

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 9

Legal entity identifier:

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with a social objective: ___%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 0.00% ¹ of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective <input type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



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

During the period, the Portfolio invested only in companies that were deemed to have positive environmental, social, and governance characteristics when assessed according to a proprietary ESG assessment process (as described in the pre-contractual disclosure). More product specific information can be found on the website: <https://www.rbcbbluebay.com/en/institutional/what-we-do/funds/sustainability-related-disclosures/>.

In addition, the Portfolio excluded issuers included in the ESG exclusion list provided by the Client.

¹ This figure relates to portfolio taxonomy alignment using the turnover basis. Whilst the figure of 0.00% is shown here, there were taxonomy-aligned investments, but this is not visible with only two decimal places.
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Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

● **How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

The sustainability indicators of the Portfolio are:

1. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating of less than 70;
 - 0%
2. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating between 70-74;
 - 0%
3. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating between 75-79;
 - 0%
4. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating between 80-84;
 - 23.33%
5. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating between 85-89;
 - 42.18%
6. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating greater than 89.
 - 32.08%
7. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV that are included in the ESG exclusion list
 - 0%
8. The weighted average ESG score (MSCI Factor: Industry_Adjusted_Score) of the Portfolio and that of the benchmark:
 - Portfolio – 7.00
 - Benchmark – 5.66
9. The weighted average carbon intensity (WACI) Scopes 1 & 2 (by EVIC) of the portfolio and that of the benchmark:
 - Portfolio – 18.09 tCO₂ / \$m (EVIC)
 - Benchmark – 63.33 tCO₂ / \$m (EVIC)

The investment manager considers a rating of above 70 to indicate companies with high quality ESG practices.

● **...and compared to previous periods?**

1. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating of less than 70;
 - 0%
2. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating between 70-74;
 - 0%
3. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating between 75-79;
 - 3.9%
4. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating between 80-84;
 - 17.0%
5. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating between 85-89;
 - 44.7%

6. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV in investee companies with an ESG rating greater than 89.
 - 23.8%
7. The percentage of the Portfolio's NAV that are included in the ESG exclusion list
 - 0%

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.

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.

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, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.



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
ENVIRONMENTAL			
GHG Emissions	Scope 1 GHG emissions [tCO ₂ e]	1,178.0	The Portfolio considered the environmental PAI indicators and metrics (left) as part of its ESG integration activities. The Portfolio reviewed metrics including GHG emissions, carbon footprint, GHG intensity, and other environmental PAI indicated as part of its fundamental active management process and also through the use of internal, quarterly dashboards, which include portfolio and benchmark data to allow for analysis and comparison at the portfolio and underlying securities levels.
	Scope 2 GHG emissions [tCO ₂ e]	3,122.8	
Carbon footprint	Carbon footprint [tCO ₂ e per EUR million invested]	178.8	
GHG intensity of investee companies	GHG intensity of investee companies [tCO ₂ e / EUR million sales]	576.5	
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]	66.9%	
Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector [% portfolio weight]	3.3%	
SOCIAL			
Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel 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 Portfolio considered exposure to controversial weapons by applying an exclusionary screen using third party vendor data.
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%	The Portfolio considered violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinationals as part of its ESG integration process.

Adverse sustainability indicator	Metric	Impact	Explanation
Board gender diversity	Average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies, expressed as a percentage of all board members [% female directors on board]	26.5%	The Portfolio considered board gender diversity as part of ESG integration process. The Portfolio considered whether issuers met regional gender diversity norms. Additionally, the Portfolio considered board gender diversity in proxy voting activities, as outlined in the RBC GAM Proxy Voting Guidelines. These guidelines and our proxy voting records are publicly available on our website.
Lack of anti-corruption and anti-bribery policies	Share of investments in entities without policies on anti-corruption and anti-bribery consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption [% portfolio weight]	0.0%	The Portfolio considered lack of anti-corruption and anti-bribery policies as part of its ESG integration process. The Portfolio considered whether the issuer failed to meet appropriate anti-corruption standards as part of its fundamental active management process.

As of 31st 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
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	8.78	Taiwan
HDFC Bank Ltd	Banks	5.17	India
Naspers Ltd	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	5.12	South Africa
Infosys Ltd	Software & Services	4.46	India
Antofagasta PLC	Materials	4.21	United Kingdom
Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd	Automobiles & Components	3.77	India
Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV - ADR	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	3.30	Mexico
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	3.22	China
SK Hynix Inc	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	3.17	South Korea
AIA Group Ltd	Insurance	2.89	Hong Kong
Axis Bank Ltd	Banks	2.49	India
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd - Preferred Shares	Technology Hardware & Equipment	2.47	South Korea
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd	Financial Services	2.30	Hong Kong
Raia Drogasil SA	Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	2.28	Brazil
Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	2.27	India

As of 31st 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?

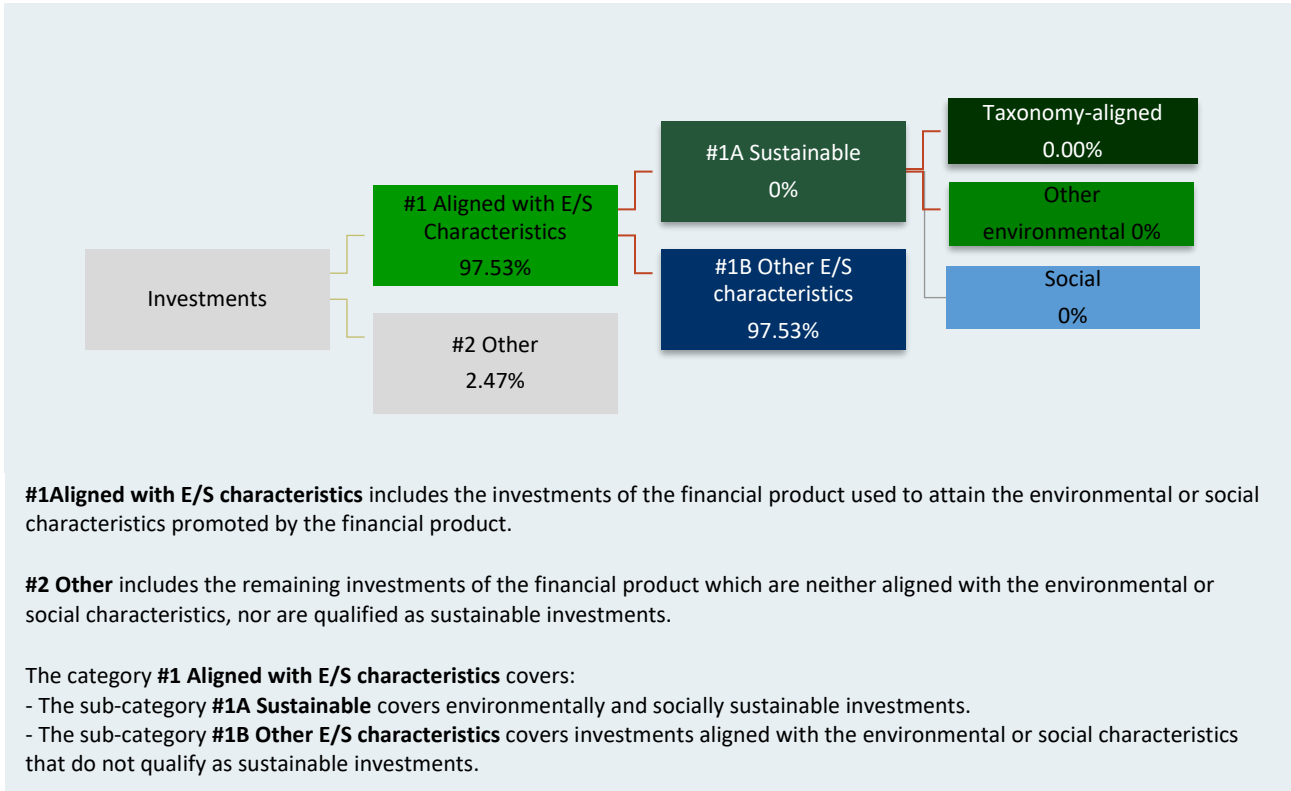
The Portfolio invested 100.00% of its NAV (excluding cash, cash equivalents, hedging instruments or other securities not designed to provide equity exposure) in companies aligned with the E/S characteristics promoted by the Portfolio (#1).

● **What was the asset allocation?**

97.53% was invested in instruments aligned with the E/S characteristics of the Portfolio

0.00% was invested in taxonomy-aligned instruments. These investments were coincidental. The Sub-Fund did not have as its objective a sustainable investment.²

2.47% was held in cash, cash equivalents, hedging instruments and/or other securities not designed to provide equity exposure.



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● ***In which economic sectors were the investments made?***

Sector	Sub sectors	Proportion (%)
Materials	Materials	4.21
Industrials	Capital Goods	5.28
Consumer Discretionary	Automobiles & Components	3.77
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Durables & Apparel	1.63
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Services	2.49
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	9.38
Consumer Staples	Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	5.90
Consumer Staples	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	5.87
Health Care	Health Care Equipment & Services	1.03
Health Care	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	3.26
Financials	Banks	14.82
Financials	Financial Services	4.22
Financials	Insurance	8.43
Information Technology	Software & Services	4.46
Information Technology	Technology Hardware & Equipment	6.65
Information Technology	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	13.10
Communication Services	Telecommunication Services	0.86
Communication Services	Media & Entertainment	0.66
Real Estate	Real Estate Management & Development	1.52
Spot / Settlements	Spot / Settlements	2.47

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 3.3%



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

	Turnover	CapEx	OpEx
Climate Change Mitigation	0.00%	0.00%	-
Climate Change Adaptation	-	-	-
Sustainable Use and Protection of Water and Marine Resources	-	-	-
Transition to a circular economy	-	-	-
Pollution Prevention and Control	-	-	-
Protection and Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystems	-	-	-
Total Alignment	0.00%	0.00%	-

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 Taxonomy³?

Yes:

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

No

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.

³ 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.



***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	-	-	-
Climate Change Adaptation	-	-	-
Total Alignment	-	-	-

Enabling activities

	Turnover	CapEx	OpEx
Climate Change Mitigation	-	-	-
Climate Change Adaptation	-	-	-
Sustainable Use and Protection of Water and Marine Resources	-	-	-
Transition to a circular economy	-	-	-
Pollution Prevention and Control	-	-	-
Protection and Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystems	-	-	-
Total Alignment	-	-	-

As of 31st December 2024.

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

	Turnover	CapEx	OpEx
Climate Change Mitigation	-	-	-
Climate Change Adaptation	-	-	-
Sustainable Use and Protection of Water and Marine Resources	-	-	-
Transition to a circular economy	-	-	-
Pollution Prevention and Control	-	-	-
Protection and Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystems	-	-	-
Total Alignment	-	-	-

The figures presented in this table are as of 31st December 2023.



Sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable 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 investments framework that is not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

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 a social sustainable investments framework.



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

The Portfolio held cash, cash equivalents, hedging instruments and/or other securities not designed to provide equity exposure, which are included under “other”. Their purpose was to provide liquidity and/or for hedging. These instruments have no environmental or social characteristics, therefore no safeguards were required.



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 as no reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Portfolio.

Please note that the client’s custom benchmark is used to compare certain environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Portfolio, based on the Client’s exclusion list.

- **How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?**

Not applicable.

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Not applicable.

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

- ***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.