## **EQUITY**

SHARE CLASS A EUR AS OF DECEMBER 2019

# NORTHERN TRUST EUROPE CUSTOM ESG INDEX FGR FUND

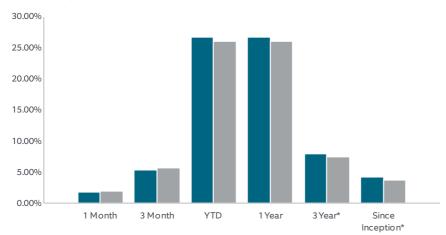
#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund seeks to closely match the risk and return of the MSCI Europe Custom ESG Index (Index). It is a custom Index calculated and screened by MSCI based on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria selected by Northern Trust which excludes certain companies not considered to meet socially responsible principles.



#### SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE % — IN EUR AS OF 31/12/19

- Northern Trust Europe Custom ESG Index FGR Fund
- MSCI Europe Custom ESG Ind (prior to 31.8.18 MSCI Europe Ind)



|             | 1 Month | 3 Month | YTD   | 1 Year | 3 Year* | Since<br>Inception* |
|-------------|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|---------------------|
| Share Class | 1.80    | 5.47    | 26.83 | 26.83  | 8.05    | 4.30                |
| Index       | 2.06    | 5.70    | 26.14 | 26.14  | 7.55    | 3.75                |

Performance is calculated from the inception of the share class. All data shown is net of fees. Please refer to the Fund prospectus for pricing information.

The unswung initial launch price has been used as the starting point for performance. Thereafter swung NAVs are used. Please note the above represents the performance that was achievable by eligible Dutch investors and includes income distributions gross of Dutch withholding tax because these investors receive a refund of the 15% Dutch withholding tax levied. Different investor types and investors from other jurisdictions may not be able to achieve the same level of performance due to their tax status and local tax rules.

# $12\,\mathrm{MONTH}\,\mathrm{PERFORMANCE}\,\mathrm{PERIODS}$ — TO LAST MONTH END

|             | 31/12/18-<br>31/12/19 | 31/12/17-<br>31/12/18 | 31/12/16-<br>31/12/17 | 31/12/15-<br>31/12/16 | 31/12/14-<br>31/12/15 | Calendar Year<br>2018 |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Share Class | 26.83                 | -10.09                | 10.61                 | 2.85                  | _                     | -10.09                |
| Index       | 26.14                 | -10.53                | 10.24                 | 2.58                  | _                     | -10.53                |

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Index performance returns do not reflect any advisory fees, transaction costs or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in any index.

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| FUND OVERVIEW              |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Domicile                   | Netherlands               |
| Legal Structure            | Fonds voor gemene         |
|                            | rekening (FGR)            |
| Regulatory Structure       | UCITS                     |
| Proxy Voting               | Yes                       |
| Distributions              | May and November          |
| Total Fund Assets          | €1.4 Billion              |
| Benchmark                  | MSCI Europe Custom        |
|                            | ESG Ind (prior to 31.8.18 |
|                            | MSCI Europe Ind)          |
| Fund Launch Date           | 11/03/15                  |
| Share Class Launch Date    | 11/03/15                  |
| Fund Base Currency         | EUR                       |
| Share Class Currency       | EUR                       |
| Bloomberg Ticker           | NTEEIAE                   |
| ISIN                       | NL0010948220              |
| Minimum Initial Investment | No Minimum                |
| Minimum Subsequent Investm | ent No Minimum            |
| Dealing Frequency          | Daily                     |
| Dealing Deadline           | 2:00pm Dutch Time on      |
| Dealing Deadline           | the Dealing Day           |
| Settlement                 | T+2                       |
| Portfolio Manager          | Team Managed              |
| OCF Share Class A**        | 0.12%                     |
| Securities Lending         | No                        |
| Swing Pricing              | Yes                       |
| Swing Friding              | 163                       |

\*\*The Ongoing Charges Figures are estimated and may vary from time

| FUND<br>CHARACTERISTICS                   | Fund     | Benchmark |
|---|----------|-----------|
| Forward EPS Growth (%)                    | 7.5      | 7.5       |
| Trailing 12-Month Price-to-Earnings Ratio | 17.0     | 17.0      |
| Weighted Average<br>Market Cap (€M)       | 17,982.7 | 17,992.1  |
| Price-to-Book Ratio                       | 1.8      | 1.8       |
| Dividend Yield*** (%)                     | 3.3      | 3.3       |
| Return on Equity (%)                      | 16.5     | 16.5      |
| Number of Holdings                        | 417      | 413       |

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Dividend yield is calculated at the fund level by Factset as a weighted average of the gross dividend yield of the stocks within the portfolio and index.

<sup>\*</sup> Performance shown annualized for periods greater than 1 year.

<sup>\*</sup> Assets under management as of September 30, 2019.

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| TOP HOLDINGS %                      | Fund |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Nestle S.A.                         | 3.9  |
| Roche Holding AG                    | 2.7  |
| HSBC Holdings Plc                   | 1.9  |
| SAP SE                              | 1.6  |
| Total SA                            | 1.6  |
| AstraZeneca PLC                     | 1.6  |
| LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE | 1.6  |
| BP p.l.c.                           | 1.5  |
| ASML Holding NV                     | 1.5  |
| GlaxoSmithKline plc                 | 1.4  |

| SECTOR                 |      |           |
|------------------------|------|-----------|
| ALLOCATION %           | Fund | Benchmark |
| Financials             | 20.3 | 20.3      |
| Consumer Staples       | 14.1 | 14.1      |
| Industrials            | 12.8 | 12.8      |
| Health Care            | 12.2 | 12.2      |
| Consumer Discretionary | 10.6 | 10.6      |
| Materials              | 7.3  | 7.3       |
| Information Technology | 6.8  | 6.8       |
| Communication Services | 4.9  | 4.9       |
| Utilities              | 4.7  | 4.7       |
| Energy                 | 4.7  | 4.7       |
| Real Estate            | 1.6  | 1.6       |

| TOP REGIONS/   |      |           |
|----------------|------|-----------|
| COUNTRIES %    | Fund | Benchmark |
| United Kingdom | 23.5 | 23.5      |
| France         | 18.5 | 18.6      |
| Switzerland    | 14.1 | 14.1      |
| Germany        | 13.4 | 13.4      |
| Netherlands    | 7.2  | 7.2       |
| Spain          | 5.1  | 5.1       |
| Sweden         | 4.7  | 4.7       |
| Italy          | 4.0  | 4.0       |
| Denmark        | 3.3  | 3.3       |
| Belgium        | 1.8  | 1.8       |

#### MATERIAL RISKS

The following risks are material in addition to the risks captured by the risk indicator overleaf: Exchange Rate Risk - Investments in other countries are affected by exchange rate risk, where the currencies may fluctuate in value. Credit Risk - A borrower or a counterparty may fail to repay or otherwise fail to meet contractual obligations to the Fund. Liquidity Risk - The inability to sell investments quickly may result in failure to return funds to investors on a timely basis. Investment Risk - The Fund may not achieve its investment objective. An investment in any fund involves investment risks including possible loss of the amount invested. Futures and Options Risk - In case of failure or bankruptcy of the broker, there is no guarantee that the collateral held will be returned to the Fund. Valuation Risk- A position in the Fund may be valued incorrectly, as some prices may be uncertain at a point in time.



#### ADVOCACY DATA

Engagement by Theme

TOTAL COMPANIES 117

TOTAL **ENGAGEMENTS** 254

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Governance

Strategy, Risk and Communication

19% 49% 16% 14% For more detailed information on our engagement, please read our quarterly engagement report at northerntrust.com/engagement. Engagement undertaken by Hermes EOS on behalf of

#### **ESG EXCLUSIONS ON BASE INDEX**

Number of securities excluded in the fund index when compared to the standard benchmark.

| ESG Screen        | # of Securities | % of Market Capitalization |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Thermal Coal      | 3               | 1.0                        |
| Tobacco           | 4               | 1.3                        |
| UN Global Compact | 8               | 6.5                        |
| Weapons           | 11              | 2.6                        |
| Governance        | 0               | 0.0                        |
| Combined Basket   | 26              | 11.4                       |

#### CARBON DATA METRICS

Carbon footprint of the index constituents versus parent index



The index methodology on which the fund is based does not assume carbon overlay; therefore carbon reduction may or may not be seen, depending on other factors.

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