Sustainable
investment means
an investment in an
economic activity
that contributes to
an environmental or
social objective,
provided that the
investment does not
significantly harm
any environmental or
social objective and
that the investee
companies follow
good governance

practices.

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 include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Segregated Account 26

Legal entity identifier:

### Environmental and/or social characteristics





# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Portfolio commits to promote environmental and social characteristics by favouring investment in issuers whose business activities and/or conduct take an appropriate and responsible approach to ESG. This is achieved by implementing environmental, social and governance (ESG) integration (via the assessment of issuers based on a proprietary ESG risk rating methodology and setting a minimum threshold for investment eligibility of an issuer, as described in the pre-contractual disclosure), ESG engagement (where appropriate to ensure the issuers continues to meet the required environmental and/or social characteristics being promoted) and ESG screening (by excluding issuers from investment due to their involvement in controversial activities and/or poor ESG conduct). More product-specific information can be found on the website: <a href="https://www.rbcbluebay.com/en/institutional/what-we-do/funds/sustainability-related-disclosures/">https://www.rbcbluebay.com/en/institutional/what-we-do/funds/sustainability-related-disclosures/</a>.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  This figure relates to portfolio taxonomy alignment using the turnover basis. Report publication date: 04/03/25

During the period, the Portfolio met this commitment by investing only in issuers that were deemed to have an appropriate and responsible approach to environmental, social, and governance characteristics when assessed according to the above ESG framework.

### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, 97.56% of the Portfolio's total assets were invested in fixed income securities aligned with the E/S characteristics promoted by the Portfolio ("In Scope Securities").

The sustainability indicators used to assess, measure and monitor the ESG characteristics of the Portfolio are as follows:

- I. 100% of In Scope Securities are covered by the Investment Manager's ESG evaluation.
- II. 100% of in scope securities are compliant and not in active breach of the client's Restricted List and the Cannabis Restricted List as detailed in the Investment Management Agreement.
- 13.34% of in scope securities is invested in ESG-labelled issuances (i.e use of proceeds bonds).
- 62.29 is the carbon emissions performance of in scope securities as measured by the Weighted-Average Carbon Intensity.

### ...and compared to previous periods?

Not applicable

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable, the Portfolio does not claim to make investments with a sustainable objective in the SFDR pre-contractual disclosure.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable, the Sub-Fund does not claim to make investments with a sustainable objective in the SFDR pre-contractual disclosure.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable, the Sub-Fund does not claim to make investments with a sustainable objective in the SFDR pre-contractual disclosure.

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 of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable, the Sub-Fund does not claim to make investments with a sustainable objective in the SFDR pre-contractual disclosure.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



# How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

### PAI indicators considered by the Portfolio during the reporting year:

	Adverse sustainability indicator	Metric	Impact	Explanation
	ENVIRONMENT	ΓAL		
CORPORATE	GHG Emissions	Scope 1 GHG emissions [tCO <sub>2</sub> e]	14,897.3	The Sub-Fund considers scope 1, 2, 3 and total GHG emissions, carbon footprint, and GHG intensity PAI metrics. The consideration is by escalation with investee companies with high levels of scope 1 GHG emissions, scope 2 GHG emissions, estimate scope 3 GHG
		Scope 2 GHG emissions [tCO <sub>2</sub> e]	3,299.9	emissions, and total GHG emissions relative to companies operating in the same NACE sector and regional market (developed/emerging, as defined by the World Bank). Escalations can take the form of additional due diligence, engagement, collaborative initiatives, and/or
		Scope 3 GHG emissions [tCO <sub>2</sub> e]	137,337.1	exit, as determined by the Investment Manager. Monitoring evaluation of escalation actions and their outcoms are taken account in terms of the ongoing eligibility of the investee compar and/or investment positioning.
	Carbon footprint	Carbon footprint [tCO <sub>2</sub> e per EUR million invested]	367.3	During the reference period, the Investment Manager had access to carbon related data on investee companies, and enabled portfolio – level analytics and tools sourced from the third party vendor. These
	GHG intensity of investee companies	GHG intensity of investee companies [tCO <sub>2</sub> e / EUR million sales]	727.1	were used to support assessment of climate-related practices of investee companies within the Sub-Fund, and inform on the identification of areas for potential research, due diligence, engagement, as determined by the Investment Manager.  Where relevant, feasible and in-line with the investment objective, the Investment Manager conducts engagement with investee companies on climate-related matters, either to inform and/or to promote better practices, which range from encouraging enhanced disclosure, to better mitigation of GHG emissions.

Adverse sustainability indicator	Metric	Impact	Explanation
Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives	Share of investments in investee companies without carbon reduction initiatives aimed at aligning with the Paris Agreement [% portfolio weight]	35.4%	The Sub-Fund considers this PAI metric by taking escalation actions with investee companies in high impact sectors (in NACE sector code of A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, or L) without carbon emissions reduction initiatives aimed at aliging to the Paris Agreemenmt. Escalations can take the form of additional due diligence, engagement, proxy voting, collaborative initiatives, and/or exit, as determined by the Investment Manager. Monitoring and evaluation of escalation actions and their outcomes will be taken into account in terms of the ongoing eligibility of the investee companies, and/or investment Manager had access to carbon related data on investee companies, and enabled portfolio level analytics and tools sourced from the third party vendor. These were used to support assessment of climate-related practices of investee companies within the Sub-Fund, and inform on the identification of areas for potential research, due diligence, engagement, as determined by the Investment Manager.  relevant, feasible and in-line with the investment objective, the Investment Manager conducts engagement with investee companies on climate-related matters. Engagement is prioritized based on the extent to which investee companies in high impact sectors (in NACE sector code of A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, or L) are without carbon emissions reduction initiatives where these are considered material.
Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector [% portfolio weight]	11.4%	The Sub-Fund considers this PAI metric by escalating with investee companies that are active in the fossil fuel related sector depending on the emissions profile of their business activities depending on a specific type of involvement. Escalations can take the form of additional due diligence, engagement, collaborative initiatives, and/or exit, as determined by the Investment Manager. Monitoring and evaluation of escalation actions and their outcomes will be taken into account in terms of the ongoing eligibility of the investee companies, and/or investment positioning.  Where relevant, feasible and in-line with the investment objective, the Investment Manager conducts engagement with investee companies on climate-related matters where they fall into these sectors.
SOCIAL			
Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons, and biological weapons)	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons [% portfolio weight]	0.0%	The Sub-Fund minimises this PAI metric by excluding investee companies with exposure to controversial weapons within (focus on manufacturing), and beyond the scope of the PAI (by including other controversial weapons like nuclear).  During the reference period, the Investment Manager had access to data on investee companies and their statuses with regards to controversial weapons inovlvement, sourced from the third party vendor. These are used to support assessment of involvement of investee companies within the Sub-Fund.

Adverse sustainability indicator	Metric	Impact	Explanation
Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinationals	Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises [% portfolio weight]	0.0%	Where relevant, feasible and in-line with the investment objective, the Investment Manager conducts engagement with investee companies based on the extent to which the investee companies faced meaningful ESG controversies or may be potentially in scope of being in violation of norms such as the UN Global Compact.
	Share of investments in entities without policies on anti-corruption and anti-bribery consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption [% portfolio weight]		The Sub-Fund considers this PAI metric by taking escalation actions with investee companies that do not have anti-corruption and anti-bribery policies. Escalations can take the form of additional due diligence, engagement, collaborative initiatives, and/or exit, as determined by the Investment Manager. Monitoring and evaluation of escalation actions and their outcomes will be taken into account in terms of the ongoing eligibility of the investee companies, and/or investment positioning.
Lack of anti- corruption and anti-bribery policies		During the reference period, the Investment Manager had access to data on investee companies bribery and corruption practices, sourced from the third party vendor. These are used to support assessment of the performance of investee companies on these parameters within the Sub-Fund, and inform on the identification of areas for potential research, due diligence, engagement, as determined by the Investment Manager.	
		Where relevant, feasible and in-line with the investment objective, the Investment Manager conducts engagement with investee companies based on the extent to which lacking such policies can be linked to ESG performance issues.	

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The Investment Manager monitors and evaluates the PAI indicators and metrics indicated. Because reporting on many PAI indicators is currently voluntary for many issuers, the availability of data on some indicators is limited. Therefore, the integration of PAI indicators is conducted on a best-efforts basis. In addition, some assets may be excluded from the calculation of PAI indicators due to, but not limited to, limitations in data availability and/or inapplicability of methodologies to certain asset types. Other securities may not be included where there are gaps in data or methodological challenges that cannot be addressed at this time. As data availability improves, it is expected that PAI indicators will cover a greater portion of the Portfolio's investable universe and therefore allow for better insight in the adverse impacts caused by investee entities. Further information is available upon request.



### What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
Toyota Motor Credit Corp	Automobiles & Components	1.35%	United States
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe	Sovereign	1.32%	Germany
UBS Group AG	Financial Services	1.12%	Switzerland
Autostrade per l'Italia SpA	Transportation	0.95%	Italy
FLUVIUS System Operator CV	Utilities	0.88%	Belgium
Upjohn Finance BV	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	0.87%	United States
BPCE SA	Banks	0.87%	France
UBS Group AG	Financial Services	0.87%	Switzerland
BNP Paribas SA	Banks	0.84%	France
CaixaBank SA	Banks	0.82%	Spain
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe	Sovereign	0.80%	Germany
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel SA	Banks	0.77%	France
Vestas Wind Systems A/S	Capital Goods	0.77%	Denmark
HSBC Holdings PLC	Banks	0.75%	United Kingdom
National Grid North America Inc	Utilities	0.74%	United States

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. This data has been compiled based on investment holding weights on the last business of each month and averaged for the reference period. Classification of securities including sector and country are determined as at the last day of the reference period.



### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Portfolio invested 100% of its NAV (excluding cash, cash equivalents, hedging instruments or other securities not designed to provide equity exposure) in companies aligned with the E/S characteristics promoted by the Portfolio (#1).

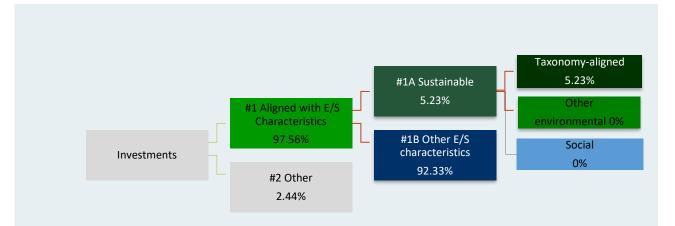
Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

### What was the asset allocation?

97.56% was invested in instruments aligned with the E/S characteristics of the Portfolio (#1).

5.23% was invested in taxonomy-aligned instruments. These investments were coincidental. The Sub-Fund did not have as its objective a sustainable investment.<sup>2</sup>

2.44% was held in cash, cash equivalents, short-term bank certificates and Money Market Instruments used for the purposes of capital preservation and which do not follow any minimum environmental or social safeguards (#2).



**#1Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers environmentally and socially sustainable investments.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Sector	Sub sectors	Proportion (%)
Communication Services	Media & Entertainment	3.60%
Communication Services	Telecommunication Services	3.42%
Consumer Discretionary	Automobiles & Components	6.42%
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	1.82%
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Durables & Apparel	0.10%
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Services	0.29%
Consumer Staples	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	1.01%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This figure relates to portfolio taxonomy alignment using the turnover basis.

Energy	Energy	3.15%
Financials	Banks	25.51%
Financials	Commercial & Professional Services	0.49%
Financials	Financial Services	6.51%
Financials	Health Care Equipment & Services	0.33%
Financials	Insurance	1.78%
Health Care	Health Care Equipment & Services	2.86%
Health Care	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	4.91%
Industrials	Capital Goods	2.54%
Industrials	Commercial & Professional Services	2.10%
Industrials	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	0.23%
Industrials	Consumer Services	0.30%
Industrials	Transportation	3.81%
Information Technology	Financial Services	0.51%
Information Technology	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	0.47%
Information Technology	Software & Services	0.01%
Materials	Materials	2.10%
Real Estate	Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	2.00%
Real Estate	Real Estate Management & Development	2.40%
Sovereign	Sovereign	5.44%
Utilities	Commercial & Professional Services	0.15%
Utilities	Energy	0.50%
Utilities	Utilities	12.79%
Derivatives	Derivatives	-0.47%
Cash	Cash	2.92%
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As of 31st December 2024. This data has been compiled based on sector weights on the last business day of each month and averaged for the reference period

As at 31st December 2024, the proportion involved in sectors and sub-sectors of the economy that derive revenues from exploration, mining, extraction, production, processing, storage, refining or distribution, including transportation, storage and trade, of fossil fuels was 11.4%.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully 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 yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

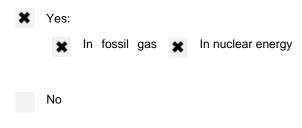


### To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

	Turnover	CapEx	OpEx
Climate Change Mitigation	5.27%	5.82%	4.71%
Climate Change Adaptation	0.75%	0.03%	0.10%
Sustainable Use and Protection of Water and Marine Resources	0.07%	-	-
Transition to a circular economy	-	-	1
Pollution Prevention and Control	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%
Protection and Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystems	-	-	-
Total Alignment	5.23%	5.87%	4.85%

As of 31st December 2024. In some cases, underlying component metrics may not equal totals due to timing of data collection and updates by third-party vendor. What is presented here is exclusively sourced from third-party vendor. Further information is available upon request

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>3</sup>?

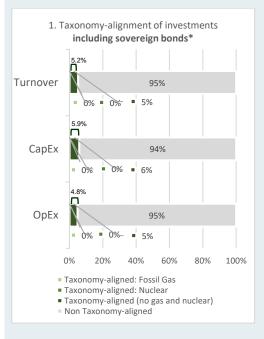


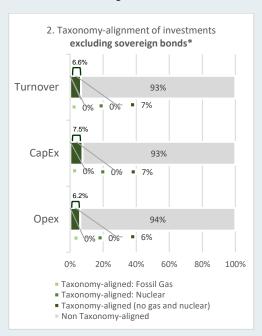
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover
   reflecting the
   share of revenue
   from green
   activities of
   investee
   companies.
- capital
  expenditure
  (CapEx) showing
  the green
  investments made
  by investee
  companies, e.g. for
  a transition to a
  green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were 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.





<sup>\*</sup>For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

#### What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

#### **Transitional activities**

	Turnover	CapEx	OpEx
Climate Change Mitigation	1.18%	0.80%	0.96%
Climate Change Adaptation	0.59%	-	-
Total Alignment	1.24%	0.80%	0.96%

#### **Enabling activities**

	Turnover	CapEx	OpEx
Climate Change Mitigation	2.75%	2.69%	2.47%
Climate Change Adaptation	0.60%	0.03%	0.10%
Sustainable Use and Protection of Water and Marine Resources	0.06%	-	-
Transition to a circular economy	-	-	-
Pollution Prevention and Control	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%
Protection and Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystems	-	-	-
Total Alignment	2.86%	2.73%	2.61%

As of 31st December 2024.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable



Sustainable investments with an

environmental

sustainable

objective that **do not take into** 

account the criteria for environmentally

economic activities

under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

### What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable, the Sub-Fund does not claim to make investments with a sustainable objective in the SFDR pre-contractual disclosure.

The Sub-Fund does not have an environmental sustainable investements framework that is not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



### What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable, he Sub-Fund does not claim to make investments with a sustainable objective in the SFDR pre-contractual disclosure.

The Sub-Fund does not have a social sustainable investements framework.



### What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The Portfolio held certain instruments which do not contribute directly to the E/S characteristics promoted by the Portfolio such as Cash, short-term bank certificates and Money Market Instruments.

Such instruments were used for the purposes of capital preservation and do not follow any minimum environmental or social safeguards.



## What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

In line with the ESG screening process, investment restrictions were implemented and revised as part of the regular cycle of updates. Whilst not binding, ESG engagement with issuers and other key stakeholders on environmental and/or social issues occurred and prioritized using a risk-based approach. During the reference period the Investment Manager conducted various engagement activities to either better understand the management of specific ESG risks, or to encourage improved ESG management practices to mitigate such risks.



#### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

- How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?
  Not applicable.
- How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?
  Not applicable
- How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable

- How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?
  Not applicable
- How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?`
  Not applicable

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.-