specific sustainability objectives, including the Fund's considered adverse impacts on sustainability factors. The Fund's principal adverse impacts on sustainability are disclosed on page 42 in the annual report.



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

## Top investments of this financial product

Largest investments <sup>1</sup>	Sector	% Assets	Country
Rural real estate	Farmland	100%	The Netherlands

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

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

1 Please see page 33 in the Fund's annual report for the top 10 Assets





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

All investments align with the E/S characteristics of the Fund.

#### Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

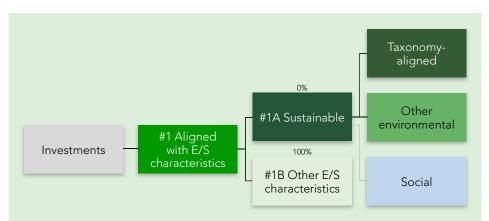
#### What was the asset allocation?

The asset allocation of the Fund is 100% towards direct rural real estate assets.

All assets of the Fund align with the E/S characteristics, since the Fund's objectives apply to the entire portfolio.

As at 31 December 2024, no distinction can be made between sustainable and other E/S characteristics under the SFDR using the PAI indicators.

As at 31 December 2024, none of the Fund's investments are eligible under the EU Taxonomy.



**#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.

The category #1 Aligned with E/S characteristics covers:

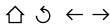
- The sub-category #1A Sustainable covers environmentally and socially sustainable investments.
- The sub-category #1B Other E/S characteristics covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## In which economic sectors were the investments made?

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Management Company

All of the Fund's investments are in direct rural real estate.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the 'greenness' of investee companies today.
- capital
  expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the
  green investments
  made by investee
  companies,
  relevant for a
  transition to a
  green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.

#### **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.



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



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

The current Delegated Act does not provide for any relevant technical screening criteria for the Fund. As soon as relevant technical screening criteria will be published with respect to the economic activities of the Fund, the relevant disclosures under this section will be updated to the extent relevant and required.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy <sup>1</sup> ?		
• • Yes	• × No	
In fossil gas In nuclear energy		

## What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The Fund has not set an objective for a minimum share of transition and enabling activities. However, the Fund's activities can be classified as transitional activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance. The Fund has set ambitious objectives to further reduce emissions in its portfolio, even more ambitious than the objectives mentioned in the national Climate Agreement for the agriculture sector as presented by the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. With its green lease discount for farmers that meet our sustainability criteria, the Fund promotes the transition of the Dutch agriculture sector.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?





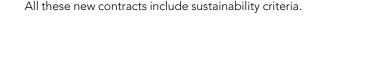
## What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The current Delegated Act does not provide for any relevant technical screening criteria for the Fund. As soon as relevant technical screening criteria will be published with respect to the economic activities of the Fund, the relevant disclosures under this section will be updated to the extent relevant and required.

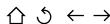


## What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund has various social objectives for its portfolio. These objectives include the increase of tenant satisfaction, facilitating of young farmers and employee development programs. The 2024 tenant satisfaction survey, which was held in the third quarter of 2024, revealed a number of areas in which there was room for improvement in tenant satisfaction and the quality of services provided by a.s.r. real estate and its contractors. The survey showed an average score of 7.3 out of 10, just below the Fund's target of 7.5. Contributing to ground mobility and the continuity of the sector are important social objectives of the Fund. Our Young Farmer Ground Lease product contributes to achieving these objectives. In 2024, 19 new contracts were signed (328 hectares).



<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.





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

None, as all the investments of the Fund are classified as investments that align with E/S characteristics.



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

To see what actions have been taken to meet the environmental and social characteristics, please see the table under the question 'How did the sustainability indicators perform?'



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?

This question is not applicable, as no specific index has been designated as a reference benchmark.



