

Statement on principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors

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Summary

VR-Bank Westmünsterland eG has systematically taken into account the principal adverse impacts of its investment decisions on sustainability factors as part of its activities as a financial market participant for fund financial portfolio management since July 2022. This statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors relates to the reference period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

The consideration of adverse impacts on sustainability factors ("Principal Adverse Impact" or "PAI") through investment decisions in the context of fund asset management is carried out for the categories of greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity, water, waste as well as social issues and employee concerns. The adverse effects are measured using sustainability indicators. VR-Bank Westmünsterland uses data from the external data provider MSCI ESG Research LLC for this purpose. A relative approach is taken when determining and weighting the adverse effects. In addition, the application of so-called minimum exclusions is essential for a large number of financial products. This means that individual financial products may not contain certain insufficiently sustainable securities or may only contain them up to a fixed limit. This ensures that these financial products only (co-)finance insufficiently sustainable activities to a small extent. In this way, sustainability risks and negative impacts on sustainability factors are further minimised. When defining the exclusion criteria, VR-Bank Westmünsterland follows the standard of minimum exclusions of the Bundesverband Investment und Asset Management e. V. at the overall portfolio level. The strategies for determining and weighting are continuously reviewed on the basis of the available data. VR-Bank does not pursue an active participation policy, as it is purely a fund asset management company and the scope for influencing corporate policy is correspondingly limited. VR-Bank bases its investment decisions on internationally recognised standards such as the UN Global Compact and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

Amendment history

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