

# STATEMENT ON PRINCIPAL ADVERSE IMPACTS OF INVESTMENT DECISIONS ON SUSTAINABILITY FACTORS - SUMMARY

**DWS Alternatives GmbH**

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DWS Alternatives GmbH (LEI code 529900ZJSEYT72X34K26), a member of DWS Group<sup>1</sup>, considers principal adverse impacts of its investment decisions on sustainability factors. This statement is the consolidated statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors of DWS Alternatives GmbH.

This statement on principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors covers the reference period from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

Sustainability factors as defined in the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector (Disclosure Regulation) mean environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, and anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters. Principal adverse impacts mean negative effects of investment decisions on those sustainability factors.

With this statement, DWS Alternatives GmbH discloses – in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Disclosure Regulation (“Delegated Regulation”) – the principal adverse impacts of its decisions with regard to investments in real estate properties and real estate and infrastructure loans as well as information on the identification and weighting of these impacts along with the measures taken in the aforementioned reference period and planned for the subsequent reference period to avoid or mitigate identified principal adverse impacts.

Financial products of DWS Alternatives GmbH in scope of the Disclosure Regulation (alternative investment funds (AIFs<sup>2</sup>)) are covered by this statement.

DWS Alternatives GmbH discloses information on the impact on sustainability factors and – where available – its targets and measures regarding

- 14 mandatory principal adverse impacts indicators applicable to investments in investee companies
- 2 mandatory principal adverse impact indicators applicable to investments in real estate assets
- 1 additional principal adverse impact indicator applicable to investments in investee companies, namely ‘Number of identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents’
- 1 additional principal adverse impact indicator applicable to investments in real estate assets, namely ‘Greenhouse gas emissions’ and
- 1 additional principal adverse impact indicator applicable to investments in real estate assets, namely ‘Waste production in operations’.

Based on the aforementioned indicators, DWS Alternatives GmbH identifies principal adverse impacts of investment decisions across its financial products. DWS Alternatives GmbH selected the additional PAIs for disclosure in accordance with the group-wide sustainability strategy and DWS Group’s voluntary commitments, e.g., with regard to net zero. Measures to identify, avoid or mitigate the principal adverse impacts identified and procedures for operationalizing these measures are described in internal policies.

<sup>1</sup> DWS Group means DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA and its subsidiaries consisting of any companies of which DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA is the direct or indirect parent company with majority participations (equity or voting capital share of more than 50%), including branches and representative offices.

<sup>2</sup> Alternative investment funds according to the Directive 2011/61/EU on Alternative Investment Fund Managers as amended from time to time.

DWS Alternatives GmbH takes principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors into account when investing in real estate assets and real estate and/or infrastructure loans where data is available to do so.

DWS Alternatives GmbH's approach to mitigating adverse impacts of its real estate investments comprises, among others, energy audits to analyze the energy consumption profile and identify potential savings in the real estate properties as well as certifications of the buildings to determine their energy efficiency, the conclusion of "green" leases with a framework for landlords and tenants for the sustainable use and management of real estate properties, as well as various measures to improve energy efficiency.

DWS Alternatives GmbH uses an internal ESG scoring method to mitigate the adverse impacts of investments in real estate and infrastructure loans. This sets out the general framework for the integration of sustainability factors and the assignment of internal sustainability ratings over the entire investment life cycle of financial products that invest in loans.

The consideration of principal adverse impacts in the investment process requires the availability of data on adverse impacts attributed to existing and planned investments. For real estate assets, data sources depend on the individual principal adverse impact indicator and include energy performance certificates, utility bills and information provided by property managers. To determine the principal adverse impacts of its investments in real estate and infrastructure loans, DWS Alternatives GmbH makes every effort to collect data on adverse impacts on sustainability factors by actively contacting the borrowers.

As the trustee, it is of the utmost importance for DWS Alternatives GmbH to make all investment decisions in the best interest of its investors, considering all relevant risk factors. Principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors will thus not automatically outweigh other relevant factors.

This statement by DWS Alternatives GmbH does not cover the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors of its liquidity investments. These account for only an insignificant proportion of the investments made by DWS Alternatives GmbH.