

What does Article 8 Fund classification mean?



Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR)

The Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) is an EU regulation that came into force on 10 March 2021. The SFDR lays down harmonised disclosure rules for investment managers and investment advisors for financial products as defined under SFDR.

These requirements include disclosing sustainability related information for financial products that:

- i. promote (among other characteristics) environmental and/or social characteristics (Article 8 products), or
- ii. have a sustainable investment objective (Article 9 products), both as defined under SFDR.

Article 8 Fund

An Article 8 Fund under SFDR is defined as “a Fund which promotes, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of those characteristics, provided that the companies in which the investments are made follow good governance practices.”

What are the disclosure requirements for Article 8 Funds?

Where a fund is defined as Article 8, the following disclosures are required:

- ▶ Information on how environmental and social characteristics are met;
- ▶ Where an index has been designated as a reference benchmark, information on whether and how the index is consistent with those characteristics; and
- ▶ Information as to where the methodology used for the calculation of the reference index can be found.

For our Article 8 Funds you will find all this information, per fund, on our Sustainable Investing Hub within the “Our ESG Fund Range” section.

Our Article 8 Fund Range

We have a number of funds that fall under Article 8 (light green ESG funds):

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| ▶ Alternative Energy Fund | ▶ IQEQ Defensive High Yield Fund | ▶ PRIME 4 |
| ▶ Discovery Fund | ▶ IQEQ High Yield Equity Fund | ▶ PRIME 5 |
| ▶ Ethical Equity Fund | ▶ North American Equity Indexed Fund | ▶ PRIME Equities |
| ▶ Ethical Managed Fund | ▶ PruFund Cautious | ▶ Water Fund |
| ▶ Eurozone Equity Indexed Fund | ▶ PruFund Growth | ▶ World Index Fund (Hedged) |
| ▶ Innovator Fund | ▶ PRIME 3 | ▶ World Index Fund (Unhedged) |

For the most up to date fund information and fund performance, visit [Fund Centre](#) 

Next Steps

To find out more about our ESG Fund Range, talk to an Advisor in your local Bank of Ireland branch:

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