

## SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION - RESS LIFE INVESTMENTS

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### **Transparency regarding the integration of sustainability risks, on the promotion of environmental or social characteristic, and on sustainable investments**

The fund has sustainable investments as its objective

**X The fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics**

Sustainability risks are integrated into investment decisions, without the fund promoting environmental or social characteristics or having sustainable investments as its objective

Sustainability risks are not deemed to be relevant

### **Comment by the asset manager**

Ress Capital wants to contribute to a sustainable development. Our guiding principle is to contribute to a sustainable development actively and responsibly, by ensuring that our business activities are carried out in a manner that maintains the company's values and with respect for people, our society, the environment, natural resources, and the climate. Ress Capital shall meet and exceed the expectations that the company's stakeholders have in relation to our business activities.

Sustainability risks are integrated into our investment decisions, and we view this as a natural part of the manager's analysis work. Ress Capital's approach and strategy for integrating sustainability is summarized in this document. More information can be found on [www.resscapi.com](http://www.resscapi.com) and in the Sustainability Policy, available to download on the company's website. On the website it is also possible to download our Statement on Principal Adverse Sustainability Impact (PAI), as well as a certificate of the company's carbon offset commitment.

Ress Capital's assessment is that by considering sustainability risks, the fund Ress Life Investments' return in relation to risk over time is improved. Ress Capital's assessment is that our investment product promotes social characteristics. We work with responsible investments through two strategies, 1) exclusion and 2) impact.

#### **1. Exclusion**

The fund Ress Life Investments does not invest in life insurance policies issued by life insurance companies that do not have an economic activity that contributes to a social objective, in particular an activity that does not fosters social cohesion. In addition, the Fund does not invest in life insurance policies from life insurance companies involved in violations of international norms and conventions (at least the UN Global Compact and OECD guidelines for multinational companies) on the environment, human rights, working conditions and business ethics.

#### **2. Impact**

The fund Ress Life Investments and the fund management company Ress Capital only invest through counterparties who are registered and authorized according to the state legislation in the state where the transaction takes place. Ress Capital only do business with other service providers who support

improved transparency in the secondary market for US life insurance policies. Furthermore, Ress Capital is active in promoting and supporting investor initiatives aiming at improving the consumers' rights when selling their life insurance policies. The company is an active member and has a board seat on the trade association ILMA (Institutional Longevity Markets Association) that supports such initiatives.

## **The likely impact of sustainability risks on the fund's return**

Holdings in the Fund may be subject to partial or total loss of value due to sustainability risk related to legal issues or reduced demand for the assets. A sustainability-related event may affect an individual investment or may have a broader impact on the asset class, which may affect the fund's portfolio. The use of sustainability criteria may affect the fund's investment performance and as such, the investment may perform differently than similar funds that do not use such criteria. The fund's sustainability policy means that it could potentially not invest in certain policies due to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) consideration that the fund manager follows. ESG-based exclusion criteria used may result in the Fund forgoing opportunities to purchase certain policies when it may otherwise be advantageous to do so. The relevant exemptions do not always correspond to the subjective ethical views of investors. When evaluating a policy based on ESG criteria, the fund manager relies on information and data that may sometimes be incomplete, inaccurate or inaccessible. As a result, there is a risk that the manager may make an incorrect assessment of a policy. There is also a risk that the manager does not apply the relevant ESG criteria correctly. Neither the Fund nor the Manager makes any express or implied warranty with respect to the fairness, accuracy, accuracy, reasonableness, or completeness of such ESG assessment.

## **Sustainability-related characteristics promoted in the management of the fund, or that are included in the fund's objective**

Environmental characteristics (e.g., the companies' environmental and climate impact).

**Social characteristics (e.g., human rights, employee rights and equal opportunity).**

Good governance practices (e.g., shareholders' rights, issues relating to remuneration for senior executives and anti-corruption).

Other sustainability-related characteristics.

## **Comment by the asset manager**

Ress Capital manages a portfolio of US life insurance policies. Life insurance policies are purchased from US households who no longer need life insurance coverage. The company therefore enables individual households to receive compensation for an unneeded insurance policy, for which premiums have been paid during many years.

The secondary market for US life insurance policies is regulated in most US states. The legislation regulating the market is there to safeguard the individual policyholder's, i.e. the consumer's interest.

When Ress Capital purchases life insurance policies, the company uses intermediaries / brokers who facilitate the sale of life insurance policies from policyholders to financial investors. Ress Capital only invest through counterparties who are registered and authorized according to the state legislation in

the state where the transaction takes place. In order to enable the individual household to make an informed decision, it is important that the sales process is transparent. Therefore, brokerage fees should be reported according to the state regulation. In addition, the consumer should receive information about the possible repurchase price that the life insurance company is willing to pay for the insurance policy.

For most life insurance policies, it is usually the policyholder's spouse or children who are beneficiaries. It is a requirement that these beneficiaries' consent in writing to the sale of the life insurance policy. In addition, the policyholder must certify that he, or she, makes a conscious choice to sell the life insurance policy. The legislation aims to protect the consumer's freedom of choice and ensure that the sales process is transparent and correct.

Ress Capital, as a manager of a portfolio of life insurance policies, will also receive personal data and health information about the individual policyholders. It is imperative that this information is treated in a confidential manner and with outmost respect for the integrity of each individual. All personal data is stored on protected servers and no documents containing any personal data are stored in paper format.

## Reference benchmarks

The fund has the following index as its benchmark:

**X No index has been designated as a reference benchmark**

Fund management company's comment: There is no available index for the investment in the asset class.

## Information on the EU taxonomy for environmentally sustainable activities

The EU taxonomy is a classification system that aims to establish common criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The taxonomy is a standardized classification tool that clarifies which business operations within a company that are environmentally sustainable or not. Reporting will be introduced in stages from 1 January 2022. Initially, there are two climate goals to be reported and after a year, four more environmental goals will be added. The European Commission has set six environmental objectives:

1. Climate change mitigation
2. Adaptation to climate change
3. Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources
4. Transition to a circular economy
5. Pollution prevention and control
6. Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems

The taxonomy covers only climate and environmental objectives and, unlike the Disclosure Regulation, not social and governance objectives. But there are plans to develop social goals over time.

## Comment by the asset manager

Ress Capital does not have a sustainability objective with regards to environment and climate change for its investment products. However, the company's conviction is that life insurance policies bought from individual consumers have no negative impact on the environment or the global climate.

According to the regulatory framework, each fund must be accounted for how much of the Fund's investments are compatible with the taxonomy. The taxonomy is being developed and criteria for all environmental objectives are not yet clear. There is also a lack of an established calculation model for the proportion of the Fund's investments that are compatible with the taxonomy. Ress Capital does not believe that in the next coming years there will be a classification for US life insurance policies. Therefore, Ress Capital considers that it is currently not possible to provide reliable data on the proportion of the fund's investments that are compatible with the taxonomy. However, as noted above, Ress Capital assessment is that investment into life insurance policies has no negative impact on the environment or the global climate. Furthermore, the investments into life insurance policies *'do not cause significant harm'* to any other sustainability goals.

## **Methods used to integrate sustainability risks, promote environmental or social characteristics or to attain a sustainability-related objective:**

### **X Positive screening**

The fund Ress Life Investments and the fund manager Ress Capital only invest through counterparties who are registered and authorized according to the state legislation in the state where the transaction takes place.. The fund and the manager premieres business with service providers who support improved transparency in the secondary market for US life insurance policies.

### **X Negative screening**

Cluster bombs, anti-personnel mines

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

Chemical and biological weapons

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

Nuclear weapons

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

Weapons and/or munitions

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

Alcohol

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

Tobacco

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

Commercial gambling operations

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

Pornography

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

- Fossil fuels (oil, gas, coal)

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

- Coal

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

- Uranium

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

- Genetically modified organisms (GMO)

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

## **X Other**

Fund management company's comment: The fund Ress Life Investments does not invest in life insurance policies issued by life insurance companies that do not have an economic activity that contributes to a social objective.

## **International norms**

International norms refer to international conventions, laws, and agreements such as the UN Global Compact and OECD guidelines for multinational companies that relate to issues concerning the environment, human rights, labour practices, and business ethics.

**X The fund does not invest in companies that violate international norms. The assessment is carried out either by the fund management company or a third party.**

- The fund does not invest in companies which do not address identified problems or where the fund makes the assessment that the company will not address the problems within a time frame deemed reasonable in that specific case.

## **Countries**

- For sustainability reasons, the fund does not invest in companies involved in certain countries/interest-bearing securities issued by certain states.

Fund management company's comments: the only kind of fixed income instruments that the fund invests in is US Treasury bills, and this is done only with excess cash in the fund. No country specific sustainability analysis is therefore made by the management company.

## **The fund management company influences**

The fund management company exercises its investor influence to influence companies on sustainability-related issues.

The fund management company engages with companies with a view to influencing them to adopt a more sustainable approach.

In-house investor influence

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

## **X Investor influence in cooperation with other investors**

Fund management company's comment: Ress Capital is a member of ILMA (The Institutional Longevity Markets Association). ILMA is a trade association comprised of several of the world's leading institutional investors and intermediaries in the mortality and longevity marketplace, formed to encourage the prudent and competitive development of a suite of evolving mortality and longevity related financial businesses, including the businesses of life settlements.

Investor influence through external suppliers/consultants

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

Voting at General Meetings

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

Participation in nomination procedures to influence the composition of the Board

Fund management company's comment: not applicable within the fund's investment universe

## **X Other forms of investor influence**

Fund management company's comments: The fund management company only works with brokers and other service providers that follow State regulation for transacting in the US secondary market for life insurance policies.

## **Follow-up on Sustainability Work**

The Fund does not invest in life insurance policies from life insurance companies involved in violations of international norms and conventions (at least the UN Global Compact and OECD guidelines for multinational companies) on the environment, human rights, working conditions and business ethics. Follow-up takes place on an ongoing basis.

In 2017, Ress Capital AB signed and adopted the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investments, also known as UNPRI. The core of UNPRI's content is to consider responsible and ethical guidelines when making investment decisions, to work for change through active ownership and to encourage reporting on ethical aspects of business operations.