#### **ANNEX**

Product name: PIMCO Euro Low Duration Corporate Bond UCITS ETF

Legal entity identifier: 5493002GRIE4G6LTS837

### Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
• • Yes	● ○ ✓ No
It will make a minimum of 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 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  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 will make a minimum of sustainable investments with a	✓ It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments



Sustainable

an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any

**investment** means an investment in

environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852,

establishing a list of environmentally sustainable

economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable

economic activities.

investments with an environmental objective might be

Sustainable

## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund will promote environmental and social characteristics by operating an exclusion strategy. The Fund will also actively engage with certain issuers as applicable (examples of such engagement may include material climate and biodiversity related matters) including for example by encouraging issuers to align to the Paris Agreement, adopt science-based targets for carbon emissions reduction and/or broadly advance their sustainability commitments.

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The Fund's sustainability-related impact shall be measured through its exclusion strategy, as well as the Investment Advisor's implementation of its issuer engagement policy. The Fund's exclusion strategy applies to 100% of its direct investments.

For example, the Fund's exclusion strategy results in the exclusion of certain sectors including issuers principally involved in coal and unconventional oil (such as arctic oil and oil sands). In addition, the Investment Advisor refers to globally accepted norms such as the UN Global Compact Principles, where appropriate.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomyaligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU 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.

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

Yes

**√** 

No

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

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative

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 antibribery matters.



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

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

#### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

As part of the Fund's investment strategy the Fund seeks to invest primarily in an actively managed diversified portfolio of Euro denominated investment grade corporate Fixed Income Instruments. The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to maximise total return, consistent with prudent investment management.

This process includes both top-down and bottom-up decision-making inputs to identify multiple sources of value. Top-down strategies focus on macroeconomic considerations and are utilised as part of regional and sector selection. Bottom-up strategies examine the profiles of individual instruments and securities and are key to the Investment Advisor's ability to select undervalued instruments and securities spanning all sectors of the global fixed-income market.

The Fund shall also promote environmental (such as climate change mitigation) and social characteristics through an exclusion strategy. The Fund shall exclude direct investment in the securities of any issuer determined by the Investment Advisor to be engaged principally in the coal industry and unconventional oil (such as arctic oil and oil sands), the military weapons sector, and the tobacco industry among others. The Fund will also actively engage with certain issuers as applicable, including for example by encouraging companies to align to the Paris Agreement, adopt science-based targets for carbon emissions reduction and/or broadly advance their sustainability commitments. Notwithstanding this, certain ESG Fixed Income Securities (as further described in the section of the Prospectus entitled "ESG Fixed Income Securities") from excluded sectors, may be permitted, if the Investment Advisor determines such investments are aligned with the Fund's promotion of environmental and social characteristics.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

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

The companies in which investments are made follow good governance practices as determined by the Investment Advisor. The Investment Advisor assesses the governance practices of the Fund's investee companies by means of a proprietary and/or third party scoring system which considers how an investee company's governance compares to its peers in the industry. Factors considered by the Investment Advisor, include but are not limited to:

- 1. Board diversity;
- **2.** Legal or regulatory matters relating to the investee company (such as tax compliance); and

#### 3. Conduct and culture of the investee company.

As set out above, the Fund's screening process results in the exclusion of certain sectors, noting that the Investment Advisor refers to globally accepted norms such as the UN Global Compact Principles in relation to sound management practices, employee relations, and remuneration of staff.

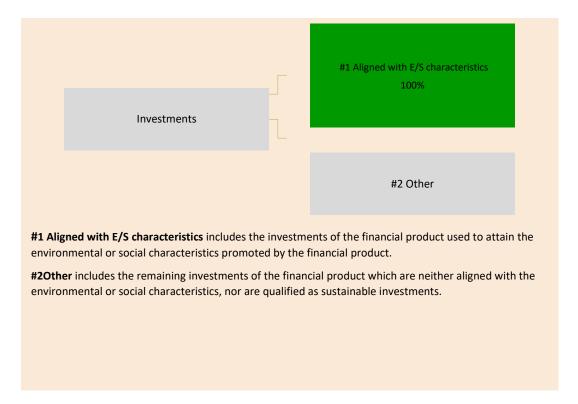
When the Investment Advisor is applying its policy to assess good governance practices, the Fund has the ability to retain securities from investee companies that the Investment Advisor deems to be in the best interests of the Fund and its Shareholders.



Asset allocation describes the share of

investments in specific assets.

#### What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?



As set out above, the Fund's exclusion strategy applies to 100% of its direct investments.

The Fund does not seek to invest in sustainable investments.

## How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

The Investment Advisor does not typically use derivatives for the purposes of promoting environmental or social characteristics. The Fund may use derivative instruments for other purposes as outlined in the Fund Supplement, including for example, for investment purposes and/or for hedging purposes.



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to 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

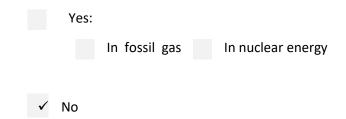
objective.

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

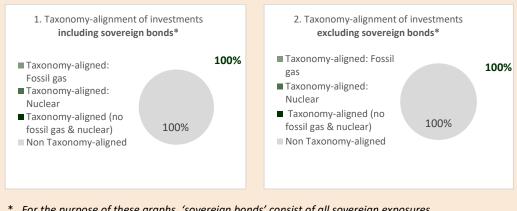
To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As shown in the graph below, the minimum share of investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities aligned with the EU Taxonomy is 0%.

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?



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 minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities is 0%.

What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

As set out above, the Fund's direct investments are screened against its exclusion strategy and the Fund's exclusion strategy applies to 100% of its direct investments (noting that minimum environmental or social safeguards are provided for such direct investments only and do not apply to indirect investments).



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