

## **Website disclosures for PIMCO European High Yield Bond Fund**

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This disclosure is made by PIMCO Global Advisors (Ireland) Limited in respect of PIMCO European High Yield Bond Fund (the ‘**Fund**’), a sub-fund of PIMCO Funds: Global Investors Series plc pursuant to Article 10 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (‘**SFDR**’).

A translated summary section is available at the following [link](#).

The Fund supplement is available on the PIMCO [website](#) along with a copy of the most recent [annual reports](#) of the Fund.

### **Summary**

In this section, we provide a summary of the information which is provided in more detail below. Please refer to each of the relevant sections below for further information.

As outlined in the Fund Supplement, the Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have as its objective sustainable investment meaning that the Fund is classified as an Article 8 fund under the SFDR. It promotes such environmental and social characteristics by operating an exclusion strategy. The Fund will also actively engage with certain issuers as applicable (examples of such engagement may include material climate and biodiversity related matters), including for example by encouraging issuers to align to the Paris Agreement, adopt science-based targets for carbon emissions reduction and/or broadly advance their sustainability commitments. It has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of meeting the environmental characteristics.

As further outlined in the Fund’s Supplement, the Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through an exclusion strategy and shall exclude any direct investment in the securities of any issuer determined by the Investment Advisor to be engaged principally in the coal industry and unconventional oil (such as arctic oil and oil sands), the military weapons sector, and the tobacco industry among others. Notwithstanding this, certain ESG Fixed Income Securities (as further described in the section of the Prospectus entitled “**ESG Fixed Income Securities**”) from excluded sectors, may be permitted, if the Investment Advisor determines such investments are aligned with the Fund’s promotion of environmental and social characteristics. Additionally, the companies in which the Fund invests follow good governance practices as determined by the Investment Advisor.

As set out in the Fund’s Supplement, the Fund’s exclusion strategy applies to 100% of its direct investments. The Fund’s exclusion strategy is monitored by the Investment Advisor on a pre-trade basis and on an ongoing basis thereafter.

Data required for the binding criteria of the Fund’s investment strategy is typically sourced by the Investment Advisor in various ways, including from a third party data vendor and/or generating such data through proprietary analysis carried out by the Investment Advisor and/or obtaining such data directly from the underlying issuer. As appropriate, due diligence will be carried out on such data sources used by the Investment Advisor. The Fund may need to use proxies or estimates from time to time as a result of data challenges (data availability and reliability). For example, the availability of sustainability-related data can in certain circumstances be limited due to a lack of corporate disclosure being made by issuers or in circumstances where such data may not be standardized or verified when provided by an issuer. Such data

challenges may result in difficulty in reporting sufficiently accurate numbers or affect the proportion of estimated or approximated data used by the Investment Advisor. The Investment Advisor seeks to ensure any such data challenges does not impede the promotion of the environmental or social characteristics by the Fund.

### **No Sustainable Investment Objective**

This Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

### **Environmental or Social Characteristics of the Financial Product**

As outlined in the Fund Supplement, the Fund will promote environmental and social characteristics by operating an exclusion strategy. The Fund will also actively engage with certain issuers as applicable (examples of such engagement may include material climate and biodiversity related matters), including for example by encouraging issuers to align to the Paris Agreement, adopt science-based targets for carbon emissions reduction and/or broadly advance their sustainability commitments.

### **Investment Strategy**

As set out in the Fund's Supplement and further detailed below, the Fund shall exclude any direct investment in the securities of any issuer determined by the Investment Advisor to be engaged principally in the coal industry and unconventional oil (such as arctic oil and oil sands), the military weapons sector, and the tobacco industry among others. Notwithstanding this, certain ESG Fixed Income Securities (as further described in the section of the Prospectus entitled "**ESG Fixed Income Securities**") from excluded sectors, may be permitted, if the Investment Advisor determines such investments are aligned with the Fund's promotion of environmental and social characteristics.

In addition, as detailed in the Fund Supplement, the companies in which the Fund invests follow good governance practices as determined by the Investment Advisor. The Investment Advisor assesses such governance practices by means of a proprietary and/or third party scoring system which considers how an investee company's governance compares to its industry peers and the Investment Advisor refers globally accepted norms such as the UN Global Compact Principles in relation to sound management practices, employee relations and remuneration of staff. When the Investment Advisor is applying its policy to assess good governance practices, the Fund has the ability to retain securities from investee companies that the Investment Advisor deems to be in the best interests of the Fund and its Shareholders.

### **Proportion of Investments**

As detailed in the Fund Supplement, the Fund's exclusion strategy applies to 100% of its direct investments. The Fund does not seek to invest in sustainable investments.

### **Monitoring of Environmental or Social Characteristics**

The Investment Advisor monitors the Fund's binding criteria at the time of trade and on an ongoing basis by way of its internal compliance system which has codified the relevant exclusion policies adopted by the Investment Advisor for this Fund.

## **Methodologies for Environmental or Social Characteristics**

As outlined in the Fund Supplement, the Fund's exclusion strategy applies to 100% of its direct investments.

The application of the exclusion policy on a pre-trade basis and on an ongoing basis thereafter is monitored in the manner described above. These criteria are periodically reviewed and updated by a dedicated PIMCO group level Exclusions Advisory Group, which consists of PIMCO senior investment professionals. This group meets regularly to ensure that the Fund's guidelines are being applied in an appropriate manner and in line with PIMCO's evolving views on sustainability.

## **Data Sources and Processing**

Data required for the binding criteria of the Fund's investment strategy is typically sourced by the Investment Advisor in various ways, including from a third party data vendor and/or generating such data through proprietary analysis carried out by the Investment Advisor and/or obtaining such data directly from the underlying issuer. As appropriate, due diligence will be carried out on such data sources used by the Investment Advisor. The data provided by the third party vendor is generally integrated directly into the Investment Advisor's internal systems. The Fund may need to use proxies or estimates from time to time as a result of data challenges (data availability and reliability). For example, the availability of sustainability-related data can in certain circumstances be limited due to a lack of corporate disclosure being made by issuers, or in circumstances where such data may not be standardized or verified when provided by an issuer. Such data challenges may result in difficulty in reporting sufficiently accurate numbers or affect the proportion of estimated or approximated data used by the Investment Advisor.

## **Limitations to Methodologies and Data**

As noted above, the availability of sustainability-related data can in certain circumstances be limited and data quality can be a challenge due to a lack of corporate disclosure, the nature of the disclosures being made by issuers or the data supplied by third party vendors. However, the Investment Advisor seeks to ensure any such data challenges does not impede the promotion of the environmental or social characteristics by the Fund.

## **Due Diligence**

Information on the due diligence carried out by the Investment Advisor is detailed above under "Investment Strategy" and "Methodologies for Environmental or Social Characteristics".

## **Engagement Policies**

As detailed in the Fund Supplement, the Investment Advisor will also actively engage with certain issuers as applicable (examples of such engagement may include material climate and biodiversity related matters), including for example by encouraging issuers to align to the Paris Agreement, adopt science-based targets for carbon emissions reduction and/or broadly advance their sustainability commitments.

## **Designated reference benchmark**

As detailed in the Fund Supplement, the Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of meeting the environmental or social characteristics promoted by it.