

# NORTHERN TRUST ASSET MANAGEMENT

## NORTHERN TRUST EMERGING MARKETS ESG LEADERS EQUITY INDEX FUND

Marketing Communication  
**PASSIVE EQUITY**

SHARE CLASS B EUR AS OF SEPTEMBER 2024



### Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to closely match the risk and return characteristics of the MSCI Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Index (the Index) with net dividends reinvested.

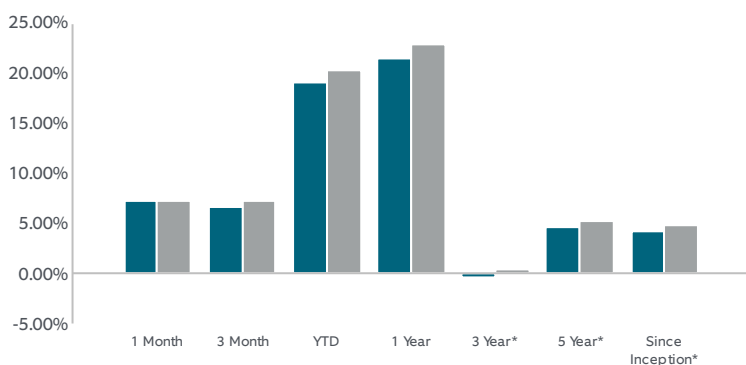
The Fund invests in equities (that is, shares and other similar kinds of assets) issued by or related to companies included in the Index. Target Market: This Fund is appropriate for investors who plan to invest over the medium to long term; and are looking for a passively managed investment in the relevant market(s) with Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles implemented according to a defined set of exclusions.

The Fund operates an index tracking/replication strategy through investment directly in assets that are Index constituents, or (where direct investment is not achievable) direct substitutes for Index constituents (i.e. a physical replication model). The Fund may obtain exposure through financial derivative instruments, collective investment schemes (including ETFs) where it is more efficient to do so, and/or may underweight illiquid stocks in order to achieve representative exposure in the more liquid and accessible securities within the Index. Employing such techniques necessarily results in individual security overweights and underweights.

The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) ESG Leaders Index is a capitalization weighted index that provides exposure to companies with high ESG performance relative to their sector peers, based on MSCI's ESG ratings. Companies found to be in violation of international norms are excluded from the Index. The Index is designed for investors seeking a broad, diversified sustainability benchmark with relatively low tracking error to the underlying equity market. The index is a member of the MSCI Global Sustainability Index series. Constituent selection is based on data from MSCI ESG Research.

### SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE % — IN EUR AS OF 30/09/24

■ Northern Trust Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Index Fund  
■ MSCI EM ESG Leaders Index



### Past performance does not predict future returns

	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year*	5 Year*	Since Inception*
Share Class	7.33	6.72	19.20	21.57	-0.04	4.76	4.33
Index	7.39	7.28	20.41	23.00	0.50	5.30	4.83

Performance is calculated from the inception of the share class. All data shown is net of fees. Please refer to the Fund prospectus for pricing information.

\* Performance shown annualized for periods greater than 1 year.

Where your own currency is different to the currency of the fund's investments, the fund's returns can also be affected by fluctuations in currency exchange.

### All performance in EUR as of 30/09/24

#### 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE PERIODS — TO LAST MONTH END

	30/09/23-30/09/24	30/09/22-30/09/23	30/09/21-30/09/22	30/09/20-30/09/21	30/09/19-30/09/20	30/09/18-30/09/19	30/09/17-30/09/18	30/09/16-30/09/17	30/09/15-30/09/16	30/09/14-30/09/15	Calendar Year 2023
Share Class	21.57	1.85	-19.35	15.63	9.25	5.29	1.75	—	—	—	2.17
Index	23.00	2.21	-19.26	16.32	9.63	5.74	2.18	—	—	—	2.56

Index performance returns do not reflect any advisory fees, transaction costs or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in any index.

### RISK WARNINGS

**Liquidity Risk** – Some recognised exchanges are less liquid or more volatile which may affect the price received and time taken when selling investments. Small capitalisation companies are also less liquid and this may result in fluctuations in the price of shares.

**Investment Risk** - The Fund may not achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Fund involves investment risks including possible loss of the amount invested.

**Counterparty Risk** - In case of bankruptcy of the broker, there is no guarantee collateral held by the broker will be returned to the Fund. In the event of bankruptcy of the counterparty, the premium and any unrealised gains may be lost.

**Derivative Risk** - Derivatives may result in gains or losses that are greater than the original amount invested.

**Valuation Risk** - A position in the Fund may be valued incorrectly, as some prices may be uncertain at a point in time.

**Currency Risk** - Where a class of shares are in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund, the non-base share classes of the Fund may be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates.

**Emerging Markets Risk** - Emerging markets are generally more sensitive to economic and political conditions than developed markets and so may be more volatile.

Disclosure and regulatory standards may be less stringent, the legal infrastructure may not provide the same degree of shareholder protection and the Fund may encounter restrictions on investment or transfer of assets and failed/delayed delivery of securities or payments.

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TOP HOLDINGS %	Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	16.2
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	8.1
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	4.7
Reliance Industries Limited	2.3
HDFC Bank Limited	1.9
Infosys Limited	1.6
China Construction Bank Corporation Class H	1.6
MediaTek Inc	1.2
JD.com, Inc. Class A	1.2
Bharti Airtel Limited	1.1

SECTOR ALLOCATION %	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	21.9	21.9
Financials	20.9	20.9
Communication Services	15.3	15.3
Consumer Discretionary	13.7	13.7
Industrials	6.2	6.2
Materials	5.3	5.3
Consumer Staples	5.1	5.1
Energy	4.2	4.2
Health Care	3.3	3.3
Utilities	2.3	2.3
Real Estate	1.7	1.7

TOP REGIONS/ COUNTRIES %	Fund	Benchmark
China	29.3	29.3
Taiwan	23.9	23.9
India	17.0	17.0
Korea	5.8	5.8
South Africa	4.9	4.9
Brazil	3.2	3.2
Saudi Arabia	2.3	2.3
Mexico	2.2	2.2
Malaysia	2.2	2.2
Thailand	2.1	2.1

TOP CURRENCIES %	Fund	Benchmark
Hong Kong Dollar	26.4	26.4
Taiwan Dollar	23.9	23.9
Indian Rupee	17.0	17.0
South Korean Won	5.8	5.8
South African Rand	4.9	4.9

FUND OVERVIEW	
Domicile	Ireland
Legal Structure	ICVC
Regulatory Structure	UCITS
Proxy Voting	Yes
Currencies Offered	EUR/USD/GBP
Total Fund Assets	\$297.5 Million
Benchmark	MSCI EM ESG Leaders Index
Fund Launch Date	27/09/17
Share Class Launch Date	27/09/17
Fund Base Currency	USD
Share Class Currency	EUR
Bloomberg Ticker	NTEMBEA
ISIN	IE00BF11F342
Minimum Initial Investment	\$100,000
Minimum Subsequent Investment	No Minimum
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Dealing Deadline	2:00pm Irish Time on the business day prior to the Dealing Day
Settlement	T+2
Portfolio Manager	Team Managed
OCF SHARE CLASS B EUR**	0.15%
Securities Lending	No
Use of Income	Accumulating
UK Distributor/Reporting Status	Yes

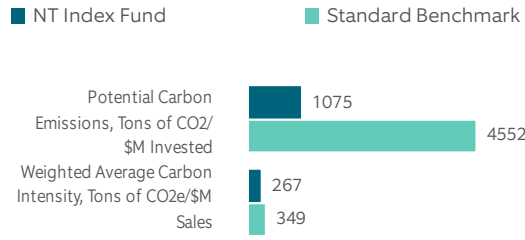
\*\*The Ongoing Charges Figures are estimated and may vary from time to time.

FUND CHARACTERISTICS	Fund	Benchmark
Forward EPS Growth (%)	16.0	15.8
Trailing 12-Month Price-to-Earnings Ratio	16.1	16.1
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$M)	9,950.3	9,643.2
Price-to-Book Ratio	2.0	2.0
Dividend Yield*** (%)	2.3	2.3
Return on Equity (%)	15.8	15.8
Number of Holdings	487	479

\*\*\* The Dividend yield is calculated at the fund level by Factset as a weighted average of the gross dividend yield of the stocks within the portfolio and index.

**CARBON DATA METRICS**

Carbon footprint of the index constituents versus parent



Potential carbon emissions are emissions of fossil fuel companies that can be potentially released should all the fossil fuel reserves they own be extracted. This field represents the potential carbon emissions of the fossil fuel reserves owned by a company using a formula from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact research. Carbon intensity represents the company's most recently reported or estimated Direct (fuel combustion, company vehicles) and Indirect (purchased electricity heat and steam) greenhouse gas emissions.

**ADVOCACY DATA**

Advocacy data is updated on a quarterly basis capturing the previous 3 months engagement activity. For more information on our engagement, please read our quarterly engagement reporting at [northerntrust.com/engagement](https://northerntrust.com/engagement). Engagement undertaken by Hermes EOS on behalf of Northern Trust.

## Glossary

**Business Related Exclusions** : Business related exclusions cover tobacco manufacturing, retail and trade and for-profit prisons.

**Duration**: is a measure of the sensitivity of the price of a bond or other debt instrument to a change in interest rates.

**Forward EPS Growth**: is an estimated growth of the next period's earnings of a company, usually till the completion of the current fiscal year and sometimes to the following fiscal year.

**ISIN**: International Securities Identification Number. It is a 12-digit alphanumeric code that uniquely identifies a specific security.

**LT / ST**: Long Term / Short Term.

**Modified Duration**: measures the change in the value of the a bond in response to a change in 100-basis-point (1%) change in interest rates.

**Ongoing Charge**: is a figure representing all annual charges and other payments taken from the fund.

**Price-to-Book Ratio**: is used to compare a firm's market capitalization to its book value. It's calculated by dividing the company's stock price per share by its book value per share. Book value is calculated as follows: (total asset - total liabilities) / number of shares outstanding.

**Quant Active**: securities are chosen based on numerical data compiled through quantitative analysis. It is aiming for high alpha from exposure to multiple factors: proven stock ranking model focused on selecting stocks that exhibit good value, quality, momentum and analyst revisions characteristics etc.

**Spread Duration**: is an estimate of how much the price of a specific bond will move when the spread of that specific bond changes.

**SRRI**: is a value based on the volatility of the fund, which gives an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the fund.

**Swing Pricing**: protects existing shareholders against fund dilution by passing transaction costs to purchasing or redeeming shareholders. It allows funds to adjust the net asset value up or down once purchase or redemption limits are exceeded.

**Trailing 12-month price-to-earnings ratio**: is a relative valuation multiple based on the last 12 months of actual earnings, calculated by dividing the current stock price by the trailing EPS for the previous year.

**WAL (Nominal Weighted Average Life)**: A bond's maturity is the length of time until the principal amount of the bond is to be repaid. WAL of the fund is calculated as the average of the underlying bonds' maturities, adjusted to take account of their relative weight (size) within the fund.

**WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)**: A bond's maturity is the length of time until the principal amount of the bond is to be repaid. WAM of the ETF is calculated as the average of the underlying bonds' maturities, adjusted to take account of their relative weight (size) within the fund.

**Weighted Average Market Cap**: refers to a type of stock market index construction that is based on the market capitalization of the index's constituent stocks.

**Yield to Maturity (%)**: is the total return anticipated on a bond if the bond is held until it matures.

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