

# Sustainability-related disclosures

Amvest Residential Core Fund

### **(a) Summary**

This document provides information as set out in article 10 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and relates to the financial product: Amvest Residential Core Fund (the “Fund”). The Fund does not have a sustainable investment objective, but does promote environmental/ social characteristics, being:

1. Investing in energy efficient homes/future proof homes
2. Realizing a reduction of CO2 emissions
3. Providing high quality living environments
4. Providing affordable/attainable homes

### **(b) No sustainable investment objective**

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

The Fund ensures that the real estate objects in which the fund invests which are sustainable investments do no significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective by monitoring various sustainability related subjects, more specific the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors.

Sustainable investments are not allowed to do significant harm to real estate mandatory indicators and therefore do not qualify when the EPC label is lower than B.

### **(c) Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product**

Sustainability, including environmental and social elements are an integral part of our business and therefore embedded in our mission “Our mission is to improve our tenants lives, by bringing sustainable homes in high quality living environments within the reach of many, while generating healthy, long term financial returns for our investors”. A materiality analysis amongst stakeholders is conducted on a regular basis. Yearly targets (key performance indicators or KPI’s) are derived from the materiality matrix and contain environmental and social targets. Amongst these targets are the following recurring environmental and social KPI’s:

#### Environmental characteristics

1. Investing in energy efficient homes/future proof homes
2. Realizing a reduction of CO2 emissions

#### Social characteristics

3. Providing high quality living environments
4. Providing affordable/attainable homes

### **(d) Investment strategy**

The Fund invests in the Dutch residential rental sector and has a long-term horizon. The Fund targets an attractive, stable dividend yield available for distribution and long-term value growth for its

Investors. This will be achieved by investing in a portfolio consisting of residential rental properties in the mid-priced segment, located predominantly in strong economic regions.

Objectives are formulated for the Fund and are derived from long term strategy related to sustainable assets.'

The Fund aims to improve the energy efficiency or to reduce the CO2 emissions of the homes by making adjustments/improvements to the homes or to invest in newly built buildings/homes with an EU EPC Energy Label B or higher.

The Fund aims to maintain or improve its mark on social characteristics related to affordable/attainable housing in order to contribute to a solution for the growing problem for middle-income households in the economical attractive and dense cities in the Netherlands to find an affordable home.

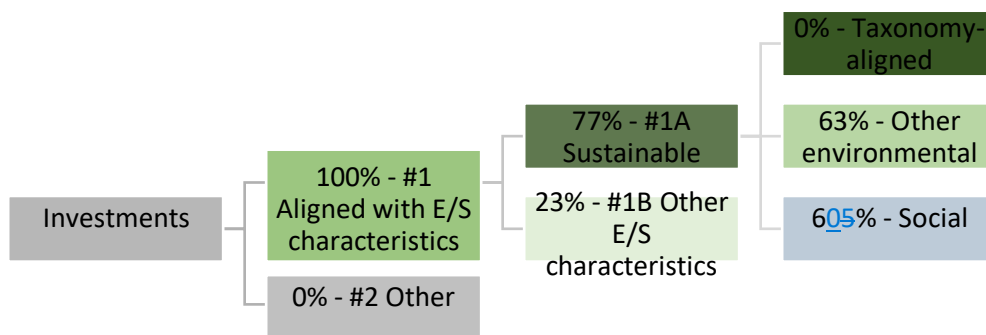
#### **(e) Proportion of investments**

#1 Aligned 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:

- o The sub-category #1A Sustainable covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- o The sub-category #1B Other E/S characteristics covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.
- o The sub-category Other environmental covers the percentage of assets aligned with the environmental objective (EPC label A and better) and does no significant harm to the prescribed real estate indicators (EPC label B>). The percentage partly includes investments that represent a social objective and is therefore also included in the "sub-category Social" below.
- o The sub-category Social covers the percentage of assets aligned with the social objective (affordable) and does no significant harm to the prescribed real estate indicators (EPC label B>). The percentage partly includes investments that represent an Other environmental objective and is therefore also included in the "sub-category Other environmental" above.



### (f) Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The reporting and monitoring phase takes place after project completion. At this stage the property is finished, rented out and operated. ARC Fund monitors the performance and impact of sustainability factors. This is conducted by gathering data from the properties, taking questionnaires from our tenants and perform property performance tests. These results are reported in the several benchmarks and such as GRESB and UNPRI.

### (g) Methodologies

The methodologies used for determining the sustainability indicators are:

- Composition of the portfolio by energy labels per property: The percentage of homes (both single-family and multi-family) in absolute numbers and weighted on value of the fund allocated in low Energy Performance Certificates (A and B) compared to the total value of homes in the portfolio.
- Carbon emissions: in relation to the portfolio and in line with GRESB: scope 1 direct = gas of communal spaces / scope 2 indirect = electricity and heating of communal spaces / scope 3 = emissions that are outside the control, e.g. energy consumption of UFCV tenants (gas, electricity and heating).
- Annual tenant satisfaction score on the topics living environment and/or quality of home: The satisfaction score is measured based on the answers provided by tenants. This is done based on a anonymous survey, which is quantitatively based and fully digital. The scale for the scores is 1-10.
- Percentage of affordable/attainable homes: The percentage of homes (both single-family and multi-family) in absolute numbers and weighted on value of the fund allocated to the mid- and low priced segment compared to the total in-use portfolio value. The upper limit for affordable homes (mid priced segment) differs per region. For remaining regions (outside economic centres as defined by the Fund) the upper limit is set at €1,100 while for dense central circle areas like Amsterdam and Utrecht, the level is set at €1,550 (levels determined for 2023).

### (h) Data sources and processing

Information used to determine the indicators is extracted from data sources included below. Also a description processing the data is included:

- Composition of the portfolio by energy labels per property: When a new building has been completed the technical manager contacts a certified contractor to request an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). The contractor hires a certified company to measure environmental characteristics of the building and determine the EPC. When the EPC is finished and delivered to the company, the report including the EPC is entered into the data warehouse by an Asset Controller.
- Carbon emissions: The data inputs are collected by an external service provider (Cooltree) and is obtained from smart meters, readings on locations and determined standard year usage of the energy/gas supplier. Total Energy Consumption is calculated, by validating the data before it is processed and then calculating the consumptions at 6 different detail levels. At these levels, it is stored what kind of energy is consumed, whether the energy is green or grey and who consumed the energy (tenant or landlord). Based on this information the three different scopes of the carbon emissions are calculated. The scopes are defined by the following definitions, in line with the GHG protocol:
  - o Scope 1: Scope 1 emissions are emissions from fuels that are burned onsite, such as natural gas.
  - o Scope 2: Scope 2 emissions are emissions from fuels that are burned offsite to deliver energy to your building, mainly emissions from electricity use. For example, this holds for electricity and district heating consumptions on landlord-controlled areas.
  - o Scope 3: Scope 3 emissions are other emissions your organization generates indirectly, such as emissions from tenants. This means all tenant-controlled consumptions fall under scope 3.

To calculate the carbon emissions, all scopes are considered and aggregated. First, all energy consumptions are converted to kWh. Then, using the emissions factors of [www.co2emissiefactoren.nl](http://www.co2emissiefactoren.nl) all consumptions can be converted to Kg carbon emissions. This is finally aggregated on an asset and fund level and converted to Kg/m<sup>2</sup> based on square meters extracted from the data warehouse.

- Annual tenant satisfaction: An external party determines the tenants satisfaction by taking a predetermined survey from tenants. The survey is set in collaboration with IVBN (overarching body for institutional investors). The sample is determined based on rental information provided by Amvest. The results of the survey are summarized into an outcome of six scores with a scale of 1-10, representing six different areas that are deemed most important satisfactory elements by tenants. Amongst these six areas are quality of home and living environment. The scores are distributed to Amvest by the external party and are analyzed and put into a report by the Asset Manager. This report is reviewed by the portfolio manager.
- Percentage of affordable/attainable homes: Every year, the portfolio manager responsible for the portfolio determines the boundaries for the mid-priced segment based on IVBN guidelines. Low-priced boundary is aligned with social housing boundaries set by government. Based on these boundaries, the Asset Controller quarterly determines which percentages of rental contracts amounts and the relative value of units compared to total portfolio value is in the low and mid-segment market. This percentage is then added to the

quarterly/annual report. Rental contract amounts and values per unit are derived from data warehouse.

**(i) Limitations to methodologies and data**

The sustainability indicators that are applied are:

- Composition of the portfolio by energy labels per property: No limitations in methodologies or data.
- Carbon emissions: Energy use of buildings where the data isn't delivered, are determined based on a location method. The total energy usage of the building is then redeemed from the energy supplier. Besides that, carbon emissions isn't directly measured, but determined based on conversion factors.
- Annual tenant satisfaction score on the topics living environment and/or quality of home: The results are based on a quantitatively based research, but are based on limited reactions of tenants.
- Percentage of affordable/attainable homes: definitions of bandwidths are determined based on own insights into market mechanisms and may differ from market determined definitions.

**(j) Due diligence**

When it comes to acquiring buildings, the acquisition policy sets out a number of criteria that acquisitions are required to meet. One of these criteria is that acquisitions have to be in line with Amvest's sustainability ambition as a manager and the objectives defined at fund level. The guiding principle is that acquisitions must increase the sustainability of the portfolios. Together with the schedule of requirements, this ensures that effects on environmental or social characteristics are taken into account when making an investment decision.

An investment decision is based on an investment proposal. Amvest, in its role as manager, discusses an investment proposal extensively in a range of bodies before taking a decision. In this decision-making process, the intended acquisition is discussed at length in relation to the predetermined criteria laid down in the fund conditions and portfolio plans of the fund.

Environmental and social impact is measured as part of the investment proposal. The investment proposal contains several aspects that are discussed in the various bodies:

- Expected EPC labels are included and set off against portfolio targets;
- (Theoretical impact on) carbon emissions lies confined in the EPC label assessment
- Affordability/attainability assessment is accounted for in the determination of rental levels that are set off against portfolio restrictions.

**(k) Engagement policies**

The Fund does not invest in investee companies, solely in real assets. As such, no engagement policy is in place.

**(l) where an index is designated as a reference benchmark to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product, 'Designated reference benchmark'**

No designated reference benchmark is applicable.

The Fund's ESG performance is measured against the Global Real Estate Sustainability (GRESB) benchmark. Even though the GRESB is a worldwide accepted benchmark for sustainability performance of real assets, the GRESB assessment and benchmark are currently not compliant with the EU benchmark regulation