

## Hauck & Aufhäuser Fund Services S.A.

# Storm Fund II - Storm Bond Fund ("Fund")

Sustainability-related disclosures according to Article 24 of the Delegated Act (EU) 2022/1288

### **Summary**

Please refer to the standardized 2 pager summary <u>www.hal-privatbank.com/asset-servicing/fondsportal</u>

### I. No sustainable investment objective

This Fund promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

## II. Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The Fund will invest at least 60% of the net asset value in bonds and shares issued by companies that are focused to contribute to the Fund's promoted environmental and social characteristics in line with the Fund's defined environmental, social and governance (hereinafter "ESG") investment strategy.

## III. Investment strategy

The fund manager's investment strategy consists of five key principles:

- Focus on quality and fundamentals in the Nordic credit market
- ESG integration
- Shorter maturity
- Limited interest rate sensitivity
- Selective, but diversified portfolio of corporate high yield bonds

The investment process consists of the following stages:

- Screening the market
- Identifying investment ideas
- Detailed company analysis with ESG considerations
- Portfolio construction
- Monitoring

The fund manager attains the promoted ESG characteristics by taking into account negative screening (exclusions) and positive screening (ESG rating) for investments that are to be assessed as "#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics".

The Fund has incorporated governance considerations as an essential feature into the assessment of ESG ratings which includes an analysis of factors such as anti-corruption, ownership, tax compliance and company domicile. Companies that are aligned with the

promoted environmental and social characteristics ("#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics", see asset allocation below) are required to comply with SBF's good governance practices.

# IV. Proportion of investments

The Fund will (at least 60% of the net asset value) hold investments that contribute to the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics.

The Fund is neither pursuing sustainable investments in accordance with article 2 (17) SFDR nor considering the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities as defined under the EU Taxonomy Regulation in its investment decisions.



### V. Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The portfolio manager has defined sustainability indicators and good governance standards that is determining the selection of the investments that contribute to the promoted environmental and social characteristics. Therefore exclusion criteria were defined for the fund. In addition, the majority of the assets must have a corresponding minimum ESG rating.

The Management Company has established investment restrictions that are independently assessing, on a daily basis, the compliance of the Fund with the defined criteria.

## VI. Methodologies for environmental or social characteristics

In order to assess the suitability of investments in relation to the contribution of the environmental and social characteristics promoted, the Fund seeks to use a selection of sustainability indicators for the choice of investments.

The Fund has defined the following binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the promoted environmental and social characteristics.

### 1) Negative screening

At least 70% of the Fund's investments (invested companies) need to respect the exclusion criteria detailed below. An exclusion criterion is applicable if an investment does not comply with the respective limit on revenue derived from products and services involving the following sectors:

Exclusion criteria	Limit
Corporate issuers	
Controversial weapons (e.g. Cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, Chemical and biological weapons, nuclear weapons)	0%
Tobacco	≤ 5%

Exclusion criteria	Limit
Corporate issuers	
Pornography	≤ 5%
Coal extraction	≤ 5%
Extraction of oil sands	≤ 5%
Power production on coal	≤ 5%
Gambling	≤ 5%

#### 2) Positive screening

A second stage includes an assessment via an ESG rating methodology that is combining ESG risk assessment results from different independent ESG data providers to ensure the coverage of the Fund contributing to the environmental and social characteristics promoted.

The Fund ESG Score is assessing each company on a scale from 0-100 and is providing an ESG risk assessment per company based on data providers' assessments on defined environmental, social and governance factors of the respective company. The lower the score the more ESG risk is associated with a company.

The minimum Fund ESG Score of 33 needs to be reached by at least 70% of the Fund's net asset value.

Companies which are to be accounted for as aligned with the promoted environmental and social characteristics ("#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics", see asset allocation below) are required to have a minimum Fund ESG Score of 33 and respect the exclusion criteria set out in section 1).

At least 60% of the net asset value of the Fund is required to respect the combination of negative screening criteria as part of Fund's exclusion strategy and positive screening criteria in form of respecting a minimum ESG rating.

### VII. Data sources and processing

The Fund is combining ESG risk assessment results from different independent ESG data providers to ensure the coverage of the investable universe contributing to the promoted environmental and social characteristics.

The data providers are each basing their assessments on defined environmental, social and governance factors on publicly available information of the respective company and providing an ESG risk assessment per company. For each ESG data provider in a first instance a minimum ESG risk scoring based on the data provider's specific ESG methodology is defined. Based on a proprietary conversion methodology of the fund manager, the ESG risk scores are translated into the Fund's ESG Score prepared by the independent ESG data provider SustainAX that is assessing each company on a scale from 0 – 100. The lower the score the more ESG risk is associated with a company.

The Management Company has performed an initial due diligence on SustainAX during its onboarding and has defined periodic updates of this due diligence.

Data processing between the Management Company, the fund manager and SustainAX is ensured via a defined interface.

No data that is used for the investments that are contributing to the environmental and social characteristics is estimated.

# VIII. Limitations to methodologies and data

At present there is still a lack of data/information reported by the companies in which investments are made. This is mainly due to the relatively new granularity of the disclosure requirement.

## IX. Due Diligence

A thorough due diligence of all assets, including ESG aspects, is an integral part of the investment process. During the due diligence process, all relevant ESG aspects and indicators are checked and it is ensured that they are in line with the applicable investment restrictions as set out in the fund's prospectus.

# X. Engagement

No specific engagement policies have been designated for the Fund.

# XI. Designated reference benchmark

No specific reference benchmark has been designated for the Fund.

Additional information can be found in the currently valid sales prospectus together with the appendix with the pre-contractual information.