

# Appendix 2:

# Annex IV, SFDR

# periodic disclosure

Template for periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:**  
ASR Dutch Core Residential Fund

**Legal entity identifier:**  
724500APOJJCX4UBTO37

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

No

It made **sustainable investments with an environmental objective:** \_\_\_%

- in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

It made **sustainable investments with a social objective:** \_\_\_%

It **promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 80.2% of sustainable investments

- with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- with a social objective

It promoted E/S characteristics, but **did not make any sustainable investments**

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



**To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?**

The Fund promotes various environmental and social characteristics which are set out in its ESG policy. The Fund's vision on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) is to accommodate the interests of tenants and investors in the best possible way by creating and maintaining assets that have long-term value from both a financial and a social perspective, and to achieve this in a sound and responsible manner with engaged and aware partners and employees. To work towards these goals, the Fund has developed an

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) strategy around three themes:

1. Environmental: Dedicated to decarbonisation
2. Social: Making a positive impact on society
3. Governance: Compliant with sustainability regulations




The Fund does not use a formal benchmark to compare its results with those of its peers. However, the Fund does take part in the yearly GRESB survey, through which its ESG performance is measured and reported on.

### Sustainability indicators

measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

## How did the sustainability indicators perform?

### Strategic objectives 2023-2025

Strategic objectives	Target 2023	Result Q4 2023
<b>Environmental</b>		
 Energy intensity (kWh / sq.m. / year)	≤ 125	In progress
GHG Intensity (kg CO <sub>2</sub> / sq.m / year)	≤ 26	In progress
Renewable energy (# of PV panels)	≥ 14,000	14,787
Resource efficiency (# of projects / year)	≥ 5	5
Plan for properties with a high climate risk profile (#)	5	Assets and actions identified
Climate adaption and improvement (greening measures / year)	≥ 500 sq.m.	755 sq.m.
Enhance local biodiversity	Design plan	Plan designed
Coverage of Green labels	≥ 96%	94%
Coverage of Green Building Certificates	100%	100%
<b>Social</b>		
<i>Community and tenants</i>		
 Tenant satisfaction	≥ 7.0	7.0
Invest in neighbourhood and sustainable mobility (# of projects / year)	≥ 7	7
Tenant engagement (# projects / year)	≥ 8	8
Senior housing (# dwellings)	≥ 400	407
Addition of affordable dwellings (#)	≥ 200	197
AED coverage (% of portfolio)	≥ 93%	98%
<i>Our employees</i>		
Employee satisfaction rating (eMood® score)	≥ 7.5	7.7
Personal development		
- Training (% of annual salaries)	≥ 1.0%	1.3%
- Sustainable employability (% of annual salaries)	≥ 1.0%	1.0%
Health & well being (eMood® vitality score)	≥ 7.5	7.6
<b>Governance</b>		
 Alignment with sustainability guidelines	✓	✓
- SDGs	✓	✓
- GRESB (annual survey rating)	★★★★★	★★★★★
Sound business practices	✓	✓





## ...and compared to previous periods?

During 2023, the Fund changed the structure in its sustainability indicators from 4P's (Planet, Property, Partners and People) to ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance). However, the sustainability indicators itself have not been changed. The performance of some of the key sustainability indicators compared to the previous period (2022) are listed below.

The number of PV panels installed improved (14,787 in 2023 vs. 12,484 in 2022), well above the target of  $\geq 14,000$ . Coverage of Green labels also improved (94% in 2023 vs. 93% in 2022), but remains below target ( $\geq 96\%$ ). The Fund improved its performance on the objective 'climate adaption and improvement', by greening 755 sq.m. (vs. 584 sq.m. in 2022), well above its target of  $\geq 500$  sq.m. On most of the social sustainability indicators, the Fund has met its targets, such as tenant satisfaction (7.0), investing in neighborhood and sustainable mobility (7), and tenant engagement (8), just as in the previous year.

The additional indicator for affordable dwellings performed with an addition of 197 dwellings, a little below its target of  $\geq 200$ . In 2022, both the target ( $\geq 400$ ) and the realisation were higher (455 dwellings added). This can be explained by the fact that, in general, less dwellings were added to the portfolio in the year 2023.

### Strategic objectives 2022

		Objective 2022	Actuals 2022	
1		<b>Planet</b>		
		Energy intensity (kWh per sq.m / year)	$\leq 100$	105
		GHG Intensity (kg CO2 per sq.m/ year)	$\leq 20$	22
		Renewable energy (# of PV panels)	$\geq 13,000$	12,484
		Resource efficiency (# of projects / year)	$\geq 5$	6
		Invest in neighbourhood and sustainable mobility (# of projects / year)	$\geq 6$	6
		Climate adaption and improvement (greening measures / year)	$\geq 500$ sq.m.	584 sq.m.
2		<b>Property</b>		
		Green labels	$\geq 95\%$	93%
		Energy-saving measures (excl. projects, yearly)	$\geq \text{€ } 250\text{k}$	€ 462k
		Coverage of Green Building Certificates	100%	100%
3		<b>Partners</b>		
		Tenant satisfaction	$\geq 7.0$ / $\geq$ benchmark	7.0
		Active tenant participation programme (# of projects / year)	$\geq 7$	8
		Addition of affordable dwellings (#)	$\geq 400$	455
4		<b>People</b>		
		Employee satisfaction rating	$\geq 94/100$	91
		Personal development		
		- Training (% annual salaries)	$\geq 1\%$	2.1%
		- Sustainable employability (% annual salaries)	$\geq 1\%$	1.0%
		Health & Well being	Improvement of vitality score	7.4
		Diversity & Inclusion	Execute diversity, equity and inclusion policy	Improved Score in Denison Organizational Success Survey: 66
		Sound business practises: implementation sustainability in risk control framework	Further implementation of SFDR	Compliant with SFDR and EU taxonomy

### What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The Fund promotes one of the climate and environmental objectives as included in article 9 of the Taxonomy Regulation: the objective 'climate mitigation'. The Fund promotes this objective in its underlying investments by promoting the stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere consistent with the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement. The energy intensity and GHG intensity figures of 2023 are published in the Fund's ESG annual report 2023.

### How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The Fund can state that it did no significant harm to any other of the environmental objectives (i.e. climate change adaptation, the sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, the transition to a circular economy, pollution prevention and control, and the protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems) for the

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.



following reasons:

To ensure that a sustainable investment in which the Fund invests does no significant harm to any environmental or social objective, we monitored various environmental or social sustainability related subjects. To be more specific, we monitored the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors applicable to real estate assets.

The 'do no significant harm' principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

***How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?***

The Fund considered principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors in accordance with its ESG Policy by measuring and monitoring the negative impact on sustainability factors. The adverse impact indicators on sustainability factors that the Fund takes into consideration are aligned with the ESG Policy and strategic areas of interest. The indicators chosen take into account materiality, data quality and availability. The principal adverse impact indicators that are taken into consideration in this statement for investments in real estate assets are as follows:

(i) **Exposure to fossil fuels through real estate assets**

Exposure to fossil fuels through real estate assets is measured in terms of the share of real estate investments involved in the extraction, storage, transportation or manufacture of fossil fuels. The Fund has no exposure to fossil fuels.

(ii) **Exposure to energy-inefficient real estate assets**

Exposure to energy-inefficient real estate assets is measured as real estate assets with an energy C-label or lower. As at 31 December 2023, 18.6% of the Fund's assets are classified as inefficient real estate assets.

(iii) **Greenhouse gas emissions**

To coincide with its net zero target, the Fund has set the objective to reduce its GHG emissions, measured in kg of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents per sq. m., achieving GHG neutrality ahead of its 2045 Paris Proof target. The GHG intensity of the Fund over 2022 was 22 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per sq.m. / year. The figures for 2023 will be published in the Fund's ESG annual report.

(iv) **Energy consumption intensity**

To coincide with its net zero target, the Fund has set the objective of reducing its energy intensity, measured in kWh per sq. m., achieving GHG neutrality ahead of its 2045 net zero target. The energy intensity of the Fund over 2022 was 105 kWh per sq.m./ year. The figures for 2023 will be published in the Fund's ESG annual report.

***Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

The Fund is committed to the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including the principles and rights set out in the eight fundamental conventions identified in the Declaration of the International Labour Organisation on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the International Bill of Human Rights. Due to the complexity of implementing the minimum safeguards, with the OECD guidelines being revised in mid-2023, we have found that not all obligations of the minimum safeguards are demonstrably met. Although there is no reason to assume that human rights are (even partially) being violated due to the actions of a.s.r. real estate, it is presently unclear as to whether the measures a.s.r. real estate has taken to manage human rights risks are in line with the OECD guidelines and UNGPs.



### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Fund considers principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors by drawing up its own annual ESG policy which sets out specific sustainability objectives, which include the Fund's own considerations on adverse impacts on sustainability factors. The Fund's principal adverse impacts on sustainability are disclosed on page 125 in the annual report.



### What were the top investments of this financial product?

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Largest investments <sup>1</sup>	Sector	% Assets	Country
Real estate	Residential	100	The Netherlands

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a 'do no significant harm' principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific European Union criteria.*

The 'do no significant harm' principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*

The list includes the investments constituting the **greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is:

<sup>1</sup> Please see the Fund's annual report on page 36 for the top 10 Assets.



**What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?**

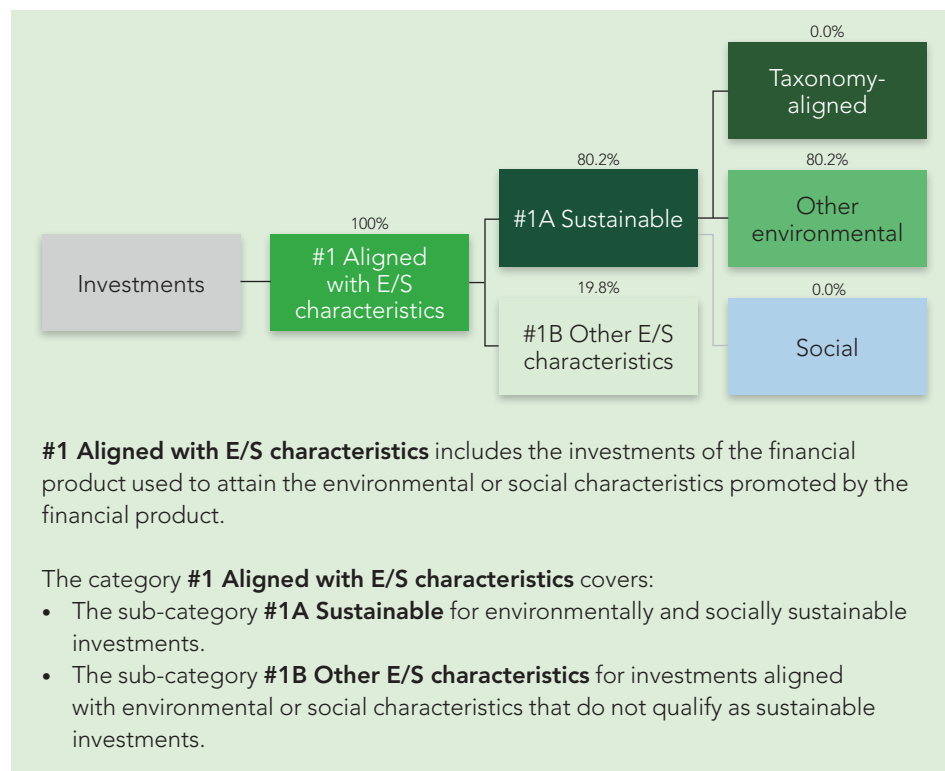
All investments are aligned with the E/S characteristics of the Fund.

**What was the asset allocation?**

The asset allocation of the Fund is 100% towards direct real estate assets. All assets of the Fund align with the E/S characteristics, since the Fund’s objectives apply to the entire portfolio. As at 31 December 2023, 80.2% of the Fund’s investments qualify as sustainable investments under the SFDR (#1A), based on fair value. As at 31 December 2023, 0% of the Fund’s investments qualify as Taxonomy-aligned. SFDR and EU Taxonomy legislation regarding the required minimum safeguards on human rights that was interpreted differently than before, resulted in 0% of the Fund’s investments to qualify as Taxonomy-aligned.

Due to the complexity of implementing the minimum safeguards, with the OECD guidelines being revised in mid-2023, we have found that not all obligations of the minimum safeguards are demonstrable met. Although there is no reason to assume that human rights are (partly) being violated due to the actions of a.s.r. real estate, it is currently insufficiently clear whether the measures a.s.r. real estate has taken to manage human rights risks are in line with the OECD guidelines and UNGPs.

In 2024, the AIF Manager’s policy and control framework will be refined to again be compliant with the required minimum safeguards on human rights. If these requirements were in place, 62.1% of the Fund’s investments would qualify as Taxonomy-aligned as at 31 December 2023. The Fund’s asset allocation towards the different boxes below is calculated as a percentage of the Fund’s assets under management.



**In which economic sectors were the investments made?**

All of the Fund’s investments are in direct real estate.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflects the 'greenness' of investee companies today.
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

### To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

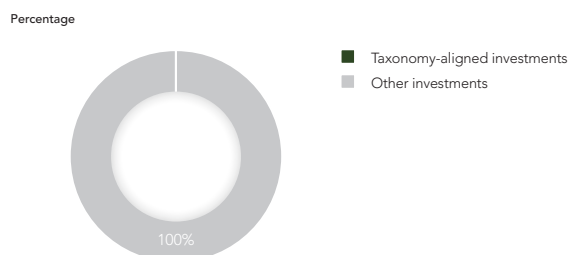
As at 31 December 2023, 0% of the Fund's investments are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. SFDR and EU Taxonomy legislation regarding the required minimum safeguards on human rights was interpreted differently than before, which meant that 0% of the Fund's investments now qualify as Taxonomy-aligned.

Due to the complexity of implementing the minimum safeguards, and with the OECD guidelines being revised in mid-2023, we have found that not all obligations of the minimum safeguards are demonstrably met. Although there is no reason to assume that human rights are (even partially) being violated due to the actions of a.s.r. real estate, it is presently unclear as to whether the measures a.s.r. real estate has taken to manage human rights risks are in line with the OECD guidelines and UNGPs.

In 2024, the AIF Manager's policy and control framework will be refined to once more comply with the required minimum safeguards on human rights. If these requirements were in place, 58.2% of the Fund's investments would qualify as Taxonomy-aligned as at 31 December 2023.

The Fund calculated the percentage based on turnover, which represents the percentage of gross rental income coming from taxonomy-aligned assets. As ESG is an integral part of the Fund's maintenance and capital expenditure plan, no distinction is made between the costs borne in light of taxonomy-alignment and other investments.

#### 1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds<sup>2</sup>



**Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>3</sup>?**

**Yes**                         **No**

<input type="checkbox"/> In fossil gas	
<input type="checkbox"/> In nuclear energy	

**What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**  
 These are not applicable for the real estate investments of the Fund, as low-carbon alternatives are readily available for (transitional) activities and there are no relevant targeted enabling activities.

2 No breakdown including and excluding sovereign bond exposure is included in this diagram, as the Fund does not invest in sovereign bonds.  
 3 Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

### ● How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

As at 31 December 2023, 0% of the Fund's investments are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. SFDR and EU Taxonomy legislation regarding the required minimum safeguards on human rights was interpreted differently than before, which meant that 0% of the Fund's investments now qualify as Taxonomy-aligned.

Due to the complexity of implementing the minimum safeguards, and with the OECD guidelines being revised in mid-2023, we have found that not all obligations of the minimum safeguards are demonstrably met. Although there is no reason to assume that human rights are (even partially) being violated due to the actions of a.s.r. real estate, it is presently unclear as to whether the measures a.s.r. real estate has taken to manage human rights risks are in line with the OECD guidelines and UNGPs.

As at 31 December 2022, 41.4% of the Fund's investments were aligned with the EU Taxonomy calculated over the Fund's turnover. In 2024, the AIF Manager's policy and control framework will be refined to once more comply with the required minimum safeguards on human rights. If these requirements were in place, 58.2% of the Fund's investments would qualify as Taxonomy-aligned as at 31 December 2023. The percentage would have increased due to the inclusion of several investment projects under construction.

### ● What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As at 31 December 2023, 78.7% of the Fund's investment are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy. If these requirements were in place, 20.5% of the Fund's investments would be sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

### ● What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

The Fund has various social objectives for its portfolio. These objectives include the increase of tenant satisfaction and engagement, the addition of affordable dwellings, dwellings rented out with priority to seniors, and AED coverage. There are also objectives for employee satisfaction, wellbeing, health, and personal development. As at 31 December 2023, 98% of the portfolio had AED coverage, which means that this percentage is growing and almost reaching 100% coverage, which the Fund aims to achieve by 2026.

### ● What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

None, as all the investments of the Fund are classified as investments that align with E/S characteristics.

### ● What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

Please see the table under the question 'How did the sustainability indicators perform?'

### ● How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

This question is not applicable as no specific index has been designated as a reference benchmark.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.