

# BNP Paribas Funds

Luxembourg SICAV – UCITS category (the “Company”)  
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## Notice to shareholders

Luxembourg, 6 May 2025,

Dear Shareholders,

We hereby inform you of the following changes that will be incorporated in the next version of the prospectus to be dated May 2025 (the “**Prospectus**”) and will be effective on 21 May 2025, unless other indicated below.

### **Registered office of the Company and its management company**

The registered office of the Company and of BNP Paribas Asset Management Luxembourg, the management company of the Company, will move from 10, rue Edward Steichen, L-2540 Luxembourg to 60, avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg on 21 May 2025.

### **ESMA Guidelines on funds’ names using ESG or sustainability-related terms**

The European Securities and Markets Authority published Guidelines on funds’ names using ESG or sustainability-related terms (the “Guidelines”) on 21 August 2024. The Guidelines have been implemented into the Luxembourg regulatory framework by a circular issued by the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the Luxembourg supervisory authority) on 21 October 2024. The purpose of the Guidelines is to specify new requirements for sub-funds using in their name certain specific terms in relation to environmental, social or governance criteria or linked to the sustainability. For existing sub-funds falling into the scope of the Guidelines, the latter will be applicable as from 21 May 2025.

There are currently 38 sub-funds in the Company that fall in scope of the Guidelines due to their names. All these sub-funds will maintain their level of ambition in terms of sustainability characteristics and criteria, and will make the relevant adaptation to implement the new ESMA rules. There are three types of adaptation scenarios for the Guidelines:

1. Sub-funds that keep their names and apply the relevant exclusions
2. Sub-funds that keep their names, apply the relevant exclusions and increase their minimum commitments
3. Sub-funds that adapt their names on another ESMA-regulated term to more accurately reflect their sustainability strategy in light of the new ESMA rules

These Guidelines will trigger the following changes in the Prospectus:

1. Sub-funds keeping their names and applying ESMA exclusions
  - Aqua
  - Climate Change



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- Ecosystem Restoration
- Global Environment
- SMaRT Food
- Sustainable Asian Cities Bond
- Sustainable Euro Corporate Bond
- Sustainable Europe Multi-Factor Equity
- Sustainable Global Corporate Bond

It will also be indicated in the precontractual templates enclosed in Book III of the Prospectus that will be excluded from the investment universe securities of companies violating international legal provisions, exposed to tobacco and controversial weapons as well as companies active in sectors that might negatively impact the climate in accordance with article 12.1 (a-g) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 of 17 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards minimum standards for EUR Climate Transition Benchmarks and EU Paris-aligned Benchmarks. Details on the applicability of these exclusions, depending on the asset classes are available at the following website address: <https://docfinder.bnpparibas-am.com/api/files/2895a45a-bb7a-44f6-8e48-990be2616498/> ("PAB" exclusions).

These criteria will strengthen those already applied at each sub-fund's level.

2. Sub-funds that keep their names, apply the relevant exclusions and increase their minimum commitments

The minimum proportion of sustainable investments of the sub-funds mentioned hereinafter will be increased as follows:

Sub-fund	Current percentage of sustainable investments	New percentage of sustainable investments
Sustainable Euro Multi-Factor Corporate Bond	37%	50%
Sustainable Europe Dividend	45%	50%
Sustainable Europe Value	35%	50%
Sustainable Global Low Vol Equity	40%	50%
Sustainable Global Multi-Factor Equity	40%	50%
Sustainable Multi-Asset Balanced	35%	50%
Sustainable Multi-Asset Growth	35%	50%
Sustainable Multi-Asset Stability	35%	50%

In addition, the minimum commitment of investments aligned with Environmental or Social characteristics will be increased to 80% for the following sub-funds:

- Environmental Absolute Return Thematic Equity (EARTH)
- Sustainable Multi-Asset Stability
- Sustainable Multi-Asset Balanced
- Sustainable Multi-Asset Growth

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These criteria will strengthen those already applied at each sub-fund's level.

### 3. Name adaptation

The name of the following sub-funds will be amended as follows:

Sub-fund current name	Sub-fund new name
Energy Transition	Clean Energy Solutions
Sustainable Global Multi-Factor High Yield Bond	Responsible Global Multi-Factor High Yield Bond
Sustainable US Multi-Factor Equity	Responsible US Multi-Factor Equity
Sustainable US Value Multi-Factor Equity	Responsible US Value Multi-Factor Equity

As regards the sub-fund Energy Transition (to be renamed Clean Energy Solutions), the change of name aims also to better reflect the nature of the investment strategy which focuses solely on solution providers and more clearly position the sub-fund versus standard "Transition"-denominated funds which, as clarified by the Guidelines, may encompass a much broader universe of companies that do not need to be "sustainable investments", as long as they are transitioning.

Lastly, it will be indicated in the precontractual templates that will be excluded from the investment universe securities of companies violating international legal provisions, exposed to tobacco and controversial weapons as well as companies actives in sectors that might negatively impact the climate in accordance with article 12.1 (a-g) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 of 17 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards minimum standards for EU Climate Transition Benchmarks and EU Paris-aligned Benchmarks. Details on the applicability of these exclusions, depending on the asset classes are available at the following website address: <https://docfinder.bnpparibas-am.com/api/files/2895a45a-bb7a-44f6-8e48-990be2616498/> ("PAB" exclusions).

There will be no impact on the way the sub-funds are managed.

#### **Asia ex-Japan Equity**

Further to the drop of the Belgian Towards Sustainably label that occurred in February 2025, the "Sustainability Investment policy" section of this sub-fund will be amended to remove the constraint linked to the carbon footprint; As a result, this section will read as follows:

*"The Investment Manager applies BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT's Sustainable Investment Policy, which takes into account Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria in the investment process of the sub-fund as set out in Book I.*

*The investment manager applies at all times a non-financial analysis on a minimum of 90% of the assets of the sub-fund (excluding ancillary liquid assets) based on the internal Proprietary ESG scoring framework as indicated in Book I.*

*The average portfolio ESG score of the sub-fund is higher than the one of its investment universe.*

*The investment universe is represented by the following composition:*

- 75% MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index;
- 20% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Mid Cap Index; and
- 5% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index.

~~*The average portfolio carbon footprint of the sub-fund is improved by at least 15% compared to its investment universe."*~~

There will be no impact on the way the sub-fund is managed.

The precontractual template enclosed in Book III of the Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

#### **Energy Transition**

Further to the decision to change the name of the sub-fund, the investment objective and the three first paragraphs of the investment policy will be amended as follows:

Investment objective:

"Increase the value of its assets over the long-term by investing primarily in companies ~~engaging in~~ **providing clean energy transition solutions**.

Investment policy:

"This thematic sub-fund aims at participating in the transition into a sustainable world by focusing on opportunities related to **the provision of clean energy solutions transition**.

At all times, this sub-fund invests at least 75% of its assets in equities and/or equity equivalent securities issued by worldwide companies that **provide clean energy solutions**.

**The clean energy transition** themes include, but are not limited to, renewable energy production, energy technology and materials, and energy infrastructure and mobility.

[...]"

Finally, it has been decided to add a second benchmark in the benchmark section of the sub-fund that will be used to compare performance of the sub-fund relative to the clean energy transition. The benchmark section will be amended as follows:

*"The MSCI AC World (EUR) NR reference benchmark is used for long-term performance comparison ~~only~~ **relative to the broad global equity market. The sub-fund also has a thematic composite benchmark being 50% Wilderhill Clean Energy index (ECO) + 50% Wilderhill New Energy Global Innovation index (NEX) used to compare performance relative to the clean energy theme.***

*The sub-fund is not benchmark-constrained and its performance may deviate significantly from that of the ~~reference~~ **abovementioned** benchmarks."*

These changes will have no impact on (i) the portfolio composition, (ii) the way the sub-fund is managed, (iii) the SRI and (iv) the risk profile.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional clerical changes have been made to update and enhance the general wording of the Prospectus or to comply with new laws and regulations.

Terms or expression not defined in the present notice have the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

If a clearinghouse holds your shares, we advise you to enquire about the specific terms applying to subscriptions, redemptions and conversions made via this type of intermediary.

**Please note that except for the newspaper publications required by Law, the official media going forward to obtain any notice to shareholders will be our website [www.bnpparibas-am.com](http://www.bnpparibas-am.com).**

In case of any **question**, please contact our **Client Service** (+ 352 26 46 31 21 /[AMLU.ClientService@bnpparibas.com](mailto:AMLU.ClientService@bnpparibas.com)).

Best regards,

**The Board of Directors**