



# PRODUCT KEY FACTS

## BNP Paribas Funds Sustainable Global Low Vol Equity March 2024

- ***This statement provides you with key information about this product.***
- ***This statement is a part of the offering document and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus, Hong Kong Covering Document and Information for Hong Kong Investors.***
- ***You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.***

### Quick facts

<b>Management Company:</b>	BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Luxembourg		
<b>Fund Manager:</b>	Internal and/or external delegation to one or more portfolio managers as described in the "General Information" section of the Prospectus and the "Management and Sub-Delegation" section of the Hong Kong Covering Document and Information for Hong Kong Investors		
<b>Custodian:</b>	BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch		
<b>Ongoing charges over a year#:</b>	Classic		1.99%
	Privilege		1.09%
<b>Base currency:</b>	EUR	<b>Dealing frequency:</b>	Daily
<b>Financial year end of this sub-fund:</b>	31 December	<b>Dividend policy:</b>	Capitalisation shares – No dividend distribution (income, if any, will be reinvested)
			Distribution shares - Dividend, if declared, will be paid Distributions may be paid out of capital which may result in an immediate reduction of the sub-fund's net asset value per share
		<b>Min. investment:</b>	None
		<b>Min. holding:</b>	"Privilege" categories – EUR 3 million or equivalent

# The ongoing charges figure is calculated based on expenses for the year ended at 31 December 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. The ongoing charge is calculated by adding all direct fees, indirect fees and external fees of the sub-fund and then divided by the average net assets. Direct fees refer to charges and payment directly borne by the sub-fund such as operating costs, remuneration and payment to key operators and service providers. Indirect fees refer to the ongoing charges of the underlying funds which the sub-fund invests. External fees refer to any remuneration of the management company or other party that derives from fee-sharing arrangement.

### What is this product?

This sub-fund is a fund constituted in the form of a mutual fund. It is incorporated under Luxembourg law and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF).

### Objective and Investment Strategy

#### Objective

To increase the value of its assets over the medium term by investing in worldwide equities issued by socially responsible companies selected through a process aimed at reducing risk by selecting low volatility securities in the sub-fund.

#### Strategy

At all times, this sub-fund invests at least 75% of its assets in worldwide equities issued by socially responsible companies.

The remaining portion, namely a maximum of 25% of its assets, may be invested in any other securities, money market instruments or cash, provided that the investments in debt securities of any kind do not exceed 15% of its assets and the investments in collective investment schemes do not exceed 10%.

The sub-fund's exposure to currencies is not hedged.

The sub-fund's strategy will focus on reducing risk by selecting low volatility securities.

The Investment Manager will rely on a quantitative model and follow a risk-optimisation process when constructing the portfolio based on a proprietary risk model.

On a monthly basis, the investment manager selects stocks which have displayed the lowest volatility out of the MSCI World index. Stock selection is made across all sectors. A portfolio optimisation is used to determine the specific weightings of each selected stock in order to minimise the tracking error vs. the MSCI World index. The portfolio is rebalanced on a monthly basis.

To further elaborate, socially responsible companies refers to companies that are expected to work towards high Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") standards including corporate, social and environmental responsibility and environmental sustainability, develop positive relationships with their shareholders, and uphold and support universal human rights.

The Investment Manager applies BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT's Sustainable Investment Policy as defined in the Prospectus, which takes into account ESG standards and integration in the investment process of the sub-fund.

ESG standards are integrated in the investment process of the sub-fund. The ESG standards comprise 1) the 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and 2) the BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT sector policies.

The United Nations Global Compact is a shared framework, recognized worldwide and applicable to all industry sectors. The 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of human rights, labour standards, environmental stewardship and anti-corruption are integrated in the investment process. Similarly, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises set out principles for the responsible business conduct of businesses.

BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT has also defined a series of ESG guidelines relating to investments in sensitive sectors including but not limited to palm oil, wood pulp, mining activities, nuclear, coal-fired power generation, tobacco, controversial weapons, unconventional oil and gas and asbestos.

The ESG integration involves the evaluation of the three non- financial indicators below:

- Environmental: such as energy efficiency, reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases, treatment of waste;
- Social: such as respect of human rights and workers' rights, human resources management (workers' health and safety, diversity);

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- Governance: such as Board of Directors independence, managers' remuneration, respect of minority shareholders rights.

ESG integration above is reflected in the investment process of the sub-fund by way of ESG scores. The Investment Manager applies a non-financial analysis on a minimum of 90% of the assets of the sub-fund based on the internal proprietary ESG scoring framework. In general, socially responsible companies would have higher ESG score than companies without ESG or sustainability initiatives in the investment universe, being all the worldwide issuers (i.e. companies in the MSCI World index).

The sub-fund applies binding and significant ESG integration approach and improves its ESG profile while aiming at reducing its environmental carbon footprint, as measured by greenhouse gas emissions, compared to the investment universe as described in the investment policy.

Scores related to ESG and carbon footprint are calculated for each issuer of the investment universe. The portfolio is then constructed to select the best securities available in order to consistently achieve the following targets:

- after eliminating the bottom 20% of the lowest ESG rated securities in the investment universe, a reference ESG score would be calculated from the remaining higher ESG score securities in the reduced investment universe. The portfolio is then constructed so that the average ESG score of the portfolio would be higher than the reference ESG score of the reduced investment universe, and
- the portfolio manager would select securities with lower carbon footprint, so that the portfolio's carbon footprint would be at least 50% lower than the carbon footprint of the investment universe.

The portfolio manager would not invest in companies in the bottom 10% of the lowest ESG scores in the investment universe. For the avoidance of doubt, the portfolio manager is not restricted to invest only in the reduced investment universe, as long as the portfolio could match the above average ESG score criteria.

The sub-fund would exclude investment in (i) securities issued by companies that violate any of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and (ii) securities issued by companies from the sensitive sectors above that do not comply with the guidelines defined by BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT.

The sub-fund may invest in sovereign debt securities but it does not contemplate to invest more than 10% of its net asset value in securities issued by or guaranteed by any single country (including its government, a public or local authority of that country) with a credit rating below investment grade and/or unrated.

### Use of Derivatives/Investment in Derivatives

The sub-fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the sub-fund's NAV.

### What are the key risks?

**Investment involves risks. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.**

#### Investment Risk

- When investing in a fund, there is a risk that the final outcome may deviate from the initial expectations. The sub-fund's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the key risks below and therefore may suffer losses. In addition, there is no guarantee of principal repayment.

#### Environmental, Social and Governance Risk

- The use of ESG standards and analysis may affect the sub-fund's investment performance and, as such,

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the sub-fund may perform differently including underperforming compared to similar funds that do not use such standards.

- The use of ESG criteria may also result in the sub-fund being concentrated in companies with ESG focus and its value maybe more volatile than that of fund having a more diverse portfolio of investment.
- ESG-based exclusionary standards used by the sub-fund may result in the sub-fund foregoing opportunities to buy certain securities when it might otherwise be advantageous to do so, and/or selling securities due to their ESG characteristics when it might be disadvantageous to do so.
- In evaluating a security based on ESG standard, the investment manager may use information and data from third party providers, which may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable.
- Investment selection of the sub-fund is based on subjective judgement from the investment manager. The investment manager may incorrectly assess the ESG characteristics of a security and may wrongly exclude eligible security.
- Due to the lack of standardized taxonomy, the investment manager may not apply the relevant ESG standards correctly or that the sub-fund could have indirect exposure to security which do not meet the relevant ESG standards used by the sub-fund.
- ESG standard and expectation are evolving. There is a risk of style drift within the investment limits of the sub-fund.

### **Risk linked to Equity Market**

- Investments in equity include significant fluctuations in prices, negative information about the issuer or market. Moreover, these fluctuations are often amplified in the short term and may have a negative impact on the performance of the overall portfolio at a given time. There is no guarantee that investors will see an appreciation in value. Investment in equity is also subject to general market risks, whose value may fluctuate due to various factors, such as changes in investment sentiment, political and economic conditions and issuer-specific factors. The value of investments of the sub-fund may go down and it is possible that investors will not recover their initial investment.

### **Risk related to Investments in Some Countries**

- Investments in some countries (China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Saudi Arabia and Thailand) involve risks linked to the restrictions imposed on foreign investors and counterparties, higher market volatility and the risk of lack of liquidity.

### **Emerging Market Risk**

- The sub-fund may invest in emerging markets (examples of emerging countries include China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Chile, Hungary, Mexico and Poland etc.). Investing in emerging markets is likely to be subject to a higher than average volatility, less liquidity and greater sensitivity than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater uncertainty, greater political, tax, economic, social, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks. The price fluctuations of the investments are often amplified in the short term and the value of investments of the sub-fund may go down.

### **Risk in connection with the investment strategy**

- The investment manager will rely on a quantitative model and follow a risk-optimisation process when constructing the portfolio based on a proprietary risk model. However, there is a possibility that this quantitative model may not work and the risk optimization may not be achieved; and the sub-fund's value may be adversely affected.
- Investors should note that lower volatility does not necessarily mean lower risk.

### **Risk associated with investments in financial derivative instruments**

- Risk associated with financial derivative instruments include counterparty/credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and over-the-counter transaction risk. The leverage element/component of a financial derivative instrument can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the financial derivative instruments by the sub-fund. Exposure to financial derivative instruments may lead to a high risk of significant loss by the sub-fund.

### **Liquidity Risk**

- Investments made by the sub-fund may become illiquid. It may not be possible to sell or buy these investments quickly enough to prevent or minimize a loss in the sub-fund.

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### Currency Exchange Risk

- A share class may be designed in a currency other than the base currency of the sub-fund. Further, the sub-fund may hold assets denominated in currencies that differ from the base currency of the sub-fund, and may be affected by exchange rate fluctuations between the base currency and the other currencies and by changes in exchange rate controls. A depreciation of the denomination currency will lead to a depreciation in the exchange value of the security. There is no guarantee that the hedging of currency exchange risk (if any) will be completely effective and the value of specific share class or sub-fund may be adversely affected.

### Renminbi Currency and Conversion Risks

- The sub-fund may offer share classes denominated in Renminbi ("RMB"). RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. Non-RMB based investors are exposed to foreign exchange risk and there is no guarantee that the value of RMB against the investors' base currencies (for example HKD) will not depreciate. Any depreciation of RMB could adversely affect the value of investor's investment in the sub-fund. Although offshore RMB (CNH) and onshore RMB (CNY) are the same currency, they trade at different rates. Any divergence between CNH and CNY may adversely impact investors. Under exceptional circumstances, payment of redemptions and/or dividend payment in RMB may be delayed due to the exchange controls and restrictions applicable to RMB.

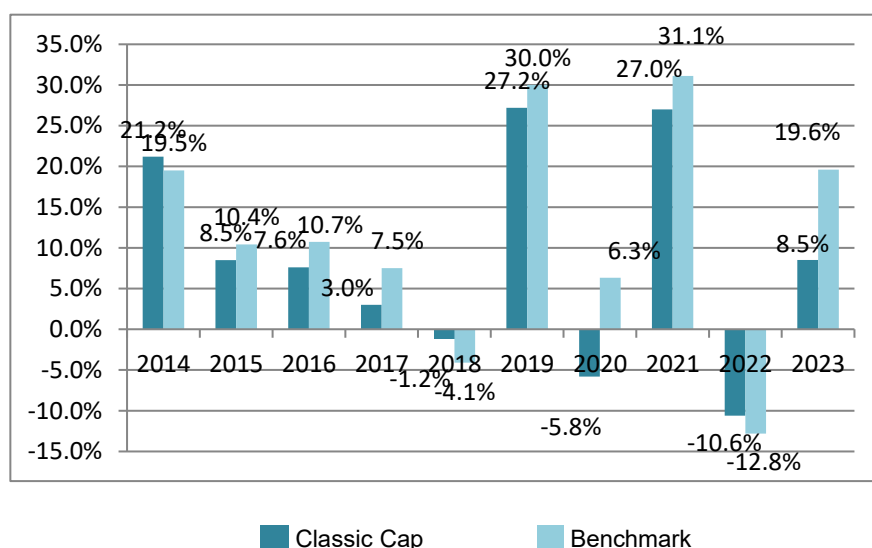
### Operational & Custody Risk

- Some markets are less regulated than most of the international markets; hence, the services related to custody and liquidation for the sub-fund on such markets could be more risky. In the event of a custodian default, the sub-fund may suffer a delay in recovering its assets, pending the resolution of the relevant default or bankruptcy proceedings.

### Risk in connection with Dividend Payment

- The Management Company may at its discretion pay dividends out of the capital of the sub-fund. Payment of dividends paid out of capital amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Any distributions involving payment of dividends out of the sub-fund's capital may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per share. The Management Company may change the policy in relation to payment of dividends out of capital subject to the SFC's prior approval and by giving not less than one month's notice to investors.

## How has the fund performed?



- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-to-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- Classic Capitalisation, being a share class with the same reference currency as the sub-fund with the longest track record among all share classes and not restricted to certain types of clients, is selected as the representative share class.

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- These figures show by how much the Classic Capitalisation share class increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in EUR including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- The sub-fund changed its investment objective and strategy on 31 January 2022. Prior to this performance of the sub-fund was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply.
- The benchmark of the sub-fund is MSCI World.
- BNP Paribas Funds Sustainable Global Low Vol Equity launch date: 21 May 2013
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- On 27 May 2013, BNP Paribas Funds Sustainable Global Low Vol Equity absorbed a Luxembourg fund which is not authorized by the SFC.
- On 29 March 2018, BNP Paribas Funds Sustainable Global Low Vol Equity absorbed 2 Belgian funds which are not authorized by the SFC.

### Is there any guarantee?

This sub-fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

### What are the fees and charges?

#### Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the sub-fund.

Fee	What you pay
<b>Subscription fee (Entry cost)</b>	Up to 3% of the net asset value of the relevant share class subscribed
<b>Switching fee (Conversion fee)</b>	Up to 1.5% of the net asset value of the relevant share class converted
<b>Redemption fee (Exit cost)</b>	Nil

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### Ongoing fees payable by the sub-fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the sub-fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

Annual rate (as a % of the net asset value of the relevant share category)

<b>Management fee</b>	"Classic" categories – Up to 1.50% "Privilege" categories – Up to 0.75%
<b>Custodian fee</b>	Included in Other costs
<b>Performance fee</b>	Not applicable
<b>Administration fee</b>	Included in Other costs
<b>Other costs</b> (Other costs cover the general asset custody expenses payable to the custodian and the daily administration expenses)	"Classic" categories – Up to 0.40% "Privilege" categories – Up to 0.25%

### Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the shares of the sub-fund.

### Additional Information

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the sub-fund's next determined subscription price and redemption price through your authorised distributor after the transaction servicing agent receives your request via your authorised distributors in good order on or before 6 pm (Hong Kong time) on a Hong Kong business day. Investors should note that different distributors may have different dealing cut-off which may be earlier than the time specified in this document. Investors should check with the relevant authorised distributors accordingly.
- The net asset value of this sub-fund is calculated and the price of shares published daily on the website at <https://www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-hk>.
- Investors may obtain the past performance information of other share classes offered to Hong Kong investors from the website at <https://www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-hk>.
- The compositions of the dividends for the last 12 months are available from the Hong Kong representative on request and also on the website at <https://www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-hk>.
- Investors may obtain information on the intermediaries from our hotline (852) 2533 0088.

### Important

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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